

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council  
Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr. Frank Thomas (Chairman), Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, Mrs Margaret Barr, Mrs Diane Kidger, Harbury-Carlisle, Melvyn Tisbury and Mrs. Cynthia Stacey

**In attendance** R J Hawkins – Clerk, Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC) and Gary Dykes (Village Hall Committee)

**3606. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. Mason & Cllr. Clarke.

**3607. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that a post and electrics had been installed on Ambleside and it was believed this could be preliminary work to installing an interactive camera

The letter from concerning the closure of Sandy's Lane was noted and Cllr. Stacey reported that the Holme Pierrepont Residents Association had responded and that the Association was in favour of the closure. A letter from Mr Blott was noted.

**3608. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were made

**3609. VILLAGE HALL**

The Chairman invited Mr Gary Dykes to give a report on the Village Hall. Mr Dykes reported that a survey of local residents had resulted in 99% being in favour of a replacement for the Village Hall similar in size to the existing hall. The Village Hall Committee had as a result decided to try and increase reserves and had agreed that increasing income could be difficult and that the priority would be to reduce costs. Members made a number of suggestions including selling tickets in advance, applying for grants and sponsorship of events. Members also suggested some possible new events for the Summer Fete including craft stalls, tug-o-war, climbing wall, electronic games, speed football and quiz sheets.

Cllr. Tisbury reported that there had been no further progress on the new build project and felt the committee would benefit from some additional members.

**3610. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr. Kay Cutts reported that the post of youth worker for West Bridgford was currently being advertised, this would be in addition to the youth contact point to be established in the CHUB.

The order to close Sandy Lane had not been confirmed but this was certain to go ahead.

Cllr. Kay Cutts reported that she had made a donation to Lady Bay Scout Hut.

The suspension bridge was still closed; this bridge is owned by Severn Trent and they had identified necessary engineering works but it would be reopened.

It was noted that reports in the local press suggested a pedestrian crossing was to be installed in Cotgrave and as the Parish Council had been pressing for a crossing on Ambleside for some

time this was of interest the same strategy could be adopted. Cllr. Kay Cutts believed this crossing had been approved because of the recently opened supermarket nearby and the likelihood of increased traffic through the village when road works started on the A46. It was agreed the idea of a petition should be reopened.

Cllr. M Barker asked if plans for the Water Sports Centre were progressing and Cllr. Kay Cutts responded that when the centre was back under the management of the County changes and improvements would be made finance permitting. Cllr. M Barker reported that spoil from works at the centre were being dumped on land adjacent to Buggeyland but kc thought this would be used for reprofiling.

**3611. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on a very successful performance of Straw Headed Peter with around 60 attending.

**3612. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

The clerk confirmed that the new schedule had been completed and this would be posted on the Parish Council's web site.

**3613. PLANNING**

Proposed relaxation of Planning Laws to permit rural development

Reference 35/08 application by Mr & Mrs P Kendall for a 1st floor and side extension at 6 Bowness Close; no objections.

Reference 33/08, application by Mr M Barker to remove agricultural occupancy conditions from the Old Rectory Nursery, Adbolton Lane; this application has been withdrawn.

**3614. PLAY PARK**

In the absence of Cllr. Mason there was no inspection report.

Cllr. Kidger reported that she would be attending a Play Building meeting at Rushcliffe BC and would be making a recommendation in due course for the Parish Council to organise a Summer Club. This suggestion was enthusiastically supported.

**3615. FINANCE**

The clerk reported on two exceptional items purchased since the last meeting; a component on the laser printer had worn out and been replaced and the monitor on the council's computer had failed and could not be repaired and a replacement purchased.

The clerk reported that a small surplus was likely at year-end.

The financial statement was circulated and approved and 10 cheques and direct debits were approved for payment totalling £2541.73 including £80.77 VAT

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.00 pm

Cllr. Stacey and the clerk tabled quotes for the purchase of a notice board for Holme Pierrepont. It was proposed and agreed to purchase an oak notice board from Greenbarnes and Cllr. Stacey was asked to agree details.

**3616. BUDGET 2008-09**

A budget of £79,300 was approved and a precept of £43,166 which represented a 2% increase compared to this financial year.

It was agreed that any surplus at year-end would be allocated to the Village Hall rebuild and ring fenced.

**3617. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The clerk reported that the April meeting would have to be rescheduled to the 20<sup>th</sup> as the 13<sup>th</sup> was Easter Monday.

