

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 7.15pm in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road**

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

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Roger Upton, Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler & Gary Dykes (Gamston Grantham Canal Ranger)

6242. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Owen welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Fairgrieve gave his apologies due to his wife unexpectedly being taken to A&E.

Borough Cllr Virdi gave his apologies due to being on holiday.

6243. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6244. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes to order of business proposed.

6245. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2025

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

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

6246. PARISH COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Clerk explained to the meeting that she had received a recent internal complaint from a Cllr regarding the disrespectful way they had been repeatedly spoken to, in public, by another Cllr. Clerk noted that the matter had been dealt with, but it was important to remind Cllrs every so often of the code of conduct that everyone has signed up to.

Clerk passed a printed copy of the Code of Conduct to Cllr Mason for his information.

6247. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gary Dykes, Gamston Grantham Canal Ranger spoke to the meeting about the shipping container sited near to Morrisons car park. Gary explained that since the beginning of September '25, five Wednesday working parties had taken place to work on the Gamston stretch of the canal.

Gary explained that a very generous donation from a local resident had funded the purchase of a number of battery-operated power tools, a much quieter and ecologically friendly option compared to petrol powered tools.

Gary also thanked Morrisons for allowing the siting of the container on their land.

Gary spoke about displaying the RBC logo on the exterior of the container along with a notice board.

Gary Dykes to email Cllr Wheeler, for Cllr Wheeler to confirm whether RBC logo can be displayed on the container.

Cllr Mason asked about the repair of the wooden handrail at the rear of the Morrisons store. Gary explained that the volunteers would give their time to install a new handrail free of charge but needed funds to pay for the timber. Gary explained that there were a number of similar jobs required at Cotgrave Country Park, but the Canal River Trust has no reserves to pay for the materials.

7.30pm Gary Dykes left the meeting.

6248. COUNTY REPORT

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

Cllr Upton explained that he would put a bid into County Hall for a contribution towards the cost of rebuilding the Millennium Garden wall in Holme Pierrepont.

Cllr Tisbury asked Cllr Upton about the County Council liability for damage to cyclists and their cycles caused by the extensive potholes on the county roads. Cllr Upton suggested writing to County Hall, c/o Insurance Officer, but stressed he did not know if compensation would be paid.

Cllr Ubhi asked if there was anything that could be done to tidy up the accumulating rubbish and piled up hardcore on the traveller site within the parish. Cllr Upton stated that unfortunately anything on their land, unless it was toxic or hazardous waste, or piled to a dangerously high level, nothing could be done about this.

6249. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler gave the meeting his update on Borough Council matters pertaining to the Parish.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about progress with the Local Government Review.

Cllr Wheeler to apply for a Borough contribution towards the cost of rebuilding the Millennium Garden wall in Holme Pierrepont.

Cllr Wheeler to forward to Cllr Tisbury link detailing possible Central Government intervention for new build planning applications of more than 150 houses.

6250. PLANNING

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

East of Gamston/North of Tollerton Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Consultation

Cllr Owen and Cllr Stacey expressed their sincere thanks to Cllr Tisbury for the huge amount of work involved in formulating, circulating and editing the detailed Parish Council response to the SPD consultation. Cllr Stacey also thanked Cllr Prett for his comments on the consultation.

ii) *25/01853/GDOTEI Cornerstone Telecommunication Infrastructure Ltd Land East of 1 Aira Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire*

Parish Council Response : Subject to approval of the siting of the antenna and cabinets by a highways expert, we DO NOT OBJECT

The proposed Vodafone Three antenna and its cabinets will be situated close to the kerb on Ambleside in a similar manner to the existing VMO2 antenna and cabinets near the Gamston Community Hall.

Unfortunately there are errors in the visibility splay document which is an important part of this planning application. The application is for land east of Aira Close, but the visibility splay document refers to Rossett Close. Looking at the layout of the close in the document, this appears to be a typographical error, i.e. Rossett Close should read Aira Close. The visibility document also states that the speed limit on the close is 20 mph, which is wrong as there is not a 20 mph road sign on the entrance to it.

We have no issues with the installation of the antenna and cabinets per se but are concerned that they could give rise to visibility issues on the Aira Close / Ambleside junction as they are to be sited where there is a bend in the road.

6251. NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Fairgrieve unable to give update as not at Parish Council meeting .

Cllr Fairgrieve to carry out work to switch website to Parish Online.

Cllr Fairgrieve to carry out work to provide all Cllrs with bespoke Parish Council email addresses.

6252. VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Update

'Only two payments are still due for the winter term regular bookings, which I will chase in the next few weeks.

I have bought a small plant for the hall, I may get another too just to make it look a warmer and happier space.

