

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.15pm in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road**

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

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Parish Clerk) & Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler

**6153. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Tisbury addressed the meeting as the Acting Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllr Owen gave his apologies due to being on holiday.

County Cllr Upton gave his apologies due to a meeting clash.

Borough Cllr Viridi gave his apologies due to a family bereavement.

**6154. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**6155. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Proposed possible deferment of agenda items pertaining to County and Borough until Cllr Wheeler's arrival.

**6156. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public participation.

**6157. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

Cllr Stacey proposed, and Cllr Ubhi seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried and Minutes were adopted.

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

**6158. VILLAGE HALL**

*Monthly Update*

Clerk read out the Bookings Clerk monthly update.

*'All is well at the hall. It's been a really quiet month, but all regular bookings happy and continuing.*

*Many thanks to Janet who has had the curtains cleaned, they look great! The walls are still a never-ending annoyance for me but hopefully that'll calm as the weather picks up.*

*We had to cancel 2 booking a few weeks ago in the hall, Thursday evening and Friday morning due to an incident in the area and Rushcliffe Borough Council wanting to use the hall as an emergency hub for 24 hours. Ann who hires the hall out Friday morning was incredibly understanding towards the situation, however Aebal on Thursday evenings were not quite so understanding.*

*Clay Creators have been in touch and have booked various dates over the summer holidays! Which is great news!*

*The only weekend booking I have in the next month is 29th March. We have Clay Creators in over the Easter holidays too.*

*Heating on in the hall as it feels a little chilly.'*

#### *Warm Hub Coffee Morning*

Cllr Hackett confirmed that the last Warm Hub Coffee Morning would take place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March '25.

**Meeting agreed to review later in the year as to whether this initiative would be repeated.**

#### *Free Spirits Hire Hall Rates*

After discussion it was agreed for the **Clerk to communicate the following to the Free Spirits Group.**

The Parish Council agreed that the Free Spirits group can use the Village Hall free of charge during Warm Hub slot on a Monday morning.

The Parish Council would like to help with the advertising - and the group can continue to meet monthly, or more frequently if required.

The Parish Council will review at the end of the summer as to whether the Warm Hub will be returning, it's not certain at this point, and Free Spirits members would obviously still be welcome to attend.

If Free Spirits want to keep their Tuesday booking the hall hire will remain payable.

#### *Watering Golden Orchard*

**Clerk in conjunction with Bookings Clerk and Cllr Fairgrieve to ensure Village Hall trees watered.**

### *Hire Hall Rate Increase*

Clerk in conjunction with Bookings Clerk and Cllr Fairgrieve to introduce new hall hire rates after Easter.

	OLD HOURLY RATE	NEW HOURLY RATE
Weekday	£12.50	£13.50
Weekday – Parishioner Postcode	£10	£11
Weekend	£30	£31
Weekend – Parishioner Postcode	£25	£26

**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.**

### *Village Hall Painting*

**Clerk to acquire quotations for outdoor painting of Village Hall windows and doors.**

Cllrs agreed by a majority decision that the wood cladding at the Village Hall did not require attention. Cllr Mason disagreed.

Indoor painting at the Village Hall also required at some point but less urgently.

Counter area needs attention.

**Cllr Tisbury agreed to acquire a quotation for a harder wearing counter surface, maybe stainless steel.**

**Clerk still to arrange application of ‘Wet & Forget’ to the Village Hall decking and balustrade.**

**Clerk to arrange for the outdoor power point cover at the front of the Village Hall to be replaced.**

#### **6159. PLAY PARK**

*UK SPF & NCC LCF Conclusion*

**Clerk and Cllr Prett still to complete all work required for final grant payments from RBC and NCC.**

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

*Grass seed/Turf Area*

Grass seeding to be revisited early summer.

**Clerk to arrange MUGA clean by Bingham Ground Services.**

**Clerk to arrange annual playground inspection.**

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**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.**

#### **6160. SUMMER PLAY DAY**

Summer Play Day with a musical theme and entitled 'GAMSTONBURY' to take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August '25.

Cllr Stacey kindly asked for help on the day and also setting up and packing away the event.

#### **6161. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

*VE Day*

Cllr Stacey confirmed that she would be arranging flag flying at the Village Hall and bell ringers at St Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont, to commemorate 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

*Replacement HP&G Parish Council Website*

Cllr Fairgrieve has already carried out a considerable amount of research into a replacement HP&G PC website and will continue to do so over the summer before making recommendations for replacement.

**Clerk to provide Cllr Fairgrieve with current costs associated with provision of website and email addresses.**

Conclusion of the gating and key code access for the unmade section of Holme Lane is imminent.

After discussion it was agreed that that it would be neither practical nor cost effective to introduce emergency access to epi pens for the parish.

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

**Clerk still to contact Mervin Oddjobber to ascertain if they could fit if we supply the bench materials for the metal bench at the canal side.**

**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, possibly combining with the work to close Holme Lane as and when that occurs.**

**8.30pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.**

Borough Cllr Wheeler gave the meeting a full update on County Council matters pertaining to the Parish.

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

No appreciable progress has been made with this application but crucial to the success of the entire schema is still a comprehensive, entire site agreed masterplan that incorporates highways improvements ahead of any houses being built.

**Cllr Tisbury to draft letter to local MP regarding Gamston Fields development and circulate to all Cllrs and Clerk.**

- Decision making deferred to RBC Tree Expert.

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.30pm.**