

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7.15pm in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Rd**

Members Present: Gary Arkless, Cynthia Stacey, Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett & Alun Owen

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Roger Upton, Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler & Isabel Martindale (Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A)

5706. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Griffiths sent her apologies due to a prior commitment before the date of the Parish Council meeting changed.

Cllr Jones sent his apologies as the date of the Parish Council meeting had changed.

Cllr Mason gave Cllr Bancroft's apologies at the meeting.

5707. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5708. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes were proposed to the order of business.

5709. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19th JULY 2021

Cllr Tisbury noted that Minute 5694. should clarify that there is no secondary school provision in Phase 1 of the Gamston Fields development.

Cllr Prett explained that Minute 5700. should clarify that there are no Horse Chestnut trees at the Play Park, only at the Village Hall.

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

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

5710. COUNTY REPORT

County Councillor Roger Upton spoke about the Ambleside petition that had been presented to Full Council and explained that the proposed changes had been universally rejected by the Transport Committee. However, the resurfacing of this stretch of road will be included in the bid for funding in the next financial year.

Cllr Upton explained that he had met with Barry Ingle from Streetwise to discuss improvements to the aesthetics of the A6011. After discussion it was agreed that the grass would be cut again but the hedges couldn't be touched until autumn because of nesting birds. Cllr Upton asked about sweeping of the kerb lines and the central reservation but it was explained to him that for health and safety reasons road sweeping could not take place without a mobile arrow sign preceding the road sweeping vehicle. Cllr Upton thought this was not the case and Streetwise are going to investigate sweeping without a mobile arrow.

Cllr Upton spoke about the proposed 2 way cycle lane on Regatta Way and confirmed that it is due to be sited on the west side of the road, ie on the opposite side to the West Bridgford Football Club pitches.

Cllr Upton raised the issue of potholes along Holme Lane in Holme Pierrepont. Discussion took place and although improvements could be made Cllr Owen suggested that safety could be improved if all cyclists travelled more slowly along this stretch of road.

Cllr Upton reiterated that he opposed the unnecessary loss of green belt land along Regatta Way to build a new primary school for Lady Bay and new secondary school. Cllr Upton considered the Gamston Fields development should provide a secondary school and not the Regatta Way site.

Cllr Mason spoke about two signs advertising Holme Pierrepont sited in the central reservation on the A6011 that are completely covered by trees and bushes. Cllr Upton explained that the team that maintain this area are waiting for the birds to stop nesting before any action is taken.

Cllr Arkless asked about the proposed quarry at Barton in Fabis and whether that was in the Notts CC approved mineral plan. Cllr Upton explained that he had received many emails concerning this and it will be going to the Planning Committee in November.

Discussion took place regarding the state of Holme Lane in Holme Pierrepont and its use by cyclists. There are two types of users, the leisure cyclist and the lycra clad cyclist that can be a danger to other road users. Discussion took place regarding the fact that this stretch is part of the National Cycle Route #15 that runs from Lincolnshire to Derbyshire and as such needs to be maintained to a certain standard. It is very bumpy with potholes full of water. With the increase in road users over the last 18 months the road had been put under pressure. Before becoming a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) the residents maintained the road to an acceptable standard. Now it is becoming a problem as Cycling Today are requesting a tarmac road or paved cycle lane, which would cause additional problems for the residents.

7.30pm

Cllr Stacey arrived at the meeting

Cllr Tisbury asked if there was any update on the timescales for the proposed secondary school on Regatta Way. Cllr Upton explained that plans were still being drawn up, they would have to go to Planning Committee. The plans are being drawn up based on

assessment of current needs, not considering the additional requirements once the Gamston Fields development exists. At present it is anticipated the area will run out of secondary school places in the next 2 years. It is likely that Gamston Fields development will take place in 5 years time. Rushcliffe Spencer Academy have plans to expand their capacity. West Bridgford School have refused any expansion to accommodate more pupils. Cllr Tisbury asked if the meetings pertaining to this would be public and the minutes published. Cllr Upton explained that a local community group in Lady Bay were lobbying for the primary school to stay where it is. Cllr Upton suggested that he thought it was likely that there would eventually be two secondary schools, one in Gamston Fields and the other somewhere in West Bridgford, but he would be opposing any development on Regatta Way. Cllr Upton thought it was unlikely that any plans for a new school would be submitted this year.

