

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Held on Monday 14th January 2008 at 7:30 pm At Gamston village hall**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas – Chairman, Cllr Margaret Barr - Vice Chairman, Cllrs. Malcolm C Clarke, Diane Kidger, John Harbury-Carlisle, John Mason and Cynthia Stacey

In attendance: R J Hawkins – Clerk, Cllr. Kay Cutts, Cllr. Barrie Cooper Cllr Mike Hemsley, Mr Michael Barker and Mr Ian Firth and three members of the public.

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Parish Council on their concerns over the proposed housing development at Croyde House (planning application reference 07/0224/FUL), which was the subject of a planning application. It was reported that ten out of the thirteen residents living on Stavely Way had responded to Rushcliffe BC objecting to the application. The Chairman responded saying that all the points raised were significant and had previously been identified by the Parish Council and a letter objecting to the application had been sent to Rushcliffe BC.

3466. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from and Cllr. Mark Bancroft and Cllr M Tisbury

3467. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2007 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. Diane Kidger informed the meeting that Bassingfield Lane was still in a poor condition (minute 3457) and the material used by the Highways Department to fill the potholes was obviously unsuitable.

3468. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3469. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts told the meeting that in her opinion there was no shortage of housing in Nottinghamshire and consequently did not agree with the recent reports suggesting several thousand additional homes were required. The Chairman supported this view and said that immigration was falling in the area, as was the birth rate.

A new chief executive was to be appointed, probably in March.

Negotiations were under way to develop a Multi Area Agreement between the County and City but the latter only wanted to include the south of the county while the County wanted the agreement to include all the county.

The prospects for the National Water Sports Centre were looking good and there was certainly a desire to keep the rowing facility and extend the use made by the public for recreation and leisure. There was a discussion on the footpaths in the area. The gym is currently let to the Sports Council but that may change in the future.

The bridge over the stream to the west of the Gamston estate was very slippery in wet weather especially and the clerk was asked to follow up with the rights of way team.

The enquiry into the modification order for the Holme Pierrepont footpaths 12 and 13 would be held on 5th February.

Cllr. Barrie Cooper arrived at 8.25 pm.

The Environment Agency had withdrawn their planning application to construct a flood protection wall at Attenborough and details of a new scheme were awaited.

3470. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Barrie Cooper reported that Rushcliffe BC were in discussion with two external suppliers of shared services. Rushcliffe BC was currently working closely with Gedling BC on the provision of some services and was now looking to work with Charnwood BC.

The consultation period on the proposed development of the West Bridgford library was now ended and the scheme had been well received. Some modification to the original design would be necessary to protect the stables, which are a listed building.

There was a further discussion on the modification order at Holme Pierrepont; it was agreed there was no benefit in the proposal for the residents of Holme Pierrepont and it was still unclear if they would have to pay for the upkeep of the route.

Cllr. M Hemsley arrived at 8.45 pm.

Cllr. Barrie Cooper said the latest reports suggested 70,000 houses would be required in Nottinghamshire of which the majority should be built on the urban edge and a smaller number around the villages. The Chairman told the meeting that within Rushcliffe BC the average new build over a five-year period had been 246. One obvious disadvantage was that the borough did not have a Local Plan and was still working on the Local Development Framework.

The clerk introduced a letter recently received from the chief executive of Rushcliffe BC offering to visit the council and make a short presentation. It was agreed Cllr. M Hemsley should investigate possible dates on our behalf. The letter also contained a suggestion for a parish council forum with the theme of glass recycling; it was suggested a better theme would be provision of youth facilities and the clerk was instructed to respond accordingly.

Rushcliffe CVS propose to undertake a survey of what facilities are available for youth.

PC Steve Lock has reported that there are few problems in the area.

The County is providing leadership for a trial youth club to be started in Compton Acres while the youth club operating in the church hall at Edwalton appears to be going from strength to strength with up to 150 attending.

Cllr. Barrie Cooper suggested that if the Gamston Village Hall was ever redeveloped then it could be a facility used for youth activities.

3471. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and eight cheques signed to a total of £1829.07 including £8.95 VAT.

Rushcliffe BC had notified the Parish Council that the tax base for 2008-09 was 1039

3472. PLANNING

The enquiry for the Holme Pierrepont Byways Modification Order had been set for Tuesday 5th February.

Reference 31/07 Application by Little Friendly Day Nursery to Construct a Conservatory at Tarkwa, Adbolton Lane, no objections

Reference 32/07 Application for a mobile Snack Bar, no objections

Reference 01/08 Two and single storey extensions to front and side of house at 1 Cumbria Grange, Gamston, no objections

The discussion on the Rushcliffe BC Report on Planning Issues was deferred until the February meeting, as Cllr M Tisbury was not present.

3473. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported that some software that was no longer compatible with the Parish Council's computer or was no longer supported had been destroyed.

The council's web site had been developed and is maintained by Microsoft's FrontPage; this had been withdrawn and at some point would have to be replaced at a cost of approximately £230.

3474. PLAY PARK

Minor damage to some of the equipment had been found and Cllr J Mason volunteered to re-spray.

Cllr. Margaret Barr and Cllr. Diane Kidger outlined the proposed extension to the play park and the additional seating, litterbins and extension to the astro turf. The budget cost was in the region of £31,000 and submissions would be made to potential funding agencies. The application to the Big lottery had been accepted in principle and we had until 30th June to make a detailed application. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council would contribute 10% on the basis of the existing costings. In addition it was hoped to include a sculpture in the scheme.

Cllrs. Cutts and Cooper offered contributions from their EDI of £1000 and Cllr. M Hemsley £500.

It was proposed and agreed that a letter should be sent confirming as the preferred supplier and asking that they extend the period the quote is valid in order to secure funding.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Ruth Maple had let it be known that she was interested in extending her youth activities.

Rushcliffe BC had informed the clerk that the transfer document to complete the purchase of land on Ambleside had been lost; the Chairman and clerk signed a second copy.

3475. VILLAGE HALL

It was agreed to defer this item, as the Chairman of the working party was not present. Notes on a meeting of the working party held on 19th November 2007 were noted.

Cllr. M Hemsley left the meeting at 10.00 pm.

The Chairman thanked all non-members who attended the meeting

3476. CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER

The following were noted, Countylink December 2007, Rushcliffe BC Member's Monthly October & November 2007, Rushcliffe BC Corporate Strategy and a copy of the chief

executives presentation which he gave at the reception for Chairman and Clerks; the latter referred to a proposal to hold a parish forum during March or April.

3477. CO OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANY

The Clerk reported that there were two candidates for the casual vacancy. Michael Barker explained his personal situation in that he may move from the parish and wished to withdraw but was willing to remain as an advisor on planning matters. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that Ian Firth be co-opted.

3478. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as Monday 11th February

The meeting finished at 10.10 pm

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Held on Monday 11th February 2008 at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas (Chairman), Cllr Margaret Barr (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke, Cllr. Ian Firth, Cllr. Diane Kidger, Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle, Cllr. John Mason, Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury, Cllr. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk, Michael Barker, Cllrs. Kay Cutts, Barrie Cooper & Mike Hemsley.

