

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.15pm via Zoom

Members Present: Gary Arkless (Chair), Cynthia Stacey, Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths, Phil Jones & Alun Owen

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Kay Cutts & Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler.

5644. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bancroft sent his apologies due to work commitments.

5645. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5646. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes were proposed to the order of business.

5647. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2021**

Cllr Stacey noted that for completeness the date in Agenda item 5640. should read 2nd March '21.

Subject to the above amendment, Cllr Arkless proposed, and Cllr Prett seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour.

Cllr Arkless to upload amended February '21 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

Clerk to delete February '21 Zoom meeting recording.

5648. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts spoke to the meeting about the budgeting process.

Cllr Cutts attended the latest Covid Committee meeting and noted that the Gamston Community Hall vaccination centre had closed for 4 days but would reopen after that when vaccine supply was replenished. Cllr Cutts explained that they were moving into the 50-55 years age group and the second inoculations for the older aged cohorts and noted that Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines could not be mix and matched.

Cllr Cutts noted that the Polser Brook was included on the Agenda and spoke about the difficulty of getting riparian owners to clear waterways throughout the county. Cllr Cutts spoke about the difficulty of getting housebuilders to return to sites and the problems for

individual householders if the responsibility is theirs as heavy equipment is often required. Cllr Arkless explained that he had arranged to meet with Tom Pettit Rushcliffe Borough Council Design & Landscape Officer to discuss the issues in the Parish.

County Cllr Cutts suggested to the meeting that when the Local Improvement Scheme launches again that it may be worth thinking about applying for Village Gateway Signs for the Parish villages including Gamston. A logo pertaining to the area can be designed and in the case of Holme Pierrepont the positioning could serve the dual purpose of slowing traffic by the perception of a narrowed carriageway. Cllr Cutts noted however that lorries and farm vehicles should still be able to pass. Cllr Owen explained that any changes in Holme Pierrepont to Holme Lane would ensure that the rights of all lane users would be considered including agricultural vehicles.

Cllr Cutts spoke about a complaint she had received regarding cars parking on the pavement near the mobile home park in Gamston village. Cllr Cutts explained that this was a matter for the Police but that the vehicles were not obstructing the highway and as this was a nuisance rather than obstruction it was unlikely to be enforced. Cllr Griffiths asked if a wheelchair could still pass, and Cllr Cutts confirmed it could as just two wheels were parked on the kerbstone.

Cllr Mason spoke about his experiences at the Recycling Centre on Rugby Road that had been generally good, but he had recently spent 4 hours trying to get through to book a slot via PC and telephone. Cllr Mason asked when the proposed new Recycling Centre would be up and running. County Cllr Cutts explained that a second site in Rushcliffe was planned but it must go through the planning process and this will take some time.

Cllr Mason asked about rumours that the Rushcliffe Indoor Bowls Club at Rushcliffe Arena would not be reopening after the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Cllr Mason expressed his thanks for everything Cllr Cutts has done for the area.

Cllr Arkless spoke about the changes to remote meeting legislation on 6th May '21 and that the current permission to meet virtually would expire then but NALC were lobbying to make a permanent change to Local Government meeting requirements. Cllr Tisbury explained this had been discussed at the RBC Town & Parish Forum last week.

5649. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that RBC had agreed to plant 30 trees on the land behind Stavely Way and further down the canal side. Also, some areas of wildflower planting had been agreed in principle.

Cllr Wheeler explained that RBC had paid out close to 100% of the Covid Business Support grants available to local businesses and that some district councils nationally had only reached 10% of their recipients.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the possibility of a fusion reactor at the Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station site. The owners of the site were putting this forward to cabinet tomorrow, but it will not necessarily happen. Cllr Wheeler stressed that fusion technology is a clean, renewable energy source and it not a nuclear power station.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the relatively small increase in council tax of on average less than 9p a week. This will go some way to recoup lost RBC income from community venues and car parks over the last year.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the upcoming Census 2021. For the first time this will be mainly responded to online.

Cllr Wheeler shared the good news that an East Midlands Freeport had been agreed, the only inland freeport in the UK, that would undoubtedly bring job and trade opportunities to the Rushcliffe area.

Cllr Mason asked about the Rushcliffe Indoor Bowls Club. Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that the last email he had received on the subject was in July '20 and it was anticipated then that the facility would reopen in September '21. Cllr Wheeler has not to date heard anything further on the subject.

Cllr Arkless asked about the RBC plans for wildflowers in the Parish. Cllr Wheeler confirmed the areas of land earmarked were Bovis, but some areas of scrubland were still required for biodiversity in the area. Discussion took place about the benefits of wildflower meadow and Cllr Griffiths noted that these areas did require maintenance to maintain the fertility of the soil.

Cllr Arkless asked Cllr Wheeler about David Wilson Homes signing over their scrubland to RBC. Cllr Wheeler explained that David Banks had enquired about this previously, but David Wilson had declined.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to ask David Banks again about David Wilson signing over their scrubland to RBC.