A successful LAG meeting had been held with about 20 local residents attending and PC Leeke and Insp. Norman England. This was a worthwhile and useful and attempts should be made to advertise the next meeting more widely.

**3618. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were noted: Correspondence from residents: Government, Communities in Control – Real People Real Power; NALC Countywise, issue 26; Nottinghamshire CC, Countylink, issue 84, Planning & Landscape Briefing, Travel & Transport Briefing; Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue magazine, Notts News; Rushcliffe BC, Letter re Tax Base, appointment of parish member to Standards Committee, various minutes and agenda

Date of next meeting Parish Council meeting Confirmed as 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**The meeting finished at 10.25 pm**

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council  
Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall**

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

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

**3619. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were accepted after noting that Cllr. Harbury-Carlisle was present at the January meeting and minute 3614, while there was no verbal report the inspection was noted, and signed by the Chairman.

The clerk apologised for the poor quality of the printing this month and warned that a new printer may be required.

**3620. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were made

**3621. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr. Kay Cutts reported that the draft orders for the A46 road improvement scheme had been issued and it was expected the work would go ahead.

The County Council was opposed to the eco-town proposals at RAF Newton and believed the project was not sustainable and that the area was high quality agricultural land. Rushcliffe BC was also against the proposal.

An application had been received for the extraction of sand and gravel at Shelford.

Cllr. Barr reported that there had been a recent noise survey in Gamston for the proposed Park & Ride but although the County owned some of the land it was not thought the scheme would go ahead.

Cllr. Mason reported that Lady Bay bridge was likely to remain closed for some time and asked if there was anything the County to do to encourage Severn Trent Water to open it sooner; this seemed unlikely.

Cllr. Baker asked if there were plans to re-open the Robin Hood experience which had closed recently; this too seems unlikely due to a shortage of funds.

Cllr. Mason reminded members that the Sharpe Hill enquiry would start on Tuesday.

The new Parkway railway station had opened on the A453.

Cllr. Diane Kidger asked why an e-mail to Cllr. Kay Cutts was apparently delivered to Cllr. Cox, it appears some e mail has been going astray but there is no explanation why.

**3622. CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman reported that while in previous years he had volunteered as a Snow Warden this year when the scheme had been needed the most there were no wardens in place. The Chairman suggested a similar scheme for watercourses was required and the clerk reported that in some areas the Environment Agency had put such a scheme in place.

It was noted also that many grit bins had disappeared from roadside localities.

### **3623. CRIME & DISORDER**

It was noted that a recent LAG meeting with the police no mention had been made of recent problems near the Community Hall and shops. Representations had been made to PC Leeke once details had emerged and an assurance made that Cllr. Hemsley and the Parish Council would be kept informed. Cllr. Mason and Cllr. Hemsley had had a meeting with the PCSO and the matter would be raised at the next LAG meeting.

It had also been reported that crime had reduced in the area but the [beatcrime.info](http://beatcrime.info) web site suggested otherwise.

Log sheets promised by the police had been delivered to Cllr. Mason who would distribute them to appropriate residents.

Cllr. Barker reported that litter on Adbolton Lane was becoming an increasing problem and while Streetwise had been informed they were now working to tighter rules which prohibited litter-picking in certain areas.

LAF had adopted a policy of encouraging 20 mph speed limits in some areas of West Bridgford.

### **3624. FINANCE**

The financial statement was circulated and approved and 6 cheques and direct debits were approved for payment totalling £1312.53 including £7.83 VAT

Cllr. Diane Kidger believed land originally owner by Bovis Homes may be transferred to Rushcliffe BC and hence there could be an opportunity to purchase land if appropriate. It was agreed funding from reserves would be appropriate.

The clerk reminded members that there would be a funding event organised by Rushcliffe CVS in March.

Cllr. Hemsley arrived at 8.50 pm.

Expenditure for the installation of the new notice board at Holme Pierrepoint was approved. The other new boards and bench would be installed later in the month.

### **3625. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr. Hemsley presented a short report which highlighted problems at East Leake Leisure Centre but despite this there was little chance of the centre closing and reminded members of the imminent public enquiry and limited number of seats for the public.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.10 pm.

### **3626. PLAY PARK**

Cllr. Diane Kidger reported that there had been addition financial contributions from Cllr. Hemsley (£500) and Cllr. Barrie Cooper (£500) towards Gamston Play Day and the Play Park and there was a possibility of funding from Capital One for the Broccia court. A visit was planned to look at boulders at a local quarry. The preferred supplier was Derek Clements as other suppliers had increased costs significantly.