I've been getting regular complaints from the Friday morning group about the cleanliness of the hall. Everyone has had a housekeeping email in the last two weeks and even I have noticed that people are not leaving the hall as clean anymore. I've even come in today (Monday) and the floor was a mess, and it was thoroughly cleaned on Sunday! Not sure what the answer is but I need to keep an eye on the regular bookings. I have a feeling from various emails that our problem could be Brownies making a mess and not clearing up! Also the blinds and projector regularly get left on by the U3A groups.

Not sure if we have some illicit smokers around the hall with the dark nights. Hopefully just a one off but will keep an eye out. '

Cllr Ubhi suggested that during wet weather Brownies and Rainbows could leave their muddy shoes in the porch to save the hall floor from getting dirty.

Autumn Clean Village Hall

Clerk apologised to Cllr Hackett for not being able to attend the autumn clean at the Village Hall due to toothache.

Clerk to rearrange Village Hall tidy after Christmas '25.

Hire Hall Rate Increase

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

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.

6253. PLAY PARK

Autumn Leaves

Clerk explained that James Harrison had spoken to some of his self-employed workers about taking on the leaf blowing job, but they all live too far away for this to be cost effective. James has agreed to carry out the work weekly, with no charge for the initial clearing of the deep leaf fall. Clerk and James Harrison to assess frequency of leaf blowing required after Christmas.

Clerk thanked Cllr Mason for also sweeping leaves from play park paths and equipment.

Play Park Christmas Tree

Clerk explained that the Ambleside Christmas Tree would be arriving on Tuesday 25th November '25 around 9.30am.

Any assistance with erection of tree and railings from available Cllrs would be greatly appreciated.

Play Park Trees

Clerk explained that the essential maintenance work on the play park trees would be taking place on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November '25 by James Harrison and three other personnel, enabling the work to be completed more quickly. Clerk noted that the park must be totally closed to the public for the duration of the works.

Clerk to forward a Facebook message to Cllr Fairgrieve for posting on the Gamston Community Facebook page notifying residents of the park closure during tree works.

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 to arrange purchase and installation of bench.

Clerk still to arrange for cladding of metal bench near canal with Option 2 materials.

6254. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

HP Millennium Garden Wall

Cllr Owen gave the meeting an overview of the situation regarding the damaged stone wall at Holme Pierrepont Millennium Garden. Cllr Owen explained that a quotation for repair had been received from Mervin Oddjobber, and comparative quotes were being sought. Cllr Owen noted that County Cllr Upton and Borough Cllr Wheeler had kindly agreed to apply for some financial assistance towards the cost of repair of this wider community asset.

Discussion took place regarding the need to protect any repair from future damage, possibly by positioning posts in front of the wall. Cllr Owen asked for Parish Council approval to meet any shortfall of funds to complete the repair. After discussion it was agreed that before a proposal could be presented to the Parish Council, further information should be gathered and brought to a future Parish Council meeting.

8.35pm Cllrs Upton & Wheeler left the meeting.

Christmastime at Gamston Village Hall Event

Cllr Stacey updated the meeting on planning for the Christmastime event. Cllr Stacey explained that Rainbows Hospice were going to provide her with promotional material and a tap card machine for donations direct to the Rainbows bank account, in the hope that we are able to raise increased funds for this fantastic local charity.

Clerk explained that she had arranged for Grace Logue to help set up and pack away at the Christmas event. Cllr Hackett agreed to ask her grandchildren Sonny and Nancy if they could also help out.

Remembrance Poppies for Gamston 2026

Cllr Hackett had raised the issue that not a single poppy was displayed in Gamston to commemorate Remembrance Sunday and thought we should look into rectifying this. Clerk explained that she had investigated the Royal British Legion and Veteran charity options and suggested that the £120 allocated to the Warm Hub in the '25/'26 budget be reallocated to Remembrance Day poppies, as the Warm Hub is not running this year. Meeting agreed.

Clerk to purchase poppies and silhouettes for Remembrance Day '26.

Cllr Prett told the meeting that the extension to the Gamston Medical Centre is due to start on 12th January '26 and was expected to take 40 weeks to complete.

Cllr Prett noted that it would perhaps be beneficial for Cllr Fairgrieve to speak with Pauline Lumley regarding any history of Gamston village content on the new website.

Cllr Mason asked about the bench outside the Play Park. Clerk assured Cllr Mason that this was in hand.

6255. 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 submit VAT reclaim for financial years ended 31st March 2024 & 31st March 2025.

6256. CLERK'S REPORT

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.

6257. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Cllr Ubhi is due to Chair this meeting.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.10pm.