Cllr Arkless to remind Tom Pettit of repairs required to broken fence at the side of the Polser Brook when he sees him. Borough Cllr Wheeler to also chase up the repairs required.

Cllr Prett asked what kind of trees were being planted on Stavely Way. Cllr Wheeler confirmed native species such as crab apple and hazel.

Cllr Mason spoke about the planning application for development behind Paper Moon nursery in Gamston and the consideration of our Parishioners that live on Rossett Close that will be affected by any development. Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that this fell into an adjacent ward, but he has objected in his capacity as County Councillor based on scale and access. The plans are for two storey buildings that would be large and there is a tight corner for vehicles to negotiate into the industrial unit. Cllr Wheeler noted that the Health Centre had also objected on the basis that they may want to do something on their land in the future, but this would be unlikely to be a reason to refuse permission. Cllr Wheeler explained that Cllr Viridi would be making his own decision and was aware that he was supportive of new business but also sympathetic to nearby residents.

5650. PLANNING

- i) 20/03244/OUT Taylor Wimpey UK & Rockspring Barwood Gamston Ltd
Outline Planning Application for the first phases of a Sustainable Urban Extension at Land East of Gamston and North of Tollerton, comprising up to 2,250 dwellings, a primary school, a local centre (Class E a,b,c,d,e,f and g) and hot food takeaway (sui generis), strategic green infrastructure and associated buildings, childrens play areas, strategic infrastructure including drainage and engineering and demolition works. Full details sought for the principal vehicular accesses off A52 and Tollerton Lane with all other matters reserved. Land East of Gamston & North of Tollerton Lane, Tollerton Lane, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire.

Adjacent Parish. Deadline for comment : Monday 15th February '21(extension requested)

Cllr Tisbury explained that this application now had over 280 associated documents on the RBC planning website. However, despite this volume of documentation currently the applicant is only asking for access and the Case Officer has confirmed that we will get the opportunity to comment on all other aspects of the application at a later date.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had examined the Highways England documentation and essentially they are asking for a 3-month period to assess the application using modelling and statistics but importantly Highways England cannot do anything until a masterplan has been submitted by the developers.

Cllr Tisbury proposed that until the masterplan is available that we object to the application based on the response he has previously circulated to all Cllrs. Meeting was unanimously in favour of this approach.

Clerk to respond with an objection on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal.

- ii) 21/00481/FUL Mr & Mrs Akroyd Construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 47 Adbolton Grove, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5AR.

Deadline for comment : Wednesday 10th March '21

Cllr Griffiths has looked at this application and concluded that the impact on the area would be small. The proposal is not visible from any local property although it would be visible from the road and footpaths.

Parish Council Response : Do Not Object

Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal.

5651. AMBLESIDE ROAD SURFACE

County Cllr Cutts reiterated that she would be happy to present the Parishoners' petition regarding Ambleside road surface to the next Full Council meeting on 27th March '21.

Cllr Arkless to chase up petition and ensure County Cllr Cutts receives it in time for next Full Council meeting.

Cllr Tisbury mentioned the danger potholes posed to cyclists as well as motor vehicles. Discussion took place regarding the condition of the local road surfaces. Cllr Cutts considered the state of Nottinghamshire roads was just as good as anywhere else, we had experienced very wet winters and our A and trunk roads were in good condition.

5652. PLAY PARK

Tree Management

Cllrs Arkless confirmed that James Harrison the Tree Surgeon had carried out all the tree removal at the Play Park. The stump grinding had not yet taken place but was due to soon. Cllr Arkless noted that the Play Park looked fantastic now with the seating areas opened up from overhead debris.

Cllr Hackett asked if we should sow some grass seed on the muddy areas. Cllr Arkless explained that once the trees were back in leaf there would not be a lot of light to facilitate the growth of the grass. The muddy areas had been scattered with chipped tree mulch which provided a cleaner winter walking surface.

Resurface MUGA and Cleaning & Painting of Play Equipment

Clerk explained that she was still collating the further documentation required to progress the LIS grant payment.

Clerk to forward to Notts County Council, documentation required to fulfil LIS grant application.

Clerk still to review Minutes pertaining to LIS grant application and understand parameters for grant use.

Power Wash of all Play Park equipment to eventually be carried out by Streetwise as previously agreed, before painting Play Park equipment. Works to be scheduled along with MUGA resurface work.

Clerk still to establish comparability of two quotations received for painting Play Park equipment. Clerk to also establish approximate timescales for work to ascertain how long the Play Park is likely to be out of action.

Cllr Mason noted that two of the Play Park gates had been broken but had now been repaired. Cllr Mason also commented that any photographs taken at the Play Park should

not include people without their permission. Cllr Mason also wanted to thank the Bookings Clerk Cheryl Newman for all her hard work Covid-19 spraying of the Play Park every day during the pandemic.

5653. VILLAGE HALL

Government Guidance re: opening of community venues

Cllr Arkless explained that in line with Government guidance it was anticipated that the Village Hall would be able to reopen at the end of June '21. The Bookings Clerk was now taking provisional bookings for after this time, but no deposits were being taken to mitigate the risk of liability for events not able to take place due to future changes in Government guidance.