The Gamston Play Day was provisionally booked for 19<sup>th</sup> August.

The inspection report from Cllr. Mason was noted. Two seats had been changed due to wear and tear.

### **3627. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning application reference 01/09 09/00013/FUL; there was a wide-ranging discussion on the application to construct a garage at Simkins Farm but until evidence could be provided that one of the existing building could not be converted to a garage a decision was deferred.

An application for a snack bar on the Lings Bar road was noted.

It was noted that the government was expected to announce proposals to relax of Planning Laws in respect of large-scale infrastructure projects.

### **3628. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Building Better Communities; the clerk reported that a scheme suggested by Cllr. Diane Kidger had been approved and it was expected work to construct a footpath from Bassingfield Lane to near the canal would start soon.

Design for Parish Council Logo; suggestions were made for a logo and Cllr. Tisbury offered to discuss with a graphic designer who had helped the Village Hall Committee in the past.

Advertising in the Newsletter; it was proposed and agreed to accept adverts for the Newsletter at the rate of £25 per quarter page.

St George's School Competition; it was proposed and agreed to continue with the competition with prizes to a maximum of £50 and that some of the entries would be on display at the Annual Meeting.

It was reported that a road sign on Ambleside had been broken and removed and a bust stop sign had largely concealed a warning sign for the Play Park; the clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department. A post recently erected on Ambleside was thought to be for an interactive road sign.

### **3629. CORRESPONDENCE**

Association of Nottinghamshire Newsletters; CPRE Stop the Drop litter and fly tipping toolkit; Hickling PC, invitation to meeting re Grantham Canal; NALC Employment Briefing; Newark & Nottinghamshire County Show, A-Z guide to services; Nottinghamshire CC, report on transport consultation event 21st October 2008; RoSPA, inspection dates; Rushcliffe BC letter on Grant Aid Application, various agenda and minutes.

Date of next meeting Parish Council meeting Confirmed as 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**The meeting finished at 10.15 pm**

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council  
Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall**

**Present:** Frank Thomas (Chairman), Mark Bancroft, Malcolm Clarke, John Harbury-Carlisle, Mrs Diane Kidger, John Mason, Melvyn Tisbury and Mrs. Cynthia Stacey

**In attendance** R J Hawkins – Clerk, Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC), Cllr. Barrie Cooper and Cllr. Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC)

**3630. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were accepted and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that Lady Bay Bridge should be known correctly as the Suspension Bridge.

**3631. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were made. The clerk reminded members that they should review their declarations of interest annually and it was agreed the clerk should circulate a pro forma.

**3632. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr. Kay Cutts reported that the residents of Holme Pierrepont had approached her regarding a letter received from the County requiring signs to be removed from the village roads the tone of which was very strong and she had made representations.

The County had made a statement that an application for the proposed Park & Ride at Gamston would be submitted in 2010 or later. There was no certainty that this project would go ahead as there was opposition to the plans and many believed a better site would be further away from the city.

At a recent meeting of The Grantham Canal Partnership Cllr. Cutts had been a lone voice in opposing the plans which she considered to be unrealistic.

**3633. GRANTHAM CANAL**

There was a lengthy discussion on the proposals made by Scott Wilson. While it was agreed that it was important to protect the line of any future link to the River Trent the current proposals were considered unrealistic, overly complicated and very costly. There had been no serious public consultation and there were a number of unanswered questions such as why provision for broad beam boats and what demand was there for navigation as far as Cotgrave. It was proposed and agreed not to support the Scott Wilson proposals but to support local improvement schemes for leisure activities and to insist upon local consultation.

**3634. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr. Barrie Cooper reported on the recent Sharpe Hill public enquiry into the construction of 1200 houses. It was recognised that Rushcliffe BC was in a very vulnerable position having no local plan and also having once supported the scheme.

8.20 pm Cllr. Hemsley joined the meeting.

It was noted that the East Midlands Regional Plan had just been approved there was a requirement for 15,000 new houses between 2006 and 2026.

It was also likely that there would be applications submitted for Gamston Gateway and Clifton South.

A planning application for the CHUB was expected in April.

It was noted that the Rushcliffe BC/Parish Council Forum held at Plumtree had been a great success.

**3635. CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman reported that he had also attended the Forum and agreed it had been very successful.

The Chairman had also attended a consultative committee meeting at East Midlands Airport and it was noted that freight and passenger numbers had levelled off and were not increasing as forecast only recently. It was noted that the Local Development Framework would include overhead noise.

