

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke Cllr. Diane Kidger
 Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle Cllr. John Mason
 Cllr. Jane Mansell Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury
 Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk

3338. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. M Bancroft.

Wendy Whitton offered apologies for Ray Wallis who could not attend but sent best wishes to all members.

3339. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2005 were amended to show Cllr Mansell was present for the discussion on notice boards and then accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported on another successful arts performance, Festive Frolics, which was well attended and financially broke even. The financial contribution made by the Local Area Forum was greatly appreciated and it was hoped this would continue in the future allowing ticket prices to be kept to a minimum.

3340. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3341. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk announced that he had been considering his responsibilities as clerk and had decided to continue with the present arrangements and review again in three months.

Cllr Hemsley arrived at 7:50pm and offered apologies for Cllr Cooper who would not be attending.

The clerk reported on a letter received from Central West Bridgford Community Association advising the PC of a meeting they have called to discuss the creation of a Town Council to cover West Bridgford, the Chairman volunteered to attend on 1st February at West Park Pavilion.

The clerk also reported a conversation with Anne Marie Ainger who reported there had been some problems with anti social behaviour in the area and was hoping to progress various youth initiatives in and around the parish. A number of youths had suggested there was land near Elterwater suitable for youth activities and this was also to be investigated.

A 5 a side football competition was being organised and the PC had been asked to get to a team together, it was agreed to approach the local youth worker to see if the parish could raise a team.

3342. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and the cheques signed.

RJ Hawkins	£567.29	Salary/NI & Tax
RJ Hawkins	£19.98	Clerk's Travel
RJ Hawkins	£29.98	Clerk's Expenses
Inland Revenue	£69.98	NI & Tax
Rushcliffe BC	£31.50	Meeting Expenses
NCC Supplies	£64.63	Litterbin @ HP
NCC Supplies	£358.97	Village Hall Furniture
Zurich Insurance	£777.99	Annual Insurance
Cllr. M Barr	£4.25	Play Area expenses

The clerk reported that the council's current account stood at £5,502 and the deposit account at £104,195

The draft budget for 2006-07 was approved with minor corrections and modifications, namely the budget for phase two of the play area was increased to £10,000 and village hall budget reduced by £5,000. The budget was set at £42,417 and the precept was approved at £40,970 which represents an increase of less than 2.5% compared to last year and the clerk asked to submit the precept demand notice to Rushcliffe BC

The clerk apologised for the lateness of the internal audit and explained that he had been unable to contact the internal auditor. It was agreed that if necessary the clerk could call a extraordinary meeting before the next scheduled meeting to accept the auditor's report and approve the accounts

3343. PLANNING

The clerk reported that applications at 76 Elterwater and 5 Ambleside had been approved but an application by Blotts Country Club to retain a mobile home had been refused.

At Colwick an extension to working hours at Wastecycle Ltd had been approved. Details of a further application at Wastecycle Ltd for the extension of energy had been received from Nottingham City and Cllr Tisbury agreed to investigate and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

3344. SMALL ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES

No progress had been made on the Village Green project and the clerk was asked to contact Brian Duffin again to see if he was interested, Cllr Barr suggested a local contractor based in West Bridgford may be interested.

A revised scheme for the Ambleside Play Area had been received from Rushcliffe BC and this was passed to Cllr Barr & Kidger to comment.

3345. PLAY AREA

Cllrs Barr & Kidger presented a progress report and financial statement of the project. Work had started preparing the site on Ambleside and the project would start on Monday 23rd January, completion date would be six weeks later.

Further expenditure of £8,328 was approved to tarmac areas shown in the original project plan to be left as grass areas. Cllr Tisbury expressed concern at the incremental increase in project scope and costs and while not objecting in principle to proposal did believe the original project scope should be adhered to. The total project cost was now in the region of £77,000 less WREN's contribution. It was confirmed that the entire project costs were to come from Parish Council reserves but that there was insufficient funds allocated to the play area project to cover

all costs. The clerk was asked to circulate details of the reserves and funds would be re allocated at the next meeting.

Cllr Harbury-Carlisle confirmed that some properties were now occupied and we should consider making a Section 106 application to Rushcliffe BC. Cllr Tisbury agreed to draft a letter.

Cllr Kidger had a project plaque to be displayed on the site acknowledging the contribution made by WREN.

Cllr Mason tabled the latest monthly inspection report.

3346. CORRESPONDENCE

Funding Seminars at various locations in the county organised by Nottinghamshire RCC and a Community Leadership seminar organised by NALC.

The Chairman reported briefly on the Flood Defence meeting held at Shire Hall and suggested we should invite representatives from the Environment Agency to a PC meeting later in the year. Funding of £14.1M had been secured and work was to start on the South bank this year and the North bank in 2007.

Concern was expressed at the various news reports that the status and funding for National Water Sports Centre was to be withdrawn and a new centre built in the SE to support the 2012 Olympics. A feasibility study has been commissioned and the report is awaited.

Cllr Kidger explained that the Chairman of the Gamston Holiday Club had resigned and new volunteers were being sought for the committee to continue the project, without volunteers the Holiday Club would close.

Other correspondence would be circulated.

The Chairman reported that the next visit of friends from Bussy St George would be in May.

3347. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The dates of the PC meetings for 2006 as previously circulated by the clerk were approved. The next meeting was confirmed as 13th February 2006

The meeting finished at 9:50pm

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr -Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Mark Bancroft Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke
 Cllr. Diane Kidger Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle
 Cllr. John Mason Cllr. Jane Mansell
 Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk
 Cllr. Kay Cutts & Cllr. Barrie Cooper

3348. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Tisbury who would be arriving late and Cllr M Hemsley

3349. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2006 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3350. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Kay gave a brief report on county matters.

It had been agreed that ILA funding should go to the County; the local authorities had tried to ensure it went to them but it was deemed more appropriate as some statutory and non-statutorybodies could be better provided for from the County.

The A46 was not now considered to be a strategic route and funding would have to come from local sources for the proposed upgrade, the Minister for Transport had been written to challenging this decision and a reply was awaited. Everyone accepted that the A46 was an important route from the east coast ports to the M1 and that it was dangerous.

There would be a 4.5-5% increase in council tax largely as a result of the government changing the financial model on which decisions were made and reducing the contribution to the County by £5.5M.

Cllr Cutts also reported that the inspector had not reported favourably on the proposed Sharp Hill development and noted that there was an alternative brown field site at Cotgrave.

The Chairman asked if there had been any developments in supporting the National Water Sports Centre, a feasibility study was under way and a report awaited.

Cllr Bancroft reported that Tollerton Airport was for sale, this was accepted as a good sign that the City had no interest this far outside the City boundary.

3351. DISTRICT REPORT

Deferred until later in the meeting

3352. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3353. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported he had attended a seminar at Rushcliffe BC on the new licensing act and it appeared the best way forward was for the village hall to obtain an entertainments licence.

3354. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and the cheques signed. In total eleven cheques were signed totalling £9,128.04 including £1,181.86 VAT.

