

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.15pm in **St Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont**

**Members Present:** Cynthia Stacey, Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Janet Hackett (Acting Chair), Geoff Prett, Alun Owen & Maria Ubhi

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Roger Upton, Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler, Borough Cllr Davinder Viridi & parishioner Jordan Phillips.

**5891. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr Hackett addressed the meeting as the Acting Chair.

Councillor Tisbury recited, and signed, his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Clerk countersigned the document.

**5892. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Fairgrieve sent his apologies due to being on holiday.

County Cllr Upton and Borough Cllrs Wheeler & Viridi sent their apologies for a possible late arrival due to a prior meeting.

**5893. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**5894. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Proposed possible deferment of agenda items pertaining to County and Borough Cllrs until their arrival.

**5895. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**

Cllr Ubhi proposed, and Cllr Owen seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Tisbury abstained as he was not present at the June '23 Parish Council Meeting. Motion carried and Minutes were adopted.

**Cllr Fairgrieve to upload June '23 Annual Parish Council Meeting Minutes to the HP&G PC website.**

## 5896. PLANNING

20/03244/OUT Taylor Wimpey UK & Rockspring Barwood Gamston Ltd Land East of Gamston & North of Tollerton Lane, Tollerton Lane, Nottinghamshire.

Cllr Tisbury commented that there had been no change to the documentation on the website for this application since last year. Cllr Tisbury noted that it had been promised that applications would be distributed for consultation once the overall masterplan had been agreed.

- ii) 23/01236/FUL Helen McCabe Change of use of land to provide 10 no. holiday lodges (mobile) on the site of an existing building which is to be demolished. The Elms Cottage, National Water Sports Centre, Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire.

Deadline for comment : Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July '23

Revised deadline for comment due to Clerk holiday : Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July '23

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

This application relates to the demolition of an existing building at the Water Sports centre amongst the trees next to Adbolton Lane on the right of the main entrance.

It proposes the replacement of this single storey building, described as rather tired, with ten mobile type holiday lodges scattered beneath the trees. There will be a need to remove some smaller trees, but these will be replaced elsewhere on the site and the existing shrubbery screening is to be cut back but not removed.

Cllr Tisbury noted that the scheme did not involve the loss of a residential home as the property had most recently been used for guest bookings, so would be replacing like for like in terms of function.

## 5897. VILLAGE HALL

*Monthly Update*

Clerk read monthly update received from the Bookings Clerk.

*'All is well at the hall.*

*Enquiries are still a lot lower than last year, but still coming through. All but one of the regular groups are up to date with payments, but that should be paid by the end of the week.*

*I have had confirmation from Raul from Sanar, who is starting his yoga classes on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September '23. He's having two taster sessions, then running every week until Christmas. He has asked if we could pop some flyers on our notice boards?*

*The stinging nettles that are growing in the hedge at the back gate have grown wild since the hedges were trimmed and now growing over the gate entrance. I'm concerned someone may hurt themselves on it.*

*The bolt on the inside of the cupboard door has come loose (top one).'*

### *Outdoor Clock*

Cllr Tisbury was pleased to report that the outdoor clock at the Village Hall had been repaired and was now keeping time.

Clerk noted that the clock would need to be adjusted on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October '23 at the end of British Summer Time.

### *Tree Watering*

Clerk explained that she had been regularly watering the newer trees in the Village Hall grounds. Clerk thanked the Bookings Clerk for agreeing to water the trees whilst Clerk is away on holiday in July and August.

### *Weeding*

Clerk noted that the Bookings Clerk had asked about weeding at the Village Hall, especially around the building and the entrances. Clerk asked if Cllr Mason could ask David Litchfield if this was something he could do for us periodically during the growing season.

**Cllr Mason to ask David Litchfield if he would weed at the Village Hall during the summer and autumn.**

### *Union & Ukrainian Flags*

**Cllr Mason still to liaise with David Litchfield and Clerk to arrange for new flags to be affixed.**

### *PAT Testing*

Clerk explained that she would arrange the PAT testing after her summer holidays.

**Clerk still to liaise with Bookings Clerk to arrange Village Hall PAT Testing at a time when the Village Hall is free.**

## **5898. PLAY PARK**

### *Extended Fence Line*

Clerk explained that she had met with Cllrs Prett and Fairgrieve to establish feasibility of extending the fence line at the Play Park and had emailed a proposal to all Cllrs. An order has been placed with South Notts Fabrications for the fencing and additional gate. Subsequent to the order Cllr Tisbury circulated some points to consider when making a decision over the final positioning of the fence line.

After discussion at the meeting Cllr Tisbury agreed to produce a map showing the various fencing options with rationale for each choice and distribute to all Councillors in order to make a final decision. Clerk noted that any of the revised options would not impact on the order that has been placed with South Notts Fabrications.

The final choice of fence line will impact on the level of dog exclusion from the Play Park area.

