

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2007 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

3338. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2006 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr M Tisbury reported that, after studying the latest SCI from Rushcliffe BC, he did not see a need to make a response.

There was a discussion on parking on Ambleside and it was agreed another attempt should be made to persuade the Highways Department that a lay bye, especially for disabled users, was necessary. It was resolved to encourage members to photograph cars parked on the grass at every opportunity to create a portfolio of evidence. The clerk was asked to consult with the Borough solicitor as to what signage would be appropriate. A meeting with the Nottinghamshire CC's Highway Manager to be arranged.

Speedwatch, there was again nothing to report and the clerk was asked to investigate, together with whether our bid for an interactive sign had been carried forward to the current financial year.

Cllr. Diane Kidger reported that a number of styles were dangerous and signs had fallen over, Jane Baines to be informed. It was noted that a barrier had been erected on the footpath from Ambleside to the Village Hall.

The clerk was asked to talk to Cllr. Kay Cutts and find out progress on the Water Sports Centre and with Cllr. Barrie Cooper on whether the Park & Ride at Gamston was still a possibility.

Cllr. Margaret Barr reported that bulbs had been planted at the Play Park and a number of bird boxes erected. It was noted that in general the Play Park was being respected and there was little litter or damage. There was a discussion on whether to have a "Keep Gamston Tidy" day but it was agreed to go ahead with the hanging basket competition.

It was noted that Tollerton now had a number of interactive signs and a new, well-lit footpath from the A52 at Holme House towards Tollerton..

3339. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3340. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was agreed RoSPA should be instructed to undertake the annual inspection of the Play Park.

The clerk tabled a model “No Smoking” policy but it was agreed no such policy was required by the Parish Council as employees did not work in the Village Hall.

The clerk reported on a new support group for sufferers of Parkinson’s Disease to be established in West Bridgford.

The Nottingham CC response to Government White Paper on Local Government was discussed and Cllr M Tisbury offered to read in details and report back.

The clerk reminded the meeting that the public enquiry into the Bridleway Modification Order would be held on 30th January at the Water Sports Centre.

The clerk tabled a brief questionnaire from the Police Authority asking for comments on the performance of the Nottinghamshire Police.

3341. FINANCE

The clerk reported that following an investigation by HM Revenue & Customs the VAT claim had been approved and £10,738.78 received in full.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented; this was approved and 7 cheques signed to a total value of £1529.49 including VAT.

3342. BUDGET

The clerk reported that the tax base for 2007-08 had been determined at 1000, this represented a very small increase over 2006-07.

The draft budget of £42,417 tabled by the clerk was approved and the precept set at £40,970. The clerk was authorised to submit the precept demand to Rushcliffe BC

3343. LEISURE & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The clerk highlighted the training courses on offer from Nottinghamshire RCC and especially the funding event that may be useful in identifying possible sources of funding for future development of youth facilities.

The availability of a youth shelter complete with radio (installed in one of the legs) and solar lighting was noted.

The clerk reported that new legislation recently come into force placed a greater responsibility on local authorities to identify and resolve youth issues.

3344. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 12th February.

The meeting finished at 9:05 pm

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2007 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. Melvyn Tisbury Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk

3345. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Diane Kidger and Jane Mansell. Cllr. M Hemsley also sent apologies.

3346. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th January 2007 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The clerk reported he had contacted Steve Bradley at Nottinghamshire CC but there had been no significant developments re the National Water Sports Centre although a meeting had been held with the new Chairman of Sport England who had agreed to look at ways in which they could support the centre.

The Highways Department had agreed to send a representative to the next meeting to discuss the County's policy towards Quiet Lanes, Bassingfield Lane and parking problems on Ambleside.

Cllr M Tisbury reported that he had studied the report on Local Government and recommended there was no further action to take. The County Council had opted for a maintaining the status quo but with improvements to the relationship between the county and the borough council; as far as the parish council was concerned it was up to Rushcliffe BC to determine the relationship.

The clerk reported that those councils which had achieved Quality Status had not seen any significant changes although it was possible the government had some proposals in mind for the future. The clerk also reported that he was not considering working towards the clerk's qualification and this would prevent the council from seeking Quality Status.

The clerk reported he had asked Cllr. Barrie Cooper if the Gamston Park & Ride was still a possibility to go forward but had not received a reply.

RoSPA had confirmed they would be undertaking the annual inspection of the Play Park.

Cllr. Mark Bancroft arrived at 8.00 pm.

The clerk reported on arrangements for the Local Government elections to be held on 3rd May. It was agreed not to request polling cards but to issue a Newsletter at the appropriate time to inform the parish of polling arrangements and candidates. Residents interested in standing were to be invited to the March meeting of the Parish Council via the Newsletter.

3347. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3348. PLANNING

The following applications were considered;

Ref 01/07, application by Mr Dryden for a single storey rear extension at 14 Keswick Close; no objections

Ref 02/07, application by Mr McDonald for 1 and 2 storey rear extension at 28 Patterdale; the Parish Council agreed to object on the grounds that this application did not differ significantly from the previous application which was refused by Rushcliffe Cllr. Barrie Cooper

The clerk reported that Nottinghamshire CC considered the application to extend compost activities in Bassingfield on 30th January but the outcome was unknown.

3349. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Newsletter for February in the style of a single A4 printed both sides was approved with minor amendments.

A revised model Code of Conduct had been received and it was agreed the Chairman should study and respond as appropriate by the deadline of 9th March

There was a discussion on how to celebrate St George's Day on 23rd April following receipt of a letter outlining a national campaign. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of erecting a flagpole at the Play Park and a drawing and painting competition for children

The parish council's web site had seen record-breaking activity during December and January.

3350. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and 8 cheques signed to a total value of £961.01 including VAT of £9.13. The clerk reported that he thought there would be a small surplus at the end of the year, helped by the receipt in full of the VAT reclaim of £10,738, largely from the Play Park expenditure

It was agreed the clerk should seek three quotes for grass cutting for the coming year and to add an additional requirement to mow the area at the end of Trent Boulevard near the bus terminal.

3351. ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

The Chairman declared a personal interest in this item but for information only gave a resume of the recent public enquiry into the Bridleway Modification Order and the decision of the inspector is now awaited. However, it was recognised that some of the more contentious points are not within the remit of the inspector. The Chairman agreed to bring a map to the next meeting to explain the route.

The clerk had thanked Jane Baines for the barriers on the footpath and it was agreed a request should now be made for lighting.

3352. LEISURE & YOUTH PROGRAMME

Cllr. Margaret Barr reported on a meeting she recently attended with students from Nottingham Trent University who had prepared some schemes for phase two of the play park development, not all plans had been received. It was agreed to display the schemes at the Annual Meeting of the Parish in May. There was a discussion on the continuing problem of parking on Ambleside and ideas such as concrete bollards and appropriate signs discussed. Cllrs. Bancroft and Tisbury volunteered to make enquiries.

Cllr J Mason reported that the play park was being respected and there was little litter and no damage to the equipment.

3353. ARTS IN THE PARISH

The next performance entitled Shape Changer will be by the Puppet Theatre on 3rd May at the school.

