

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.15pm in **St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont**

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

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Parish Clerk), Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler, Matt Shenton (Brit Padel), Matt Shenton's wife & Sean Cummings (Serco)

6196. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Tisbury gave his apologies due to being on holiday.

County Cllr Upton gave his apologies due to recuperation from a minor operation.

Borough Cllr Viridi gave his apologies due to a meeting clash.

6197. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6198. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes to the published agenda.

6199. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9th JUNE 2025**

Cllr Ubhi proposed, and Cllr Fairgrieve seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Owen abstained as he was not present at the June '25 meeting. Motion carried and Minutes were adopted.

Cllr Fairgrieve to upload June '25 Meeting of the Parish Council Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

6200. PRE-PANNING PADEL FACILITY

Matt Shenton presented to the meeting an overview of the proposed new Padel facility to be based at the National Water Sports Centre. Matt explained that their plans would be inclusive of all age groups and an indoor facility that would not be affected by inclement weather.

Matt noted that there were plans to use the facility for the Outlaw Triathlon transition stage, negating the need for a separate marquee. Also there would be outreach to community groups and schools to use the facility off peak. It is not anticipated that parking will be adversely affected as bookings will be made with staggered starts.

ii) 25/00896/FUL & 25/00897/ADV Starbucks, Radcliffe Rd

As stated in the application these are condensers for the Air Con system that are external to the building and enclosed in cages that we do not object to.

Parish Council Recommendation : DO NOT OBJECT

Discussion took place regarding Starbucks advertising with a question as to why it wasn't included in the original plans. Cllr Hackett noted that they had not been allowed to advertise Hackett Fishing Lakes on the A52.

iii) 25/00921/FUL Mr Jamie Kerruish 2 Grange Farm, Main
Street, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PB Demolish existing
Conservatory and construction of single storey extension (Orangery).

Parish Council Recommendation : DO NOT OBJECT

8.25pm Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting

6205. VILLAGE HALL

Odd Job Repairs

Clerk explained that the decking and balustrade were to be wire brushed and jet washed to clean and clear all the algae.

Outdoor Painting

Clerk noted that she had received a quotation for the preparation and painting of all window frames, sills, soffits and fascias for £1240 plus the cost of 10 litres of paint at a cost of less than £100.

After discussion Cllr Owen proposed, and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that this quotation be accepted. Vote taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to arrange outdoor painting at Village Hall.

Flagpole

Cllr Mason asked about the fact that the union flag was not flying at the Village Hall. Cllr Stacey explained that the halyard system had failed whilst trying to fly the commemorative 80th anniversary of VE Day flag. Since then unsuccessful attempts have been made to repair, but specialist expertise was required. Clerk to progress as and when time allowed.

Clerk to source a specialist company to repair VH flagpole.

Hire Hall Rate Increase

Clerk in conjunction with Bookings Clerk and Cllr Fairgrieve still to introduce new hall hire rates in September '25.

Clerk to produce amended Booking Form for price increase and also to include wording regarding damages and cleaning deposit.

Clerk to liaise with Bookings Clerk regarding rate increase.

Clerk to forward .pdf copy of revised Booking Form to Cllr Fairgrieve for uploading to HP&G PC website.

6206. PLAY PARK

Independent Playground Inspection

Clerk explained that the recent annual playground inspection had concluded that the Play Park was in good condition.

Clerk still to create new monthly playground checking document.

Annual Play Park Electricity Inspection

Clerk to arrange annual inspection of electricity points at the Play Park.

Cllr Prett and Clerk still to further investigate and obtain quotations for the addition of brightly coloured graphics on the Play Park tarmac paths.

Clerk still to forward a proposal to County Cllr Upton for supply and installation of seating for dog owners with children to rest outside the Play Park area.

Clerk to arrange for a concrete base for the bench, similar to the Buddy Bench base, to be created.

Clerk to arrange purchase and installation of bench.

Clerk still to arrange for cladding of metal bench near canal.

6207. 'GAMSTONBURY' SUMMER PLAY DAY 2025

Cllr Stacey asked if Councillors would kindly be able to volunteer their time on the day to help out.

Cllr Hackett explained that her daughter-in-law had a commercial candy floss making machine and could ask if she would attend the Play Day to sell sticks of candy floss for £1.50 each. Cllr Stacey explained that the Ice Cream van gave 20% of their takings on the day to the annual Mayors charity fund.

Cllr Hackett to enquire about providing a Candy Floss stall at the play day.

Clerk to email for volunteers for the Summer Play Day.

Clerk to send Play Day advert to Susan Toon for inclusion in the summer newsletter.

6208. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Fairgrieve continues to work on a replacement HP&G Parish Council Website

Clerk still to provide Cllr Fairgrieve with current costs associated with provision of website and email addresses to assist this process.

Cllr Fairgrieve to carry out independent assessment of notice boards and report back to a future PC meeting.

Cllr Fairgrieve to replace the Village Hall banner and dispose of the old one.

Cllr Prett spoke about the upcoming WeBCan meeting and referenced the escape of water onto the golf course.

Cllr Owen explained that the Summer Newsletter was due to be issued mid-August.

Cllr Owen spoke about the closure of the unmade road in Holme Pierrepont four months ago. Residents seem to be much more content with the change now and can see the benefit with a much quieter and safer lane to walk along. Cllr Owen did note however that the gates were vandalised almost immediately after being installed by a vehicle attempting to drive through the gate damaging the lock. Since then a new lock and chain has been installed. Cllr Hackett suggested that the chain needed to be shortened.

Cllr Owen to liaise with Jane Baines at VIA to arrange for the lock chain to be shortened.

Cllr Ubhi continued to regularly check the Parish defibrillators to ensure they are working and available for use.

6209. FINANCE

Financial Statements & Payments for Approval

Clerk issued copies of the month's financial transactions and details of payments and presented a summary of the finances.

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 to provide Conclusion of Audit file for Cllr Fairgrieve to upload to the Accounts area of the HP&G PC website.

Clerk to submit VAT reclaim for financial years ended 31st March 2024 & 31st March 2025.

6210. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk told the meeting that this year's Annual Town & Parish Conference was due to take place on Friday 3rd October '25 at Rushcliffe Arena.

Cllrs to email Clerk if they would like a Town & Parish Conference place booking.

Clerk explained that she had received correspondence from the office of James Naish MP for Rushcliffe asking if a poster with his contact details could be displayed on our notice board at the Village Hall so that local constituents know how to contact him.

Clerk explained that she was going to check this was OK as Parish Councils are apolitical organisations but thought that purely providing contact details did not constitute a political opinion.

Clerk to check on MP poster status and report back to the meeting.

Clerk to arrange purchase of Option 2 metal bench materials.

Quotations still to be obtained for the paving work required to the Millennium Garden at Holme Pierrepont.

Grantham Canal Society still to replace wooden handrail near Morrisons supermarket steps.

6211. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

Cllr Prett is due to Chair this meeting.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.15pm.