3479. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Bancroft.

3480. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2008 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3481. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3482. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Cutts presented a report highlighting in particular the County's budget increase of 3%; this was 1% lower than anticipated due to a combination of an increase in the grant from central government and a saving of £23 by the County.

The government had announced a policy to rebuild all secondary schools but this programme was already well behind schedule and Nottinghamshire was now in the 6th wave rather than the 5th as originally planned.

The consultation period for the policy on older people's homes in the County was coming to an end and there was a feeling that the original proposals would be watered down especially where high intensity care was involved.

The Chairman suggested to Cllr. Cutts that over the last 7 years there had been a 7.7% increase pa in the County's rate demand; Cllr. Cutts responded that using 1997 as a benchmark, there had been a 100% rise.

3483. DISTRICT REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had heard rumours that the proposed development area known as Gamston Gateway was going to extend north of the A52. Cllr. Kidger had recently seen surveyors working in the area who had confirmed they were working on a major survey associated with the housing proposals.

Cllr. Cutts commented that the process was being driven by central government and that the numbers quoted were well above what was needed in the area as there was no inward migration and the birth rate was falling. However, it appeared that the three local borough councils and the City council were identifying every possible area for development.

Cllr Tisbury commented that although the Panel report had been published a further amendment report was expected from the Draft Regional Spatial Report and enquiry.

Cllr. Clarke told the meeting he had attended a public meeting hosted by Rushcliffe BC at which a figure of 12,000 houses was mentioned, plus hotels and a school and a college.

Cllr Tisbury commented that being without a Local Plan made Rushcliffe BC very vulnerable and had nothing to defend against developers. An interim strategy does exist but the recent panel report proposed the abolition of the green belt in certain areas. Further, Cllr Tisbury had studied the Rushcliffe BC Report on Planning Issues but did not believe there was anything further the Parish Council needed to comment upon.

Cllr. Kidger asked if there was any proposal for RAF Newton and was told by Cllr. Cutts that an application to demolish the existing houses and build 165 new homes had been granted. The hangars were to be used for industrial purposes.

Sharpe Hill has also reappeared as a potential site for development.

Cllr Tisbury asked that if anyone heard of any EMRA reports being published would they please let him know.

Cllr Mason reported that he understood the CHUB scheme would now be three storeys high and the stables would not be demolished.

3484. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had toured the parish with the Chief Executive of Rushcliffe BC together with Cllrs. Cooper and Hemsley. This had been in the nature of a fact finding visit and a number of issues were discussed but especially the need to provide some youth facilities. The availability of the Community Hall was discussed and how expensive it was to hire.

It was suggested that the Rushcliffe Play Strategy should be paying more attention to the needs of teenagers and the clerk was asked to write and ask about their plans. The Chairman reported that a small group from the New Baptist Church had visited the Peak District for a weekend and this had been very successful and there was a possibility that this group would expand its activities.

Cllr. Cutts told the meeting that she was trying to reinvigorate the Local Partnership and wanted to see the uniformed youth groups involved and if anyone wanted to help they would be very welcome.

The Chairman reported that he had studied the Rushcliffe BC Corporate Strategy report and did not consider it was necessary to respond.

3485. FINANCE

The clerk explained that two cheques raised at the December meeting (numbers 100906 and 100911) had apparently gone missing. It was proposed and agreed that replacement cheques should be raised and the bank should be asked to put a stop on the two missing cheques.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented and approved; eight cheques were signed totalling £1575.91.

The clerk asked the meeting to consider the grass-cutting contract which was up for renewal. It was agreed that this was an unusual contract and that the current contractor had done an excellent job, especially at St Edmunds where year by year he had been extending the area under maintenance. Last year the rates were considered highly competitive. It was proposed and agreed that Financial Orders be suspended and Brian Duffin be awarded the contract for the coming year provided any increase in rates were less than inflation.

The clerk reported that Hacker Young had lost the audit contract and the auditor for 2007-08 would be Clement Keys based in Birmingham. The audit had to be completed a month earlier than last year ie end July and in 2009 by the end of June.

New regulations for the appointment of the internal auditor had also come into force and a paper would be prepared for the next meeting.

The clerk apologised that the audit last year had been completed late; this was because he had been working to the earlier timetable and had not appreciated it was required earlier.

3486. PLANNING

Reference 02/08, an application by Mr Kulvinder to construct a single storey rear extension at 55 Elterwater, NG2 6PX. No objections.

Cllr. Hemsley reported that he had been told that day by the Head of Planning that an application had been made to build 700 houses at Ratcliffe-on-Trent and the development was to include a marina, which would be in our parish.

Cllr. Stacey reported on a recent enquiry held at the National Water Sports Centre into the proposed Modification Order for footpaths number 12 and ??????. Michael Barker thanked Cllr. Cutts for the excellent job she did defending the wishes of the residents of Holme Pierrepont.

There was a discussion on the inspector's decision on the Modification Order for Holme Pierrepont bridleway. It was agreed that the order made little sense as the bridleways would not be joined up and three bridges would have to be built. The clerk was asked to write to the Planning Inspectorate with the council's views.

Cllr. Cutts left the meeting at 9.25 pm but before doing so told the meeting that she was awarding the council £1000 from the EDI to support the Play Park Phase 2 development.

The clerk tabled a consultation paper from Nottinghamshire CC on Validation of Planning Applications. Cllr Tisbury agreed to study and respond to the clerk if appropriate by the response deadline of 29th February.

3487. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported on a Bio Diversity seminar held the previous week. This had been an excellent meeting and well attended by parish councils and other local government representatives.

The report on the Councillors Commission published in December was noted.

3488. PLAY PARK

It was noted that in the nearly two years since the Play Park opened there had been no vandalism and only limited graffiti and it had not been necessary to install CCTV as originally suggested.

Cllr Mason reported that during the recent storm a tree had been blown down in the Play Park, Streetwise had attended and made the area safe. Cllr Mason was thanked by the council for his prompt actions.

Cllr Mason reported on a complaint received from Mrs Warden who had noticed exposed wires on the small hammock. These had been taped up and were no longer dangerous but Cllr. Kidger offered to photograph the equipment and the clerk would then write to the supplier. Cllr. Harbury-Carlisle reported that he believed the swings would require painting in the near future.

Cllrs. Barr and Kidger presented a report on the latest proposals and costings for Phase 2 of the Play Park. An application was being prepared for the Big Lottery but an application for funding had been presented to Rushcliffe BC, the total project cost was £39,407. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council would support to a maximum of 10% and this would allow an application to be made to Rushcliffe for approximately £4,000 as match-funding as a condition.

Cllr Mason asked if the police Crime Reduction Manager could be asked to comment on the scheme before the plans were finalised.

Cllr. Kidger explained that the scheme was to include a dragonfly seat and a bull sculpture. The clerk suggested these items could form the basis of a logo for the Parish Council; the bull to represent agriculture and the dragonfly water and hence the influence of the canal and river on the parish.