The clerk introduced the internal auditor's report. Mrs Gabriele McGrady had suggested a change in the risk analysis statement and had proposed as an alternative that used by Aberystwyth Town Council, the clerk agreed to investigate and report back. The report was accepted.

The End of Year accounts for 2004-05 were approved and the annual return 2004-05 completed, approved and signed by the Chairman and clerk.

Cllr M Tisbury arrived at 8:30pm

There was a discussion on the costings for the Play Area Project. The total contribution required from the Parish Council would be in the order of £45,500, some of which had been paid. It was agreed to reallocate capital reserves to fund the project. Cllr. Margaret Barr suggested it would be opportune to review the objectives of the Parish Council and asked the clerk to circulate the most recent Forward Plan to all members.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting

3355. PLANNING

01/06 Bovis Homes, fell two birch trees adjacent to canal, OBJECT. Cllr. Harbury-Carlisle reported that the car park foundations had already been laid and the trees slightly damaged
02/06 Mr A Clark, construct a conservatory at 22 Ashness Close, no objections
03/06 Dr CER Capbell, single storey extension at 1 Seymour Road, no objections
04/06 Mr M Barker, erection of 5 dwellings at Old Rectory Nursery, OBJECT

Cllr. Diane Kidger declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion. Cllr Tisbury introduced a technical report on Composting, Sherwood Farms which contained the suggestion that increased composting should be allowed for a trial period in the summer. As the various tests and readings had been undertaken outside the summer months it was suggested by Cllr Tisbury that it would seem more appropriate to test the site again in the summer at the current volume. This was agreed and Cllr M Tisbury was asked to draft an appropriate letter to the County

The clerk informed the council that Blotts Country Club had appealed against the refusal to allow a mobile home on site.

3356. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr J Mason had nothing to report, as he had not been able to attend the last meeting of the management committee as this had clashed with the Parish Council meeting.

Cllr. Barrie Cooper Rushcliffe BC arrived at 9:00pm

3357. SMALL ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES

Mr Duffin had not yet responded to a request to quote for levelling the area around the Village Hall and the clerk agreed to follow up.

3358. PLAY AREA PROGRESS REPORT

Cllrs Barr and Kidger presented a project financial summary, with two amendments to include an additional figure of £1008 for wet pour surrounding the baby swings and to show the total contribution required from the Parish Council, this was approved. Cllr Barr proposed some additional landscaping and expenditure up to £500 was approved.

Rushcliffe BC had not responded to the letter requesting funding from the section 106 and the clerk had written a reminder.

It was agreed to purchase a further notice board at a cost of £750 maximum to replace the one on Ambleside that had disintegrated

3359. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Cooper made a brief report on Borough matters. Following the inspectors report Rushcliffe BC is to rethink it's policy towards Sharp Hill. A successful open meeting was held at County Hall to discuss flood prevention issues, representatives from the Environment Agency were present to answer questions and Cllr. Cynthia Stacey informed council that a follow up meeting had been held at Holme Pierrepont.

3360. CENTRAL WEST BRIDGFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Cllr Cooper had not attended the meeting but understood it had been poorly attended and there had been little support expressed for the idea of a Town Council, perhaps on the grounds of cost.

3361. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman introduced the Draft Master Plan prepared by Nottingham EMA and offered to review this important document and report back at the next meeting. The consultation period response deadline is 14th May 2006.

The clerk reported that over 20 letters had been sent out asking for volunteers to help with the Gamston Holiday Club. Cllr. Diane Kidger reported that there had been only three replies and it was unlikely the scheme would run.

3362. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 13th March 2006

The meeting finished at 10:15pm

Clerk's Notes; Cllr M Tisbury has had it confirmed by Rushcliffe BC that permission is not required to fell the Blackthorn tree in the Ambleside Play Area.

A telephone call from Sue Harley re s106 requesting specific information, we will be responding.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
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PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman
Cllr. Mark Bancroft
Cllr. Diane Kidger
Cllr. John Mason
Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury
Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke
Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle
Cllr. Jane Mansell
Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk and Cllr. Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC)

3363. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Margaret Barr and Cllr Bancroft who would be arriving late.

3364. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2006 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Jane Mansell informed the council that she had recruited volunteers to help with running the Summer Club.

3365. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Cutts informed the council that she had been elected vice chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and the Local Area Agreement was to be run by the County.

Cllr Cutts arrived at 7:45pm

3366. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk announced that pay scales had been published for 2006-07 and a formal resolution would be on the April agenda.

3367. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made.

3368. PLANNING

Reference 05/06, to construct a front extension at 8 Derwent Close, no objections
Reference 06/06, to construct a car park at the National Water Sports Centre, no objections.
Reference 07/06, to construct rear and side extensions at 8 Ashness Close, no objections.

Reference 08/06, application by Wheyfield Ltd to construct 12 flats, object on the grounds of impact on the surrounding properties and over development of the site. (Cllrs Kidger and Harbury-Carlisle declared a personal interest in this application.)

The Chairman commented that the construction of front, side and rear extensions to property on the Gamston estate would eventually destroy the open character of the area.

The clerk announced the following planning decisions by Rushcliffe BC

Reference 01/06, refuse application by BOVIS to fell trees

Reference 02/06, grant permission to construct a conservatory at 22 Ashness Close

Reference 03/06, grant permission to construct an extension at 1 Seymour Road

Reference 04/06, refuse outline application to erect five dwellings at Old Rectory Nursery. The reasons given for this refusal included inappropriate development in the green belt and the risk of flooding. Cllr Stacey challenged the second reason as the Environment Agency at a recent meeting in Holme Pierrepont had produced a map that indicated the nursery was not liable to flooding. It was suggested Mr Barker be advised to talk with the planning officer and ask to see the file and the appropriate the Environment Agency report. Cllr Tisbury suggested if Mr Barker wished to sell the land he should do so with a restriction of benefit clause that would allow him to have some control if the land became available for development.

Cllr Bancroft arrived at 8:15pm

There followed a discussion on the County Council's decision to allow an extension to the composting facilities at Sherwood Farms. Residents were concerned about the possible smell but the owners had said they did not wish to upset local residents in any way and would monitor the situation closely. It was unfortunate that the trial period would take place before the hot weather when most problems were likely to be at their greatest. Dust and vehicle movements were also of concern.

Residents from the mobile home park had reported a number of trees had been felled and various other works in progress which all contributed to the site looking untidy. No formal agreement had yet been offered to residents who were being asked to move within the site.

The latest draft of Gedling BC's Statement of Community Involvement had been received.

3369. FINANCE

The clerk reported that the auditors had passed the accounts for 2005-06 but had questioned the decision to only include items on the asset register with a value greater than £1000. The clerk was asked to write to the Society's financial adviser for clarification. The clerk confirmed there was a list of the council's assets but this could not be guaranteed to be accurate, for instance there was no mention of benches and it was known that the parish council had four in various locations. Cllr. Diane Kidger also informed the council that the a gate had been purchased for Bassingfield and that this had been damaged during the harvest. The clerk was asked to write to Sherwood Farms.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and a total of twelve cheques signed for a total value of £38,818.97 including VAT.