5711. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Wheeler opened by speaking of the devastating loss of West Bridgford Colts player Dylan Rich who had suffered a cardiac arrest whilst playing football at Regatta Way. Cllr Wheeler explained that a defibrillator had been used at the site but Dylan's life was unable to be saved. Cllr Wheeler explained that there would be memorial to Dylan at Regatta Way in the future.

Cllr Wheeler said that he had received many messages with regard to two homeless people that were living on land off the A52 who had been door knocking in the area for money and food, sometimes aggressively. Cllr Wheeler explained that the eviction process had taken time as they were camped on Highways England land. Cllr Wheeler stressed that the issue was their anti-social behaviour and that they had been repeatedly offered help with housing that they had declined. Cllr Wheeler noted that the problem may have been exacerbated by Nottingham City Council suggesting that homeless people come to the West Bridgford area.

Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that there was a new Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Rushcliffe Rob Lawton. Cllr Wheeler had spoken with him about the visibility of patrols in the area and specifically with reference to the problematic off road motor bikes that are being driven through Gamston, Edwalton and the new Edwalton housing estate near Wheatcrofts. Cllr Wheeler also spoke about the need for a dedicated Police Officer for Gamston, in addition to the PCSO provision, as they would possess more powers.

Cllr Wheeler explained that RBC events were taking place again. West Bridgford park had hosted an event including mini golf, Punch & Judy, film nights and the Proms in the Park event was due to take place in September. Cllr Wheeler noted that the 'Free after 3pm' parking initiative was due to end on 30th September '21. Cllr Wheeler explained that most retail units in West Bridgford were thriving and always felt that the free parking should have been offered in the day rather than after 3pm.

Cllr Wheeler explained that there was a significant shortage of personnel in Planning, both at RBC and Nottingham City Council. This is resulting in a significant delay in planning applications being processed and decisions made. Cllr Upton suggested that if we have any objections to plans, as well as recording this through the online planning portal, to speak with the assigned Planning Officer to flag up any issues so that they are at the forefront of the planners' minds.

Cllr Upton stressed that there were a lot of major planning applications in process at the moment including the Nottingham Forest new development and a proposed cycle lane across from Lady Bay to the city.

5712. PLANNING

- i) 21/02121/FUL Mr Dino Labatte Proposed demolition of Existing Building and to construct New Detached Two Storey Dwelling including attenuation pond (resubmission of 21/01532/FUL) Jubilee Cottage, Holme Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD.
Deadline for comment : Wednesday 18th August '21

Planning permission granted.

- ii) 21/02122/FUL Mr Zishang Zhu Loft conversion, roof lights to roof and rear single storey extension. 3 Derwent Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NF.
Deadline for comment : Tuesday 17th August '21

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

The house next door has already extended backwards so this development would continue the building line.

There is a window in the ground floor extension (east) but assume this will look out at a fence and not the neighbours.

Do not object.

Planning decision pending.

- iii) 21/01980/FUL Dr C Panter Alteration and renovation of existing outbuilding to improve energy efficiency. Holme Cottage, 3 Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LF.
Deadline for comment : Friday 6th August '21

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

The two storey outbuilding was built circa 1960 and is in need of renovation. The owners want to refurbish this building to make space for their teenage children. They are keen to keep to the original look - walls will be facing brick to match the existing, but with the added installation of cavity wall insulation to improve the energy efficiency.

Planning decision pending.

- iv) 21/02297/FUL Mr Robert Cook Demolition and replacement of corner walls and fence with new fence; Demolition of shed; New Lean-to shed. 3 Cumbria Grange, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6LZ.
Deadline for comment : Wednesday 8th September '21

Parish Council Response : OBJECT

There are 2 issues with this application:

1. Loss of 2 mature trees, and
2. Erecting fencing adjacent to the public highway.

The Parish Council has previously objected to a 2 metre high fence adjacent to a pavement in Adbolton (the existing is 1.8m). It creates a corridor effect and is contrary to the surrounding area. It changes the character of the area.

The adjacent plot to this application where the fence runs along the back edge of the pavement is tucked away, but we don't know if it was permitted or not.

We object to the relocation of the fence.

1 Honister Close was recently refused permission for the following reasons.

We feel they also apply to this application.

