

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.15pm in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Rd**

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

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk) & County Cllr Roger Upton

5636. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mason sent his apologies due to ill health.

Cllr Arkless sent his apologies due to ill health.

Cllr Bancroft was not present. No apologies were received.

Borough Cllr Wheeler sent his apologies due to being on holiday.

5637. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5638. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes were proposed to the order of business.

5639. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2021**

Cllr Prett proposed and Cllr Griffiths seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Tisbury abstained as he was not present at the October '21 Parish Council meeting.

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

5640. COUNTY REPORT

County Councillor Roger Upton updated the meeting on progress of the Regatta Way cycle path. The detailed schema has been devised following public consultation. Cllr Upton confirmed that the HP&G Parish Council bench that is situated at the junction of Adbolton Lane and Regatta Way will be retained in its current position throughout. Cllr Upton noted that two semi-mature sycamore trees would potentially be removed to enable the works. Cllr Upton explained that he was aware of comments regarding the removal of the trees from residents and anticipated that they would be replaced as a condition of the development.

Cllr Upton spoke about the tidying up of the A6011 approach to Nottingham from the east. Cllr Upton had contacted Barry Ingle from Streetwise as the birds have definitely stopped nesting now, however recommendation from a professional hedge layer was that works would progress once all the leaves had dropped, hence further delays.

Cllr Upton spoke about the compound on the A52 old piggeries site and the prospect of 30 months of National Highways cones and speed restrictions as alterations are made to the roads around Gamston roundabout. Cllr Upton noted that it would be a suitable time to converse with Highways England regarding sweeping of the road whilst it is already disrupted.

Cllr Upton explained that he had contacted Neil Lewis at VIA for an update on the feasible options available for Holme Lane but had heard nothing as yet. He noted that he was one of 66 County Council members accessing Notts County Council services and was new to the role but found at times the speed of response from Notts County Council unacceptable.

Cllr Upton noted that he would be attending Remembrance services in West Bridgford, Radcliffe on Trent and Holme Pierrepont.

Cllr Tisbury informed Cllr Upton for his information that he had been a planning consultant on the old piggeries site. The owners had agreement from Highways England for a slip road on and off the A52 but the site had changed hands and the delay may be related to that. Cllr Upton explained that there was a large amount of infrastructure already going into what was a huge compound.

Cllr Tisbury asked if there was a year-end deadline for the Regatta Way cycle and footpath. Cllr Upton explained that there was no deadline date for the Active Travel Fund that is financing the project.

Cllr Stacey thanked County Cllr Upton for all his efforts, they are much appreciated.

5641. DISTRICT REPORT

Clerk read out the following report from Borough Councillor Jonathan Wheeler.

'First of all my apologies for not being able to attend this evening, and for the family issue ahead of your last meeting which meant I couldn't attend.

Gamston Community Centre

I have been speaking regularly with the Council for the Community Hall refurbishment. The solar canopy should be online soon and as communicated before will see a slanted roof with solar panels which power the EV charging points.

The floor and toilets in the centre are being refurbished together with the kitchen area and outside areas are being landscaped. The facility should therefore be much better for groups to use.

Newly refurbished facilities at Gresham Sports Park (off Wilford Lane) are now open for use following £1.2m fresh investment into the local football pitches and playing fields in West Bridgford. Rushcliffe Borough Council were awarded a grant from the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation, to install a new full

size floodlit 3G football turf pitch, refurbish the existing 3G pitch and upgrade the existing grass pitches at the Gresham Sports Park facility.

The authority also worked with the Football Foundation and the Nottinghamshire FA to secure the £458,275 grant towards the project. Further investment of developer contributions secured by local planning agreements for sport and leisure provision meant a total of £1.26m funding for the project.

Green Rewards

Rushcliffe BC have joined with the other Nottinghamshire councils to launch a new Green Rewards app and web platform which means Notts residents can accumulate points and earn the prizes for many activities they do every day at home or out and about that help lower their carbon footprint and part of our aim to be Carbon Clever as a council.

[Sign up for free](#) now or download the Green Rewards app on iOS and Android. Search for 'Notts; Green Rewards' in your device's app store.