3489. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Mason presented accounts for the Village Hall for 2006-07, these showed reserves of £3,187.26 in the current account and £14,630.31 in the deposit account. Cllr Mason also commented that at a recent meeting of the committee there had not been unanimous support for a replacement Village Hall.

The clerk reminded the meeting that the relationship between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee was not satisfactory and it was agreed this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The clerk reported that he had received a letter from Rushcliffe BC explaining that the Rates Liability of partially occupied buildings like the Village Hall would be changing following a change in the law. The liability for 2008-09 would be the same as this year but may change in the future.

Cllr. Cooper, Cllr. Hemsley and Cllr Tisbury left the meeting at 10.25 pm.

3490. CORESPONDENCE

Cllr Firth left the meeting at 10.45 pm.

The clerk tabled the following which were noted; Nottinghamshire CC, Library Lovers Week and Rights of Way Improvement Plan; Rushcliffe BC Members Monthly December 2007, Development Control Committee minutes for November and Standards Committee for November 2007 and February 2008, and Living Streets

3491. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 10th March

The meeting finished at 10.45 pm

Clerk's note; the first meeting after the summer break is normally held at Holme Pierrepont, this year the date is not available and I have agreed to hold the July meeting at St Edmunds.

**Minutes Of The Meeting Of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Held On Monday 10th March 2008 at 7:30 pm At Gamston Village Hall**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas – 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 Mike Hemsley & Mr Michael Barker.

3492. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Margaret Barr Vice Chairman and Ian Firth. Cllr. Barrie Cooper (Rushcliffe BC & Nottinghamshire CC) also sent apologies.

3493. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th February were accepted with a minor amendment and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. Tisbury reported that in his opinion there was no need to respond to Rushcliffe BC's document on planning issues.

The clerk informed the meeting that he would be reminding members at 10.00 pm of the time and seeking a resolution to extend the meeting time if necessary, otherwise items would be deferred until the next meeting.

3494. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3495. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts told the meeting that the County budget had been set at 3% increase.

Cllr. Cutts expressed concern at the lack of progress with the Grantham Canal project to link with the River Trent. There had been protests by local residents in Hickling objecting to proposals that they considered would increase the number of visitors to unacceptable levels general problems with the best way to achieve a connection. What was required was a comprehensive feasibility study.

It appeared that the Gamston P&R had been postponed until 2010-11 and this should give time for possible alternatives to be explored.

Cllr. Bancroft told the meeting that new fencing was being erected along Adbolton Lane.

Cllr. Tisbury asked if there had been any discussion on the proposed new river crossing.

Cllr. Bancroft asked if there had been developments with the proposal to extend the bus lane towards Nottingham.

The Chairman asked if it was possible to get an update on the proposed Gamston Gateway.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Kay Cutts for her donation of £1000 to support the Play Park phase 2 project. It was also noted that Cllr. Cooper had donated £1000.

3496. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Hemsley presented the council with a cheque for £500 to support the Play Park phase 2 project.

The Borough Council had been working hard on the budget and also the full range of council activities in order to achieve an excellent status (currently good).

Cllr. Hemsley also reported on a visit made to the parish with the chief executive of Rushcliffe BC.

Some residents of the mobile home park had been experiencing problems but social services were now helping and a resolution was in hand.

The clerk informed the meeting that he had noticed the Borough had been awarded £157,000 in recognition of planning department performance. There was a brief discussion on planning issues and the possibility of e-mailing applications.

3497. PLANNING

Reference 08/00268/TPO, felling of three sycamore trees, it was noted that there were in fact two sycamores and one crab apple, none either attractive or in good condition. No objection

Reference 07/02319/FUL, ground floor and rear extensions to Manor Farm Cottage. It was noted that while the Parish Council had objected to this development on a number of grounds, permission had been granted. Cllr. Hemsley confirmed that he had also objected and it was uncertain why this application had not gone to the Planning Committee for consideration. Cllr. Hemsley agreed to follow up and report back.

It was noted that the Croyde House application had been withdrawn for the second time, no explanation had been given.

The Inspector's decision on the Modification Order to Holme Pierrepont Footpaths numbers 12 and 13 was noted with concern. The width of the paths are defined by existing hedges but the Inspector appeared to be suggesting an increased width and in confirming the order a health and safety hazard had been created at the junction of Sandy's Lane and the A52. The clerk was asked to write to the Planning Inspectorate with the council's observations.

It was noted that large banners had appeared at the Community Hall and the smoking area at the Goose at Gamston had been enclosed. The clerk was asked to write to the enforcement officer at Rushcliffe BC expressing the council's concerns.

3498. FINANCE

The clerk confirmed that cheques numbers 100907 and 100911 had been stopped.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and six cheques signed totally £1575.91.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.05 pm

The clerk presented a summary of expenditure for the year to date which showed an under spend of approximately £16,000 due almost entirely to projects not going ahead this financial year. It was proposed and agreed that as these projects were going forward that reserves should be made for 2008-09 to cover these items.

There was a discussion on the Parish Council funding an interactive speed camera on Ambleside and it was agreed the clerk should provide Cllr. Bancroft with information for an assessment.

Cllr. Tisbury left the meeting at 9.35 pm.

Cllr. Cynthia Stacey told the meeting she had had meetings on site with three potential contractors for the grass-cutting contract. It was proposed and agreed that the contract be

awarded to Mr Brian Duffin for three years on the basis of costs, previous performance and reliability.

3499. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was proposed and agreed to organise another St George's Day competition with Pierrepont Gamston School with prizes to a maximum of £50. Photographs of the winning entries would be made available for display at the Annual Meeting. Possible topics for discussion included Road safety, youth activities, Gamston Gateway and Community Policing.

It was proposed and agreed that the format of the Annual Meeting would be as in previous years and that light refreshments would be provided.

Cllr. Diane Kidger left the meeting at 10.05 pm.

3500. PLAY PARK

A revised costing of approximately £40,000 for the project was noted.

It was reported that an on site meeting had been held with the Crime Reduction Officer and his report was noted.

A Young Persons Policy was adopted.

Cllr. Mason reported that the damaged hammock from the Play Park had been removed and sent away for repair.

3501. ARTS IN THE PARISH

The Chairman announced that the next performance would be Home Service, a war time review based on the music and humour of the second world war on Thursday evening.

3502. VILLAGE HALL

It was proposed and agreed to defer this item and to consider at a later date whether to invite members of the Village Hall committee to a special meeting.

3503. COMMUNICATIONS

All non-essential correspondence deferred until the next meeting.

The clerk proposed including the minutes of the Parish Council meetings in the Newsletter. This was not approved and instead minutes would be posted on the notice boards. Newsletters would be produced as and when appropriate.

3504. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as Monday 14th April in the Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 10.40 pm

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Held on Monday 14th April 2008 at 7:30 pm at Gamston village hall**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas – Chairman, Cllr Margaret Barr Vice Chairman, Cllr. Mark Bancroft, Cllr Ian Firth, 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

3505. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2008 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported on a very successful arts event, Home Service was well attended and a small profit had been made, it was proposed and agreed that the profit be shared and £50 be returned to Nottinghamshire CC. Cllr. Mason reported that the raffle had realised £41.00 in aid of Friends of the School.