The proposed boundary wall by virtue of its height and solid brick appearance, would appear as an oppressive and incongruous feature within the street scene that would be seriously harmful the open character of the area. As such, the proposed boundary wall would be contrary to Chapter 12 of the NPPF, Policy 10 of the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 1, Policy 1 of the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2. The proposal forms a hard and unsympathetic boundary treatment on the edge of the highway which is out of character with the surrounding area which is characterised by landscaped areas on corner plots. If permitted the proposal would create a precedent for similar undesirable proposals elsewhere in the locality.

2. The proposal would result in the loss of a small yet important landscaped area provided as part of the overall layout for this residential development, which would be to the detriment of the visual amenities of other residents in this estate, and would create a precedent for similar unsatisfactory alterations to approved boundaries. The proposal would be contrary to Chapter 12 of the NPPF, Policy 10 of the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 1, Policy 1 of the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2.

Planning decision pending.

- v) 21/02421/FUL Mr Mohammad Daneshmanesh Alterations to existing building including roof change from dual pitch to mono pitch, mezzanine floor, replacement metal cladding sheeting, changes to fenestration and doors, includes roller shutter and an open storage area with canopy, solar panels to roof. Springfields, Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LF.
Deadline for comment : Monday 27th September '21

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

The footprint of the building is not changed but a new covered area is added at the rear.

The significant change is to the roof line. The existing dual pitch roof is replaced by a mono pitch roof which enables a mezzanine floor to be incorporated into the structure.

Without doubt, the proposed building changes will modernise and improve the appearance of the existing building. The main issue is whether the increase in the height of the roof to 5.9m at the highest point is acceptable. The paperwork notes that this was approved for a previous planning application for the outbuilding but the works were not undertaken (05/01120/FUL).

The paperwork for 05/1120FUL is confusing as the drawing shows a 5.9m roof height but the accompanying text from the planning department refers to 6.1m.

We do not object and consider the plans will create something that is better than what is there at present.

Planning decision pending.

Clerk to respond to all outstanding Planning Applications on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal before deadline dates.

Brief discussion took place regarding the application for development of the Land East of Gamston. It was noted that the application will go out to public consultation before it is approved and this is unlikely to be before early 2022. It was also noted that currently two landowners are unwilling to sell their land.

5713. WILDFLOWER PLANTING

Agenda item 10. Wildflower Planting was brought forward to enable Isabel Martindale to leave the meeting earlier.

Cllr Stacey explained to the meeting that the last grass cut of the year would be taking place in mid-October.

Discussion took place regarding the best approach to planting of the wildflower seeds and the preparation work required.

Isabel Martindale reiterated that the Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A Gardening Club would be happy to help the Parish Council with planting of the wildflower seed but would like a Parish Council representative to be present and lead the works.

Cllr Upton explained that a very successful wildflower verge had been created in Radcliffe-on-Trent. The method employed had been for the grass to be cut, the land to be turned over and roughed up and the seed then spread. This has provided glorious

colour for the last 2 years. The foliage is cut down in autumn and regrows the following year.

Clerk to keep Isabel Martindale informed of timings and details regarding wildflower planting.

5714. VILLAGE HALL

Return of regular and one off hall hirers

Cllr Arkless relayed the following monthly update from the Bookings Clerk.

' All is running well at the hall, no problems to report.

The groups using the hall before Covid have been back in contact to re-book or cancel their slots, so things should be completely back to normal by the end of September '21.

The few that do not wish to return, other groups often take their space. I've just not been told if the cinema night or breakfast club intend returning?

After reading a local news article the Community Hall in Gamston will stop being used as a vaccination centre in the next few weeks. This may have an impact on the village hall bookings if groups are looking to book larger venues?

Party enquiries have slowed down a little now the autumn is drawing closer. I am still having to dig deep for information when party enquiries come in as often they are understated when the initial enquiry is received. Here is a typical example received recently which I have copied and pasted:

"Hi, I'm looking to hire a venue for a few hours Sunday the 19th from about midday for some post christening sandwiches. Before I fill in the form, is it available?"

After digging further, I discovered it was for a family from Cotgrave wanting a Christening party for about 80+ guests until around 10pm in the evening! Obviously I have politely told them that "we can't allow such numbers" and suggested a few function rooms with car parks that they might want to consider!

A recent party booking enquired about having a pony in the garden, which I have agreed to, taking into account this has been raised and approved at PC meetings in the past. Noise and parking have been mentioned to all party bookings.'