Cllr Arkless to investigate current guidance regarding Brownies and Rainbows meeting restrictions.

Repainting Windows

Cllr Arkless explained that the aspect of the Village Hall that faces South experiences accelerated weathering from the elements. The windows are softwood painted with water-based paint and they are showing signs of wear and the rust from the nails is bleeding through the paint.

Cllr Arkless has spoken with Cllr Tisbury about the possibility of replacing the frames with uPVC but planning restrictions will not allow this. Cllr Tisbury suggested that the nails are replaced, and windows repainted with oil-based paint. Cllr Owen suggested cutting back the nails to the nail head, protecting the wood from further damage from rust and then applying filler and painting with oil-based paint.

Cllr Arkless to speak with David Litchfield regarding work on repairing and repainting VH windows.

Cllr Mason asked the meeting about the fact that the VH wooden cladding was looking grey and weathered and required attention. Cllr Arkless explained that that was the natural weathering process for that timber, and it was supposed to be grey.

5654. SPRING '21 NEWSLETTER

Cllr Prett explained that all the articles and pictures had been received for the Spring Newsletter. Cllr Prett explained that he had performed a grammar check on all the content and it was now being worked on by the printers to get the content to fit into four A4 sides.

Clerk to speak with Susan Toon regarding print and delivery dates.

8pm

County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

5655. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Owen explained that he had nothing further to add since the last meeting regarding the Holme Lane subgroup. He was waiting to hear from the Highways personnel, but they were currently busy dealing with the winter roads.

Cllr Arkless spoke about the meeting that he and Cllr Stacey had attended regarding the A52 Nottingham Stragglethorpe Junction U-turn ban. Local residents had also attended the meeting that had been called by Highways England in response to objections to their proposals. All meeting participants other than Highways England were muted and the conclusion was that essentially Highways England dismissed all objections other than to agree to cut back vegetation and instal a speed camera.

There is an opportunity to further object to the proposals. Cllr Arkless expressed that he would like to further support the local residents in their objections.

Clerk to circulate local residents' letters of objection for any feedback by 12th March '21.

Clerk to submit further formal objection to Highways England by the deadline date of 15th March '21.

Cllr Prett has circulated a map the Notts Wildlife Trust (NWT) indicating where dogs are allowed on site and where dogs need to be kept on lead. NWT are erecting new signage for information. Cllr Stacey asked if any CCTV cameras were in place. Cllr Prett confirmed they were not. Cllrs explained that disregard for signage and disrespect of the countryside and wildlife was commonplace across the region including Adbolton, Holme Pierrepont and the Hook area of Lady Bay.

Cllr Hackett noted that there was a grassy bank to the left-hand side of the bridge on Holme Lane on the approach to the Mineral Line that would be perfect for wildflower planting but was unaware as to who owned this land. Cllr Owen suggested ownership could be established when in discussion with the Holme Lane subgroup.

Cllr Owen to eventually establish the ownership of the land on Holme Lane that could potentially be planted with wildflowers.

Cllr Stacey confirmed that she and Cllrs Hackett & Owen had attended Flood Event Training and the Holme Pierrepont Flood Resilience equipment including signage, cones, lamps and batteries was now stored at the STWA sewage pumping station at HP. Cllrs Stacey, Hackett & Owen were aware of the padlock code. Sandbags were still to be delivered. Cllr Stacey explained that when normal circumstances resume, a flood event practise re-enactment would be arranged to test the process. Cllrs Stacey, Hackett and Owen are now bestowed with the authority to close Holme Lane in the event of a flood.

Cllr Tisbury asked for confirmation that the survey supporting improvements to Regatta Way for leisure users had been submitted. Clerk confirmed this was the case.

Cllr Tisbury asked if the Parish Council had contributed to the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan. Clerk confirmed that this was the case.

Cllr Tisbury updated the meeting on the recent Town & Parish Forum. He explained that the local MP Ruth Edwards had expressed a desire to meet all the Parish Councils within her constituency by attending a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Tisbury also noted that RBC had signed a contract to sell the land previously occupied by the Abbey Road depot. Cllr Tisbury told the meeting that the attendees to the forum were questioned about the preferred ideal format for future meetings, face to face, virtual or a combination of the two.

Clerk to write to Mark Winter to formally accept Grounds Maintenance quotation for 2021.

Clerk to update 'The Circuit' account with confirmation that HP defibrillator has been checked.

5656. FINANCE

Clerk had previously issued via email all Cllrs with copies of the month's financial transactions and details of payments.

Cllrs Arkless and Stacey kindly agreed to electronically authorise month's payments online.

Clerk to forward scans of all invoices for payment to Cllrs Arkless and Stacey.

5657. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk still to contact Marlow Town Council regarding water refill station.

5658. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 12th April 2021** at **7.15pm via Zoom**.

The meeting ended at approximately 8.30pm.