

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.15pm in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Rd**

Members Present: Gary Arkless (Chair), Cynthia Stacey (Vice Chair), Geoff Prett, Phil Jones & Alun Owen

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Roger Upton, Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler & Rebecca Logue (Bookings Clerk)

5660. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Tisbury sent his apologies as he was unavailable.

Cllr Mason sent his apologies due to ill health.

Cllr Griffiths sent her apologies due to family commitments.

Cllr Hackett sent her apologies due to being away on holiday.

Cllr Bancroft was not present. No apologies were received.

5661. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5662. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes were proposed to the order of business.

5663. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2022**

Cllr Arkless noted that Minute. 5653 should clarify that he abstained from any decision making on this planning application as he had declared an interest.

Subject to this 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 January '22 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

Cllr Arkless introduced Rebecca Logue, the newly recruited Village Hall Bookings Clerk, to the meeting and welcomed her to the Parish Council.

Cllr Arkless explained that he had visited Cllr Mason and reported back that although frail he was still recuperating and had taken accompanied walks outside.

5664. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Upton spoke about the developments regarding the improved cycle path along Regatta Way. He explained that he had received complaints regarding the temporary cycle lane that has been provided during works but encouraged cyclists to appreciate the bigger picture and the long-term benefits of the scheme.

Cllr Upton spoke about the roadworks along the A52 approach to the city and although causing some traffic delays the works will ensure the roads are swept and cleaned, hedges have been trimmed making the road signage more visible, fences replaced and generally the appearance of the area is being cared for better.

Cllr Upton spoke about the strategy for repairing potholes changing from carrying out small emergency patches to replacing larger patches of several square metres. £15 million has been allocated in the budget for road and pathway maintenance. Cllr Upton noted that he had regular meetings with Notts County Council Highways Officer Laura Trussler.

Cllr Upton spoke about the upcoming meeting to set Council Tax levels. An increase of 3.99% was proposed with 2% set aside for Adult Social Care.

Cllr Upton spoke about some correspondence he had received from Bob Cook from the Grantham Canal Society regarding a vision for the canal to be opened up from the A6011 to the River Trent. Cllr Upton noted that plans had been evolving for many years, but the question of funding was unresolved. Cllr Upton said that their latest plans passed through the site for the proposed new Secondary School and replacement Lady Bay Primary School to the west side of Regatta Way.

Cllr Upton told the meeting that his County Council allowance for projects with community benefit for the coming financial year would be £5k, with a maximum contribution per project of £1k. Cllr Upton encouraged the Parish Council to apply to him to utilise this financial assistance for any upcoming projects.

5665. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the Council Tax increase of around 50p per week for a Band D property. Plans for the coming financial year include the creation of an Edwalton Community Centre, completion of the new Crematorium at Cotgrave and completion of the new Bingham Leisure Centre and enterprise park. £1 million has been assigned to a Climate Change fund. Eventually all refuse vehicles will be electric powered, but the transition is a costly process. Keyworth Leisure Centre also requires considerable investment.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the completion of the refurbishment of the Gamston Community Hall. Clubs local to Gamston/Edwalton/West Bridgford are encouraged to access this revamped facility.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the electric car charging points in the Gamston Community Hall car park were almost ready to launch but there is a small technical issue to be resolved. It is run by BP Pulse and costs around 37p/kWh for a rapid charge service. This is the first solar canopy electric car charging site in Rushcliffe. Cllr Wheeler spoke about

the need for further new technology to facilitate a greener environment including the possibility of on street electric car charging in areas where there are no driveways.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about Edwalton Golf Course's future being secured until 2038. Investment is being made in a new driving range and upgraded clubhouse facilities. The clubhouse will be a welcome venue to hire out to the community especially when the Gamston Fields development takes place.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about renovation projects of Abbey Road park and a pirate themed Alford Road park.