In similar fashion to rewards points at retailers, all residents need to do is log their day to day activities that highlight how they are decreasing the amount of carbon they create, such as:

- Walking to work or school instead of taking the car*
- Cycling or using public transport*
- Putting your recycling bin out with all the correct recyclables*
- Switching off a light or switch at home*
- Taking a shower of four minutes or less and many, many more!*

Once registered, to help you get started, you'll be automatically opted in to the 'Report your Recycling' when you register, earning 125 points each week.

Here in Rushcliffe accumulate 10,000 points for a 10% or other voucher off at the below participating outlets across the Borough.

- Daisy Daisy*
- The Fruit Basket*
- No 8 Deli*
- Soothe*
- Tiffin Tea House*
- Beyond the Looking Glass*
- Finishing Touch Dry Cleaners*
- The Refinery*

- *The Parlour*
- *Forde's Coffee*
- *Central Shoe Repairs*
- *Paolo's Seafood*
- *Elizabeth McKenna Flowers*
- *Brumpton's Butcher*
- *CP Interiors*
- *Individuals Hair*
- *Hopology*
- *Instep Podiatry*
- *Connaught House*
- *The Good Weigh, Lady Bay*
- *Slades Florist*
- *Zips and Hems*
- *Henry Brewer Gallery*

You will be notified by the Council when you become eligible for a discount or voucher and then choose which business you wish to redeem the discount at.

There's also £20 worth of vouchers for the top two residents in each local authority area in Notts, including in Rushcliffe, who earn the most points each month to claim at local businesses, donate to worthwhile causes or projects and in some districts and Boroughs there's prizes too for the top points earning wards.'

Cllr Griffiths noted that as such a lot of investment had been made in the Gresham football pitches presumably the proposed secondary school would now not be sited there. It was explained that these were two different sites. The school is still proposed to be built on Regatta Way. Cllr Upton explained that the secondary school plans had been approved in principle but still had to go to Planning Policy Committee for discussion. Cllr Upton reiterated his opposition to the proposed site due to the loss of green belt land and the flood risk posed.

Cllr Tisbury asked about the cycle route river crossing of the Trent. Discussion took place regarding the online consultation exercise that is taking place between Notts County

Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council assessing the viability of three possible crossing locations.

5642. PLANNING

20/03244/OUT Land East of Gamston & North of Tollerton Lane

Cllr Tisbury confirmed there were no further updates at this time.

Cllr Upton spoke about the current challenges experienced in the RBC Planning Department. Staffing levels are low and recruitment is proving difficult. Andrew Pegram is poorly at the moment so a consultant, Andrew Ashcroft is assuming his role.

Cllr Upton also noted that there is an upcoming Cabinet paper concerning payment of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to Parishes. Currently if there is a Neighbourhood Plan in place CIL level is at 25%, with no plan 15% but this is under discussion. There is currently over £1 million in the pot which is accruing quickly. Cllr Tisbury explained that the existence of a Neighbourhood Plan was never intended to provide financial gain, rather to exert some planning control. Impact of developments are felt by Parishes with or without a plan. Discussion took place regarding the future impact of the development of the land East of Gamston. Although this is outside the boundaries of our Parish the effects will be felt just as acutely in our Parish.

5643. VISIBILITY ON HOLME LANE BEND, HP

Clerk circulated Cllr Hackett's photographs of the bend on Holme Lane in Holme Pierrepont where visibility is restricted by a large hedge. Cllr Hackett explained that the hedge is owned by Jubilee Cottage. There is a gate within the hedge, but that is around two feet back from the current hedge boundary. Cllr Owen noted that the hedge was beautifully cut but that the hedge line is in line with the wall and asked whether the actual line should be further back in line with the gate.

Cllr Upton spoke about the advice that had been given regarding a mirror placed on the bend to improve visibility for oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Cllr Upton noted that it was no longer recommended that mirrors be used as they are unable to show the entirety of the view around the corner and consequently are unsafe.

Discussion took place regarding workable solutions including the painting of the word 'SLOW' on the road in both directions. Cllr Hackett asked about the positioning of sleeping policemen but it was explained that no more are permitted on this road. The ones that are already there were in situ at the point of the road being adopted as a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic). The positioning of narrowing white lines and a 'Danger Ahead' sign was mentioned. Cllr Tisbury asked if improving visibility may result in an increase in speed. Cllr Stacey commented that it was perhaps safest travelling along that stretch of road at night as car headlights are visible. Cllr Hackett said that often pedestrians and cyclists only wore dark clothing so were difficult to see.