The clerk had analysed the precepts of all the parish councils and an report had been circulated previously; the Parish in terms of population was the eighth largest and had the eighth largest precept

3370. REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

It was agreed to defer this item until the April meeting; Cllr Tisbury asked if all members could prioritise activities listed on the plan circulated by the clerk.

3371. VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman suggested that if the hall was to be replaced an eco-friendly building might be appropriate and attract grants that may not be available otherwise. It was not generally agreed that this was the way forward and that what was required was a statement of requirements.

The clerk and Chairman suggested there were a number of environmental sites that could be visited to learn more, including St Anne's, Attenborough Nature Reserve and an eco friendly village in north Nottingham.

Cllr Mason made a brief report on the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting he had attended and tabled a statement of accounts.

3372. SMALL ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEME

The clerk reported on a site meeting with John Ingram who had quoted in the order of £800 to level and reseed the area adjacent to the village hall, including the site of the bonfire. It was agreed the clerk should discuss with Rushcliffe BC and proceed if they gave approval for the expenditure.

3373. AMBLESIDE PLAY PARK

The park has been completed apart from some minor details although there was some disquiet about the state of the area between the park and the Ambleside that had been badly damaged by vehicles driving over while the ground was wet. The clerk had been on site with the primary contractor and the safety inspector for the final inspection.

Cllr J Mason reported that he had had to ask some teenagers not to play ball in the perimeter. On a good note the litterbins were being used and there had been little rubbish to collect.

Cllr. Diane Kidger confirmed that Brackenhurst College wanted a partnership arrangement with us to develop a landscaping plan for the Park.

Cllr Cutts left the meeting at 9:10pm

Cllr Bancroft wanted to record what a fantastic job Cllrs Barr and Kidger had done and they were both to be congratulated. Cllr. Diane Kidger also reported that she had received some very complimentary phone calls from residents. There was a discussion on a formal opening ceremony to be held around Easter.

3374. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PROTOCOL

The protocol produced by Anne Marie Ainger had been previously circulated to members and the report was noted.

3375. NOTTINGHAM EMA

The Chairman had read the draft Master Plan and no action was considered necessary at present.

3376. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The report on Standards of Conduct in English Local Government from the ODPM was noted. The Parish Paths Partnership had written requesting a meeting; this had yet to be arranged.

It was agreed no action was necessary with regard to the Nottingham City Meadows Action Plan.

The letter received from the Environment Agency encouraging all residents with a risk of flooding to sign up to the agency's warning system had been received by everyone individually and no further action was considered necessary.

Cllr Tisbury offered to read the inspectors report into the Local Plan.

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey informed council that when the environmental study was completed as part of the planning application for Holme Farm, Holme Pierrepont neither barn owls nor bats were found on site. However, owls have been seen recently and the Barn Owl Trust has confirmed their presence. Cllr. Stacey asked the council to consider making a donation to the Barn Owl Trust; this was not approved as it was considered the developer should contribute. The clerk was asked to write to Nottinghamshire Wildlife and Rushcliffe BC informing them of the presence of owls.

3377. ARTS IN THE PARISH

The next performance will be Stormwatcher on 27th April.

3378. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10th April 2006

The meeting finished at 10:30pm

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Mark Bancroft Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke
 Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle Cllr. John Mason
 Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk and Cllr. Kay Cutts.

3379. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Diane Kidger, Jane Mansell and Melvyn Tisbury and from Cllrs Cooper & Hemsley and Mr Ray Wallis.

3380. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2006 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the work of The Barn Owl Trust and Cllr Stacey was asked to make further enquiries on the cost.

Minute 3377, Cllr Mason informed the meeting that the Headmaster, John Heard, was awaiting a booking form for the next Arts event, the Chairman agreed to action.

In the absence of Cllr Mansell there was no progress on the possibility of mounting a permanent display of artefacts in the school.

3381. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3382. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Cutts expressed concern on the future of The National Water Sports Centre and in particular the rowing course. A number of possibilities were being considered but there was a lack of real consultation and suggested the Parish Council wrote to Nottinghamshire CC asking for clarification of the situation. It was agreed the clerk should write requesting a presentation. A number of uses for the Centre were suggested by members including skate boarding, mountain bike courses, archery, fly fishing, clay pigeon shooting, paint balling and winter ice skating.

Cllr Cutts also outlined schemes being considered for the Grantham Canal.

3383. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A resolution to increase the clerk's salary effective from 1st April 2006 at the nationally agreed rate for SPC18 and an increase in car allowance to 52.7p per mile was approved unanimously.

3384. PLANNING

Ref 09/06 06/00333/FUL, application by Mr P Dove to construct a 1st floor & single storey extension at The Old Barn, no objections

Ref 09/06 06/00333/FUL, application to erect exterior umbrellas at the Bridge at Gamston, no objections.

The clerk informed the council that application Ref 06/06, to construct a car park at the National Water Sports Centre, had been granted by Rushcliffe BC.

3385. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and twelve cheques signed for a total of £5056.60 including £11.35 VAT.

3386. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Mason reported that the Fish & Chip supper was being held the following Saturday in the evening and the Summer Fete would be the last Saturday in June. The summary of the Village Hall accounts for 2005 were noted.

The clerk reported that damage to the hedge had been caused by a Bouncy Castle “taking off” in high winds. It was agreed the fence and hedge should be repaired and the clerk was asked to suggest to the Village Hall Committee Chairman that a claim should be made against the operator of the equipment.

The clerk confirmed he was preparing a licence application for the Ambleside Play Park and that he understood the Village Hall Committee was making an application to cover the hall and green.

The clerk reported that we had missed out on the grant to landscape the Village Green as work could not be started before the end of the last financial year

3387. AMBLESIDE PLAY PARK

It was confirmed that the volunteer working party from Capital One would be on site on Wednesday. The clerk confirmed that a skip and tools had been hired for the day. Cllr Mason agreed to act as the local co-ordinator. It was confirmed that a second working party would be available in the future.

Cllr Cutts left the meeting at 9:15 pm

Cllr Mason agreed to continue to empty the litterbins and reported that the bins were being used and litter was currently less of a problem than it had been prior to the new park. In the long term it was hoped Rushcliffe BC & Streetwise would take responsibility for the litterbins. Cllr Mason asked if a leaflet could be made available to hand out describing the rules and regulations for the Park, the clerk agreed to produce an A5 leaflet.

It was agreed to hold an official opening ceremony to which everyone would be invited and including those who had supported the project financially

There was a general discussion on how to encourage proper use of the Play Park and how to discourage anti social behaviour and it was agreed to include a note in a future Newsletter.

3388. STRATEGIC PLAN

There was a general discussion on Ambleside and the problems of poorly parked vehicles near the Play park and the desirability of a pedestrian crossing and a lay bye. The clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department.

Cllr Barr hoped it would be possible to plant more bulbs in the future and it was agreed to launch a competition for the Best Kept Garden in the Parish.

