

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Gamston

Members Present: Cllrs Melvyn Tisbury (Chair), Cynthia Stacey (Vice Chair), John Mason, Mark Bancroft, Janet Hackett, David Cuthbert, Geoff Prett & Sally Griffiths.

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Kay Cutts, Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler.

4827. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Macdonald-Preston sent his apologies due to unavoidable childcare to undertake that evening.

Cllr Hill sent his apologies due to year end work pressures.

County Cllr's Calvert and Plant sent their apologies as PC meeting clashed with another meeting.

4828. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4829. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes to Order of Business suggested.

4830. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th DECEMBER 2015

Clerk explained that a number of amendments to the draft Minutes had been recommended by Cllr Prett.

Clerk asked that all copies of the draft Minutes be destroyed please and replaced with new version, to be issued after the meeting, that did not including commercially sensitive information regarding Village Hall rebuild quotations. Minute 4821. to be amended to remove figures. Parish Cllrs would receive this removed information as part of the Minutes from the last Village Hall Working Party meeting.

Minute 4819. 'Nottingham' to be replaced with 'West Bridgford'.

Minute 4822. Cllr Prett to be removed from the list of Cllr's.

Subject to the above amendments, Cllr Prett proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that these Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted.

Clerk to issue revised December 2015 Minutes.

4831. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Cutts spoke about the aggregates plan that currently includes Shelford, but considers the plan unsound. There are the problems of extraction, and the possible effect of excessive rain in an area that is already prone to flooding.

Cllr Cutts spoke about the Budget meeting last Wednesday. It was agreed that the price of school meals would increase by 7p/day this year and 7p/day next year, resulting in a cost of £2.29/day.

Cllr Cutts also spoke about a briefing on Deprivation of Liberty for the elderly and infirm.

Cllr Tisbury spoke about the care home and provision for the elderly situation. Meeting discussed the cost to the individual and the state, in caring for elderly in their own home and in residential homes. Discussion took place regarding developing a meeting place in the new Village Hall for older people to meet to help avoid loneliness. Cllr Bancroft spoke about setting up a Dementia Café in the new Village Hall to provide a meeting place for people suffering from the illness.

Clerk read out the following report from County Cllr's Calvert and Plant.

1. There is a report to County Council to approve the Draft Minerals Plan for consultation. There are likely to be concerns raised about the forecasts of the future demand for sand and gravel, the selection of new sites and the impact of their development on road traffic generally.

2. Work commences today on a new £13.4 million inner relief road scheme for Hucknall which includes pedestrianisation of the Town Centre.

7.40pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.

Borough Cllr Wheeler not arrive as yet so agreed to move District Report until later in the meeting.

4832. PLANNING

i) 15/02821/FUL Dr V Goel Single storey side extension; alterations to window openings; creation of a dormer above the garage; creation of a patio area Greenacres, 5A Derwent Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NF

Parish Council Response : Do not object.

Clerk explained that she had received notification of an enforcement notice that was being appealed for the following planning application. Parish Council have already submitted a response to the original retrospective application.

ii) 15/01705/FUL Mr Matthew Betts Erection of 6ft high boundary fence (retrospective) 10A Moore Close, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5AY

4833. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Tisbury explained that, amongst other things, he had been working on the Village Hall Rebuild and the new web page over the last month.

Cllr Tisbury asked the meeting to focus on the possible aims and objectives for the Parish Council over the coming year. He spoke of widening our appeal to others sectors of the community. Existing events focused on children, and mainly those of primary school age. This year emphasis should be placed on the older section of our community, looking at accessing them via the newsletter and leaflet drops. Breakfast club and video screenings being possibilities. Time needs to be given to actually run the events.

Parish Council will be involved in the 'Clean for the Queen' weekend in March 2016.

Cllr Bancroft noted that his wife would be happy to help run a Dementia Friends café in the new Village Hall.

Clerk noted that she had seen a mobile skate park advertised locally. Possibility to trial as a one off event for young teens.

4834. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Stacey explained that preparations for the Summer Play Day would be underway soon.

