

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.

Members Present: Cllrs Cynthia Stacey, Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Alun Owen, Richard Fairgrieve & Maria Ubhi

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler, Ian Godson (St Edmund's Church) & Martin Holden (Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Upton sent his apologies due to another meeting.

Borough Cllr Viridi sent his apologies due to a prior family commitment.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Prett proposed, and Cllr Owen seconded the motion that the 2022 Minutes be approved.

Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted.

3. LOCAL COMMUNITY REPORTS

Local community reports updating the meeting on the last years activities were given by:

St Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont – Ian Godson

Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A – Martin Holden

Clerk read out a written reports received from Free Spirits group, National Water Sports Centre and Skylarks Nature Reserve.

Cllr Prett gave a comprehensive report on behalf of Gamston Litter Pickers.

4. COUNTY REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler presented a review of the past year on behalf of County Cllr Upton.

5. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler presented a review of the past year.

6. THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT & REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Cllr Stacey reviewed the last year of Parish Council activities.

1. PERSONNEL

- Sadly, Chair resigned before Christmas '22, continued with Acting Chair.
- Two new Councillors recruited that replaced resignations, but 2 vacancies still remain.
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2. VILLAGE HALL

- Rebecca has spent her first full year in the role of Bookings Clerk and has been a very valuable addition to the Parish Council team. Conscientious, hardworking, problem solving.
- 'Welcome to Gamston Village Hall' banner installed.
- General Hall maintenance ongoing.
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3. PLAY PARK

- Arranged for re-location of incorrectly positioned CityFibre joint box to outside of Play Park land.
- All equipment jet washed and repainted.
- Annual maintenance of MUGA and independent play park inspection taken place.
- Project team formed to work on providing additional inclusive play equipment.
- Phase one completed by moving the Play Park railings to accommodate new equipment.
- Repairs made to Play Park equipment and replacement swing seats installed.
- Plans for Phase 2 formulated, and grant applications begun for financing.
- Foundations prepared for exciting developments in 2023.

4. EVENTS

- Regally themed Summer Play Day took place to commemorate Platinum Jubilee.
- Gamston Breakfast Team, supported by the Parish Council, hosted a Jubilee Picnic in the Village Hall grounds.
- Street parties within the Parish for both Queen's Platinum Jubilee and King's Coronation, were supported with up to £50 contributions.
- Tree planted and plaque St Edmunds Churchyard to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.
- Fun Christmas Event at Gamston Village Hall (brass band, choir, crafts, balloons,...)
- Parish Council supported Village Breakfast Team Charity Pea & Pies evening.
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5. SUPPORTED ONGOING LOCAL ISSUES

- Parish Councillor representation on the Grantham Canal WeBCan group to provide ongoing support for vital work to preserve this vital amenity.
- Parish Council organised community action day on the Gamston stretch of canal to work on vegetation clearance.
- Supported a successful campaign to oppose the downgrading of West Bridgford & London Rd Fire Stations.
- Significant progress made regarding Holme Lane Traffic Regulation Order – community have now been consulted by NCC via post.
- Contributed to Gamston to Bingham transport study.
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6. COMMUNICATION

- PC website reviewed and kept up to date.
- Communicated through Gamston Community Facebook Group.
- Created a Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council Facebook page.
- Communicated to entire Parish by post three times with Summer '22, Autumn '22 & Spring '23 newsletters.
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7. MISCELLANEOUS

- Added Bleed Response Kits to all 3 defibrillator cabinets in the Parish.
- Metal benches provided for the community within the Parish alongside the canal path.
- Remedial work carried out on the Millennium Garden at HP (metal bench, wall)
- HP speed bumps repainted
- Clerk introduced new, shorter email address – clerk@hpgpc.org.uk
- Gamston Litter Picker group – still going strong.
- Rewilded Parish areas bloomed with beautiful wildflowers.

7. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Parish Councillor reviews of the year have already been covered in the meeting.

8. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT

Clerk explained that full draft accounts would be available over the next month.

The timings for completion required by the external auditors PKF Littlejohn will be met.

Internally audited figures will be available for approval at the June 2023 Parish Council Meeting.

This meeting ended at 9.10pm.