Cllr Wheeler announced that the Tour of Britain was coming back to the area. Cllr Wheeler has put forward a request that the route includes Becksides and Ambleside this time. These roads are in relatively good condition compared to others in the locality.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about a Local Government White Paper regarding devolution of government powers to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire that would include election of a mayor. A briefing about the process is imminent where more details will be revealed. The plans would not create a unitary authority, all layers of government would remain intact. If agreed elections will take place in May 2023.

5666. PLANNING

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

No further updates at this time.

- ii) 21/03092/FUL Motor Fuel Group Ltd Installation of 6 EV charging bays & associated infrastructure. Pierrepont Service Station, Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

Deadline for comment : Tuesday 22nd February '22

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

The Parish Council appreciate that the roll out of electric vehicle charging infrastructure is inevitable and will continue to gather speed over the coming months. This development will be of benefit to the local community whilst not attracting large numbers of vehicles emerging onto the A52.

- iii) 21/03181/FUL Mr Joel Swindin Re-modelling of existing roof from hip to gable ends, construction of rear box dormer, single storey rear/side extension and replacement/alteration of existing front dormer. Extension to existing raised rear patio. 35 Adbolton Grove West Bridgford Nottingham Nottinghamshire NG2 5AR

Deadline for comment : Extension to Friday 28th January '22

Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council Response :
DO NOT OBJECT, SUBJECT TO OPENINGS BEING REDESIGNED TO
AVOID OVERLOOKING THE NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY.

The design of this proposal is in keeping with other local projects. The front of the property remains unchanged. The rear of the property overlooks fields. All works are to the rear.

The existing single storey rear extension is to be rebuilt in a modern style and enlarged to a distance of 4.46 m from what appears to be the original house rear wall. This is probably 1.5-2m deeper than the existing but does not present any issue. The first floor remains unchanged. At second floor it is a flat roof extension from the ridge across circa 95% of the rear roof. The design is again modern with 2 large full height windows looking out over the fields at the rear. A few properties have extended into the roof space along this side of Adbolton Grove but generally on small scale.

Our concerns relate to these full height windows and the side window in the western elevation and at roof level. The latter matches the existing but because of the height, overlooking of the neighbours will be increased. The purpose of this window is to allow light into the staircase. This could also be achieved by creating vertical slits instead of a full window. Similarly overlooking would be reduced if the 2 full height roof space windows were narrow and located high on the wall.

As currently designed there are views both in and out of this space. We would support the application if the openings were redesigned so as to avoid overlooking the neighbours property.

5667. VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk formally introduced and welcomed new Village Hall Bookings Clerk Rebecca Logue to the meeting. Clerk updated the meeting with update received from Rebecca on her first few weeks in the role.

'It has been a busy few weeks for party enquiries. Mostly children's parties but a few enquiries that have had to be politely declined including an Easter gathering for 150 people, a large 50th Wedding Anniversary party and a 16th birthday barbecue.

I've had a couple of enquiries about regular bookings, I'm currently waiting to hear back about a Baby Ballet class on Friday mornings. Also another group are interested in the same slot for a Baby Sensory Spa (email below):

'I run a baby group; we are something very unique. We are a 'sensory spa' and only have 4 babies per session, but station is quite big so we need a good bit of space. We were set up to give anxious/nervous parents a relaxing space to bring baby. I am looking for a warm, dark room with access to hot water and non-carpeted flooring. Preferably on either a Monday or Friday 10am – 1.30pm, do you have any availability please? We'd also need to leave a box of mats if you have a bit of storage space. Thank you so much.'

Hopefully I can secure one of these bookings.

I'm not 100% sure on where we stand with regular bookings payments as I currently don't have access to the accounts. I do know Brownies have sent a cheque for this term. Julia is chasing up Rainbows as their cheque bounced from last term.

Would it be possible for Matt White from the ABL Group, that uses the hall Thursday mornings, to have a key? They are in 9am -12 noon every Thursday.

We have parties booked in on 26th February, 5th, 6th and 12th March.'

Meeting confirmed it would be fine to provide ABL Group with a Village Hall key.

Discussion took place regarding Village Hall keyholders. It was suggested that maybe the side door lock be changed, and a new key issued to each Regular Group that requires one, in order for Rebecca to have knowledge of all key holders.

