

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.15pm in St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont

**Members Present:** Cllrs Melvyn Tisbury, Cynthia Stacey, John Mason, Mark Bancroft, Janet Hackett, David Cuthbert, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths & Gary Arkless.

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Clerk), County Cllr Kay Cutts

**5073. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Borough Cllr Wheeler sent his apologies as he was unable to make the revised meeting date.

**5074. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**5075. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No changes to Order of Business proposed.

**5076. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

Cllr Tisbury noted an amendment to Minute. 5068. 'Cancer Research' to be replaced with 'Breast Cancer Unit at City Hospital'.

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

**Cllr Arkless had received training to update the HP&G PC website and has kindly brought the previous Minutes up to date.**

**Clerk to make amendment to June '17 Minutes and forward to Cllr Arkless for uploading.**

**5077. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr Cutts spoke about the HS2 announcement for the line to extend to Toton sidings. The focus of the improvement has been switched to capacity rather than speed.

Cllr Cutts also spoke about the D2N2 board. This partnership promises to improve rail and road links resulting in a journey time of less than 2 hours from Nottingham to London.

Cllr Cutts explained that budgetary requirements meant the County Council needed to find £63million of savings by 2019/2020. As far as possible this was to be found by back office savings.

Cllr Cutts told the meeting of her email conversation with Borough Cllr Wheeler, regarding the upkeep of land around Stavely Way and the fact it wasn't being cut as expected. The issue was being resolved in conjunction with the Borough and County Council, and the original builders.

Cllr Cutts had attended a ceremony at Skylarks for the dedication of a birdwatching field, 'Martin's Meadow', to the late Martin Suthers.

Cllr Cutts thanked Cllr Arkless for the information regarding areas of the Parish that were overgrown. Cllr Tisbury asked to clarify if RBC's StreetWise acted as agents for the County Council. Cllr Cutts confirmed that they did not, each has separate responsibilities, County Council being responsible for the areas in open countryside and highways. Ambleside is the responsibility of RBC. The canal towpath is classed as a footpath but the actual canal isn't, hence brambles and stinging nettles growing into the canal are not cleared by RBC.

Cllr Stacey explained that after the last verge cut along Holme Lane by the County Council, the mower blades had caused significant damage to the blue Parish Council winter salt bin. Cllr Cutts asked Cllr Stacey to forward the details to her and she would look into providing a replacement blue salt bin and salt.

Cllr Cuthbert asked if there was any timescale attached to the electrification of the East Midlands mainline. Cllr Cutts confirmed there was not.

Cllr Arkless updated the meeting on his investigations into the issues regarding properties at the BelAir mobile home park. He explained that there were no longer community police officers, all were response officers. Within the community there are still PCSO's but they also reply to low level response calls. Cllr Arkless suggested that the level of service will deteriorate over time. Cllr Cutts disagreed as she thought there were adequate levels of personnel but they were not necessarily deployed in the most efficient way.

**Cllr Stacey to forward details of blue salt bin to County Cllr Cutts.**

## **5078. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Wheeler submitted the following report in his absence.

*I met with Barry Herrod from Bovis Homes, and a local resident Sarah Weaving, on Stavely Way a couple of weeks ago to discuss the issues around maintenance of their land. Bovis agreed the maintenance regime needs improving, and the contractors were on site last week, although they did miss some areas which Sarah has fed back to Barry to come back out and sort. Sarah has contacted two of the managing agents who are responsible for other parts of Stavely Way to come and maintain their areas.*

*Bovis have said part of the land is under Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) control, which I have fed back to NCC and Kay, which they are looking into. Via, on behalf of NCC did attend and do some emergency cutting back where they deemed the shrubs encroached too much on the pavement.*

*Rushcliffe Borough Council have written to residents who have not cut back areas of their land which are encroaching on the footpaths, especially on the bottom of Rossett Close. I've also discussed other areas with Tom Petitt that need further cut backs, especially around the footbridge.*

*The changes to the Planning process have come into effect, so the committee is now called the Planning Committee, and public speaking has now been introduced, but only if requests to speak are made by the appointed deadlines, so you can't just turn up and speak. The same goes for the local ward councillor. If you have any questions or queries please get in touch.*

## 5079. PLANNING

- i) *17/01103/FUL Dr Francis Graydon Extension of trellis fence 206  
Trent Boulevard, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5BW.*

This is a retrospective application. It is on the north side of the adjoining property so only cuts out light from the applicant's garden but another neighbour has objected because the fence is already very high.

The fence required permission as it is higher than allowed by the planning authorities.

### **Parish Council Response : OBJECT**

- ii) *17/01582/ADV Marston's plc Two internally illuminated wall mounted signs  
and one internally illuminated free standing totem sign The Gamston Lock,  
Radcliffe Road, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NP.*

Cllr Griffiths to take a look at this application and email findings to all Cllrs.

- iii) *17/01588/FUL Mr & Mrs I Potts Single storey rear extension 7  
Derwent Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NF.*

Cllr Prett to take a look at this application and email findings to all Cllrs.