3506. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3507. PLAY PARK

Cllr. Diane Kidger told the meeting she had attended a Funding Seminar and spoken to representatives from the Big Lottery. It was apparent that our bid was not going to be easy, there had only been one successful application from the East Midlands and applications were high. Carola Jones had been helpful in fine-tuning the application and we were on course to submit our application before the deadline of 30th June.

Cllr. Diane Kidger tabled plans of the proposed Play Park scheme; these had been slightly modified following an on-site meeting with the crime reduction officer

The clerk confirmed that Rushcliffe BC had informed him that a planning application was not required.

Grants had been received from Cllr. Cooper and Cllr. Hemsley and Paul Cox the Borough solicitor had spoken to the clerk and explained that if the project did not go ahead the Borough would expect the funds to be returned.

Cllr. Margaret Barr arrived at 7.45 pm

The estimated project cost was £40,000 but it was still expected that the council's contribution would be limited to £4,000.

Cllr. Kay Cutts suggested that if the bid was not successful then alternative sources of funding might include the Aggregates Levy Board and the Football Foundation.

Cllr. Diane Kidger thanked other members for their help in putting the bid together.

Cllr. Mason reported that the hammock had been repaired and re-installed.

It was proposed and agreed that the clerk should write to Rushcliffe BC informing them of the outstanding service and commitment demonstrated by Clements.

Cllr. Mason told the meeting that he continued to make an inspection of the Play Park and equipment on a regular basis and to monitor the shrubbery. The bulbs planted last year had resulted in a good display but it was unknown if the bird boxes had attracted any nesting birds.

The clerk reported that the trade waste certificate had been received.

3508. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts told the meeting there had been a very heated county Council meeting the outcome of which was that a 5 year strategy had been agreed for the Care of the Elderly, five homes would close, three would remain open.

The Civic Year starts in May when a new Chairman would be elected.

Some schools in the County were in a very poor state of repair and Rushcliffe would not see any benefit from government plans to rebuild all secondary schools until 2019-2023.

It was apparent that nobody was happy with the inspectors report on the Holme Pierrepont footpath modification order. Doreen Lehupp who had unwittingly instigated the whole process had been badly advised from the outset and in Cllr Cutts opinion the enquiry was flawed as it had been held under the wrong act and she was now going to support Mrs Lehupp in objecting.

The next liaison meeting of the Stragglethorpe Composting group would be on 29th April.

3509. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The next arts event would be Bayou Seco on 24th April.

The Chairman reported that he did not attend the glass-recycling seminar at Rushcliffe BC.

From 12th May the County in partnership with the local authorities would take responsibility for street parking.

3510. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Croyde House; the revised application was essentially the same as previous applications but now for only 10 dwellings. The main objections were still valid and it was proposed and agreed that Cllr. Tisbury to study the application in further detail and if necessary amend the earlier letter objecting to the application.

Windermere Close; Cllr. Mason had made a site visit and spoken to neighbours. No objections.

Bassingfield Lane; it was proposed and agreed that there were no objections to the application but that there should be a condition that the office was for private use only and not a business. It was proposed and agreed that Cllr. Clarke should study the plans in more detail and make comments to the clerk if appropriate.

Traveller's Park; the application for a site for two caravans was the same location as submitted in 2004. Michael Barker was invited to speak and told the meeting that local residents had a number of concerns. There were a number of errors in the application, this stated that electric, water and a septic tank were all present when it was believed this was not the case. In addition the council were against the proposal on the five criteria in the Rushcliffe policy ie green belt, open country, community facilities, brown field site and safety. In addition there was a site nearby which was deemed adequate.

O2 Mast; the proposed location was outside the parish.

3511. FINANCE

The Financial Statement was approved and & cheques signed eight cheques signed totalling £1,393.60.

Comments were received and noted on the proposed internal audit programme and it was proposed and agreed that the David Brooks be appointed Internal Auditor for a fee of £150.00.

The clerk tabled a draft copy of the accounts for 2007-08, these were noted, and drew the meeting's attention to the reserves of £110,000 and the significant under spend compared to the budget. It was proposed and agreed that the reserves be review at the next meeting.

3512. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk tabled a draft programme for the Annual Meeting. It was agreed to add an agenda item for a discussion on installing an interactive speed sign on Ambleside. It was agreed to print 800 for circulation before the meeting.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.15 pm

The clerk told the meeting a letter had been received from the Lady Bay Association asking the Parish Council to consider replacing the bench seats removed by the County on safety grounds. Cllr. Diane Kidger suggested the EMA social fund might financially support the scheme and agreed to make enquiries.

It was agreed to request Streetwise to install dog bins at the end of Trent Boulevard and near the proposed site of the bench.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Working Party had proposed a joint meeting to discuss options for the Village Hall, it was agreed to hold a meeting on 19th May.

3513. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Hemsley tabled a letter received form the Chief executive which was positive in outlook and followed up on a site meeting held with Cllrs Thomas, Cooper and Hemsley.

Glass Recycling was being trialled using mini receptacles that had a lining to reduce noise pollution.

Cllr. Hemsley urged the Parish Council to consider developing a Parish Plan, this triggered a discussion on how to encourage and enhance community awareness in the parish of Gamston.

3514. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be on 12th May at 6.30 pm to be followed at 7.30 by the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

The meeting finished at 10.25 pm

**Minutes of the annual meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Held on Monday 12th May 2008 at 6:30 pm at Gamston village hall**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas – Chairman, Cllr Margaret Barr - Vice Chairman, Cllr. Mark Bancroft, Cllr Ian Firth, 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, G C Lowe – Assistant Clerk

3515. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2008-09

Only one nomination was received and Cllr F H Thomas was duly elected.

3516. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Tisbury apologised, as he would be arriving late.

3517. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2008

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3518. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were given.

3519. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, PC REPRESENTATIVES AND INTERNAL AUDITOR

Only one nomination was received and Cllr Mason was duly elected Vice Chairman.

Mr David Brooks was appointed as Internal Auditor for 2008/09.

3520. PLANNING

Reference 09/08, application by Ashley Sutton-Counter for an extension to a workshop at The Cottage, NG12 2LF – no objection.

Reference 10/08, application by Mr Ackroyd for alterations and an extension at 47 Adbolton Lane, NG2 5AR – no objection.

Reference 11/08, application by Miss L Kirkman for continued use of an indoor riding arena at the Equestrian Centre, Adbolton Lane, NG2 5AS – no objection.

Reference 12/08, application by Mr Hackett for variation of 2003 planning application, it was agreed to request an extension to the response deadline so that this could be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting.

3521. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Finance Statement was approved and eleven cheques were signed.

It was proposed and agreed that an Assistant to the Clerk be appointed for a short period while the Clerk was recovering from a minor operation at an hourly rate equivalent to the Clerk, plus expenses.

It was proposed and agreed to pay a Members Allowance for the current year at the same rate as 2007/08.