3354. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr J Mason reported on village hall activities and the work of the 14-member committee. Finances were healthy at £891.04 in the current account and £15,615.36 on deposit. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Village Hall Committee and this was approved unanimously.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Rushcliffe Community Quiz would be held on Tuesday 20th February at Cotgrave, the team members would be John Harbury-Carlisle, John Mason, Cynthia Stacey and Frank Thomas.

The clerk demonstrated an emergency pack provided by Eon as an example of what Eon believed every household should have in order to cope with a power failure.

The minutes of the Development Control Committee held on 11th January were noted.

It was noted that Nottinghamshire CC had adopted their Statement of Community Involvement.

The clerk tabled a letter from AARPC to Nottingham EMA complaining about the restructuring of the Independent Consultative Committees and the response from Penny Coates the MD at EMA. These were noted.

Gedling BC Local Development Framework, Preferred Options and Sustainability reports were noted but it was agreed no further action was required.

The Chairman reported that he understood the owners of the Mobile Home Park had at last agreed to meet with the Residents Association; this development was warmly received.

The clerk tabled a book recently purchased on the law of Roads & Streets; the Chairman agreed to study and report back.

Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle reported that the fencing on Regatta Way was in an appalling condition and asked the clerk to investigate whose responsibility it was to erect and maintain. The pavilion on the new playing fields was almost completed.

It appeared that the West Bridgford equestrian Centre on Adbolton Lane had a café on site and the clerk was asked to investigate if planning permission had been granted.

3355. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 12th March 2007

The meeting finished at 10.00 pm

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2007 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, and later Cllr. Barrie Cooper and Cllr. M Hemsley

It had been hoped to receive a presentation from the County Highways Department but due to staff illness this has had to be postponed.

3356. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Margaret Barr

3357. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th February 2007 were accepted and signed by the Chairman

Minute 3349, the Chairman confirmed a response had been made on the proposal to revise the Code of Conduct. A budget of £300 was approved for the purchase of a flagpole subject to the clerk polling members after obtaining a budget.

Minute 3351, the Chairman apologised for not having the maps showing the line of the proposed realignment of the bridleway. The clerk produced a small-scale map which was adequate for a discussion.

Minute 3352, Cllr. Diane Kidger reported that most of the design schemes had now been received from the students at Nottingham Trent University but some were still awaited. It was agreed to invite students and staff to the Annual Meeting to make a public presentation.

Cllr M Tisbury reported that he believed one solution to the problem of cars parking on the grass at Ambleside was to install a series of concrete bollards; an estimate of £800 had been received. It was agreed to defer any action but that a note should go in the next Newsletter advising everyone to stay off the grass. The clerk was asked to obtain quotations for No Parking signs.

Cllr J Mason reported that the play park was being well respected with few problems except that the bins were often over full. It was agreed to ask Rushcliffe BC for a weekly service for the summer months. The clerk informed the meeting that a European waste Control Certificate had been issued for the Play Park. The damaged play equipment had been removed for repair.

3358. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3359. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts expressed concern that in some cases responsibility for inspecting the footpaths was with the Ramblers Association and believed it was time for a formal contract between the County and the Parishes to undertake this role, the meeting agreed.

There had been little progress with the National Water Sports Centre, the County wanted to take the management in-house and keep it going but there was no clear strategy in place. The Centre was now sign posted as a Country Park and it was understood that it would be used in some capacity for the Olympic Games in 2012.

Cllr. Mark Bancroft asked if there had been any developments with the proposed Park & Ride at Gamston. Cllr. Kay Cutts agreed it was an inappropriate development in the green belt but had no information. The clerk reported that Cllr. Barrie Cooper had told him that there had been no developments but the meeting asked the clerk to enquire if planning had been granted. There followed a discussion on the Local transport Plan and concern was expressed over the inadequate arterial routes into the City and the recent accident at the Gamston traffic lights. The Chairman agreed to write a statement.

3360. RUSHCLIFFE BC CORPORATE STRATEGY ACTION PLAN

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 8.50 pm.

The clerk tabled the discussion document produced by Rushcliffe BC and it was agreed to support the basic principles outlined.

3361. WHITE PAPER ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Chairman reported on a seminar he had attended on the proposals in the White Paper. This had been a good discussion with one of the main themes being partnership working and the importance of vibrant neighbourhoods.

The Chairman suggested that a possible partnership the Parish Council could initiate was that between ourselves and Harlaxton which was a similar parish to our own at the other end of the Grantham Canal, eventually this partnership could be extended to include all the Parish Councils along the line of the Grantham Canal. It was agreed to invite representatives from Harlaxton to a future event, possibly the Summer Fete.

3362. ST GEORGES DAY CELEBRATION

It was agreed to organise a painting competition for all children in the parish and in the first instance the Chairman agreed to talk to the Head teacher at the local school.

The clerk reported that he had written to BOVIS asking for support to erect a flagpole but had not received a response. The clerk confirmed that planning permission was not required and it was agreed to investigate the possibility of erecting a flagpole at the Play Park.

3363. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk tabled nomination papers for any member wishing to stand at the forthcoming elections.

The clerk reported on a visit he had made with Cllr. Margaret Barr to a local factory which produced high quality village signs and planters. In Margaret's absence the clerk explained that the outline idea was to install a village sign at each of the three villages within the parish together with a planter, the cost would be approximately £2,000 at each site. The clerk was asked to discuss the implications of the scheme with the Highways Department.

The clerk confirmed that after discussion with the Chairman a response had been made to the proposals to revise the Code of Conduct and had supported the basic proposals but suggested the reforms did not go far enough.

The clerk asked for approval to write a reference for Clements Construction on the quality of equipment and service received in designing and erecting the Play Park, this was agreed.

There was a discussion on the Annual Meeting to be held on 14th May.

A twinning visit was planned to France towards the end of May.

3364. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and seven cheques signed to a total value of £1873.00. The clerk tabled a summary of expenditure showing total expenditure for 2006-07 to be £35,273.

It was reported that the leaflet from Rushcliffe BC accompanying the local tax demand implied the parish precept had fallen by 3.9%, this was questioned as the precept had been increased slightly and the clerk was asked to investigate.

3365. RIGHTS OF WAY

The clerk tabled a consultation document received from the County on the proposed Rights of Way Improvement Plan. The clerk agreed to get a copy of the full report on CD for Cllr. Diane Kidger.

Cllr J Mason reported that he had had preliminary discussions about installing lights on the footpath from near the Village Hall to Ambleside and hoped to have more to report at the next meeting.

3366. LEISURE & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Chairman suggested there was a need for some play facilities for older children and believed a suitable area would be to the west of Morrison's supermarket although this area is actually outside the parish boundary. Cllr. Barrie Cooper suggested an application could be made under the County's BBC initiative and offered to talk to Brian Knowles.

3367. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey informed the meeting that Holme Pierrepont wanted to install some planters in the church and asked if the Parish Council could financially support the project. It was agreed to defer a decision until quotes had been received.

Cllr J Mason reported that the locks on the notice board near the school had been vandalised and he was investigating.