**3636. CRIME & DISORDER**

The clerk produced statistics for reported crime in the parish over the last 12 months; while crime has reduced compared to this time last year the trend is upward.

Cllr. Mason reported that nobody attended the last LAG meeting other than himself and PC Leeke; it was noted that the only notices advertising the meeting had been in the notice boards. It was suggested that letter boxes be positioned around the parish for residents to post suggestions and comments and the clerk agreed to obtain quotes.

It was noted that there had been two arrests for anti social behaviour associated with recent problems around the shopping area.

A swing seat in the Play Park had been damaged with a knife and the police had been informed.

It was noted that neither police nor PCSO's had been seen on patrol for a considerable period and the clerk was asked to write and ask the reason.

**3637. FINANCE**

The financial statement was circulated and approved and 8 cheques and 2 direct debits were approved for payment totalling £5091.06 including £475.48 VAT. The clerk tabled a draft statement of accounts for 2008-09.

It was proposed and agreed to include on the Asset Register only items with a value greater than £1000 and not to depreciate.

The clerk reported on a successful meeting with Martin Smith from The Ramblers and it was agreed to hold a joint event and walk the parish footpaths, probably in July. Membership of the Ramblers Association was approved.

**3638. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr. Hemsley presented a short report which highlighted problems at East Leake Leisure Centre but despite this there was little chance of the centre closing and reminded members of the imminent public enquiry and limited number of seats for the public.

Cllr. Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.10 pm.

### **3639. PLAY PARK**

Cllr. Diane Kidger presented the latest costings for the project. It was proposed and agreed to accept the proposal and appoint Derek Clements as the preferred supplier and he would be asked to take on the role of project manager.

It was proposed and agreed to instruct Playground Inspections Ltd to undertake both the pre and post installation inspections and it was recognised that the number and placement of the boulders would be a critical issue. Crane hire was well understood but it would be necessary to confirm if the road needed to be closed.

Play Builder contracts would be signed with Rushcliffe BC at the end of the month but funds would not be available until the next financial year. Contracts with the suppliers would include a 5% retention sum. Work should commence end May or beginning June with delivery of the sculptures in July.

Gamston Play Day was confirmed as 19<sup>th</sup> August and a donation from Cllr. Hemsley was gratefully acknowledged.

Cllr. Mason tabled the monthly inspection report, no serious problems were identified; some seats had been touched up with paint and swings attended to, litter was only a minimal problem and no anti social behaviour problems reported. Cllr. Mason suggested that if seats needed to be replaced metal construction should be considered.

It was proposed and agreed to revisit the idea of a petition to improve road safety on Ambleside.

### **3640. VILLAGE HALL**

An electrical inspection had been undertaken and some minor problems identified which would be rectified. The microwave oven had been scrapped.

A gap in the hedge would be attended to when details of Rushcliffe BC's Small Environmental Scheme were known and members deferred repainting of the end wall of the Village Hall to allow a daylight inspection.

It was noted that Mandy Bancroft would be taking over as booking secretary for the Village Hall with the help of Joy Munns.

### **3641. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

03/09 Application by Mr J Crofts to demolish stables, garden wall and reduce height of wall at Simkins Farm. Deferred

04/09 Application by Mr J Crofts to demolish store and wall at Simkins Farm. Deferred

05/09 Listed Building Application by Mr J Crofts to demolish farm building, hay store, grain store and machinery store at Simkins Farm. No objection provided an environmental statement has been completed.

06/09 Hydro electric plant at Holme Pierrepont. No objections

07/09 Application by Mr J Crofts to construct 14 dwellings with car ports at Simkins Farm. Agreed to object until a comprehensive scheme is presented for the whole site.

08/09 Application by Sol Homes for Flags and Adverts at Askham Court. Object on the grounds of over intensity of advertising on a small site.

**3642. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr. Tisbury asked members to submit comments on the draft logo designs including any component considered essential. Cllr. Stacey responded that she thought an outline of Holme Pierrepont Hall was essential given the history of the area. Ideas should keep in mind the potential uses of a logo, eg letter heads, notice boards, village signs etc and should therefore be simple.

The clerk reported that he believed the interactive road signs were being installed around the county.

**3643. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted; Association of Nottinghamshire Newsletters; CPRE Stop the Drop litter and fly tipping toolkit; Hickling PC, invitation to meeting re Grantham Canal; NALC Employment Briefing; Newark & Nottinghamshire County Show, A-Z guide to services; Nottinghamshire CC, report on transport consultation event 21st October 2008; RoSPA, inspection dates; Rushcliffe BC letter on Grant Aid Application, various agenda and minutes.