It was proposed and agreed to make a donation of £130 to St Edmund's Church for the renovation of the railings.

3522. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 9th June 2008

**Minutes of the annual meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Held on Monday 9th June 2008 at 7:30 pm at Gamston Village Hall**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas – Chairman, Cllr Margaret Barr - Vice Chairman, Cllr. Mark Bancroft, Cllr Ian Firth, 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, G C Lowe – Assistant Clerk

3523. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3524. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12TH MAY 2008 AND MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

3525. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3526. ORDER OF BUSINESS

3527. COUNTY REPORT

3528. DISTRICT REPORT

3529. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Report on LAF Traffic group meeting

3530. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12/08 Application by Mr D Hacket for the removal of conditions attached to planning application

13/08 Application by Ms D Owen to construct a pitched roof at The Barley House, Gamston

14/08 Application by Mr S Anderson to construct a summerhouse at 1 Aira Close

15/08 Application by Miss K Kirkman to construct stables and install floodlights at West Bridgford Equestrian Centre

16/08 Application by T Chelova for a 2 storey side extension at 17 Garsdale

3531. FINANCE

Financial Statement & cheques for signature
Annual Accounts & Return

To consider an application by Musica Donum Dei for financial support

3532. CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report on Annual Meeting
SLCC Regional Conference

3533. PLAY PARK

Update on Project
To consider a quotation for weed control at the Play Park

3534. VILLAGE HALL

Report on Joint Meeting

3535. CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER

Correspondence requiring action

Nottinghamshire CC Eco Town Consultation
Visualise Invitation

Correspondence for information

Nottinghamshire CC, Nottinghamshire Highways
Travel & Transport Briefing
Planning & Landscape Briefing
Communities Department Business Plan

Rushcliffe BC Members Monthly March & April
Development Control Committee meeting minutes 17th April

**3536. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 14TH JULY 2008 AT HOLME
PIERREPONT**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14TH JULY 2008 AT 7:30 PM
AT ST EDMUNDS, HOLME PIERREPONT**

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

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk & Cllr. Kay Cutts plus one local resident.

3537. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Tisbury

3538. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2008 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Mr Barker told the meeting Rushcliffe BC wished to impose further conditions on Mr Hacket which included surfacing Sandy's Lane.

Cllr. Kay Cutts confirmed that the West Bridgford Equestrian Centre was owned by the County Council.

It was understood that the recent planning application for Traveller's Caravans had been referred back to the applicant.

The Chairman invited Mr Arthur to report on his ideas for a petition to improve safety on Ambleside. Mr Arthur reported that he had spoken at length with Ian Parker and met with him on site and discussed the various County Council policies on road improvements and had regrettably come to the conclusion that there was little value in going ahead with a petition at the present time. Ambleside was classified as a local distribution road but neither a pedestrian crossing nor parking restrictions were possible under the existing policies. Photographs had been taken illustrating typical problems and these would be kept on record. A review of policies was under way and when completed the petition would be reviewed.

Cllr. Diane Kidger told the meeting of a meeting she had had with Ash Leigh School who had asked if a Boccia court could be marked out on the new football pitch when laid for disabled users and this might bring with it a requirement for off road disabled parking.

Cllr. Kay Cutts told the meeting that the problems we were experiencing on Ambleside were county-wide.

It was noted that the clerk had obtained accident statistics for Lings Bar but these were of limited value and a further report should be requested.

There had been another serious accident on Lings Bar recently.

3539. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3540. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts informed the meeting that the proposed Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) in the parish had been rejected after undertaking a flood risk assessment. Sharpe Hill, Clifton Pastures, Cotgrave and RAF Newton were still possibilities.

It was proposed and agreed to exclude members of the public (excluding Mr M Barker) for the purpose of receiving a confidential report from Cllr. Kay Cutts on the National Water Sports Centre.

Public left the meeting at 8.30 pm

Cllr. Cutts outlined the latest proposals for developing the Centre which would include new facilities and activities, improved catering and improved public awareness. The current lease expires in 2009 when the County would assume responsibility for the Centre

3541. DISTRICT REPORT

In the absence of both district councillors there was no report. Cllr. Mason asked that in view of Cllr Cooper's appointment as Mayor he would not be able to present a regular report and Cllr. Mike Hemsley should be invited to do so.

3542. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference 17/08 08/01104/FUL, application by Mr S Johaz to construct an extension at 5 Kirkstone, no objections.

Reference 18/08 08/01187/OUT application by Mr Osbourne to demolish and construct 4 new dwellings at 2 Adbolton Lane, no objections.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.00 pm

Planning Application submitted by Nottinghamshire CC for retention of offices at Gamston depot

3543. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was approved and 22 cheques totalling £5,259.45 including £44.31 were signed.

It was agreed to reinvest the £10,000 maturing bond in a similar bond for a three year term.

The clerk presented the internal auditors report which did not contain any items for consideration and was accepted.

The Annual Accounts 2007-08 were approved.

The Annual Return was approved and the Statement of Assurances approved and the clerk authorised to submit to the external auditors..

It was proposed and agreed to make a donation to Vitalise (Skylarks) of £250.

A cheque for £4000 had been received from Rushcliffe BC towards the Play Park Phase 2.

It was proposed and agreed to accept the quotation for weed control at the Play Park following the receipt of a letter with assurances that the products to be used were safe and approved.

Village Hall accounts for 2007-08; it was noted that the closing balances at 31st March 2008 were £2836.88 (Current) and £14,066.50 (Deposit)

3544. PARISH COUNCIL STRATEGIC REVIEW

There was a brief discussion on the council's Strategic Plan and amendments were made to the 2005 plan; it was agreed to add Cllr. Barr's suggestion that the villages in the parish should be recognised with a name board and floral display; Cllr. Diane Kidger asked for a pavement to be included from near the end of the footpath which crosses the Lings Bar road to the Grantham Canal; a history board on or near the canal and a review of the provision of benches.

It was proposed and agreed to include this item on a future agenda.

Cllr. Harbury-Carlisle left the meeting at 9.40 pm

3545. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to AMScott about the ragwort infestation on the A52 and Lings Bar and they had promised to provide information on their treatment scheme.

The clerk informed members that he would be attending a seminar run by Zurich Municipal Insurance on Contracts & Partnerships, Risk Management, and Claims Review

3546. CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER

CPRE, Annual report 2007

NALC, Countywise Issue 24

Nottinghamshire CC, Annual Church service (passed to Cllr. Stacey), BBC Application Form, eco-Town consultation; Waste Core Strategy

Planning Inspectorate, further submissions on Holme Pierrepont Byways 12 & 13

RoSPA, Inspection Report for Play Park

Rushcliffe BC, Small Environmental Scheme, applications to be received by 1st September

Scott Wilson, invitation to Grantham Canal consultation

Zurich Municipal, Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007.

3547. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 8th September 2008 in Gamston Village Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting finished at 10.05 pm

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas – Chairman, Cllr Margaret Barr, Cllr. Malcolm C Clarke, Cllr Ian Firth, Cllr. Diane Kidger, Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle, Cllr. John Mason, Cllr. Melvyn Tisbury.