3368. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as Monday 16th April 2007 at 7.30 pm and the Annual Meeting on Monday 14th May

The meeting finished at 10.30 pm

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2007 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. Barrie Cooper (Nottinghamshire CC & Rushcliffe BC) & Cllr Mike Hemsley
 (Rushcliffe BC)

3369. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2007 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

St Georges Day celebration; the Chairman confirmed he had indicated to the Head Teacher that the Parish Council would like to sponsor a painting competition and was awaiting a response. It was agreed to offer two prizes, one for the age group 5 to 7 and the other 8 to 11. It was agreed to seek sponsorship for the flagpole.

Cllr. M Hemsley joined the meeting at 8.05 pm.

3370. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3371. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Barrie Cooper reported that the County & City had agreed to go ahead with a Transport Works Act order (TWAO) to move the NET Phase 2 to the next stage. Based on 2005 estimates the cost of the scheme would be £400M. Work was not expected to start until 2009 and would be completed by 2013.

Civil Parking Enforcement would come into force in 2008 making parking offences a civil rather than police matter.

Local Area Groups (LAGS) were being created comprising representatives from the police, local residents, Neighbourhood Watch and Streetwise to provide a forum to discuss problems; these were proving popular and effective. The format was that three problems would be identified at each meeting and the police would report back to the next meeting on progress achieved.

Two No Cold Calling zones had been created in west Bridgford.

Cllr M Tisbury asked if there had been developments on the proposed Park & Ride at Gamston. It was agreed that this was an inappropriate development in the Green Belt and the Multi Modal Study had suggested any P&R should be sited further out but no specific sites had been identified.

3372. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. M Hemsley reported that the chief executive of Rushcliffe BC had made some sweeping changes to staffing and operational structure to meet the requirements of the recently published white paper on the future of Local Government. One consequence of the changes welcomed by everyone was that the decision-making platform would in future be broader and involve more members.

Cllr. Barrie Cooper told the meeting he had not spoken to Brian Knowles about the proposal for a play area near the supermarket but he had spoken to other interested parties and had not found much support for the idea.

Cllr. Mark Bancroft arrived at 8.50 pm

3373. PLANNING

Waste Cycle Ltd (a Nottinghamshire CC application); construction of plasterboard recycling facility at Colwick, no objections

Mrs Kirkham; construct stabling block at West Bridgford equestrian Centre, Adbolton; no objections.

The clerk confirmed that the application to extend the composting activities at Sherwood Farms had been approved by Nottinghamshire CC. Cllr. Diane Kidger reported that she believed there was a persistent smell coming from the site and that heavy vehicles were often seen queuing to get into the site.

3374. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported that plastic "no parking" signs would cost approximately £20 plus VAT and it was agreed to purchase two for the Play Park.

It was agreed to invite the Head Teacher, PC Steve Leak, Ian Godson and Victoria Johnson to the Annual Meeting. It was agreed the Newsletter should carry a note inviting representatives of local organisations to attend and make a report if they so wished. A display of the designs received so far for the Play Park Phase 2 would be on display and a questionnaire would be available to seek views on the plans..

The clerk reported that Rushcliffe BC were looking for nominations to the Standards Board and Cllr. Cynthia Stacey agreed to look at the papers and consider accepting a nomination.

The clerk reported that Minute Books had been lodged with the County Archives for January 2000 to December 2001 & January 2002 to December 2004

3375. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and six cheques signed to a total value of £4062.23 including VAT.

Cllr M Tisbury pointed out to members that the council tax demand from Rushcliffe BC indicated the precept had gone down whereas it had in fact been increased. It was agreed to make inquiries before the next precept was set to determine what the rate would represent per household.

The clerk recommended payment of selected invoices, eg BT for the office telephone/fax, should be by direct debit. It was agreed the clerk should investigate and report back to council.

3376. RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr. Diane Kidger confirmed she had received a copy of the Improvement Plan on CD and would be making commenting on the consultation.

3377. LEISURE, ARTS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Chairman confirmed the next performance would be The ShapeChangers on 3rd May by the Lempen Puppet Theatre Company

3378. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr M Tisbury informed the meeting that there were still a number of pockets of land on the estate which had not been transferred into Rushcliffe BC's ownership and consequently were not always being maintained to the required standard. There was also a problem with the barriers erected at the end of the path from Keswick Drive in that there was no light on the path and at night the barriers created a hazard. Cllr J Mason reported that he had had a site meeting with the County who were not prepared to do anything as the area had not been adopted... The clerk was asked to write to Jane Baines for clarification.

Cllr. Diane Kidger reported the death of Chris Scott, a former parish councillor for many years and it was agreed to include a notice in the next Newsletter.

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey and Cllr M Tisbury agreed to write a short piece for the Newsletter.

3379. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 14th May at 6.30 pm followed at 7.30 pm by the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

The meeting finished at 9.55 pm

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF

**HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 14TH MAY 2007 AT 6:30 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

3380. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. FH Thomas was unanimously elected Chairman for the coming year.

3381. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Jane Mansell.
Cllrs M Hemsley and Barrie Cooper (Rushcliffe BC & Nottinghamshire CC) also sent apologies.

3382. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was agreed to defer the minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2007 until the June meeting.

3383. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made.

The clerk reminded everyone that the Declarations of Interest had to be completed and returned by 31st May and that the Parish Council had six months to adopt the revised Code of Conduct, this would be an agenda item at a future meeting.

3384. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & PC REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr. Margaret Barr was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

Cllr J Mason was unanimously appointed the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr J Mason & Cllr M Tisbury were appointed as members with special responsibility for planning.

It was agreed that in view of the financial reporting procedures in place it was not necessary to appoint a member with responsibility for internal audit.

3385. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Mrs Gabby McGrady was re-appointed as internal auditor.

3386. PLANNING

It was agreed not to object to a revised application, reference 04/07, submitted by West Bridgford Equestrian Centre, for riding stables.

It was agreed not to object to an application, reference 05/07, for a Mobile Snack Bar on the A52, Lings Barr Road.

Cllr. Margaret Barr declared a personal interest in an application, reference 06/07, by Miss Baddeley to construct a conservatory at 4 Hartside Close and took no part in the discussion. It was agreed not to object to the application.

3387. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and seventeen cheques signed to a total value £1,479.90 including £64.23 VAT.

The clerk reported that £20,543.00, representing 50% of the Precept, had been received from Rushcliffe BC and total reserves were now in the order of £80,000.

3388. CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation from Nottinghamshire CC to attend the annual service at Southwell Minster on ; the Chairman agreed to represent the Parish Council.

A notice on a Playground Training Course was noted.

Travel & transport Briefing for March and April were noted.

An invitation to attend a meeting of Burton Joyce Residents Association on 16th May to hear a presentation by the Environment Agency was noted.

The clerk reported that he had responded to the Draft Regional report and the acknowledgement was noted.

There had been no responses to the competition for the best hanging basket.

The invitation to enter the Best Kept Village Competition was noted.

The Chairman reported on a new insulation product suitable for mobile homes and while expensive it was noted that it was very efficient and one mobile home on Old Tollerton Road had been treated and the results were impressive.