Cllr Upton noted that he had an upcoming meeting with Laura Trussler on 16th November '21 and would email ahead of this to add to the discussion.

Cllr Upton to enquire with Laura Trussler about the official hedge line.

5644. VILLAGE HALL

Clerk relayed the following monthly update from the Bookings Clerk.

' A general update for the village hall for the last month October – November.

The clubs are all up to date with their payments now, including Rainbows I'm pleased to say. Maria posted a form and the payment today, Sunday 7th which will be sent to the Parish Clerk to bank. An apology was sent giving the reason they were late and assuring me they always pay and are often late as the subs from the families are often late.

This was mentioned in the last update but as its due this week I thought I'd just remind you that a group are meeting on 9th November, part of the U3A group, along with the Police, to talk to the older generation about how to avoid scams. 10am – 1pm. The Police will be at the hall on this date.

Thank you to you all for the recent clear out. The store cupboard was slowly getting more and more packed with strange objects appearing from "who knows where". If you could send me the picture of the wall projector screen I will try to market this via Gumtree or similar, obviously I can't guarantee a sale.

The Yoga class on Thursdays will no longer be using the hall as she didn't have enough people attending. On the plus side...another person, A Health and Lifestyle coach has requested this slot and is due to start next week (18th) I'm just awaiting the booking form and payment. The groups that tend to do well are the ones that advertise lots or are part of a bigger chain, ie Daisy Baby.

2 childrens parties next weekend :- 20th and 21st A party on 27th November, Tree fest 4th December. A party 5th December, 12th December and 19th December. Showing the weekends are steady with bookings.'

Clerk explained that she had confirmed that the electric keyboard does belong to the Gamston Fellowship Group that meet at the Village Hall. The Group intends to resume after all their members have had their third booster Covid-19 vaccine.

Cllr Tisbury asked about where groups that use the Village Hall advertise and how local people are to find out about what's on at the Village Hall. Discussion took place regarding advertising channels. It was agreed that Gamston Community Facebook page was an effective way to reach the local population and each group using the hall could post on this page. It was agreed that there was a gap in the flow of information. There is a Village Hall calendar on the HP&G Parish Council website, but it is not known whether that is

kept accurately up to date. Cllr Tisbury spoke about putting banners up in the Village Hall metal banner hanger to advertise groups. Meeting agreed that banners created at the hall hirers expense could be displayed for up to 28 days to advertise their use of the hall. Cllr Tisbury noted that as had been mentioned in the past, social media communication is an area that the Parish Council could definitely explore further.

Clerk explained that she had contacted Jon Oldknow's company regarding the air conditioning service and they confirmed it was not due until November/December but would like to arrange to conduct the service shortly.

Clerk to liaise with TaylorGrace Air Conditioning Ltd regarding annual air conditioning service.

5645. PLAY PARK

Water Supply

Discussion took place regarding the provision of a water supply to the Play Park. It was explained that STWA require a payment in order to quote for a supply. Cllr Hackett suggested we could split off from a neighbouring property's water supply. Cllr's Prett & Tisbury to further investigate quotation outside of the meeting.

Cllrs Prett and Tisbury to investigate cost of quoting for a water supply to Play Park.

Shelter

Discussion took place regarding the provision of a shelter at the Play Park. Clerk circulated a picture of the recently constructed timber shelter in Radcliffe-on-Trent which she had been advised by their Parish Clerk had cost around £6.5k.

Various suggestions for a structure were proposed, with or without sides, with or without seating, made from varied materials, for children and/or parents to shelter from bad weather, situated at the front of the park, vandal-proof materials, to possibly incorporate solar power on roof. After discussion it was agreed that a specification of what is required, where, price etc is still to be agreed. County Cllr Upton kindly suggested that there would be some of his Divisional Fund available towards the purchase price of shelter in the next financial year.

Specification to be drawn up for Play Park shelter requirements. Comparisons of structures available to be presented in order to assist decision making.

Cleaning & Repainting Play Park Equipment

Cleaning & repainting of Play Park equipment to be revisited in Spring '22.