Clerk noted that as the Covid-19 situation changes as the Village Hall is increasingly in use, from a time when it has been virtually silent, there have been a couple of issues with noise and inconsiderate parking. These have been addressed and the Bookings Clerk will continue to stress the importance of consideration for the residents living around the Village Hall site, as she has always done.

Cllr Tisbury to investigate booking of Community Breakfast and Film Night dates at the Village Hall.

Repair & repainting Windows

Cllr Arkless noted that he had arranged for David Litchfield to repair and repaint the VH windows in the coming weeks.

Cllr Mason explained that he had arranged for the annual Fire Safety equipment check at the Village Hall by Notts Fire Brigade.

Cllr Mason to arrange for PAT testing of Village Hall equipment at Village Hall.

Cllr Mason asked about the placing of a permanent sign in the metal banner hanger indicating that this was the Gamston Village Hall. Cllr Arkless explained this was not the purpose of the metal banner hanger, but to be used to advertise events at the Village Hall. Cllr Mason considered that Cllr Arkless had not made this clear when gaining approval for the purchase of the metal banner hanger. Cllr Arkless disputed this and explained that the conditions of the planning permission were for the temporary advertising of events at the Village Hall.

Cllr Mason explained that the telephone box on the Village Green had been cleaned inside and out and repainted by David Litchfield and looked super.

8.15pm Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

5715. PLAY PARK

Picnic Tables

Cllr Arkless told the meeting that the problematic picnic tables on the Radcliffe Road side of the park under the trees have now been moved by David Litchfield into the open area on the other side of the park near the large rocks and other picnic tables. This move will negate the need for constant cleaning of the tables due to deposits from birds in the trees above. Cllr Arkless also explained that moving these tables had improved vehicular access to the rear of the Play Park should it be required.

Play Park Equipment Cleaning and Painting

Clerk explained that she was arranging a visit to the Play Park by Streetwise to revisit the work required to clean and repaint all Play Park equipment.

Clerk to inform Cllrs Arkless and Mason of date for Streetwise meeting at Play Park regarding cleaning and painting of all Play Park equipment.

Clerk explained that she had submitted the necessary documentation in order to receive the remaining balance of the LIS grant towards the cost of the MUGA replacement.

Clerk noted that the autumn leaves had just started to fall and we should be mindful of ensuring they are regularly removed from the Play Park and MUGA.

5716. CHRISTMAS 2021 EVENT

Cllr Stacey updated the meeting on plans for a Christmas TreeFest event this year. It would be taking place on Saturday 4th December '21. In order to ensure adequate social distancing and avoid gathering indoors the event will be entirely taking place outside at the Play Park. It was suggested to take place between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

Cllr Stacey confirmed that she had arranged for a 20 strong choir to attend. The Carlton Brass Training Band would also be attending, with their own chairs. Refreshments would be available at the Play Park. Discussion took place regarding the number of gazebos required and the method of keeping the mulled wine hot at the Play Park.

Cllr Stacey asked the meeting if they would like her to contact the Mayor of Rushcliffe to open the event. Meeting agreed.

Cllr Tisbury suggested that we might investigate the option of a permanent shelter at the Play Park. Cllr Upton noted that there was a simple green oak shelter in Radcliffe-on-Trent with timber shingles. Discussion took place and it was agreed to investigate and also enquire as to whether the Covid-19 memorial grants of up to £500 could be applied for in relation to this venture.

Cllr Prett to speak with Skylarks regarding possible use of their gazebos.

Clerk to check if the gazebo spotlights require batteries.

Cllr Stacey to arrange for the Mayor of Rushcliffe to attend TreeFest and switch on the Christmas Tree Lights.

Cllr Stacey to contact Contract Manager at HP Water Sports Centre to ask about possible equipment to borrow to heat mulled wine at Play Park.

Clerk to investigate Play Park shelter, initially by contacting Jackie Grice at Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council.

Clerk to investigate possible approved uses of Covid-19 memorial grant.

8.30pm Isabel Martindale left the meeting.

5717. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Tisbury explained that the Film Nights at the Village Hall would be returning soon.

Cllr Owen explained that he, Cllr's Arkless and Tisbury and the Clerk had met the previous day to review the draft Parish Council Management Plan he had created before the start of the pandemic. After amendment and review by the Parish Council it is anticipated that we will move towards adopting the plan.