**Cllr Tisbury to email a map to all Cllrs showing play park fencing options.**

### *Trees*

Cllr Tisbury explained that he and the Tree Surgeon accompanied by the Clerk had visited two Parishioners whose properties are adjacent to the Play Park to address the issues they have raised regarding trees bordering their properties within the Play Park. Cllr Tisbury explained that it was agreed that as part of the annual Play Park tree maintenance some remedial pruning would take place. One of the householders was informed that they were at liberty to commission someone to remove branches overhanging their boundary, ensuring no damage to the trees, or our Tree Surgeon could carry out the work, on receipt of a financial contribution to the costs. No work would be taking place before September '23.

Discussion took place regarding the possible planting in the Parish of free native trees from RBC. It was suggested that the benches at the junction of Tollerton Road and Bassingfield Lane may benefit from some tree planting. Meeting noted that some of the trees planted in the area using the free tree scheme had died off as they hadn't been looked after whilst getting established. Any trees we take responsibility for will need a plan in place to ensure they thrive.

### *Grant Application Update*

**Clerk to arrange meeting with Cllr Prett and Susan Toon to further progress grant funding applications after the summer holidays.**

## **5899. SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

Clerk explained that the Summer Newsletter had gone to print and would be delivered to Cllrs for distribution as soon as it was received.

**Clerk & Cllrs to deliver Summer Newsletter to Parish.**

Cllr Owen spoke about the need to try and recruit a Parish Councillor to represent the Adbolton area and asked whether a targeted leaflet drop in that ward may be advantageous.

Cllr Owen noted that for the Autumn newsletter it was relatively easy to find historical articles regarding the outlying villages of the Parish, but more difficult to find

information regarding Gamston itself, where 90% of the population of the Parish actually live.

Cllr Tisbury mentioned the telephone kiosk in the Village Hall grounds that contains a historical display concerning Gamston village.

**Cllr Tisbury to liaise with Cllr Owen regarding possible historical Gamston article ideas for the Autumn '23 newsletter.**

## **5900. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

### *Holme Lane Update*

Cllr Owen explained that he had met with Neil Lewis and the initiative was progressing slowly, but definitely progressing.

As part of the implementation process VIA had requested details of the farm machinery that uses the lane with specific reference to the style and positioning of the wooden gates that are due to be installed. Cllr Owen also spoke about the chain and key locking mechanism and the necessity for large reflective signs. Any parking difficulties experienced outside residents' houses after implementation is anticipated to be a short-term problem that will reduce over time. It was suggested that low foot high fences could be erected on grassed areas to prevent unwanted parking.

Cllr Owen spoke about the consultation process including residents and other interested parties including Pedals – the Nottingham cycling campaign and the emergency services. Cllr Hackett explained that Notts CC had spoken to her husband about the proposal, and he confirmed that he would use the A52 access route rather than the lane, in order to be fair to everyone.

### *Village Breakfast Gamston Buddy Bench*

Cllr Tisbury explained that this was still pending.

Cllr Hackett kindly offered the use of her flat bed loader to transport the bench to its location once it has been purchased as she did with the Parish galvanised steel benches situated on the canal side.

### *Summer Play Day*

Cllr Stacey explained that the organisation for the Summer Play Day was well in hand. Cllr Prett was not available on the day and therefore asked for a volunteer to take photographs of the event. Cllr Owen kindly agreed to capture pictorial evidence of the event. Cllr Hackett had kindly purchased sand toys for the sand pit.

### *HP Additional Bins*

Cllr Stacey told the meeting that she had met with the Clerk along Holme Lane to establish the best locations for the new dog waste bin and multi-purpose bin. Dog waste bin to be sited near the notice at the bridge over the Polser brook. Multi-purpose bin to be situated near the entrance gate to Skylarks nature reserve.

**Clerk still to acquire quotation from Streetwise for additional bins in Holme Pierrepont and the weekly charge for emptying them.**

Discussion took place regarding general littering and anti-social behaviour along this stretch of road with specific reference to the patch of land next to the entrance to Blotts where vehicles park and indulge in unsavoury activities. Discussion took place as to who owned the land and how this behaviour could be discouraged. It was noted that there is a building behind this land, but vehicular access is prohibited by large rocks that have been placed at the back of the parking area. After discussion Cllr Prett proposed and Cllr Ubhi seconded the motion that Cllr Hackett attempt to move these rocks forward. Vote taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

**Cllr Hackett agreed to investigate the possibility of bringing the existing rocks forward so they are closer to the roadside and will prevent vehicles from parking here.**

**Cllr Owen agreed to investigate ownership of the land.**

Cllr Mason agreed to ensure the new flags were flying at the Village Hall and would contact Cllr Owen if he needed assistance.

Cllr Mason asked again about the electrical wire at the Village Hall near to the metal banner hanger. Cllr Tisbury confirmed again that the electrician had reassured him that there was no current passing through this, but it has been left in case an electricity supply is ever needed in this location in the future.