Cllr J Mason asked if the hedge around the Village Hall could be trimmed. It was agreed the clerk would seek advice re cutting during the nesting period and take the appropriate action.

A letter from Department for Culture, Media and Sport explaining the government's policy on raiding the Lottery for funding for the 2012 Olympics was noted.

The notice explaining the Transport and Works Order for NET Phase 2 was noted.

3389. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 11th June

The meeting finished at 7.20 pm and was followed at 7.30 by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 11TH JUNE 2007 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. One member of the public.
Cllr. Kay Cutts Cllr. Barrie Cooper Cllr Mike Hemsley & Mr G Dykes

3390. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received Cllr. Mark Bancroft and Cllr M Tisbury who would be arriving late.

3391. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2007 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3392. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3393. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts told the meeting that the County had invited an American management consultant to do some work on organisation and how to work together more effectively at a cost of £19,000 and she had complained to the Chief Executive that this was excessive.

Also, a forum group of 8000 electors was to be created across Nottinghamshire at a cost of £500,000.

The county still had a positive approach to the National Water Sports Centre and formal meetings to discuss options were scheduled for July.

Cllr. Margaret Barr arrived at 19.50 pm

Another major expense to be incurred but within the budget was job evaluation.

3394. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Barrie Cooper informed the meeting that Rushcliffe BC was top in the county for resident satisfaction according to a recent poll and second in the county for recycling.

Cllr M Tisbury arrived at 8.00 pm.

The Chief Executive continues to restructure and three deputy chief executives are to be appointed.

Joint Borough and County initiatives should see an improvement in the environment with two major schemes; the first between Pizza Hut and the Police Station and the second between Tudor Square and the Test Match. There is to be an exhibition in the Test Match.

Cllr. Diane Kidger asked if there had been any progress on the provision of a play area west of Morrisons Supermarket. The clerk answered that he had spoken to Rushcliffe BC but no consultation had taken place and there was no budget available this year, as funds had been allocated to Boundary Road and Denton Drive. Cllr J Mason reminded the meeting that the Headmaster had offered the use of the school playing field if there was supervision. Cllr. Barrie Cooper agreed to speak with Brian Knowles and the out reach workers.

A complaint had been received from residents on Coledale and Winlatter that the grass verges were not being cut. After a site meeting it was realised that neither of these roads had been included on the schedule of works and this had now been rectified.

3395. PLANNING

Ref 07/07 Rushcliffe BC Footbridge over Grantham Canal. The Parish Council could see no demonstrated benefit and also believed there could be a crime and disorder implication and agreed to object. It was not known if the police had been consulted.

Ref 08/07 Cllr. M Bancroft side & rear extension at 4 Ambleside. The Chairman invited a member of the public to make a short statement. It was recognised that there was a possible problem with the drawings and it was understood the agent would be resubmitting, however, the Parish Council had no objections with the proposal.

Cllr. Diane Kidger was asked if s106 money was shown on Rushcliffe BC accounts and the clerk agreed to investigate.

3396. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Code of Practice. It was unanimously agreed to adopt clause 12 of the revised code and to accept the Code of Conduct. The clerk was asked to inform Rushcliffe BC that we wished to be included in the group newspaper advertisement. The clerk confirmed that it was in order to allow members of the public to address the council if invited to do so. Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle asked if members of the public were allowed to address the planning committee at Rushcliffe BC. Cllr. M Hemsley responded that this was not generally the case, although it was allowed at the County. The clerk was asked to write to Rushcliffe BC asking if they had plans to review their policy.

Members' Allowances. It was agreed to award an allowance of £200.00 per member.

Chairman's Allowance. It was agreed to set the Chairman's allowance for the year at £1100.

Member responsibilities. The clerk was asked to circulate the current responsibilities to all members.

Cllr M Tisbury left the meeting.

3397. ANNUAL MEETING, MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle reported that the Dogcatcher now had responsibility for rat control and he understood that he would be approaching Mr Simpson who raised these matters at the Annual Meeting.

9.00 pm Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting.

It was agreed the clerk should write to Rushcliffe BC requesting a waste bin near the bench at the top of Old Tollerton Road.

The clerk had received the signs requesting no dogs on the village green and these would be put up shortly.

3398. FINANCE

There was a discussion on a donation to Musica Donum Dei. Cllr. Cynthia Stacey told the meeting that she had suggested local schools should be visited to encourage a wider audience and it was understood that a number of free tickets had been made available. It was agreed by the Chairman casting vote to donate £100.00 to be paid next month.

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey asked if the Parish Council would consider making a contribution towards the cost of a shed for the graveyard at St Edmunds. It was agreed to ask for an estimate and to reconsider at the next meeting. Cllr J Mason congratulated Cllr. Cynthia Stacey for her hard work in Holme Pierrepont.

Cllr. Mark Bancroft arrived at 9.05 pm

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and eight cheques to a value of £1109.09 including £8.71 VAT were signed.

3399. LEISURE, ARTS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Play Park Phase 2 Consultation. Cllrs Barr and Kidger reported on a consultation evening when representatives from the student designers were present together with a small number of local residents to consider the options for the play park, phase 2. It was suggested that the final scheme might be a mixture of elements taken from the various proposals. It was agreed Cllrs Barr and Kidger should study the options and bring a suggestion to the Parish Council. The clerk reported that Rushcliffe BC was close to selecting a preferred supplier and there might be discounts available.

Cllr J Mason reported that some emergency repair work had been authorised in the Play Park to replace some worn bolts on the swings. The clerk reported that he had also contacted the manufacturer but had not received a reply.

Cllr J Mason reminded the meeting that the next event at the Village Hall would be the summer fete on 30th July. The school's fete would be on 23rd July and Cllr J Mason asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to donate a raffle prize. On a majority vote this was refused.

Cllr J Mason reported that the LAG meetings were proving to be very successful.

3400. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted; letter from resident of Radcliffe on Trent to Rushcliffe BC re parking on Ambleside, the County's BBC initiative, AARPC requesting more support and LAF, Planning Inspectorate re bridleway diversion.

3401. NEWSLETTER

The clerk reported he would like to get another Newsletter out in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

3402. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CONFIRMED MONDAY 9TH JULY

The meeting finished at 10.30 pm.

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2007 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

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

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk, Mr Michael Barker and Cllr Mike Hemsley

3403. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from and Cllr J Mason. Cllr. Kay Cutts had also sent apologies and a brief County report.

3404. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2007 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 14th May 2007 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that there had been reports in the media about the County spending large sums of money on a management consultant from America. The Chairman reported that he had planned to raise this at the recent BBC meeting but had been unable to do so.

3405. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

Cllr. Diane Kidger and Cllr M Tisbury arrived at 7.45 pm

3406. COUNTY REPORT

The clerk reported on behalf of Cllr. Kay Cutts and informed the meeting that there was a clear intention by the County to support the National Water Sports Centre when the Sports Council lease expires and to retain the rowing course and develop other services.

Cllr. Kay Cutts also asked for members to respond with suggestions on how the infrastructure could be improved following the experiences of the recent flooding. It was agreed to invite the Environment Agency to s future meeting to discuss the issues raised.