Clerk/Bookings Clerk to investigate costs involved in replacing the lock and cost of providing keys to all key holders.

Clerk to chase up application for Bookings Clerk to have 'Read Only' access to Parish bank accounts.

8pm Rebecca Logue left the meeting.

5668. PLAY PARK

Shelter

Discussion took place regarding plans to provide some form of shelter at Ambleside Play Park. After debating it was decided that as the Play Park is situated in a residential area that is largely unlit and unmonitored it would perhaps not be an initiative encouraged by the immediate neighbours to the park. Siting of a set of poles that a temporary cover could be hung from to provide shelter from both sun and rain at Parish Council events was discussed as an alternative. Also, whether to purchase some additional gazebos/shelters in addition to our existing pair of Coleman shelters, for events. Meeting decided it would be a more cost effective, appropriate solution to hire substantially strong gazebos on an ad hoc basis for our events. This would negate the need to store the items and eliminate any risks associated with a permanent shelter at the Play Park.

Water Supply

Clerk asked what the current thinking was regarding the idea of supplying a water fountain at the Play Park. Meeting agreed that the costings associated with purchase of the equipment and providing a water supply to the park, estimated at around £6k, was prohibitive.

Cleaning & Repainting Play Park Equipment

Clerk to refresh quote for works to take place in 2022.

Discussion took place regarding possible enhancements to the Play Park in 2022. Cllr Stacey suggested this could be a good use of some of Cllr Upton's funding for community projects. Cllr Arkless expressed a desire for the Parish Council to look to provide some form of inclusive play equipment that children that used a wheelchair could access.

Cllr Arkless also noted the possibility of including adult exercise equipment.

Cllr Prett spoke about the link he had previously circulated to all Cllrs regarding a large-scale play park renovation in Gedling and whether we could gain any inspiration from that work. Clerk noted that the budget for this revamp was very large compared the resources available to us.

Clerk to investigate range of products and costings of inclusive play park equipment.

Football Pitch Annual Maintenance

Clerk explained that the cost for a maintenance visit to the football pitch to include a spray then brush and sand dress was £695 plus VAT, and it was recommended that this takes place annually after the winter.

Clerk to book in Football Pitch maintenance for late April '22/early May '22.

5669. QUEEN'S PLATUNUM JUBILEE

Discussion took place regarding possible ways for the Parish Council to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which takes place over the long Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd June '22 until Sunday 5th June '22.

A street party was suggested, maybe on the road from the Village Hall to the Play Park. Cllr Prett noted that closing this stretch of road would impact quite a lot of people. Clerk noted that she was aware of a number of street parties being organised within the Parish for individual roads, including Sandale Close where she lives.

After discussion Cllr Arkless proposed and Cllr Owen seconded the motion that the Parish Council make a £50 contribution to each street in the Parish that is holding a Queen's Platinum Jubilee street party. Criteria for granting the £50 gift will be official notification and request to close the road to Rushcliffe Borough Council. Vote taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Stacey explained that the hamlet of Holme Pierrepoint was holding a picnic in Holme Pierrepoint Hall grounds to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Everyone will bring their own rugs and food. The Parish Council contribution would help with providing a cake and sparkling drink to toast the Queen.

Clerk to put together a magazine article to advertise the offer of contributions to the Parish street parties. Clerk to include link to RBC site with instructions on how to apply to formally close the road.

Cllr Owen explained that the residents of Holme Pierrepont had planted a tree to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. Cllr Stacey asked about whether a tree could also be planted to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in St Edmund's churchyard from the RBC free tree scheme.

Cllr Stacey to investigate the possible acceptable tree options for St Edmund's churchyard.

5670. PARISH PLANTING

Grass Cutting Contract

Cllr Stacey had before the meeting, circulated a quotation for grounds maintenance from Mark Winter for the coming year. Having walked the grounds with Mark Winter to specify requirements for the quote Cllr Stacey wanted to formally thank Cllr Owen for all the work he put in to preparing and seeding the wildflower sites across the Parish. Meeting unanimously agreed to accept the quotation.