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk, M Barker Cllr. Kay Cutts

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Angela Doherty (Rushcliffe BC) and Miles King a representative from Midlands Rural Housing on Rural Housing in the parish. Rushcliffe BC is keen to identify where there is a need for Rural Housing and to locate suitable sites to build housing for local residents on low incomes, new families and the elderly. The business model is one of shared ownership through a Housing Association.

Cllr. Diane Kidger and Cllr. Barr joined the meeting at 7.35 pm

It was noted that there were a number of empty properties in Gamston and that the need for such housing was not proven. While the business model was different it was considered evidence that there is no requirement for any additional housing at present. Angela explained further action could include a Housing Needs Survey but nothing would happen without the support of the Parish Council.

It was agreed to include the item on the agenda for the October meeting.

Sonia Ostapjuk joined the meeting at 8.00 pm

The Chairman invited Sonia to report on the Village Hall. It was noted that until very recently the committee had been very strong but the secretary, treasurer and the booking secretary had all resigned and this would obviously impact on the Village Hall and planned activities.

It was agreed to circulate as widely as possible a request for volunteers to join the committee and for a handyman/caretaker, the regular users of the Village Hall would also be circulated and a Newsletter published..

3548. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Mark Bancroft and Cynthia Stacey.

3549. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2008 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3550. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr. Kay Cutts confirmed that the information presented at the previous Parish Council meeting on the options for the National Water Sports Centre was now in the public domain.

3551. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3552. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts confirmed that despite the recent reports in the Evening Post the relocation of Nottingham Forest ground to Adbolton had not been discussed with any of the local planning authorities. The proposed location was unknown and there was no funding available.

The Gamston Park & Ride was back on the agenda but with considerable opposition with Bingham as a preferred alternative. GOEM was supportive of the Gamston site but Highways were on record as saying access from the roundabout would be difficult.

Cllr. Kay Cutts reminded the meeting that Community Awards would be presented at County Hall on 13th November.

3553. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on a consultation meeting held in Cotgrave to consider options for the Grantham Canal. Cllrs. Barr and Kidger also attended and all were agreed that the meeting and its outcomes had been disappointing.

The Chairman had attended a Harvest Festival at Simpkins Farm.

3554. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08/01292/FUL The Chairman invited Mr Michael Barker to address the council on the revised application by Mr Hackett to develop barns at Holme Pierrepoint. Important factors in the application included; a Protected Species report on account of bats in the area, a Structural report, a Flood report concerning floor levels, Sandys Lane and the location of flood ducts, resiting of three garages and alternative energy provision. It was noted that one neighbour had asked that a brick wall be retained and not demolished. It was proposed and agreed not to object to the application.

08/01366/FUL Croyde House. Although the latest revised application contained a number of changes to the proposed development it was proposed and agreed that Cllr. Tisbury should draft a response objecting to the application. An important consideration was the proposal to fell a number of trees and it was noted that Gamston had so few trees it was important to preserve what existed.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.15 pm

08/01616/FUL First floor side extension at 11 Sandale Close. No objections

3555. PLAY PARK

Cllr. Mason confirmed the Play Park had been inspected regularly during the month, tabled inspection reports and the following had been noted; some slight soil erosion adjacent to the football pitch and slight wear on the toddler seats. It was not considered that either of these presented a significant risk but would be monitored but Colin Dines would be asked to inspect the erosion. It was noted that Brian Duffin continues to do a splendid job of cutting the grass.

The weeds had been treated but a second application was probably necessary and the clerk was asked to contact Complete Weed Control.

The clerk confirmed that planning permission was not required to erect no parking signs and it was agreed these should be purchased and erected.

There was a discussion on the possibility of a petition for a pedestrian crossing on Ambleside and it was agreed to proceed.

At 10.00 pm it was proposed and agreed to suspend standing orders and continue with the meeting.

Cllrs. Barr & Kidger informed the meeting that the Big lottery funding application had been unsuccessful, the reason given was that the application lacked the wow factor. This was totally rejected by the meeting. Cllrs. Barr & Kidger were thanked by everyone for their hard work in putting the application together. It was noted that only one application for the East Midlands out of over thirty had been accepted.

It was proposed and agreed that an application should be submitted to Rushcliffe BC under the Play Builder initiative if this was at all possible as the deadline for submissions had passed.

3556. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Tisbury reported on a recent meeting of the Working Party and the results of a small survey; the latter had suggested that the need was for a hall of similar size to the current one but with better facilities.

Cllr. Firth left the meeting at 10.20 pm

3557. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was presented, this was approved and 10 cheques totalling £2203.19 including £33.25 VAT were signed.

The clerk introduced a letter proposing to commission and erect a memorial to the Sherwood Foresters in Belgium. The clerk advised that it was a grey area whether or not the Parish Council had the power to spend money in this way. It was proposed and agreed to make a donation of £30 to the Sherwood Foresters Memorial Fund.

It was proposed and agreed to re allocate the contingency fund to the Play Park and the clerk was asked to arrange for a skip for a Capital One day. It was agreed to employ the services of a specialist with a chain saw.

Cllr. Tisbury left the meeting at 10.30 pm

3558. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deferred until next meeting

3559. ARTS IN THE PARISH

The Chairman reported that the next event would be on 18th November followed by 8th February.

3560. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as Monday 13th October

The meeting finished at 10.40 pm

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOLME PIERREPONT & GAMSTON
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER AT 7:30 PM
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas (Chairman), Cllr. John Mason (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
Cllr. Kay Cutts Cllr. Barrie Cooper Cllr Mike Hemsley & Mr M Barker

3561. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Margaret Barr and Cllr. Mark Bancroft.

3562. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

3563. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were given

3564. ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was proposed and agreed to bring forward the item on the Play Park

3565. PLAY PARK

Cllr. Diane Kidger outlined recent developments regarding the lack of funding for the proposed phase 2 development and the possibility of applying to WREN. After considerable discussion it was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council fund the development.

Cllr. Hemsley arrived at 7.50 pm

It was proposed and agreed that funds re assigned to the project from the council's reserves

Cllr. Diane Kidger left the meeting at 8.20 pm

In view of this decision it was necessary to repair the astroturf as this would be dealt with under the main scheme.

Cllr. Mason presented the monthly inspection report, there were no significant problems identified.

3566. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Kay Cutts reported on a number of partnership meetings recently attended and commented that she often thought the emphasis was on things of little relevance and did not believe these partnerships were representing the public at large. A case in point was a recent crime incident in Ratcliffe on Trent which had highlighted the need for action on low-level crime but this appeared to be a very low priority.

Cllr. Kay Cutts reported on a meeting of the Grantham Canal Partnership and while the County Council had no route preference expressed a personal preference for opening the canal along its original route but was unhappy about the proposal to build a large number of houses as part of the scheme.