3407. DISTRICT REPORT

The clerk informed the meeting that Rushcliffe BC had passed a resolution supporting the aims of modern and viable public transport but at the same time was in favour of an evaluation of emerging alternative sustainable transport. There was also recognition of the impact a tram would have on the quality of life for residents living in the vicinity of the route.

3408. PLANNING

The clerk introduced Mr Michael Barker, a resident of Holme Pierrepont, who had responded to the item in a recent newsletter asking for volunteers to assist with the assessment of planning applications. It was agreed Mr Barker should be confirmed as a member of the panel and would receive copies of planning applications in future in the normal way. The appointment would be reviewed in three months.

Reference 09/07, application by Mr P Dove to construct a two storey extension at Old Barn, Manor Farm, NG2 6NN. It was agreed not to object to the proposal in principle but to comment on the undesirability of the proposed west facing velux window at the top of the gable end.

Reference 10/07, application by Greene King to construct an open shelter at the Goose at Gamston; no objection

Reference 11/07, application by Mr & Mrs Jarvis to construct a two storey and single rear extension at 11 Windermere Close, Gamston, NG2 6PQ; no objection.

Reference 12/07, application by Location 2 Location for tree works at Sycamore House, Main Street, Gamston, NG2 6NN; no objection

Reference 13/07, application by Mr & Mrs Stewart for change of use to carry out a hairdresser business at 76 Elterwater, Gamston, NG2 6PX. It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that this is a residential area and unsuitable for business development; increase in traffic movements and detrimental affect on the amenity of the area. It was also believed that there were restrictive covenants prohibiting such developments.

Two applications (reference 14/07 for two dwellings at 2 Adbolton Lane and reference 15/07 for a rear and side extension at 1 Ashness Close) received too late to be included on the agenda were considered and it was agreed that a site visit was required to assess both applications. It was agreed the planning panel members would review the applications and the clerk would respond to Rushcliffe BC before the next meeting of the Parish Council in order to meet the response deadline date.

Correspondence received by the clerk from the Planning Inspectorate on the Bridleway Modification Order was noted.

3409. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rushcliffe BC Small Environmental Scheme. It was agreed to apply for funding to purchase hedging to repair the hedge surrounding the village hall, trees for, the open space between the village hall and Ambleside, Bassingfield Lane and Regatta Way, and help in restoring the finger post next to the telephone kiosk.

The Chairman and clerk reported they had attended a meeting to review the BBC initiative. It had been very noticeable that almost all the projects supported had been in the north of the county. It was agreed that when the application forms were available for the next round we should submit a proposal for a foot bridge over Lings Bar Road near the canal. There was also a discussion on where archaeological artefacts, currently in store at the University of Nottingham, could be put on display in the parish.

9.20 pm Cllr. M Hemsley arrived.

A request had been received from Nottinghamshire RCC for suggestions on future training courses; the clerk agreed to respond on the basis of suggestions made.

3410. FINANCE

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey explained St Edmunds was considering a security shed at the church for the storage of chairs from the church that were only needed when there were special events. It was agreed the Parish Council would financially support the project, estimated cost £659, details to be agreed when planning permission had been granted.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and the fourteen cheques signed, total value £2,102.63 including £23.50 VAT.

The clerk presented a summary of expenditure to date against budget which indicated expenditure was generally in line with expectations.

The clerk reported that the 12 month high interest savings bond would mature at the end of the month. It was agreed to re-invest the capital and interest in a three year bond.

The clerk explained that BT had accepted our request to pay by direct debit and as a result had recalculated our bill and issued a credit of £6.77 payable to the clerk personally. The clerk would cash the cheque and credit the Parish Council.

3411. RIGHTS OF WAY

The clerk told the meeting he had received a call from Jane Baines and he had been asked to complete the official forms requesting maintenance.

3412. AMBLESIDE PLAY PARK

It was agreed to defer a discussion on the RoSPA report until the next meeting when Cllr J Mason would be present.

Cllr. Diane Kidger informed the meeting that the volunteer group from Capital One had agreed to spend another day clearing the Play Park and general maintenance. Expenditure on the hire of a skip and tools as in previous years was approved.

3413. LEISURE, ARTS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Chairman reported that a performance of Alice in Wonderland and Through The Looking Glass by the Changing Places Theatre had been arranged for 6th November at 7.00 pm in the school.

The Chairman reported that there were preliminary plans to establish a youth activity in West Bridgford.

3414. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey brought to the attention of the meeting an article in the Evening Post that suggested there were plans to create a 600-berth marina at Holme Pierrepont and the construction of 500 houses. It was agreed the clerk should write to Rushcliffe BC requesting information. The Chairman volunteered to invite the developers to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss their plans. Cllr. M Hemsley told the meeting that there had been a discussion at Rushcliffe BC about housing and West Bridgford had been dubbed "Flats City." The government had been encouraging more flats to be built but there were now large numbers unsold and with interest rates increasing the problem was likely to get worse.

The clerk highlighted a letter received from the BBC describing their Groundswell radio programme and inviting suggestions from the Parish Council for topics for future programmes. It was agreed the clerk should respond suggesting the National Water Sports Centre, the proposals for a marina at Holme Pierrepont, the future of the Grantham Canal, building on the flood plain and the Park & Ride proposals at Gamston as suitable topics.

It was noted that the hedge running alongside the Pedigree site was badly overgrown and it was agreed the clerk should write to Bovis asking them to take action.

Member Responsibilities. The draft circulated previously by the clerk was reviewed and additions and amendments made, the clerk agreed to update and circulate.

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey reported that St Edmunds had two major projects underway at present; the bell tower and conservation of memorials in the church yard.

The following correspondence was noted; Travel & Transport Briefing June 07, LCR May, , invitation to a NALC conference on the Code of Conduct.

3415. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was agreed not to hold a meeting in August, the next meeting would be on Monday 10th September at St Edmunds, Holme Pierrepont.

The meeting finished at 10.20

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2007 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 (Nottinghamshire CC) & Cllr Mike Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC) & Mr M Barker.

3416. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Barrie Cooper.

3417. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2007 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that the proposed Park & Ride at Gamston was briefly discussed at the recent LAF meeting. In outline the proposal is for a 400 capacity car park to be constructed with access at the roundabout, increasing to 600 later.

Cllr. Margaret Barr arrived at 7.40 pm

A litterbin has been provided by Rushcliffe BC located at the bench seat at the top of Tollerton Lane.

The clerk confirmed that he had arranged to meet Jane Baines on two occasions and both meetings had had to be cancelled. Another meeting would be arranged to discuss the rights of way in the parish.

Cllr. M Hemsley arrived at 8.00 pm

3418. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3419. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts reported on a meeting of the Liaison Committee recently established to discuss the composting activities at Sherwood Farms. The agencies concerned all attended the meeting but it was apparent that there was little communication between them. The two main problems are traffic and smell, the former is not currently serious but the latter is and probably can only be resolved by moving the operation indoors. A second application is expected and more problems are anticipated.