Cllr Clarke left the meeting at 9:45 pm

3389. ARTS IN THE PARISH

Cllr Mason informed the council that the school secretary who had always been a staunch supporter of the arts events was away from work on grounds of illness and was being greatly missed. Nevertheless ticket sales for the event on the 28th April were good.

3390. CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk summarised a letter from Nottinghamshire CC inviting members to attend the annual Building Better Communities event, this year to be held on 4th July at Thoresby Hall Gallery

3391. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman announced that a twinning weekend was taking place starting 20th April.

Confirmed as the Annual meeting of the Council on 15th May at 6:30pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish at 7:30 pm.

The meeting finished at 10:20 pm

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF

**HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2006 AT 6:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr Vice Chairman
Cllr. Mark Bancroft Cllr. Diane Kidger
Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle Cllr. John Mason
Cllr. Jane Mansell Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk
Cllr. Kay Cutts & Cllr. Barrie Cooper Cllr

3392. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from and Cllrs. Malcolm C Clarke & Cynthia Stacey.

3393. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Vice Chairman took the chair and proposed FH Thomas as Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Diane Kidger and Cllr Thomas was unanimously elected for a further year.

3394. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman took the chair and proposed M Barr as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle and Cllr Barr was elected for a further year.

3395. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr J Mason was unanimously appointed for a further year as the council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

It was agreed Cllr J Mason should represent the Parish Council on the Friend's of the School committee.

It was agreed not to appoint a councillor with special responsibility for financial affairs but the clerk was asked to present a detailed six-monthly financial statement when appropriate.

3396. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2006 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported on Stormwatch, another successful arts event well received by the children.

Insurance claim; it was agreed the Parish Council should make a claim against the operator of the bouncy castle when the hedge and fence have been repaired.

3397. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3398. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref 11/06, Mr JWE Warren to operate mobile snack bar on A52 N, no objections.

Ref 12/06, Miss RA Thurman, variations to Day Nursery on Adbolton Lane; the Parish Council agreed to object to the proposed increase in child numbers from 65 to 90 on the grounds that there was insufficient parking and Adbolton Lane unsuitable for the likely increase in traffic movements.

3399. AMBLESIDE PLAY PARK

An official Opening Ceremony was being arranged for Saturday 10th June between 11:00 and 12:00. A guest list of fifty had been compiled and entertainment booked (Robin Hood & Maid Marion) and Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle had secured some free ice cream. The clerk was asked to notify the police of the event and warn of parking difficulties; the landlord at the Bridge at Gamston was to be approached to see if he would allow visitors to park.

The volunteer force from Capital One had done an excellent job and had volunteered to return in September to do more work. An approach had been made to Brackenhurst College to see if a student would be interested in designing a landscape scheme as part of their studies, a response was awaited.

A number of paving slabs had been obtained and it was agreed to approve expenditure to have the path laid before the opening ceremony if possible and to include the purchase of additional paving slabs if required.

It was confirmed that Rushcliffe BC had granted £10,866.62 s106 money plus a further £1400 also s106 money but to be paid at a later date. It was hoped a further £2,000 would also be forthcoming.

It was suggested that the Community Wardens be asked to patrol the Ambleside Play Park from time to time, Cllr. Diane Kidger offered to investigate.

3400. FINANCE

It was agreed to share the cost of the clerk attending a regional conference of the SLCC with Woodborough PC and a donation was agreed to Vitalise (formerly Winged Fellowship who run Skylarks in the parish).

The monthly Financial Statement was presented; this was approved and 14 cheques signed for a total of £2050.74.

3401. CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed to defer items of correspondence until the next meeting

3402. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 12th June 2006

The meeting finished at 7:30 and was immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Mark Bancroft Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle
 Cllr. John Mason Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury
 Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk
 Cllr. Barrie Cooper & Cllr Mike Hemsley

3403. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Diane Kidger. Cllr Cutts also sent apologies.

3404. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2006 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3405. REVIEW OF ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 15th May 2006 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The clerk reported that he had looked at the bench seat on Bassingfield Lane and recommended it was cleaned and painted, the clerk was asked to contact the Village Hall handyman and a contact of Cllr. Margaret Barr both of whom may be interested in doing this job. It was agreed a litterbin was required near the bench and a recently received questionnaire from Rushcliffe BC on the Streetwise initiative was completed and a request made for a bin here and in other locations in Gamston. The Chairman commented that litterbins had been removed from Bassingfield and not replaced.

3406. CLERK'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported that a response had been received from Nottinghamshire CC stating we had not been successful in getting an Interactive Speed Sign for Ambleside, neither had a request for a Pedestrian Crossing been accepted. The clerk reported that he had received a complaint from a motorist who could negotiate Ambleside near the Play Park because of poorly parked cars and it was agreed a lay bye was required.

The clerk reported on a NALC; Planning Seminar recently attended and had previously circulated planning information provided by Planning Aid.

The review of Local Authority Byelaws was noted but as the parish did not have any byelaws it was agreed no action was necessary.

It was agreed that the Aberystwyth TC Risk Assessment was not entirely appropriate for the Parish Council and the clerk should speak to the Internal Auditor about the risk assessment schedule and report back at a later meeting.

The clerk reported on a letter and an e-mail received from residents outside the parish both complaining at the proposal to open up some of the closes to pedestrians as part of the School Travel Plan. The Chairman noted that when the footpaths were being planned for the estate it

was not certain at the time that the school would be built and hence paths were not made with children in mind.

3407. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3408. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

06/00803/FUL Mr Lund of 9A Ambleside to construct an extension; no objections.

06/00798/FUL Wheyfeed Ltd to develop the site; object on the grounds of over development of the site. It was agreed Cllr M Tisbury should write a detailed response.

06/00898/TPO, no objections

Stragglethorpe composting; it was agreed the clerk should write to the County suggesting an extension of the trial period to include a period of hot weather. The Chairman reported that he thought Sherwood Farms was doing all it could to meet the concerns of local residents and had recently rerouted heavy farm vehicles so that they went behind the properties in Bassingfield and not along the road.

It was agreed that the clerk should only report on planning decisions when these were at variance with the Parish Council's recommendation.

The clerk tabled a lengthy report from Rushcliffe BC on Parking Issues. Cllr M Tisbury suggested double yellow lines near the Play Park and around the Village Hall might be beneficial. Cllr Cooper agreed to talk to Ian Parker to fully understand the proposals.

20:30 Cllr. Mike Hemsley arrived.

There was a discussion on the Mobile Home Park appeal. The clerk confirmed he had received a letter from the Inspector and the Parish Council would be invited to join the on-site inspection.

Cllr M Tisbury agreed to circulate a list of the important issues the Inspector should consider. The Chairman expressed frustration that correspondence he had sent to Rushcliffe BC had apparently not been forwarded to the Inspector. Cllr M Tisbury agreed to investigate. The Chairman reported that the Bill to control Mobile Home Parks was to go before Parliament the following week and as it had cross party support it was likely to get passed. Amongst other things this would make it mandatory for Resident Associations to be consulted on all major proposals.