Clerk to send Mark Winter a letter accepting quotation for Parish grounds maintenance for the coming year.

Annual Parish Tree Maintenance

Clerk asked when the best time was to arrange for the annual review of the Parish trees by the tree surgeon, considering nesting birds. Cllr Arkless noted that after the tree thinning work the tree surgeon had suggested that no work would be required for 3-5 years. Clerk thought that an annual review was still required to assess for safety issues.

Clerk to contact Tree Surgeon to ask about Parish tree review recommendations.

Queen's Green Canopy

Cllr Prett had informed the Parish Council via email that he had seen Streetwise planting Queen's Green Canopy trees in the Parish earlier that month.

Spring Bulbs & Wildflower Planting

Spring bulbs planted at the Play Park in recognition of the Covid19 pandemic are starting to grow. It is anticipated that the wildflower planting will provide some insect friendly colourful blooms during the summer months.

5671. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Prett spoke about a consultation taking place regarding the Gamston Medical Practice, details of which below have been previously circulated to all Cllrs.

‘The Rushcliffe Primary Care Network (PCN) has recently undertaken a review of its estates and formulated a strategy for dealing with the estimated population growth in accordance with the Rushcliffe Borough Council local plan.

Top of the list of priorities is the Gamston Medical Centre, which is at full occupancy (circa 6,000 registered patients) with no spare capacity for additional medical services. More importantly, it needs to expand to cater for the planned East of Gamston development.

In my role as Acting Chair of the Gamston Medical Centre Patient Forum, I attended a meeting on Thursday 13th January 2022 at which the estates strategy and the plans for the Gamston Medical Centre were outlined. An architect with a proven record in developments for medical surgeries has been identified and initial discussions are due to take place soon (apparently plans for a significant expansion of the site already exist). Assuming sufficient funds from Section 106 monies, approval from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the requisite planning permission, it is hoped that the expanded building can be in place and in use in 2023.’

Cllr Arkless noted that a far better solution would be to provide a new surgery with the new development and that the current surgery was already always busy, and it was virtually impossible to see the same doctor twice.

Cllr Prett spoke about the planting of 200 tree saplings in January ’22 at Skylarks Nature Reserve, with a further 150 tree saplings due to be planted in early April ’22. Cllr Owen asked about the use of protective tree collars. Cllr Prett explained that they were reusing plastic collars as there had been issues with the paper ones lasting only 12 months instead of around 3 years.

Newsletter

Discussion took place regarding the frequency of newsletter distribution for ’22. It was agreed to time the distribution of the next newsletter for week commencing 9th May ’22. Articles are to be received by Cllr Prett by Good Friday 15th April ’22.

Alternative advertising channels are to be used for the Summer Play Day nearer the date, such as the Pierrepoint Gamston Primary School newsletter, Gamston Facebook page and Parish notice boards.

Cllr Prett to start collating Newsletter articles.

All Councillors to forward potential Newsletter articles to Cllr Prett.

Cllr Stacey spoke about the Flood Management scheme being handed over to Notts CC. Previously Katie Harrison-Sharer had been the point of contact, but this was being transferred to Joshua Wells. Cllr Owen spoke about testing the Holme Pierrepoint equipment prior to a flood event.

Cllr Stacey spoke about an event at St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont on Sunday 6th March '22 at 3pm *Allegri Miserere* by the Neville Consort. Cllr Stacey added that this was beautiful choral music and the singers had wonderful voices.

Clerk to put up posters for Allegri Miserere in Parish notice boards.

Cllr Stacey noted that on Sunday 3rd April '22 St Edmunds Church were taking over Holme Pierrepont Hall gardens to serve teas and refreshments to raise funds for the church. Cllr Stacey explained that fundraising for the church had suffered enormously due to the Covid19 pandemic. Cllr Stacey is currently putting posters together to advertise the event that will be available soon.

Cllr Stacey explained that the Summer Play Day event would be returning this year and a planning meeting would be required soon.