Cllr Stacey also suggested that we ask Kenneth Clarke to come and officially open the new Village Hall. It was still planned to combine the opening with a celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. It was anticipated that the opening would be later in the year, but could still combine with a regal theme.

Cllr Stacey commented on her work as Flood Warden. The river had been at a high level again. The Church in Holme Pierrepont was earmarked as a refuge within the hamlet, should it be required.

Cllr Prett informed the meeting of a mailing he had received regarding the Grantham Canal Aural History Recording Day on 20th February 2016 when individuals could record their memories of the Grantham Canal.

Cllr Prett to request a flyer for display in the Bassingfield notice board.

Cllr Prett explained that he had been invited to attend the Nottingham Park & Green Space Forum on 9th February 2016.

Cllr Mason explained that the Play Park had experienced heavy weathering throughout the winter so far. He had met with Colin Dines to inspect the park, with specific reference to the football pitch area, to assess. Colin Dines had carried out much of the original work when the park was renovated. The football/boccia pitch was repeatedly flooding, with a lot of mud settling on the surface.

Colin Dines provided a quotation for recommended remedial work. Clerk issued Cllr's with copy of quotation. The work would take place in 2 phases. Discussion took place.

Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Tisbury seconded the motion that Phase A of the works is completed now and the remainder of the work is completed in Spring '16. Vote taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Mason to liaise with Colin Dines to complete work and ensure invoices received by Clerk for payment.

Cllr Stacey wanted to thank Cllr Mason for organising that work on the Play Park.

Cllr Prett noted that a bird box at the front of the Play Park had fallen down. It was agreed that a review of the Play Park bird boxes was required.

Cllrs Prett and Mason to meet at the Play Park to review and assess the Play Park bird box situation.

Meeting agreed to move Village Hall Rebuild until after Newsletter and Website.

4835. SPRING NEWSLETTER

Distribution date planned for beginning April '16. Headline news planned to be progress on Village Hall Rebuild. Still some articles pending for inclusion from previous editions including Barn Owl article.

Cllr's Tisbury & Hill to approach The Goose at Gamston and The Gamston Lock for articles/offers for the next newsletter.

Cllr Prett to approach HP Watersports Centre for early notice of upcoming events.

8.05pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived.

Cllr Prett noted including 'Clean for the Queen' article. Recommended Sat 5th March as Sun 6th March is Mothering Sunday. Need to arrange refreshments afterwards for any volunteers.

Clerk to re-contact the Cub Group that had offered their assistance with 'Clean for the Queen'.

Cllrs Prett & Mason to walk the area and make suggestions for areas to be cleaned.

4836. HP&G WEBSITE

In his absence Cllr Macdonald-Preston forwarded the following update:

I have arranged for both Julia and Cheryl to have authority to liaise directly with Vision ICT to upload the minutes and hall bookings. The minutes can be sent once authorised at the following meeting. The hall calendar will be updated weekly by Cheryl.

I am due to upload the revised booking form tomorrow.

I still need photos/biography from Mark and John.

8.20pm Cllr Cuthbert arrived.

Clerk explained that her elements of the Web would be updated by the February '16 PC Meeting.

4837. VILLAGE HALL REBUILD

Cllr Tisbury explained that the Project Manager Bruce Bradley had now compared the quotations like for like.

Cllr Tisbury to issue quotation comparison to all Cllr's.

Cllr Tisbury explained that the next step was for the VH Rebuild Working Party to meet in person with the two preferred builders, TK Builders and Carlin Construction.

Clerk explained that she had attempted to make contact with Lowdham Parish Council over the Christmas period. Lowdham PC had relatively recently used TK Builders on a Community Building. Cllr Mason offered his assistance if extra people required on visits.

Clerk to arrange meeting with Lowdham PC to view TK Builder's work.

Cllr Tisbury reiterated that the objective was to attempt to bring the cost down to £190k.