Clerk noted that there was an accumulation of fallen leaves on the football pitch at the Play Park and also inside the playground area. They present a slip hazard and need

removing. It was suggested that David Litchfield be contacted to remove the leaves from the playground area.

Clerk to speak with David Litchfield regarding removal of fallen leaves from playground area at Ambleside Play Park.

Clerk explained that she had arranged the annual electrical inspection of the electrical bollards at the Play Park for tomorrow, 9th November '21.

Clerk to provide keys for electrical bollard annual inspection.

5646. WILDFLOWER PLANTING

Cllr Owen explained that Isabel Martindale from U3A had been poorly and had just got back to him a couple of days earlier. Cllr Owen had established that hire of a petrol powered scarifier would be approximately £40+VAT. After scarifying the ground would be raked of detritus and seeds scattered. Importantly they would then be stamped in to ensure they did not just provide seed for passing wild birds. Isabel Martindale will be in touch with the U3A Gardening Group and Cllr Owen to agree a date. Cllr Stacey thanked Cllr Owen for taking on this task in order to progress the project.

- **Cllr Owen to liaise with Isabel Martindale U3A and U3A Gardening Group to agree a planting date.**
- **Cllr Owen to hire petrol scarifier.**

Clerk still to plant free allocation of spring bulbs from Rushcliffe BC to create a Covid-19 memorial planting scheme in a heart shape in right hand border at the Play Park.

Clerk to plant spring bulbs at Play Park.

5647. TREEFEST 2021 – SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER

Cllr Stacey explained that she had been contacted by Charlotte Davenport from the Carlton Brass Training Band apologising for the fact that they had inadvertently triple booked themselves for Saturday 4th December '21. They could play for us from 2.30pm – 3.30pm but this was an hour before the advertised event start time.

Clerk suggested that we could play brass band music via a PA system. Cllr Tisbury kindly offered to lend the Parish Council his PA system, although he is not available on the day. Clerk suggested we could ask if the Carlton Brass Training Band have a CD of them playing that we could use.

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Tisbury regarding collection and instructions for use of his PA equipment.

Cllr Stacey to enquire as to whether Carlton Brass Training Band have a CD for sale.

Clerk noted that she had booked the first aiders for the event.

Clerk explained that she had acquired access to an additional gazebo from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Clerk noted that she had ordered a double portable induction hob for the event to heat the mulled wine. The urn will be used to make tea and coffee.

Clerk to procure decorations for refreshments gazebo including tablecloth.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had organised for a choir and the Mayor of Rushcliffe to attend.

Clerk explained that any assistance on the day would be very gratefully received either setting up in the morning, during the event and packing away afterwards.

Cllr Hackett kindly offered to acquire the mulled wine for the event.

Cllr's Stacey & Hackett and Clerk to ensure sufficient fresh water available at the Play Park for tea and coffee, heating the bottles of mulled wine and also making up cordial.

Cllr Stacey to contact Rushcliffe Play Forum for craft gift ideas for children attending TreeFest.

Cllr Stacey to contact West Bridgford Choir to agree timings and play list of carols and Christmas songs.

Clerk and Cllr's Stacey & Hackett to put up event flyers in notice boards.

Clerk to put up advertising banner at Play Park.

Clerk to arrange collection of refreshments from Morrisons.

5648. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Griffiths explained that she had attended the recent virtual Town and Parish Forum.

Cllr Prett explained that the Autumn '21 newsletter had gone to print and would be distributed in the near future. Clerk asked if Cllr's Stacey, Hackett, Tisbury and Griffiths would be happy to deliver newsletters to outlying areas. All agreed but Cllr Griffiths unable to deliver to Adbolton due to covid. Clerk to speak to Cllr Arkless to ask if he can deliver to Adbolton.

Clerk to ask Cllr Arkless if he can deliver newsletters to Adbolton area of Parish.

Cllr Owen asked how Cllr Mason was keeping after his recent stay in hospital. Cllr Owen wanted to pass his good wishes on to Cllr Mason and thought we should send a card and flowers from the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed to send a card and acknowledge he was missed at the meeting and we look forward to seeing him again soon.