Cllr Tisbury thanked Cllr Owen for taking on this workload and collating the information in such a useful document.

Clerk to amend PC Management Plan and issue for review by Parish Council.

Cllr Owen explained that progress with the Holme Lane project was grindingly slow, but a 'task order' had been submitted and there was evidence of some movement. Discussion took place and it was agreed that Cllr Owen would forward to Cllr Upton the background to the Holme Lane discussions with the hope that we could involve Neil Clarke in progressing ideas.

Cllr Owen to forward details of the Holme Lane Subgroup to County Cllr Upton.

Cllr Mason reiterated that he was unhappy with the empty sign at the Village Hall that had cost money and resulted in the removal of trees and asked why it could not be used to highlight the Gamston Village Hall location.

Cllr Arkless explained that no trees had been removed, purely the old sign that was covered with ivy had been replaced with a formal framework. Groups can use it to advertise events for example the Community Breakfasts, Film Nights etc and the Parish Council can use it to advertise their events. Cllr Arkless stressed that the intention was never to provide permanent signage and advertising of events is time restricted.

Cllr Hackett told the meeting that Hovercraft Racing was taking place on the weekend of 24th September '21 and that all Holme Pierrepont residents had been informed by email.

Cllr Hackett explained that they were not getting very far with new trees. The Nottinghamshire Treeplanters group that she had spoken with would supply and plant but would not be responsible for the ongoing upkeep and maintenance.

Cllr Stacey asked that the Village Hall be booked out for the TreeFest event so we can access the equipment.

Clerk to contact Bookings Clerk regarding TreeFest on Saturday 4th December '21.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had attended the licensing service for the new vicar Dr Jonathan Mole. She said it had been a very happy occasion and noted that he had the difficult job of bringing people back into church and attracting new members of the congregation.

Cllr Prett spoke about the autumn newsletter. In order to distribute in time to advertise the TreeFest event it would need to go to print in the week commencing 8th November '21.

Cllr Prett to produce an initial draft of Autumn Newsletter contents and distribute.

Cllr Prett to liaise with Susan Toon regarding Autumn Newsletter.

Clerk to contact Iain at Local News regarding delivery to the main bulk of Gamston addresses.

Clerk to produce an advert for TreeFest event.

5718. FINANCE

Financial Statements & Payments for Approval

Clerk explained that the printer had stopped working and she had not had sufficient time to attempt to fix it before the meeting consequently she had not been able to issue via email all Cllrs with copies of the month's financial transactions and details of payments.

Clerk to fix printer and email Cllr's with copies of the month's financial transactions and details of payments as and when able.

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

External Audit Annual Governance Annual Review (AGAR) Section 2 Financial Year Ended 31st March 2021 Review Notes

Clerk explained that she had received some initial queries as part of the external review process and that she would be responding to these in due course.

Clerk to respond to PKF Littlejohn regarding the AGAR review notes.

5719. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk explained that she had received correspondence regarding the delay in fulfilling our order to replace expired parts for the Village Hall defibrillator. Due to a global shortage of parts an exact delivery date could not be given and we are 91st in the queue

currently. Clerk explained that she had asked the consequence of using expired equipment and had been told that although far from ideal using expired equipment would still deliver emergency treatment. The expiry date of the pads is in relation to the adhesive that degrades over time and consequently the shock delivered to the patient can become less effective.

Clerk reminded the meeting that the deadline for comment to the RBC consultation on Affordable Housing is Friday 17th September '21.

Clerk told the meeting that the closing date for comment on The Big Notts Survey is Sunday 19th September '21. Clerk reminded the meeting of the upcoming Engagement Session for Town and Parish Councils with regard to the Council Plan Development taking place on Monday 20th September '21 at County Hall in West Bridgford.

Clerk explained that she had applied for the free supply of spring bulbs to create a Covid-19 memorial planting scheme in the Parish. Discussion took place regarding an appropriate site. After discussion it was agreed that the land next to the path at the Play Park would be appropriate as they would be seen by lots of people and not disturbed or trampled on.

Clerk to obtain permission to plant spring bulbs in the land next to the path at the Play Park.

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

Clerk still to follow up with Canal & River Trust and ask them to inspect the blocked drainage pipe.

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

5720. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 11th October 2021** at **7.15pm** in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

The meeting ended at approximately 9pm.