Holme Lane Subgroup Update

Cllr Owen explained that he had spoken with Neil Lewis regarding the continuing hiatus with the progression of this project. Neil Lewis explained that the report he had received from colleagues did not include solutions that were sufficiently innovative, so he had asked them to think again and provide sustainable, workable, viable solutions that were costed and relevant. Cllr Upton asked if the report of non-innovative ideas could be shared. Cllr Owen confirmed that he had not seen this document.

Cllr Upton spoke about how this stretch of road forms part of National Cycle Way No. 15 and was not fit for this purpose, as was frequently pointed out to him by the cycling community. However, he was sympathetic to the need for a solution that can be happily lived with by the Holme Pierrepont residents. Cllr Upton spoke about the inevitable third cycle bridge crossing of the River Trent that would direct even more cycle traffic along this route. Cllr Owen explained that the simplest solution would be a tarmac strip 1.8m wide for cyclists and walkers. Cllr Stacey noted that use by farm vehicles must also be considered. Cllr Upton questioned as to how this project can be effectively moved forward. Cllr Upton noted that some form of compromise was required but is struggling to envisage an outcome and requires a solution to lobby for but that doesn't exist yet.

Cllr Upton to recontact Neil Lewis regarding project.

Visibility on Bend on Holme Lane, HP

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Upton would request on behalf of the Parish Council a sign warning vehicle users of the possibility of meeting other road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, horses riders, etc, beyond the point at which they can see around the bend. Also, for a 'SLOW' sign to be painted on the road surface.

Parish Council Management Plan

Clerk explained that there were a small number of tasks for her to complete before publishing Cllr Owen's Management Plan document.

Cllr Owen asked about Cllr's suggestions for Parish Council focus for the coming year. He presented the following idea to widen the attendance at Parish Council meetings by

each Cllr taking it in turn to invite one other Parishioner to a meeting to see what the Parish Council do. Parish Council meetings are public, but it is incredibly rare that a member of the public attends. Cllr Owen also suggested more interaction with local schools would be beneficial, for example inviting local GCSE & 'A' level students to attend meetings to see how local democracy works.

Cllr Owen and Clerk to agree final amendments to Management Plan before publishing.

Clerk to add 'Councillor Suggestions for 2022 Focus' to April '22 Parish Council Meeting Agenda

5672. FINANCE

Financial Statements & Payments for Approval

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

Cllrs Arkless & Stacey kindly agreed to sign off and authorise month's payments online.

Clerk to scan and forward details of month's invoices to Cllrs Arkless & Stacey in order for them to sign off and authorise the month's payments online.

Cllr Jones asked what the 'HP Information Board' was. Clerk explained that it was a project that Cllr Stacey was working on, along with all the other work she does for the Parish Council. Cllr Stacey confirmed that she was moving the project forward, assisted by Diane Kidger from Bassingfield.

Cllr Prett asked why receipts from 2nd Gamston Rainbows were shown in yellow but receipts from 2nd Gamston Brownies were shown in white. Clerk explained it was coded according to the home address of the leader for each group, however both groups comprised local participants so should perhaps both be coded yellow.

Clerk noted that she had purchased a new Parish Council laptop and was in the process of migrating information from the old pc to the new one.

Clerk to add new Parish Laptop to the Fixed Assets Register.

Clerk noted that the Portable Induction Hob purchased for the Christmas event should be added to the PAT testing schedule.

Clerk to add Portable Induction Hob to PAT testing schedule.

Cllr Arkless explained that, in line with best GDPR practice and formats used by other local Parish Councils, he proposed that we provide each Parish Councillor with a dedicated Parish Council email address. Cllr Jones seconded the motion. Vote taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to arrange Parish Council email addresses for all Councillors.

5673. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk told the meeting about the next Town and Parish Council Forum on 24th March '22, face to face in the Council Chamber at Rushcliffe Arena. The event will be followed by a buffet lunch.

Cllrs to inform Clerk if they wish to attend the Town and Parish Council Forum.

5674. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

The meeting ended at approximately 9.20pm.