The clerk reminded the council that Rushcliffe BC's SCI consultation period ended on 7th July and the Chairman agreed to study the draft and report back at the next meeting. Cllr M Tisbury believed the process should include the right for an applicant and objectors to address the planning committee. The Chairman reminded everyone that it used to be the case that Chairman of Parish Councils used to have the right to address the planning committee and Cllr. Cynthia Stacey said that the whole planning process was so expensive that individuals should have the right. Cllr. Hemsley, who sits on the Development Committee, did not know why this had not been included. Cllr. Tisbury also believed e mail should be used more to inform pc's when applications had been submitted and auto notification used to notify of changes to specified web pages. Cllr. Hemsley said the Borough were keen to receive suggestions on how technology could be used and urged anyone with ideas to respond.

Cllr. Mark Bancroft arrived at 9:00pm.

The Inspectors Report for Shelt Hill was noted together with Local Plan information.

Cllr. Mark Bancroft further expanded the proposals for the School Travel Plan and Cllr. Mark Bancroft reported on various on-site meetings he had had to discuss the plan that was at an early

stage. The plan was trying to provide secure routes to and from school but the land ownership was still unclear and some land owned by Bovis had still to be adopted by the Borough.

The Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Joint Structure Plan (Explanatory Memorandum) was noted.

3409. PLANNING

06/00803/FUL 9A Ambleside, no objections
06/00798/FUL Wheyfeed, object on the grounds of over development
06/00898/TPO, no objections

It was agreed the clerk should only bring to the attention of council those decision notices that were at variance with the Parish Council's comments

The Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Joint Structure Plan (Explanatory Memorandum) was noted.

3410. FINANCE

The Chairman proposed making a donation to Musica Donum Dei. It was agreed there was insufficient information available and a decision was deferred until later in the year to give time to obtain further information; Cllr. Cynthia Stacey agreed to report back at a later meeting.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Cooper for his financial contribution of £2000 from the EDI fund.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and 14 cheques signed to a total value of £2,863.26 including £168 VAT.

3411. LEISURE & PLAY PARK

The clerk was asked to write and thank Proton Construction for laying the path at short notice in the Park and Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle agreed to fix the sponsor's plaque on the park railings. RoSPA had undertaken their annual inspection and a copy of the report had been sent to Clements for comment.

Cllr J Mason left the meeting at 9:50pm

The clerk was asked to circulate final costs of the Park before the next meeting.

It was reported that two teen shelters had been erected in West Bridgford and the clerk was asked to write to Anne Marie-Ainger and enquire if there had been progress in getting a shelter for Gamston. The Chairman reported that both LAF and LSP were discussing youth issues and a report was expected.

3412. ARTS IN THE PARISH

The Chairman reported that he had secured two performances; one for the School aimed at children and another at the Village Hall for adults.

3413. STRATEGIC REVIEW

This item was deferred to a later meeting and it was agreed it should be an early agenda item. Cllr M Tisbury suggested each member should identify three projects for the parish Five Year Plan and submit these to the clerk before the next meeting.

3414. CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk read an email from Cllr. Kay Cutts congratulating the council on a terrific achievement in completing the Play Park.

Cllr. Mark Bancroft reported that a number of nearby parishes appeared to have the Speedwatch Initiative up and running and it was agreed the clerk should write to Insp. Milton reminding him of our commitment to the initiative.

The Chairman agreed to study the Environment Agency report on Water Abstraction and report back at a later meeting.

The clerk reminded members that the Building Better Communities meeting was to be held on 4th July.

The Rushcliffe BC's tree planting scheme and the Small Environmental Scheme had both been rolled into one with a maximum of £500 per parish. Closing date for grant applications was 30th September.

3415. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10th July 2006

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey confirmed that St Edmunds had agreed we could hold the September meeting in the Church

The meeting finished at 10:25pm

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JULY 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Mark Bancroft Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke
 Cllr. Diane Kidger Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle
 Cllr. John Mason Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk
 Cllr. Kay Cutts & Cllr M Hemsley

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Steve Bradley, Acting Assistant Director, Culture & Community, Nottinghamshire CC, on the National Water Sports Centre. This was a very informative and well received presentation outlining the future possibilities for the Centre. The presentation finished at 8:30 pm

Cllr. Malcolm Clarke was welcomed back after his illness.

It was agreed to adopt a reduced Agenda as the presentation had finished late.

3416. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from and Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

3417. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2006 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3418. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3419. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Rushcliffe BC and BOVIS indicating the land adjacent to the Ambleside Play Park was to be transferred direct to the Parish Council. An estimate of the likely legal fees had been received which seemed high and it was agreed the clerk should approach the Borough solicitor to see if they could help.

The new Map Cabinets ordered through the County Council had at last been delivered and arrangements would be made to have these installed.

3420. PLANNING

The Chairman reported that he had studied the Statement of Community Involvement from Rushcliffe BC and believed it to be acceptable and no response was required.

The clerk reported that the appeal against planning permission on the site of the Mobile Home Park had been refused. Mr Ray Wallis had telephoned on behalf of the residents association and asked the clerk to thank the Parish Council for their support in this campaign.

3421. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and 11 cheques signed to a total value of £1270.94 including £9.99 VAT. The clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had not yet presented her report. It was agreed that this item would have to be held over until the September meeting.

3422. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Mark Bancroft arrived at 8:50 pm

The Village Hall Committee had proposed some major maintenance and had suggested extensive work was necessary to the end wall. Cllr. Mark Bancroft agreed to obtain an alternative quote. Cllr Hemsley suggested a structural report would be required before undertaking extensive maintenance. It was also agreed a project manager would be required and Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle accepted the role with assistance from Cllr J Mason.

Cllr M Tisbury left the meeting at 9:05 pm

3423. ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

There was a brief discussion on proposals to create new footpaths within Gamston Estate as part of the Safer Routes to School initiative and the Chairman invited one local resident, Mr Mike Lee, to address the council. It was suggested that Mr Lee liaise with Cllr. Barrie Cooper who had been involved in the earlier discussions.

It was noted that Tollerton had apparently signed up to the speed Watch initiative and were up and running. The clerk was asked to approach Insp. Milton and enquire why our application had apparently been delayed.

3424. ARTS IN THE PARISH

A statement of account from Musica Donum Dei was noted and a donation of £100 approved. The Chairman announced that he had secured a performance of A Wilde Affair for the Village Hall on 5th October. This was a new initiative as performances in the past had been much larger and in the School.

3425. CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS

The clerk reported he had received a CD with photographs of the opening party at the Ambleside Play Park.

Rushcliffe Play Partnership and Open Space Audit were both noted. Applications for Christmas decoration lighting were now necessary and had to be submitted to the County.

Building Better & Safer Environments in your Community from Central Networks was noted and the availability of grants up to £2500.

Cotgrave to Bassingfield Bridleway Modification Order; there had been objections to this proposal and papers had been sent out by the Planning Inspectorate, there was likely to be a public enquiry, possibly within 6 months. It was noted that a new gate had been installed at the junction of the footpath to the canal and Bassingfield Lane but who was responsible was unknown.

