

Holme Pierrepont Parish Council & Gamston

**You are cordially invited to attend the
Annual Meeting of Holme Pierrepont and Gamston Parish**

On Monday 11th May at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall

All Parish and Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting at this time each year. The Chairman of the Parish Council is responsible for calling the meeting the purpose of which is so that the Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year. It is also an opportunity for the electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the residents of the parish. Perhaps you have ideas that might be of benefit to the village; perhaps there are problems that you think need resolving or something that needs doing (or not doing). Matters the Parish Council are considering include the future of Holme Pierrepont Water Sports Centre, the Grantham Canal proposals, future of the Play Park and the Park and the County's Park & Ride proposal. The meeting is designed to be informal and user-friendly. Village organisations are normally invited to the meeting to let everyone know how they are doing.

Everyone is invited to attend but only registered electors of the Parish may speak and vote.

The Chairman of the Parish Council will chair the meeting and parish councillors will also be present and available to answer questions.

The meeting will last as long as need be within reason and depends on those present and the number of questions and the discussion that is raised. Generally, the meeting lasts no longer than 1 to 1½ hours. The agenda is available on the Parish Council web site and the various notice boards around the parish.

**The guest speaker will be Steve Bradley, Nottinghamshire CC
who will be talking about the plans for the Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont.**

F H Thomas
Chairman

Another date for your diary – our annual family event, the Summer Fete will be held this year on Saturday 27th June at the Village Hall, Old Tollerton Lane, Gamston

We cannot guarantee the weather but we can guarantee some new activities and a good afternoon for all

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH HELD ON MONDAY 12th May 2008 AT 7:30 pm AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas – Chairman, Cllr. Margaret Barr, Cllr. Mark Bancroft, Cllr. Diane Kidger, Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle, Cllr. Ian Firth, Cllr. John Mason, Cllr. Cynthia Stacey, Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury, Cllr. Malcolm Clark

In attendance R J Hawkins, Clerk, G C Lowe, Assistant to the Clerk, Cllr. Kay Cutts, Cllr. Mike Hemsley, and seven local residents.

THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Cllr Thomas welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the parish and gave a brief verbal report of the key highlights of the year's activities. Several arts performances have taken place locally during the year including at Pierrepoint Gamston Primary School. Residents were invited to join Parish Council Committees.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Kay Cutts reported about the distributions made from her local initiatives fund, including £1000 for the Ambleside Play Park the decriminalisation of local parking and her availability to meet with local residents by arrangement to discuss matters of concern..

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Mike Hemsley reported that the Council have recently been inspected and they hope that the result, due shortly, will be a move from good to excellent. There have been a lot of rumours about housing planning applications, not much fact and no definite proposals. The Kingston ECO Town was turned down; the government want another site and this is being discussed. Cllr Hemsley has also supported the Play Park with a £500 donation and future plans include using Building Better Communities funding to re-build the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr John Mason encouraged everybody to get involved in the local community meetings with the police, these have been very helpful in sharing information to reduce crime. There are good links with the local school as John attends the 'Friends of the School' committee meetings, and with St Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepoint. Cllr Cynthia Stacey reported on another excellent St Georges Day poster competition at the school; a display of the children's winning pictures was on display in the hall.

Cllr Margaret Barr reported on the successful over 50's group 'Free Spirits' who meet for a coffee morning at the village hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11.00am to 12noon. The group has encouraged friendships, offered regular outings and other events including a Christmas party.

Sonia Ostapjuk commended the Village Hall Committee as a very able and hard working team. Significant events include a summer fete and a bonfire party. New committee members are always welcome on the 1st Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the hall.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

Roger Hawkins, Clerk, reported that the Parish Council finances are really healthy and reserves continue to be built up towards the play park and youth park. The income of over £50,000 and expenditure of around £30,000 is comparable with last year. Some major expenses are in the pipeline including the village hall replacement and a youth project. Copies of the un-audited accounts are available for inspection.

DISCUSSION ON INTERACTIVE SPEED SIGN FOR AMBLESIDE

It was agreed that an interactive speed sign on Ambleside would be beneficial in helping to improve road safety and the meeting was delighted to learn that the County Council proposed installing a sign this financial year. The County would undertake a survey to identify potential sites, hopefully near the play park where parking is sometimes an issue. Concern was expressed about the frequency of large lorries using Ambleside as a route onto the A52. This would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE JUNCTION FROM AMBLESIDE/BECKSIDE ONTO THE A52

Concerns were expressed about the safety of this junction, given the awkward placing of street furniture which obstructs the view of exiting drivers. The chevrons are failing to deter drivers from using these parts of the road to accelerate and decelerate and one fatality has already occurred. Recently submitted plans for the development of Tollerton Airport show improvements to the junction at that point and questions were asked about the Gamston side, which arguably has far greater use. Cllr Cutts suggested organising a petition which could be presented to the County Council by Cllr Barry Cooper together with a short speech about the issues. This then goes on to the Highways Agency who have to give a written reply.

AMENITY BENCHES

The Chairman agreed to have this item on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting, when replacement benches and grass cutting would be considered.

PLAY PARK PROJECT

Cllrs Margaret Barr and Diane Kidger gave a PowerPoint presentation describing last years refurbishment of the play park and the proposals for Phase 2 – the youth park. A number of possible sources of funding are currently being considered, including national lottery funding, and there will be a formal consultation in the near future. Cllr Kidger thanked Capital One Community Day Volunteers for their regular help in maintaining the play park.

The AGM concluded at 9.15pm.

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