It was confirmed that no response had been received, as yet, from Cllr Hill regarding assessment of HMRC VAT written response. **Clerk to chase response.**

Clerk confirmed that although email had been received confirming approval of £15k Capital Grant, paperwork had not been received for signature. **Clerk to chase Capital Grant contract.**

Discussion took place regarding the issue of VAT. Very complex area. Trying to ensure entirely correctly treated at all stages of the project. VAT liability can be reclaimed by HMRC up to 6 years after costs incurred. Very important this is clarified before project starts.

Cllr Tisbury explained that all decisions would be brought back to full Parish Council for discussion and approval.

Cllr Prett explained there were additional grants that we could apply for to fit out the new Village Hall. Cllr Tisbury welcomed this if volunteers would complete applications for additional funds.

Cllr Prett to investigate possible additional grants available to assist VH Rebuild project.

Cllr Bancroft asked for the anticipated start date of the build. Cllr Tisbury explained that the VAT situation needed clarification and the Capital Grant contract should be signed before appointing a builder. Cllr Tisbury noted that tenders are only valid for 3 months and our tender deadline had been 14th December 2015, so a decision would be made on a builder by 14th March 2016.

Cllr Prett explained that he thought the building on Alford Road Park had been built by Carlin Construction. **Clerk to investigate and arrange visit.**

Cllr Stacey praised the Village Hall Working Party for doing a great job so far. Cllr's Mason and Griffiths agreed with this sentiment.

4838. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler shared the good news that on 18th December 2015 Bovis and Rushcliffe Borough Council exchanged contracts for the transfer of Open Spaces land in Gamston.

Cllr Tisbury asked for clarification as to whether this was a conditional contract on showing title. Cllr Wheeler confirmed it was. Cllr Tisbury explained that if any of the land was not registered it would be difficult to prove title, and therefore this may be a long process taking up to 18 months.

Cllr Wheeler explained that he had been contacted by a resident of Easdale Close regarding land where a footpath was being created in the grass. Question was asked if this could be formally

made into a tarmac path. Cllr Wheeler was undertaking a feasibility study to ensure funding would be available before responding further to the resident.

Cllr Bancroft noted there was a similar 'path' on Ambleside just after the zebra crossing. This too would benefit from being created from tarmac.

Cllr Wheeler explained he had donated £500 from his Community Fund towards the Skylarks Information Board and also £100 to the local U3A group.

Cllr Wheeler told the meeting that the new Monitoring Officer for RBC was Geoff Horsfield. He also provides the same service for Broxtowe Borough Council.

Discussion also took place regarding residents' concern relating to the lack of road markings on Main Street in Gamston Village. Issue had been raised with Notts County Council who had confirmed there was no budget for the work this year, but would be looked at in the next financial year. **Cllr Wheeler to ensure this added to the list of requirements for the coming financial year.**

4839. DRAFT 2015/2016 BUDGET

Clerk presented the meeting with a first draft 2015/2016 budget as a starting point for discussion.

Discussion took place regarding the suggestions. The meeting agreed that as the Village Hall Rebuild was taking place in this coming financial year, there would be the need to slightly increase our precept request.

Clerk to issue revised budget before February 2016 PC Meeting.

4840. FINANCE

Clerk issued all Cllr's with copies of the month's financial transactions and details of cheques for signing.

4841. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk reminded the meeting that the next RBC Town & Parish Forum was to take place on Wednesday February 10th 2016. Further details and agenda to follow.

Clerk shared information regarding the Mayor's Charity Valuation Supper at the Welbeck Hall on Friday 22nd January 2016.

Clerk explained that at the last meeting it had been suggested that the Clerk's pay move from Spine Point 30. to Spine Point 31. of the SLCC pay scale. Cllr Tisbury recommended this raise and the Clerk left the room whilst the Parish Councillors discussed the suggestion.

Clerk returned to the room and was informed Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that the Clerk's pay move to SLCC Spine Point 31. effective from 1st January 2016. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

4842. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council confirmed as **Monday 8th February 2016** at the **Village Hall, Gamston Village**

The meeting ended at approximately 9.30pm.