3426. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be at St Edmunds, Holme Pierrepont at 7:30 pm

The meeting finished at 10:15

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT ST EDMUNDS, HOLME PIERREPONT**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr - Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Mark Bancroft Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke
 Cllr. Diane Kidger Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle
 Cllr. John Mason Cllr. Jane Mansell
 Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk
 Cllr. Kay Cutts and Cllr Mike Hemsley

3427. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr M Tisbury and Cllr. Barrie Cooper

3428. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was recorded that Cllr. Cynthia Stacey was present at the July meeting; the minutes were amended, accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. Mark Bancroft reported that he had still not heard from the police about the Speedwatch initiative and the clerk agreed to follow up.

It was understood that there will be a public consultation on the proposed Cotgrave to Bassingfield Bridleway Modification order but no date had been fixed.

The proposal to open a path along the Trent from Lady Bay to Radcliffe on Trent had again been raised but there was local opposition and apparently legal problems.

Cllr J Mason asked if a contractor had been appointed to install the new notice boards and map cabinets, the clerk explained that Paul Hunt would be doing the work but not until late October/November.

The clerk reported that he had not responded to the Open Space Audit, as on further examination it was clear that the council's suggested amendments all fell below the minimum size criteria.

In response to a question from Cllr J Mason the Chairman reported that he understood work on the Village Hall would start later this month.

It was agreed an application should be made under the BBC initiative for the construction of a lay-bye at the Play Park necessary on safety grounds and to reduce dangerous parking. It was agreed to ask both Cllr. Kay Cutts and Cllr. Barrie Cooper to support the application.

3429. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3430. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported that both NALC and Nottinghamshire RCC were interested in the views of members on training requirements. It was agreed the clerk should write with information of on

suitable venues in South Nottinghamshire as it did appear more meetings were held in the north of the County.

3431. PLANNING

Reference 06/01149/FUL, application by Mr Hackett to use lakes for fishing and to construct access road and car parks. There is no objection to the main proposals but there is concern that traffic flows may be excessive for the area and it is important that the existing right of way is maintained for all.

The clerk reported that the Wheyfeed application for eleven flats had been conditionally approved.

3432. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and ten cheques signed to a total value of £2, 310.84.

It was agreed to spend a maximum of £500 on site clearance and bulb planting at the Play Park and the clerk and Cllrs Barr and Kidger authorised to commit the Parish Council to appropriate expenditure.-`

3433. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr J Mason reported that this year's AGM would be on Monday 2nd October.

It was agreed the clerk should discuss with Rushcliffe BC the provision of hanging baskets on the four lampposts surrounding the village green and report back to council.

The clerk reported that the oak tree appeared to have recovered after the early dry summer apart from being an unusual shape.

Cllr J Mason reported that a window had been broken but that it had now been replaced.

3434. LEISURE & ARTS

It was agreed to provide funding up to a maximum of £500 for site clearance at the Play Park and the purchase of bulbs and bird boxes. A volunteer team from Capital One would be on site on Tuesday 19th September and the clerk was authorised to hire tools and a skip.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the first arts event to be put on in Gamston Village Hall would be A Wilde Affair on Thursday 5th October. The hall piano had been tuned especially for this event.

It was agreed to have a Hanging Basket competition next year, anybody living in the parish would be eligible to enter and a notice to this effect would go in the next Newsletter

Cllr J Mason introduced a quote received from Gedling BC to empty the litterbins on the Play Park, it was agreed the clerk should respond and order the twice-weekly service. Cllr J Mason confirmed he was making a weekly inspection of the Play Park and some damage had been found, the broken part was to be removed and returned to Clements. The gate had also required adjustment and Dave Mott had attended to this. There had been reports of some youths riding bikes down the slide.

Cllr. Margaret Barr proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr J Mason for all his work on the Play Park especially the weekly inspections.

There was a brief discussion on what could be done for the older children and it was agreed Cllr J Mason and Cllr. Mark Bancroft should investigate the possibility of laying an artificial surface around the goal post on the football pitch.

3435. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The clerk reported on a letter received from AM Scott advising that safety barriers are to be installed on the A52 between Radcliffe and Holme House, the effect of which will be to close the gaps in the central reservation. The work will be carried out between 16th October and 19th November.

Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle reported that the special access, which was part of the conditions attached to the BOVIS application, had not been completed and traffic was using Brook Lane which had not been the intention. The clerk was asked to investigate.

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey reported on behalf of residents of Holme Pierrepont and explained speeding traffic was an occasional problem. It was suggested Cllr. Cynthia Stacey reported to the Residents Association that the Parish Council would be prepared to make a donation.

Cllr. Kay Cutts reported that the proposal to create a footpath from Lady Bay to Radcliffe had been on a recent Nottinghamshire CC agenda but insufficient background information had been provided and the item was not discussed.

It was agreed that Cllr. Margaret Barr and the clerk should investigate the possibility of installing village signs at the entrances to the Gamston

3436. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting confirmed 9th October in the Village Hall

The meeting finished at 10:05 pm

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Mark Bancroft Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke
 Cllr. Diane Kidger Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle
 Cllr. John Mason Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury
 Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk
 Cllr. Kay Cutts Cllr. Barrie Cooper & Cllr Mike Hemsley

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Carola Jones from Nottinghamshire RCC who talked about village hall finance, funding and grants available and how to set up a project team to consider planning a new hall. The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8:05 pm.

3437. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from and Cllr. Jane Mansell

3438. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2006 were accepted after minor amendments and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. Barrie Cooper reported on discussions held with the Highways Department on the question of a lay-bye on Ambleside, the department is very much against the proposal. Cllr. Diane Kidger asked if they would change their attitude if the requirement were for disabled parking only, Cllr. Cooper agreed to ask the question. It was also agreed to ask the Highways Department to review the signage on Ambleside.

3439. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts reported on progress being made with the LSP of which she was Vice Chairman. One project being pursued was to create a youth web site that would include contact details for all the clubs and societies in the area. A suitable meeting place for the youth of the area was desperately needed and various schemes were being investigated including a Taxi Token scheme to assist with travelling expenses when going to a recognised club or society meeting.

The Primary Care Trust was intending to undertake another mapping exercise.

Budget discussions would be taking place shortly and there were a number of questions to be asked, one in particular was why it cost so much to run the County.

3440. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Barrie Cooper reported that the police were actively setting up Local Area Groups (LAGS) and Compton Acres and Edwalton both now had a LAG, Gamston would be next. A meeting was apparently being planned but no details were known.

An Alcohol Free Zone is to be established in part of West Bridgford. Cllr J Mason reported that there had been a marked decrease in empty beer cans on the Play Park over recent months and the waste bins were being used.

Of some concern are the moves being made at the Mobile Home Park, caravans have been moved and some removed from the site.

All incidents of anti social behaviour are now being reported to Cllr. M Hemsley who is monitoring the situation.