The Chairman told the meeting about recent fly tipping in Bassingfield and asked Cllr Cutts if anything could be done, Cllr. Harbury-Carlisle advised that the Environment Agency should be

informed and that they were prepared to install cameras in hot spots and prosecute offenders. Cllr. Barrie Cooper reported that the local authority waste sites now accepted DIY waste and this should help reduce fly tipping but tyres were not accepted and Rushcliffe BC had recently introduced a battery collection service.

Cllr. Kay Cutts told the meeting that she had made a donation to Free Spirits from EDI

3567. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Barrie Cooper informed the meeting that the latest housing figures imposed by the government represented a huge increase and Rushcliffe BC was opposed to the plans. An application to develop Sharp Hill had been refused but the applicant had appealed and an enquiry was expected next February.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.00 pm

3568. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on a LAF Traffic & Transport meeting recently attended with Cllr. Mason when the question of wider use of 20 mph zones was discussed. It was also reported that it had been suggested the interactive camera for Ambleside might not be installed and the clerk was asked to write to Highways.

3569. RURAL HOUSING

The clerk tabled correspondence and a questionnaire template received from Angela Doherty following the presentation at the last Parish Council meeting. After a brief discussion it was proposed and agreed not to support a parish survey on social housing needs.

3570. RCAN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Cllr. Mason circulated information from the conference

3571. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman invited Michael Barker to update the council on planning matters at Holme Pierrepoint; the proposed wind turbines would now be 25m high rather than the initial 15m and the Environment Agency had requested a Flood Assessment based on 2007 data. Further, if Sandys Lane is considered as a bridleway than no work to upgrade this access is required.

The Chairman commented on the inspector's report on the Cotgrave to Bassingfield bridleway and the decision to recognise only part of this right of way and not the open field section.

3572. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Tisbury reported on two meetings of the Working Party; work was progressing on obtaining a broad brush cost for a replacement hall and identifying possible sources of funding. Additional help and support from the Parish Council was considered essential and it was agreed a list of the top actions be drawn up and members could marry skills with requirements.

The Village Hall Committee had agreed to pay the recently introduced NAVACH annual subscription.

Cllr. Tisbury asked that financial resources be ring fenced and it was agreed this should be discussed with the budget.

It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council should take over responsibility for repairs and gas and electricity inspections and the clerk was asked to discuss with the Committee Chairman an invoice for two years maintenance recently received.

3573. FINANCE

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

The clerk was asked to obtain quotes for three replacement notice boards; Cllr. Stacey asked that a new board in Holme Pierrepont should be constructed of wood as this would be more in character than metal for the village.

At 10.00 pm it was proposed and agreed to continue the meeting but that some items would be deferred; the clerk reminded the meeting that some items had already been deferred previously.

It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote from Malcolm Lane Ltd for a new bench for Adbolton Lane

3574. PARISH COUNCIL STRATEGIC REVIEW

Deferred

3575. CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was proposed and agreed that the clerk should make recommendations for the Freedom of Information Act and the new schedule which had to be adopted by 1st January 2009.

3576. CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER

Items deferred

3577. ARTS IN THE PARISH

The Chairman informed the meeting that the next two performances would be

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight on 18th November and Straw Headed Peter on 8th January

It was proposed and agreed to keep the ticket prices for families at £2.50 for adults and 50 p for children but unaccompanied adults would increase to £5.00. Posters would be displayed in the Play Park for these events.

3578. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 10th November 2008

The meeting finished at 10.35 pm

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Held on Monday 10th November 2008 at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall**

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

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk, Michael Barker, Barrie Cooper & Mike Hemsley.

3579. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. Bancroft.

3580. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2008 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3581. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3582. CO OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY

It was proposed and unanimously approved to co opt Michael Barker.

3583. COUNTY REPORT

The clerk presented a report on behalf of Cllr. Kay Cutts; Cllr. Cutts attended a meeting with the Parish Council and Police Officers following the incident in Radcliffe on Trent. After a long discussion and statistics presented by the police it was agreed that the level of violence in Radcliffe on Trent was not high but that residents need to report minor incidents of vandalism and damage to vehicles for the police to gather statistics. The meeting was very helpful and everyone concerned were satisfied with the outcome.

Cllr. Cutts attended the Radcliffe on Trent Skate Park for a photograph session with youngsters who use the park. The Skate Park is open for not only children from Radcliffe, but also other youngsters to bring their BMX bikes, skate boards etc. It is run by a local group who also maintain the equipment.

Yesterday Cllr. Cutts placed a wreath on the Memorial on behalf of the County Council in memory of those who fought and died in combat protecting our country.

Cllr Cutts will be presenting the awards on Thursday this week on behalf of the Rushcliffe Community Partnership, to the award winners in various categories. The Rushcliffe Partnership is Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Primary Care Trust, Police, Fire Service, Crime and Disorder Partnership, RCVS and South Notts College. The aim of the partnership is to bring together those delivering a service in Rushcliffe on the principle that a partnership is greater than the sum of its parts to enhance our community.

Cllr. Kay Cutts can be contacted either by phone or email should you have any questions or matters to draw to my attention.

Cllr. Barrie Cooper informed the meeting that plans for the new library in West Bridgford were progressing slowly and a full planning application was unlikely to be made before January 2009 and demolition will start in the summer. It was hoped there would be a name change before completion.

Some scheduled road works in West Bridgford would be postponed until after completion and Central Avenue would be closed for resurfacing. Cllr. Tisbury commented that some of the roads in the Borough were in very poor condition and not at all supportive of cyclists.

There was a discussion on the provision of an interactive sign on Ambleside and it appeared that the County would not be funding such a sign. Cllr. Barrie Cooper offered to make enquiries and report back to the council.

Derbyshire CC wanted to join the car-parking scheme run by the County with the boroughs.

Domestic DIY waste was now accepted at recycling centres but a permit would be required and the battery collection service had proved very popular with over a tonne of waste batteries collected.

Unlawful road signs were increasing and the County would like anyone with information to make a report

The Sharp Hill application had been rejected and an appeal would be heard in February

Cllr. Mason informed the meeting that five affordable homes were to be built in Tollerton on green belt land

Cllr. Barrie Cooper left the meeting at 8:10 pm

3584. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Hemsley told the meeting that he thought the government's plans for eco towns was little supported and he did not expect it to get very far.

3585. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had attended a Remembrance Ceremony at St Edmunds with Cllr. Mason who had laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Twinning Association exchange visit had been very successful.

3586. PLANNING

Reference 29/08, application by Mr & Mrs Cuthbert, for a single storey extension and veranda at Tranquillity House, Main Street, Gamston, no objections

Reference 30/08 application by Mr Horsman for a two-storey side/rear extension (revision of earlier application 18/07), at Malone Cottage, Old Tollerton Rd NG2 6NU. No objections.

Reference 31/08 application by Ms T Chelova for a two storey side extension (revision to 16/08) at 27 Garsdale, no objections

Reference 32/08 application by Mr Reid for a single storey rear and side extension at 18 Kirkstone, no objections

Cllr. Tisbury reported that he had read the Partial Review documents and considered it too complex an issue for the Parish Council to respond to, as it required specialist knowledge.