Cllr. Cutts also spoke about the problems surrounding the rights of way in Holme Pierrepont and believed the best forward was designation as a Restricted Highway, which would allow cyclists

and pedestrians access but not vehicles. Cllr. Cynthia Stacey confirmed that the road is being used as a rat run especially in the mornings.

There was a discussion on the recent application to develop the lakes for fishing that had been refused but nevertheless were being used. The clerk had spoken to Rushcliffe BC and they were aware of the situation but not concerned.

3420. DISTRICT

Cllr. M Hemsley informed the meeting that he had been involved in examining how the Borough recycled glass; there had been significant developments in the technology available and further sites were to be visited. Cllr M Tisbury suggested that collecting green waste only every two weeks resulted in partial composting in the bin and this is what helped to create the smell.

3421. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that discussions were on going on how to link the Grantham Canal to the Trent and it was agreed to invite a representative from Mosaic Ltd to a future meeting to discuss their ideas for using the Polser Brook.

Cllr. Kay Cutts suggested what was required was a project manager to bring all the component parts together but funding was always going to be a problem and an application for funding to undertake a feasibility study had not been successful. There was some potential for using some sections of the canal for canoeing but some sections had been neglected and over 20 bridges needed attention. A wharf and building at Hickling were to be developed for use as a community facility. Cllr J Mason reported that the canal near the supermarket was badly overgrown with weeds and the clerk was asked to write to British Waterways.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been advising residents and councillors in Charnwood on how to oppose proposals to develop a mobile home site, a similar situation to that in Gamston

Cllr. Jane Mansell arrived at 8.40 pm.

3422. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference 21/07, rear extension to 14 Longlands Drive. NG2 6SR. No objection
Reference 22/07, front and rear extensions to 11 Windermere Close. NG2 6PQ. No objections.

Cllr M Tisbury was unhappy with the building materials being used on the SOL development and the clerk was asked to write to Rushcliffe BC asking if the conditions of the planning permission were being met.

Cllr. M Hemsley left the meeting at 9.30 pm.

3423. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reminded the meeting that an application under the County's BBC initiative had not been submitted. It was agreed interested members should meet at the Play Park on Saturday to discuss various ideas including a pedestrian crossing, a lay bye, dropped kerbs to allow on-grass parking and a speed limit. The clerk was asked to find out how much an interactive sign would cost for Ambleside.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.15 pm

A request from St Edmunds for financial support to purchase a storage shed was discussed and it was agreed to make available funds up to £300.

The clerk informed the meeting that Rushcliffe BC were undertaking a review of polling districts and the suitability or otherwise of polling stations. It was agreed the clerk should respond suggesting Skylarks as a possible venue as an alternative to the mobile home park.

3424. ANNUAL RETURN

The clerk presented the Annual Return and this was approved. The Statement of Assurance was discussed in detail and approved.

3425. FINANCE

The clerk informed the meeting that the internal auditor had approved the accounts and submitted a report that highlighted risk assessment, as an item the council should consider. It was agreed that the current procedures were satisfactory and that the management of risk was adequate. Cllr. Margaret Barr requested and it was agreed that the clerk produce a data sheet with details of the bank accounts, that the bank statements would be available for inspection at future Parish Council meetings and cheques for amounts over £1000.00 would require a third signature

It was agreed the Parish Council should purchase new chairs for the Village Hall.

The internal auditor was appointed for a further year and the fee of £150.00 approved.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and seventeen cheques signed to a total value, including one direct debit, of £3623.55 including £ 72.31 VAT.

3426. PLAY PARK

Cllr J Mason reported that the worn bolts on the swings had been replaced and the clerk told the meeting that he had complained to RoSPA about their failure to report on this problem, a response was awaited.

3427. LEISURE & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Chairman reminded the meeting that there would be a performance at the school Alice on Tuesday 6th November

3428. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as Monday 8th October in the Village Hall, Gamston.

The meetinfinished at 10.15 pm

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2007 AT 7:30 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. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk, Cllr. Kay Cutts Cllr. Barrie Cooper & Mr M Barker

3429. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from and Cllr. Malcolm Clarke and Cllr M Tisbury.

3430. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

The clerk confirmed he had written to Rushcliffe BC asking for clarification that the building materials being used on the SOL development site were those specified in the planning consent.

It was agreed that that in future the Finance agenda item would be brought forward.

3431. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3432. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Mark Bancroft arrived at 8.00 pm

Cllr. Kay Cutts asked if the Parish Council had agreed a strategy for a crossing on Ambleside and asked that details be sent to Cllr. Barrie Cooper. The clerk confirmed he had received a report and this would be circulated to all members and it would be used to make a BBC application. Alternative sources of funding included approaching Morrisons Supermarket and incorporating the crossing into a school travel plan.

Cllr. Margaret Barr told the meeting that when pulling out of Ambleside onto Lings Bar, three road signs badly positioned obstructed vision looking right.

Cllr. Cutts informed the meeting that the County was undertaking a review of Care of the Elderly and while at first site the recommendations may seem a little harsh she did believe they represented the best possible way forward. It had been demonstrated that the private sector were better at providing some facilities and it made sense to allow them to provide those services leaving the County to concentrate on others. The clerk confirmed he had received a letter from the County and an invitation to respond to the proposals; the Chairman agreed to review the recommendations and report back at the next meeting.

The Chairman asked if Cllr. Cutts had any information on the proposed A52 road works. Lane closures were planned and work on the central reservation and carriageway were planned between 12th October and early December and he was concerned that this may increase the traffic using Bassingfield Lane.

The clerk reported that the Highways Department wanted to rip out the badly overgrown hedge near Pedigree on Ambleside as the rightful owner could not be determined. It was suggested BOVIS were the owners and this information would be passed on.

Cllr. Barrie Cooper arrived at 8.30 pm

An alternative to the Gamston Park & Ride was being investigated following a suggestion of the Rushcliffe Group at the County, the idea was to develop Pocket Park & Ride facilities ie to use smaller, existing car parks at village halls etc which could be served by public transport.

3433. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Barrie Cooper reported that as of 1st October Rushcliffe BC does not have a Local Plan. Work was proceeding to develop and adopt a Local Plan Framework, this was required by law by January 2008 but without a Local Plan and Framework there were concerns that should a large planning application be submitted, the Borough would face serious difficulties in making decisions. Latest government figures suggested 13,700 homes would be required by 2026, 110 homes pa were in the villages and 500 pa on the urban edge. It was inevitable that Sharp Hill and the Gamston Gateway would resurface.

The Borough had agreed to retain the existing leisure centres.

The glass-recycling questionnaire had been circulated to members.

A planning application had been received for 170 homes at RAF Newton.

3434. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had attended a conference at Rushcliffe BC on a housing strategy but there was nothing to report at present.

3435. PLANNING

A copy of the decision notice permitting development by Waste Recycling at Colwick had been received; Cllr. Cynthia Stacey commented that noise from the recycling site had been a problem and agreed to study the notice and report back at the next meeting.

3436. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was agreed the clerk should purchase a Wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

A draft Newsletter was circulated for comment and later approved.

The clerk reported that the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) had issued a revised standard contract of employment for clerks to take into account recent changes in the law and clerks were being encouraged to get their councils to agree the new contract. It was agreed the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should review the contract and report back at the next meeting.