The Travel to School initiative to make the journey to school safer continues but no decisions have been made and there are likely to be budgetary constraints next year. All resident who are likely to be affected will be consulted prior to a final decision but it does appear that more are in favour than are against.

3441. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3442. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The East Midlands Regional Assembly had published a major report in the form of a Draft Regional Plan. This unelected body had produced recommendations for development within the East Midlands over the next 20 years. Cllr M Tisbury agreed to study the report and report back to the council.

The clerk reported that he had written to Paul Cox, Borough Solicitor, and the transfer of the land at the Play Park from BOVIS to the Parish Council was going ahead.

It was agreed the clerk should order a wreath for Remembrance Day.

3443. PLANNING

Ref 17/06 Field Access at Skylarks for the purpose of access for flood prevention works, no objections.

3444. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented; this was approved and 11 cheques signed including one for Proton Construction that had only been received that day to a total value of £3778.80 including VAT. It was agreed the clerk should be reimbursed for the hire of 2 skips from Saddlers, total cost £307.00, without invoices that were awaited.

3445. VILLAGE HALL

The repairs to the Village Hall had been completed and it was universally agreed how good the hall was looking. Cllr J Mason reported on a very good year for the hall; there were 14 committee members and it was hoped responsibility for the various events would be distributed amongst them. The Summer Fete had raised about £800 and the next event would be the Fireworks Display on 4th November at 7:00 pm.

3446. LEISURE & YOUTH PROGRAMME

The Chairman reported that the Local Area Forum (LAF) was looking for a site to run a youth club. There was a possibility that a room could be made available at the Methodist Church on Musters Road; Cllr. Barrie Cooper reported that the County was also investigating.

It was confirmed that the Village Hall was available to Ruth Maple should she wish to extend her youth activities.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9:30 pm.

It was agreed by a majority vote to accept a quote from Colin for £2050.00 plus VAT (this being the lowest of 3 quotes received) to lay astro turf, approximately 6 x 12 m, at the Play Park in the

goal area. In view of the timing the clerk confirmed that it would not be possible to apply for a grant from Rushcliffe BC and funds would have to be found from the council reserves.

The Capital One volunteer team had been on site again and in addition to tidying the site bulbs had been planted. Bird boxes had been purchased and these would be erected shortly. Cllr J Mason asked if a summary of expenditure on the Play Park could be produced for the next meeting.

Cllr. Diane Kidger proposed contacting Brackenhurst College with a view to students designing a landscape scheme, this was agreed.

It was agreed that two applications should be made under the BBC initiative; the first for the provision of parking on Ambleside for the Play Park and the second for a scheme for Bassingfield Lane. It was agreed these should be ready for council approval at the next meeting.

The Chairman announced that Cllrs. Barr, Kidger, Mason and Tisbury had been awarded a Community Award by Rushcliffe BC for their achievement in the success of the Play Park project. The award would be given at a ceremony to be held in Keyworth on

3447. ARTS IN THE PARISH

The Chairman reported that the performance of “A Wilde Affair” had been a great success with the Village Hall full to capacity.

The next event would be “Iron Man” on 15th December.

3448. CORRESPONDENCE

A report on Decriminalised Parking Enforcement, this was noted.

A letter from the Lady Bay Community Association with details of the application for a new footpath along the River Trent. The Parish Council supports this proposal.

Notification of the AGM of Rushcliffe CVS on 19th October.

There was a discussion on the local problems being addressed by Holme Pierrepont Residents Association and it was agreed to make a donation of £200.

A letter from Rushcliffe BC with details of Cabinet decisions, this is possibly received in error.

3449. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting finished at 10:30 pm.

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr. Mark Bancroft
Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle
Cllr. John Mason Cllr. Jane Mansell
Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk and three local residents

The meeting was preceded by presentations from members of the public for and against the proposed development at Lea Farm, Bassingfield

3450. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from and Cllr Margaret Barr, Vice Chairman, Cllr. Diane Kidger and Cllr. Cynthia Stacey. Cllr. Kay Cutts, Cllr. Barrie Cooper & Cllr Mike Hemsley also sent apologies

3451. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was agreed to defer confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October until the next meeting.

3452. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3453. PLANNING

Ref 06/01355 Caravan storage in Bassingfield. The application to develop Lea Farm, Bassingfield to create a caravan storage park was discussed at length. It was agreed by a majority vote to object to the application and to make a recommendation to the Parish Council that the objections are made to Rushcliffe BC. In the event that an extension to the response deadline of 9th November cannot be agreed with Rushcliffe BC it was agreed that Cllr M Tisbury would circulate a draft response to members which the clerk would then forward to Rushcliffe BC after taking into account member's comments. The grounds for the objection included the inadequacy of Bassingfield Lane to cope with the likely traffic movements associated with the storage of 68 caravans; inappropriate development within the green belt and the visual impact of the development.

Ref 06/01568 Two-storey side extensions to Honeysuckle Cottage, Gamston. The Parish Council agreed it was not opposed in principle to the development of Honeysuckle Cottage but considered this proposal to be entirely out of keeping with the character of the existing period cottage and it agreed to object to the application. In addition to the inappropriate design there was no specification for the building materials to be used.

Ref 06/01682 Two-storey & single storey rear extension to 28 Patterdale Close. No objections.

3454. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

13th November at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall

The meeting finished at 9:50 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Mark Bancroft Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke
 Cllr. Diane Kidger Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle
 Cllr. John Mason Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk

3455. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Jane Mansell and Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury

3456. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meetings held on 9th October and 2nd November 2006 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Development Control Committee meeting at Rushcliffe BC together with Cllr J Mason and the planning application for a caravan store was refused on a majority vote. It was noted that the Highways Department had not objected and as this was one of the major concerns of the residents the clerk was asked to write asking for a copy of their assessment. Cllr. Mark Bancroft asked for clarification of the criteria used to determine when a member should declare an interest as a borough councillor had declared a personal and prejudicial interest without any apparent reason; the clerk was asked to take advice.

Cllr. Diane Kidger arrived at 7:50 pm

Cllr M Tisbury had read the Draft Regional Plan and had concluded that a response was not necessary. The Chairman had also read the report and after a brief discussion it was agreed that a response should be made to ensure we were not excluded from any future consultation. In particular it was felt the proposed housing requirement could be challenged and possible brown field sites existed at Cotgrave, RAF Newton and Tollerton, which would not require any changes to the green belt.

The Chairman reported that he had laid a wreath on Remembrance Sunday at Holme Pierrepont

It was agreed the repairs to the Village Hall represented a significant improvement and all were to be congratulated.

The Chairman reminded members that the next arts performance, Iron Man, was on Friday 15th December at Pierrepont Gamston School.

3457. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3458. PLANNING

06/01149/FUL. It was noted that the application to use the lakes at Holme Pierrepont for fishing and associated infrastructure had been refused. Members expressed surprise as it had appeared a reasonable application and there were now fears that if a business could not be made out of the area it would not be maintained.

06/01319/FUL. The application to construct a new field access adjacent to Skylarks had been granted.