**8.38pm County Cllr Upton & Borough Cllr Viridi arrived at the meeting.**

Cllr Stacey explained that she was still waiting for the updated Police information and would chase this.

**Cllr Stacey to forward updated Police information to Clerk on receipt.**

Cllr Hackett spoke about the importance of knowing where all the water hydrants and defibrillators are situated within the Parish in case of emergency. Cllr Owen noted that the water hydrant in Holme Pierrepont had been identified in the middle of the road adjacent to the Parish notice board.

Cllr Ubhi explained that she had performed the monthly check of all the defibrillators in the Parish, and they were all were working well.

**8.42pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.**

**5901. COUNTY REPORT**

County Cllr Upton explained that the administration had been completed in order to donate £1k from his Divisional Fund towards the cost of additional fencing at Ambleside Play Park and the funds should be in the Parish bank account shortly.

Cllr Upton confirmed that progress was being made on the Holme Lane vehicular traffic restriction initiative.

**5902. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Wheeler apologised for the late arrival due to a prior group cabinet meeting.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the success of this years Proms in the Park event in West Bridgford that had attracted over 5,000 visitors. Cllr Wheeler noted that West Bridgford park is in fact 100 years old this year.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the local Police were actively working on reducing shop lifting on Central Avenue and in May '23 had seen a 40% reduction in incidences. The scheme involves shop watching and radio contact around stores to alert them ahead of potential problems.

Cllr Viridi spoke about a recently received £25k grant from Keep Britain Tidy to specifically target the removal of chewing gum and prevention of chewing gum litter in West Bridgford.

Cllr Viridi shared the fantastic news that Rushcliffe Country Park had received national recognition as the best budget and family-friendly picnic spot in the UK. Lots of money has been invested in the site. It costs only £1 to park there all day. Cllr Upton also noted that you can still use cash to park.

Cllr Viridi spoke about the upcoming Taste of Rushcliffe Food & Drink Festival coming up on Saturday. He explained it is a fabulous event with cookery demonstrations and market stalls selling local produce.

Cllr Viridi explained that Lark in the Park free children's event was taking place in West Bridgford on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, another fantastic annual event and they are hoping for good weather.

Cllr Prett asked the Borough Cllrs who the Canal & River Trust contact would be at RBC. Cllr Wheeler thought that would be either Tom Pettit or Paul Phillips. Cllr Fairgrieve spoke about an area of the canal bank that has significantly eroded away creating a dangerous trip hazard. Cllr Fairgrieve to forward what3words location and description of the problem to Cllr Wheeler for reporting to Canal & River Trust.

**Cllr Fairgrieve to document what3words location and description of eroded canal bank and forward to Borough Cllr Wheeler.**

Cllr Owen asked about responsibility for cutting of the verges along the canal. Cllr Wheeler explained that it depended on the location as it could be one of five landowners; RBC, Vistry Homes, Barratt Homes, Taylor Wimpey or Canal & River Trust.

Cllr Tisbury asked if there was any update on the Land East of Gamston. Cllr Wheeler confirmed that RBC were still holding firm on the creation of a master plan covering the entire area and to be agreed by all landowners. Cllr Tisbury clarified that once this has been achieved there must be full public consultation. Cllr Upton noted that Vistry Homes were pushing for progression with the plans. Cllr Wheeler explained that one of the big landowners was causing slow progress which was problematic.

Cllr Mason asked Cllr Upton about progress in the repair of the numerous potholes around the Village Hall that he had reported. Cllr Upton explained that they had been added to the list of areas requiring assessment, but noted that the potholes along Holme Lane, that are significantly larger had been deemed to not require remedial action at this time as they were not deep enough. Cllr Wheeler agreed that the criteria set for action to resolve potholes was frustrating and problematic as they are dangerous at a lower level to pedestrians and cyclists, but the assessment is made based on motor vehicles. Cllr Upton explained that he had campaigned for over a year to get some particularly bad potholes on Adbolton Lane repaired.

## **5903. FINANCE**

### *Financial Statements & Payments for Approval*

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

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

**Clerk to provide Cllrs Stacey & Prett with copies of all invoices in order for them to sign off and authorise the month's payments online.**

Clerk still to review Councillor signatories on the Unity Trust Bank account to remove Cllrs that have left the Parish Council and add on new Cllrs.

**Clerk to ensure bank account signatories up to date.**

**Clerk to fulfil The Pensions Regulator legal re-enrolment and re-declaration duties for Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**



**5904. CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk spoke about recently received information from Rushcliffe Social Prescribing Service detailing twelve monthly ways to try something new and make lasting friendships.

**Clerk still to co-ordinate completion and submission of Cllr Declaration of Interests forms to RBC.**

**5905. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.15pm** in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

Clerk noted that Cllr Prett will be Acting Chair at the September '23 meeting.

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.08pm.**