3437. FINANCE

The clerk confirmed that he had written to the Bank requesting details of signatories to all accounts be sent to Cllr. Barr. A reply was awaited after which the clerk would complete the data file on the bank as agreed at the last meeting.

The clerk confirmed that the new seats and trolley for the village hall had been received, it was agreed the village hall committee should be invoiced for 50% of net value.

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 as in previous years to Skylarks, now re-branded as Vitalise.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, together with bank statements as agreed at the last meeting, these were approved and nine cheques signed to a total value of £1965.89 including £122.22 VAT.

The national pay award for clerks had still not been agreed.

3438. PLAY PARK

The Play Park continues to be well used and well respected.

The proposed phase 2 development was discussed; it was agreed Cllrs Barr & Kidger be given authority to negotiate possible grants on the understanding that it may be necessary to agree to match funding. Funding is currently available from the Lottery and Playfull ideas with funds also possibly from Nottinghamshire CC and Rushcliffe BC.

3439. LEISURE & YOUTH PROGRAMME

The Chairman reported that there would be a performance of Alice at Holme Pierrepont Gamston School on Tuesday 6th November at 7.00 pm.

3440. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle tabled some photographs of a prefabricated wooden building that he considered would be ideal for a replacement Village Hall. It was agreed to site visit would be helpful and in the meantime Cllr J Mason would take the photographs to the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

Cllr J Mason reported that the Village Hall Committee had received a quote for the replacement of the gas boilers but the background to this was unknown and further enquiries were necessary.

The clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr. Jane Mansell which would take effect immediately. Everyone joined the Chairman in thanking Jane for all her hard work on the council and wished her well for the future.

The clerk tabled a consultation paper from Rushcliffe BC on Dog Fouling problems. It was agreed Cllr J Mason should respond.

The Chairman agreed to study a booklet on Climate Change from DeFRA and report back at the next meeting.

3441. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as Monday 12th November 2007

The meeting finished at 10.10 pm

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE 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. Melvyn Tisbury

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk
 Cllr. Kay Cutts, Cllr Mike Hemsley & Mr M Barker and 3 residents

3442. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Mark Bancroft and Cllr. Cynthia Stacey. Cllr. Barrie Cooper also sent apologies

3443. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. Margaret Barr reported that the bank had still not responded to the Clerk's letter asking for a copy of the mandate.

Cllr. M Hemsley arrived at 7.40 pm

The Chairman told the meeting he had attended the remembrance service at Holme Pierrepont and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Diane Kidger left the meeting

3444. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3445. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts informed the meeting that she had made a short speech at County Hall on the idea of creating a number of small Park & Ride sites in the villages using existing car parks and the officers had agreed to look into the idea. The proposed Gamston Park & Ride could prove to be very expensive and would be taking land that could be put to better use. Using existing village hall, church or similar car parks could be mutually beneficial and provide some communities with income.

Cllr. Kay Cutts congratulated Cllr. Margaret Barr and Cllr. Diane Kidger on being nominated for a Partnership Award in recognition of their work on the Ambleside Play Park.

In response to questions on the current road works on the A52, Cllr. Kay Cutts said the works were ahead of schedule.

The Chairman invited Mr Marriott to address the meeting. It had been recognised how much safer the A52 was during the road works due to the temporary speed limit of 40 mph and a petition had been signed by a number of residents asking that this temporary limit be made

permanent. Members had also noted the road appeared safer and after a short discussion it was agreed to support a reduced speed limit but noting this was a trunk road agreed 50 mph. It was agreed the clerk should write to AMScott supporting the proposal.

It was agreed the clerk should ask the Highways Department for a detailed costing for the provision of an interactive sign on Ambleside.

Cllr. Diane Kidger arrived at 7.55 pm

Cllr. Kay Cutts advised the meeting that there were plans to refurbish West Bridgford Library to provide improved library services and meeting rooms etc. A public consultation had started and everyone was encouraged to comment

3446. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. M Hemsley reported on Rushcliffe's ongoing investigation into the best way forward to recycle glass. Evidence was being compiled and a report would be produced. It was noted that anything to do with glass recycling could be very noisy and Cllr. M Hemsley was asked to bear this in mind.

Local Development Framework, work on this is progressing slowly but it is a priority as it is accepted that without a local plan the Borough is vulnerable.

Housing Strategy, Cllr M Tisbury agreed to study the report and circulate comments to members if appropriate. Cllr. Margaret Barr pointed out that in her opinion housing was being built that was of a totally inappropriate design that nobody wanted to live in, hence the large number of new properties unsold.

The Chairman asked for an update on the job evaluation exercise taking place at County Hall. Cllr. Kay Cutts explained that this was almost complete; some employees would find themselves downgraded while others would be upgraded, the former would be protected for 5 years. The whole exercise would cost around £30M but one disturbing feature was that only union members would be allowed to vote on the final proposals.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.05 pm

3447. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman informed the meeting that with the Clerk he had attended the Mayor's reception at the Civic Centre.

There was discussion on a possible replacement for the Village Hall and it was agreed to form a working party comprising Cllr Tisbury, Cllr. Clarke, Cllr Mason and the Chairman to consider a strategy and make recommendations to the Parish Council. The first meeting would be on Monday.

3448. FINANCE

The Financial Statement was approved and 12 payments made for a total of £1,600.61 including £39.38 VAT.

There was a preliminary discussion on the budget and guidelines given to the clerk to help prepare a draft budget for the next meeting. An increase in the precept approximately in line with cost of living was agreed.

The clerk informed the meeting that the County had removed two benches from Adbolton Lane, as they were considered unsafe. It was agreed not to replace these benches for the present.

The clerk explained that NALC and the SLCC had issued a revised model contract for clerks taking into account recent legislation. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had studied the contract and recommended it be adopted but suggested all members be given a copy and 10 days to respond and object if appropriate. It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary by 2.475% in line with the nationally agreed formula back dated to 1st April. It was agreed to revise the Clerk's grade to SPC 21 with effect from the meeting date.

The clerk introduced a letter from Musica Donum Dei asking for financial support for their work. The letter explained that in addition to their usual concerts they had plans to visit a number of schools in the area and demonstrate the musical instruments used. It was agreed that as a donation had been made this financial year it was appropriate to consider a further grant next year.

The Clerk introduced a letter from EMA on the Community Investment Report. The clerk suggested there might be an opportunity for funding.

3449. PLANNING

Colwick Waste Recycling, Cllr. Cynthia Stacey had studied the Decision Notice and had advised the Clerk that there was no need to comment. Michael Barker agreed saying noise had been a problem but had now abated.

Ref 24/07 07/01997/FUL Application by Mr & Mrs Aldridge of 12 Greenburn Close, to construct side and rear extensions, no objections.

Ref 25/07 07/02174/FUL A revised application by Mr David Hackett, to develop fishing lakes at Holme Pierrepont. Michael Barker spoke in favour of the application in its revised form; the area was enjoyed by local residents and others and should be supported. It was agreed not to object.