## 5080. VILLAGE HALL

- i) *Kitchen Appliances*

Cllr Cuthbert explained that he had arranged to meet with the CDA engineer on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August to assess safety of the dishwasher.

- ii) *Parking*

Cllr Tisbury had purchased some drop bolts for the Village Hall side door and front doors that had been fitted by David Litchfield. Users of the hall are now using the bolts.

Parking appears to be less of a problem. The Friday evening karate group have now relocated to another venue. Better weather conditions may mean more hall users are walking instead of driving to the venue.

- iii) *Bookings*

Clerk explained that a new yoga group was starting on Tuesday evenings.

Cllr Tisbury informed the meeting that there was to be a community BBQ on the Village Green on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Everyone welcome. Tickets would be available to buy before the event in order to assist with catering. The intention was not to be profit making. Any surplus money will be reinvested in the Village Breakfasts.

## 5081. HP&G PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Arkless explained that he had received the training for updating the website and had worked on bringing the site up to date.

Cllr Arkless has updated the bookings calendar on the HP&G PC website. The Bookings Clerk is going to email a weekly schedule of bookings to Cllr Arkless for future updating.

Cllr Arkless has updated the home page. Also the Minutes, Meeting Dates and Agendas.

**Clerk to obtain historical information displayed in the telephone box in an electronic format for uploading to the web.**

Cllr Arkless noted that biographies were still required for Cllr's Mason, Bancroft and Cuthbert. Cllr Bancroft stated that he did not want his details including as part of the website.

**Clerk to provide Cllr Arkless with accounts summary details for uploading onto website.**

Cllr Griffiths suggested a link to the RBC Environmental Health Noise App could be included.

Cllr Stacey and Tisbury and all other Cllr's thanked Cllr Arkless for all his hard work on the website. It was suggested that the website be publicised in the next newsletter to increase awareness and further enhance its' use as a tool for communicating with the Parishioners.

#### **5082. SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

Summer edition of the newsletter is due to be printed on Monday and will be distributed before the end of the month.

#### **5083. SUMMER PLAY DAY**

Cllr Stacey explained that all preparations were well underway for the play day.

**Clerk to issue a site plan ahead of the play day to assist the set up process.**

**Clerk to contact potential local helpers.**

Cllr Mason explained that he had arranged for the Play Day advertising flyer to be included in the Pierrepoint Gamston Primary School newsletter, This was issued to all children at the end of term.

**8.10pm County Cllr Cutts left the meeting.**

#### **5084. FINANCE**

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

**Clerk to chase up Play Day donations from County Cllr Cutts and Borough Cllr Wheeler.**

Cllr Mason explained that the small rope net swing at the Play Park had been damaged and was unable to be repaired. The original supplier of our park equipment is no longer in business.

**Cllr Mason to attempt to obtain quotes for a replacement and bring back to a subsequent meeting.**

**Clerk to contact Pelliere to carry out PAT test of electricity supply at Play Park ahead of the Summer Play Day.**

Discussion took place regarding the border of land on the right hand side of the path at the park that leads to Gamston Village. Question was asked as to whether we would prefer to own it. It isn't being maintained currently. It was suggested that the legal costs of ownership were perhaps unnecessary and we should just maintain the land.

**Cllr Stacey to obtain a quote for tidying up this area next to the park.**

Clerk explained that she had, after a considerable amount of work, received confirmation letter from The Pensions Regulator to acknowledge Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council's declaration of compliance with regard to automatic enrolment.

Clerk explained that at this time she felt the 1% pension contribution benefit from the Parish Council as employer was negated by the work required to process said payment, so she would be opting out of the scheme at this time. This situation is subject to future change.

**5085. THE YEAR AHEAD – 2017/2018**

Cllr Tisbury suggested that we continue as is regarding usage of the Village Hall and review periodically.

Discussion took place regarding the permanent fixing of the newly renovated benches within the Village Hall grounds.

**Cllr Arkless to meet at the hall with Cllr Tisbury to decide on location. Subsequently Cllr's Mason and Arkless to arrange anchoring of the benches in conjunction with David Litchfield.**

**5086. CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk explained that she was on holiday for a week that overlapped with the Bookings Clerk's summer holiday, between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August '17 and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August '17. It was necessary for some assistance with any bookings during that week.

**Clerk to email a list of Village Hall bookings requirements nearer the time to all Cllr's.**

Clerk explained that the Outlaw Ironman Triathlon was taking place in our Parish, starting and ending at Holme Pierrepont Water Sports Centre on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.

Cllr Hackett spoke about the preparations required for the TreeFest Christmas event with specific reference to tree requirement. A discussion took place and it was suggested that a tree be positioned at the Play Park as usual, but the actual TreeFest event take place solely at the Village Hall. Discussion regarding planting a new conifer, or other species of tree, positioning and the supply of electricity to the tree lights, took place. Suggestion was made that a large artificial tree also be provided on the decking at the Village Hall and lights on this be switched on at the event.

**Clerk to add TreeFest 2017 to the September 2017 meeting Agenda.**

**5087. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road, Gamston.**

**The meeting ended at approximately 8.45pm**