3587. PLAY PARK

Cllr. Diane Kidger informed the meeting that Rushcliffe BC had indicated they would be supporting Phase 11 but not until the next financial year which meant orders could not be placed until March 2009 at the earliest, funding would be in the order of £26,000. The Rushcliffe Play Partnership next meets on 10th December when more information would be

available. Cllr. Hemsley offered to investigate further and try and get a commitment in writing to the offer of funding.

A meeting had been held with Derek Clements and final costings were awaited.

The clerk read out a letter from a resident of Ambleside who expressed a number of concerns over the proposed Phase 11 and complained that he did not believe there had been adequate public consultation. The clerk was asked to respond with information on consultations held. It was also noted that a Member inspects the Play Park weekly and that litter is not a problem and there are no reports of vandalism, Phase 1 has been an unqualified success and satisfaction levels are very high.

The Inspection reports were noted, no significant risks had been identified.

3588. VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that three trees had canker and as there was no treatment they would probably die within 18 months, it was recommended that no pruning takes place and the clerk was asked to inform Brian Duffin.

Cllr. Tisbury reported on a meeting with Katie Wilson when a range of issues was discussed; the project breaks down into four areas, a Business Plan, Public Consultation, Sources of Funding, and Design and Build. The Village Hall management Committee had agreed to subscribe to NAVACH.

It was proposed and agreed to ring fence £100,000 of Parish Council reserves for the Village Hall project and this to be reviewed annually.

The annual Bonfire was a huge success and very well attended, the Parish Council expressed their thanks to the organising committee for all their hard work.

3589. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was approved and nine cheques signed.

It was proposed and agreed to approve the purchase of new notice boards for Gamston and Bassingfield but to delay the purchase of a new board for Holme Pierrepont until after further research.

The clerk was asked to produce a draft budget for the next meeting assuming a maximum increase on the precept of 2%.

Confidential Item. This minute will not be available on the Internet. The clerk informed the meeting that a national settlement had been agreed and it was proposed and agreed to adopt the new pay scales and promote the clerk to SCP 25.ment had been Clerk's salary review

3590. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported on a conference recently attended on transport issues, Transport for Communities, and organised by RCAN. This had been very well attended and there appeared to be some positive developments within the County that could see transport provision improving.

3591. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted: invitation to Mayor's Charity Luncheon at Bingham; Rushcliffe BC's Community Strategy 2005-2020 report; Parish Council forum 27th February 2009 and invitation to Play Initiative meeting; letter from the Ramblers Association; the Planning Inspectorate; Communities & Local Government, Communities in Control.

3592. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 8th December 2008

The meeting finished at 10.35 pm

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Held on Monday 8th December 2008 at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall**

Present: Cllr. Frank Thomas (Chairman), Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, Mrs Margaret Barr, Malcolm C Clarke, Mrs Diane Kidger, John Mason (Vice Chairman), Melvyn Tisbury, Mrs. Cynthia Stacey

In attendance R J Hawkins – Clerk, two members of the public, Sonia Ostapjuk (Chairman Village Hall Committee), Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC), Mike Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC.)

3593. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. John Harbury-Carlisle. Cllr. Barrie Cooper also sent apologies.

3594. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2008 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3595. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made

3596. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Barrie Cooper sent a report confirming that the Highways Department had accepted the need for an interactive camera on Ambleside.

Cllr. Kay Cutts congratulated Mrs Joy Munns on being awarded a Community Certificate in recognition of her years of service with Gamston Village Hall.

Cllr. Cutts also reminded the meeting that she maintained a web site with current information

A permanent closure notice was being sought on Sandy Lane; the clerk confirmed he had received a consultation notice on this proposal.

It was planned to organise a taster session week next year when teenagers would have the opportunity to sample a wide range of activities.

3597. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman informed the meeting that an excellent performance of Sir Gawain had been well attended, including a party from Skylarks.

3598. PLAY PARK

The Chairman invited two members of the public to address the council and a petition was presented against the proposed Phase II development of the Play Park and signed by 6 local residents. The main points of objection were associated with noise and litter and it was suggested that local residents nearby the park should attend the next LAG meeting and discuss their concerns with PC Leeke. Cllr. Kay Cutts recommended keeping a log of disturbances which could be presented to the police. Cllr. Barr pointed out that there had been a number of public consultation opportunities in the past including articles in the Newsletter, a display of plans at the last AGM and a stand at Morrisons Supermarket and this was the first time any problems had been reported to the Parish Council.

The inspection report was tabled by Cllr. Mason there were no significant risks identified though the condition of one swing seat was under review.

Sonia Ostapjuk & Cllr. Tisbury arrived at 8.15pm.

Cllr. Diane Kidger reported that an alternative source for the boulders was under investigation; as well as being sourced locally there could well be a cost saving.

3599. VILLAGE HALL

Sonia Ostapjuk told the council that a Booking Secretary was still required though Joy Munns had agreed to carry on in the short term. The next event would be the Carol Service on 22nd December.

Cllr. Mason presented a short report; confidential item; the Bonfire evening made a profit of £735.28 and Village Hall reserves currently stand at £12,245.69 and £630.77

The clerk tabled a paper making suggestions for closer working between the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee and it was agreed that this should be discussed by the Parish Council at a future meeting and the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr. Hemsley arrived at 8.50 pm

3600. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

It was proposed and agreed to delegate responsibility for completing the new standard Publication Scheme to the clerk.

3601. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Hemsley had no report other than to say he had been giving advice to a resident on a local planning matter but now felt he had gone as far as he could.

3602. PLANNING

The Clerk tabled the draft Rushcliffe Residential Design Guide; the council welcomed this and Cllr. Tisbury was asked to study the guide and report back.

Sonia Ostapjuk left the meeting at 9.15 pm

Reference 33/08. Application by Cllr. M Barker to remove agricultural occupancy restriction on dwelling. Cllr. M Barker declared a prejudicial interest and withdrew from the meeting. It was agreed that the council had insufficient experience to comment on this application and Cllr. Tisbury was asked to investigate further.

Reference 34/08, application by Mr N Taak to construct various extensions at 1 Buttermere Close. It was proposed and agreed to object to this application on the grounds of being out of keeping with the character of the area and the adverse impact on the amenity of the area. Cllr. Tisbury was asked to investigate the implications for the nearby right of way.

Cllr. Bancroft left the meeting at 10.00 pm

3603. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was approved and six cheques signed, total value £851.10 including £4.28 VAT

It was agreed to postpone discussion on the 2009-10 Budget and Precept until the January meeting.

3604. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were noted: AARPC, minutes; AMScott, proposal form permanent traffic order on Sandy Lane; Kay Cutts, temporary closure of waste recycling centre at Langar; Nottinghamshire CC, Travel & Transport Briefing (October), County Link (October); Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Authority, revenue & budget consultation; Hickling Parish Council, proposal to form a Canal Community Liaison Group; Rushcliffe BC, Precept, response from Planning Department on banners on Community Hall; West Bridgford LAF, minutes

3605. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmed as 12th January 2009

The meeting finished at 10.10 pm