Cllr Owen spoke about the Draft Management Plan. Cllr Stacey had forwarded her comments and additions via email. Cllr Prett noted that he had some comments to send through in the next few days. Discussion took place regarding the document and it was agreed that the key objectives for the coming year were an especially important element of the plan. Reaching out to isolated and vulnerable people in the community, of all ages, was agreed to be a worthy aim. Cllr Tisbury considered that it was preferable to deliver well on a small number of objectives than poorly on a huge list. Cllr Tisbury suggested that each Cllr bring to the next meeting their top four specific, achievable objectives for the Parish Council over the next year for discussion.

All Councillors to bring their top four objectives for the Parish Council for 2022. Each objective must be specific and achievable.

Clerk to complete:

- **Census data for 2011 Census.**
- **Annotated map of Parish.**
- **Circulate latest Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for review.**
- **Finance Statement with audited 2021 year end figures.**

Cllr Owen explained that he had spoken with Neil Lewis at VIA regarding feasible options for Holme Lane, but to date without success and was at a loss as to how to progress this project. After discussion it was agreed for County Cllr Upton and Cllr Owen to both contact Neil Lewis.

Cllr Owen and County Cllr Upton to both chase a response from Neil Lewis.

Cllr Owen explained that he was attending the next Pedals meeting on Monday 15th November '21.

Cllr Prett spoke to the meeting about the Parish Council planting some of the RBC free native trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. A number of possible sites were identified including land near the benches at the Bassingfield Lane junction.

Cllr Prett to contact Borough Cllr Wheeler to progress Queens' Green Canopy initiative and establish land ownership for possible sites.

Cllr Prett also spoke about the Village Hall outdoor notice board. Cllr Prett had mentioned to the Clerk the possibility of changing the heading inside the VH outdoor notice board to say 'GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL' therefore fulfilling the desire to label the Village Hall as such. Clerk had told Cllr Prett that while she had been updating the notice boards whilst Cllr Mason is recuperating she had thought about revamping the Parish notice boards in the new year and this could form part of that project. Cllr Stacey noted that the notice board in Holme Pierrepont would need repainting in 2022, along with maintenance work on the lych-gate at St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had delivered a thank you letter, donation and chocolates from the Parish Council to Rushcliffe Play Forum to thank them for all their past involvement with the Parish Council.

Cllr Griffiths spoke about the discussions at the Town & Parish Forum regarding RBC plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Parishes were encouraged to devise some creative ideas to mark the occasion. Discussion took place and it was suggested that perhaps an appropriately designed weather-vane for Gamston Village Hall could be purchased.

5649. FINANCE

Financial Statements & Payments for Approval

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

Cllr Stacey kindly agreed to sign off and authorise month's payments online.

Clerk to scan and forward details of month's payments to Cllr Arkless in order for him to sign off and authorise the month's payments online.

Clerk still to investigate credit balance on HMRC PAYE account.

Clerk explained that the Bassingfield defibrillator had been fitted a year ago and the £25 payment for electricity used was due but she had no bank details in order to generate a payment. Discussion then took place regarding the objection to retrospective planning application at the same address.

Clerk to ask Borough Cllr Wheeler for an update on the objection to retrospective planning permission at The Elms, Bassingfield.

Clerk to ask Borough Cllr Wheeler for an update on the planning conditions regarding the size of the hedge at 1, Kentmere Close, Gamston

Clerk explained that she had received the Precept Request Form for the 2022/23 financial year from Rushcliffe Borough Council. Deadline for receipt of request is 1st February 2022, consequently the final precept request needs signing off at the January '22 meeting.

Clerk to create a draft precept request for 2022/23 Financial Year for distribution at the December '21 Parish Council meeting.

Clerk still to submit VAT claim for year to 31st March 2021.

Clerk still to prepare Annual Accounts .pdf for financial year to 31st March 2021 for publishing on HP&G Parish Council website.

5650. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk explained that she had investigated the pricing for a plaque to signpost the trees planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative and they ranged from £85 up to £145 depending on size and material.

Clerk explained that Rushcliffe Borough Council are proposing a PSPO in relation to dog control and the 6 week consultation period has started and views and comments are welcomed.

Clerk still to research IT hardware requirements and report back to Parish Council.

5651. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 13th December 2021** at **7.15pm** in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

The meeting ended at approximately 9.45pm.