06/01184/FUL. The clerk confirmed that he had no recollection of receiving a copy of the planning application for the erection of a 1.8m high fence at 1 Elterwater Drive. Permission had been granted and the clerk was asked to enquire why we had not received a copy in the usual way.

3459. COUNTY REPORT

No report

3460. DISTRICT REPORT

No report

3461. BBC APPLICATION

The Chairman tabled a proposal to submit an application to designate Bassingfield Lane as a Quiet Lane with a 20-mph. speed limit as defined under current legislation. There was a discussion as to whether a request for a pavement to be constructed should be included but it was agreed to progress in stages and concentrate on a Quiet Lane application in the first instance. It was noted that the road was in a poor state again with numerous potholes.

The clerk was asked to invite Eamonn Harrison to address the council on Quiet Lanes.

3462. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Diane Kidger reported that there would be a public enquiry on 30th January to consider the modification order to the Bassingfield Bridleway. The clerk confirmed he had not received any correspondence on this and would make enquiries.

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey reported that new street light were being installed in Holme Pierrepont without any consultation and a resident had objected to the design on the grounds that it was inappropriate in an old village. It was acknowledged that the choice was probably either these lights or no lights but it was regrettable that the County did not consult on such matters.

Cllr J Mason reported on a very successful bonfire night at the village hall, there was an excellent attendance and £891 profit realised. The Village Hall Committee now had over £11,000 in a deposit account and over £2,000 in a current account.

Cllr. Diane Kidger reported on some damage in the Play Park, which required attention and the clerk was asked to contact Clements. There was no sign of excessive use and the problems were probably due to original equipment failure.

Cllr. Diane Kidger reported on a site meeting with students from Nottingham Trent University to discuss the landscaping design project.

The clerk tabled the Gedling BC statement of Community Involvement (SCI), this was noted.

A letter from the Countryside Alliance asked for the council's support in urging Jim Fitzpatrick MP to stop the closure of rural post offices; the clerk was instructed to write a letter of support.

The Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Waste Core Strategy was discussed and noted.

The transfer of land from BOVIS to the Parish Council documents were signed by the Chairman and clerk.

3463. PARISH STRATEGY

Discussion on this item was deferred.

3464. FINANCE

The clerk presented the Internal Auditors report and after a discussion this was accepted.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and 10 cheques signed, total value £3,744.91 including VAT.

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey tabled a statement of accounts from Musica Donum Dei and after a discussion it was agreed to make a donation of £100.00.

The clerk reported on a request made by John Watts to sponsor the DARE T shirts at Pierrepont Gamston School. The clerk reported that the Parish Council had supported the school this year with a donation of £2,000 towards the chill out room and the budget for donations was over spent. It was agreed not to make a donation.

3465. BUDGET 2007-08

The clerk reported that local elections would be held on 3rd May 2007 and a provision of £750 would have to be made to cover the costs if the election is contested. Provision was necessary to pay the retained invoice from the Play Park.

There was also a discussion on hanging baskets around the village hall; Rushcliffe BC had quoted £44 per basket but we would have to purchase the baskets and obtain permission from the County to erect on a lamppost. It was agreed to investigate the installation of village signs.

The clerk was asked to produce a draft budget assuming a maximum increase in the precept of 2.5 to 3.0% and including £10,000 for phase 2 of the Play Park project. It was accepted that this would necessitate drawing on reserves in 2007-08.

3466. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11th December 2006. Annual Meeting. It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting on the same evening 14th May 2007

The meeting finished at 10:25 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2006 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas - Chairman Cllr Margaret Barr Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Mark Bancroft Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke
 Cllr. Diane Kidger Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle
 Cllr. John Mason Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury
 Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk & Cllr. Barrie Cooper

3467. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from and Cllr. Jane Mansell.

3468. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3469. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3470. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application 06/01940/FUL to construct a new field access to the West Bridgford Equestrian Centre was considered and a decision deferred until Cllr J Mason had paid a second site visit. It was agreed the clerk could respond accordingly.

The EMRA Draft Regional Report was considered; the main items of concern were the statistics used to justify a significant increase in the number of houses to be built, the protection of the green belt and the lack of any mention of employment land and omissions on transport. The Parish Council's response was approved.

Cllr M Tisbury agreed to review the Draft SCI from Rushcliffe BC and report back to the Parish Council

The clerk advised the meeting that he had responded to the Waste Core Strategy document in very general terms suggesting more research was required on large compost sites.

Rushcliffe BC had responded to a letter from the clerk asking why the Parish Council had not been consulted over a planning application on Elterwater Close; it appears the documentation was sent to the wrong parish council but procedures were now in place to prevent this happening in the future.

3471. COUNTY REPORT

The recently published government white paper on local government was noted.

Cllr. Barrie Cooper agreed to investigate whether or not the Gamston Park & Ride was still a possibility.

3472. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Barrie Cooper informed the meeting that Allan Graham had been appointed the chief executive of Rushcliffe BC following the retirement of Mt Beaumont.

3473. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter received from Rushcliffe BC confirmed that the precept had to be submitted to the council by 5th February 2007.

The clerk had resolved communication problems with the Planning Inspectorate over non-receipt of papers relating to the Bassingfield Bridleway Order.

The office FAX machine had broken down, probably due to the ink cartridge drying out. The clerk was asked to investigate alternatives.

Nottinghamshire RCC had circulated information on a wide-ranging number of training opportunities. The clerk was asked to circulate information to members. The Chairman reported that the headmaster had confirmed his school facilities would be available for training and it was agreed that the possibility of organising local IT courses and held in the School should be investigated.

3474. BBC APPLICATIONS

It was agreed the Chairman would draft an application based on the concept of Bassingfield Lane as a Quiet Lane

3475. CORRESPONDENCE

The Planning Inspectorate had eventually recognised the clerk as the proper person to forward documents to and copies of the modification orders for bridleway number 14, originally sent to Mrs Dobinson, had now been received.

Copies of correspondence on the above had also been received from the Lady Bay Community Association

3476. PARISH STRATEGY

This item was deferred

3477. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented; this was approved and 11 cheques signed to a total value of £1276.42 including VAT.

The clerk reported that the audit had been completed and a notice of audit completion displayed on the Village Hall notice board.

The clerk reported that he had received two invoices for DARE T-Shirts despite the decision of the Parish Council not to support this school initiative. The Chairman reported that the headmaster had approached him asking if the previous decision could be reconsidered. It was agreed not to reconsider the decision made last month.

The VAT claim to HM Customs & Excise had prompted some supplementary questions and further work was required by the clerk.

3478. BUDGET

The draft budget tabled by the clerk was discussed and minor changes made. The clerk was asked to produce a final version for the January meeting.

3479. **ARTS IN THE PARISH**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the last event of the year, a performance of the Iron Man, would be held in the school on Friday 15th December at 7:00 pm.

3480. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Confirmed as Monday 15th January 2007.

Cllr J Mason advised the meeting that the carol service would be held in the village hall on Monday 18th December at 7:00 for 7:30 pm.

Cllr M Tisbury left the meeting at 10:10 pm.

The meeting finished at 10:25 pm