The Clerk tabled a letter received from the Planning Inspectorate advising that a decision on the modification order for the Bassingfield Bridleway is expected week commencing 3rd December.

3450. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk informed the meeting that nobody had requested an election to fill the casual vacancy and the council was free to co-opt. The draft Co option Procedure was approved and it was agreed notices should be posted on the parish notice boards asking for anyone interested to inform the Clerk, in writing before 4th January 2008.

3451. PLAY PARK

Cllr. Margaret Barr and Cllr. Diane Kidger made a presentation on plans for phase 2 of the Play Park development aimed at older children and including a boulder park and football and basketball areas with astro turf.

Three quotes had been received and on the basis of design and cost it was agreed to appoint SMP as the preferred supplier. It was agreed Cllr. Margaret Barr and Cllr. Diane Kidger could seek funding on the basis of the recommended plans.

Cllr M Tisbury offered to help with a costing and budget exercise. It was agreed to commit £17,000 to the project, to be reviewed after further discussions with the supplier and funding sources.

3452. VILLAGE HALL

The clerk reported that Rushcliffe BC had awarded a Community Award to Sonia in recognition of her work over many years as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed to thank the Committee for their hard work and particularly for the excellent firework display.

Cllr. J Harbury-Carlisle left the meeting at 10.40 pm

3453. ARTS IN THE PARISH

The Chairman reported on a very successful performance of Alice attended by over 100.

3454. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as Monday 10th December 2007

Cllr. M Hemsley informed the meeting that Rushcliffe's chief executive wanted to meet with the parishes and would like to visit in February. The dates offered were not convenient and some negotiation would be necessary

The meeting finished at 10.45 pm

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2007 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), Cllrs. Barrie Cooper & Mike Hemsley & one member of the public.

3455. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

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

Cllr M Tisbury reported on a meeting of the Village Hall Working Party and circulated notes on the meeting. It was agreed this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

3456. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3457. COUNTY & DISTRIC REPORT

Cllr. Barrie Cooper told the meeting the report on the public examination of the East Midlands Spatial Strategy had been published and that there were two major concerns for Rushcliffe; the first was a significant increase in the number of houses required between now and 2020 and secondly the threat to the green belt to the south and south west of Nottingham. The government wanted to see the majority of houses built on the urban edge that mean revisiting Sharpe Hill and Gamston Gateway plus Clifton Pastures. Cllr. Barrie Cooper stated that he believed an application for 3,000 houses in the Gamston Gateway had been received.

The clerk tabled a paper from Rushcliffe BC on Emerging Planning Issues; Cllr M Tisbury agreed to study and report.

Cllr. Diane Kidger asked Cllr. Barrie Cooper to look into the question of road repairs; Bassingfield Lane had recently been repaired using a limestone mix rather than tarmac and after only three weeks this had been washed out of the potholes.

Rushcliffe BC were talking to a number of service providers with a view to contracting out a range of services. There was little detail known but Cllr. Barrie Cooper had concerns over this policy.

Cllr. M Hemsley arrived at 20.10 pm.

3458. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had attended meetings at Rushcliffe BC to hear the proposed redevelopment of the library in West Bridgford and attend a workshop on the new Code of Conduct.

3459. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented and approved, six cheques and a Direct Debit were signed to a total of £1,496.04 including £109.78 VAT.

The clerk reported that the external audit had been completed.

It was proposed and agreed to raise the precept by 3% from £41,086 to £42,320.

The budget was agreed.

The clerk reminded the meeting that the Summer School bank account stood at £190 and had not been used for 2 years. . Cllr. Margaret Barr explained this money had never been the parish council's as it had all been raised by grants also confirmed she had the cheque book in safe keeping. It was agreed to take no action but to review again in twelve months.

There was a discussion on the provision of an interactive speed sign on Ambleside. The clerk explained he had received a quote of £5000 for the sign but was awaiting installation costs.

3460. PLANNING

Reference 26/07 07/02263/FUL For a car park & footpath at Lings Bar Hosp, NG2 6PR. This was not considered to be within the parish and it was agreed not to comment.

Reference 27/07 07/02215/TPO by Bovis Homes for tree works at 6 Caudale Ct, NG2 6QN. No objections.

Reference 28/07 07/02319/FUL by M Woodcock for a ground floor extension at Manor Farm Cottage, NG2 6NN. The revised application was more in keeping with the character of the cottage than the original application and it was proposed and agreed not to object but to comment on the removal of the roof lights which were considered inappropriate.

Reference 29/07 07/02259/FUL by Mr Sam Lodh for a 2 storey side extension at Honeysuckle Cottage, NG2 6NN. (This is a revised application previously considered.) It was proposed and agreed not to object to this application.

Reference 30/07 07/02242/FUL by the executors of JF Bridge Estate for 10 dwellings at Croyde House, NG2 6NR. A number of concerns were raised about this application and it was proposed and agreed to object.

Holme Pierrepont Byways Modification Order. The clerk reported that yet again it appeared the Parish Council had not been recognised by the Planning Inspectorate as an interested party and it appeared that correspondence from the Parish Council was not on file. Nevertheless copies of the modification order had been received. Cllr. Cynthia Stacey explained that the residents of Holme Pierrepont would prefer to see use of the roads restricted but also wanted to see ownership decided and who was responsible for maintenance determined. It was agreed that the policy of the Parish Council was to see Sandays Lane designated a restricted BOAT allowing access to cyclists, horse riders and ramblers.

3461. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk informed the meeting that there had been no formal responses to the notice advertising the casual vacancy.

The clerk reported that the Speedwatch initiative in Woodborough was proving to be very successful but no responses had been received to the article in the last newsletter advertising for volunteers to launch a Speedwatch initiative in Gamston. Cllr J Mason reported that at the recent LAG meeting there was support for the initiative from PC Leak. Six members offered to take part and Cllr. Mark Bancroft agreed to contact the police and take up the offer of training and use of the speed device.

3462. PLAY PARK

Cllrs. Barr & Kidger explained they had had another meeting with the preferred supplier and were now awaiting a scale drawing and costings, hopefully these would be available at the next meeting.

3463. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr J Mason reported on a very successful bonfire event that was well attended and raised significant funds for the village hall. There had been one minor incident and this had been fully discussed at the Village Hall Committee meeting and safety procedures revised to ensure this did not happen again.

3464. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The clerk tabled a draft of the December newsletter. It was agreed the newsletter was important to the Parish Council and community and should be continued. Suggestions for future items included the Holme Pierrepont Bridleways Modification Order, phase 2 of the Play park development, notes on the LAG meeting and a report on the public examination of the draft East Midlands Spatial Strategy.

Community Outreach Service, this letter from Rushcliffe CVS was discussed put apart from displaying the notices it was agreed no further action was necessary.

Cllr J Mason reported on a very successful school fair at which the Chairman took the role of Father Christmas.

Cllr M Tisbury reported the bridge over the brook to be dangerous and very slippery in cold weather and the clerk was asked to write to the County reporting the problem.

Cllr M Tisbury left the meeting at 9.45 pm.

3465. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 14th January 2008

The Chairman wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year

The meeting finished at 9.55 pm