**3644. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING**

20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 Gamston Village Hall

**The meeting finished at 10.35 pm**

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council  
Held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall**

**Present:** Frank Thomas (Chairman), Mark Bancroft, Mrs. Margaret Barr, Malcolm Clarke, Mrs Diane Kidger, John Mason, Melvyn Tisbury and Mrs. Cynthia Stacey

**In attendance** R J Hawkins – Clerk, Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC), Cllr. Barrie Cooper

**3645. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Harbury-Carlisle and Cllr. John Mason.

**3646. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**3647. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were made.

**3648. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr. Cooper reminded the meeting that County Council and European elections would be held in June. It was noted that 55% of the electorate in Rushcliffe is registered for a postal vote.

Cllr Kidger asked if there was any further information available on the proposed Gamston Park & Ride, as it was understood a tree survey had been undertaken. It was noted that consultants had been asked to do a study and had recommended a site further out from the City.

**3649. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr. Cooper reported that a further objection to the proposed redevelopment of West Bridgford library had been received from English Heritage.

The clerk reported on a letter from Rushcliffe BC outlining various initiatives all associated with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and it was agreed to request tickets to matches to be used in raffles and prizes.

Cllr Clarke reported that the West Bridgford Cricket Club would be holding coaching sessions and the response had been very positive.

**3650. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that he had also attended the Forum and agreed it had been very successful.

The Chairman had also attended a consultative committee meeting at East Midlands Airport and it was noted that freight and passenger numbers had levelled off and were not increasing as forecast only recently. It was noted that the Local Development Framework would include overhead noise.

**3651. CRIME & DISORDER**

The clerk produced statistics for reported crime in Gamston over the last 12 months; while crime has reduced compared to this time last year it was believed that the trend in the parish as a whole is upward.

It was noted that there had been an apparent increase in police patrols in Holme Pierrepont.

Teenagers were using the Play Park in the evenings but while they were not causing any damage or noise it was agreed this was not a problem.

Cllr Bancroft arrived at 8.15 pm.

### **3652. FINANCE**

The financial statement was circulated to members and approved and 6 cheques were approved for payment totalling £1037.69 including £9.40 VAT.

The clerk tabled a statement of accounts for 2008-09, this was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

It was proposed and agreed to transfer £20,000 to reserves for the future development of the Village Hall.

It was proposed and agreed to maintain an Asset Register and separately an Inventory of all items belonging to the Parish Council.

### **3653. VILLAGE HALL**

A new window had been installed and the direction board from the finger post had been renovated.

Part of the green had been reseeded

Cllr. Cooper agreed to make enquiries on the County's policy towards replacing finger posts.

### **3654. PLAY PARK**

It was noted that the area may need treating for weeds and the clerk was asked to investigate.

There was no news on Play Builder funding and it was not possible to sign any contracts until this funding was secure, inevitably this would mean costs would rise as suppliers had indicated their prices would be increased.

Cllr. Cooper agreed to talk to Rushcliffe BC to see if the process could be speeded up

### **3655. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PC Reference 09/09 RBC Reference 09/00315/CLU Removal of Agricultural Occupancy at Oak View, Bassingfield Lane, it was noted that there was a long history to this development and it was proposed and agreed to object to this application and members would draft a response.

PC Reference 10/09 Application for Liquor licence by Old Nottinghamians at Sea Scouts 100 Ltd, Adbolton Lane, application noted.

PC Reference 11/09 RBC Reference 09/00416/FUL The original application by Mr J Crofts to construct 14 dwellings with car ports at Simkins Farm was withdrawn and a new application submitted. It was proposed and agreed to object to the application on the grounds of over development and inappropriate development adjacent to a listed building and in the green belt.

It was noted that the application to construct a hydroelectric station at Holme Pierrepont had been withdrawn.

It was noted that the Rushcliffe Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document had been adopted by the Borough Council.

Cllr Cutts arrived at 9.15 pm.

### **3656. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was a discussion on the design of a logo and funding to a maximum of £500 approved.

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting as usual at 7.30 pm following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 6.30 pm and a rolling PowerPoint presentation would be prepared displaying some of the achievements during the past year.

The clerk was asked to prepare a short newsletter for circulation advising residents of the meeting.

It was agreed to invite Steve Bradley as the guest speaker to talk on the development of the Water Sports Centre.

Cllr. Stacey reported that the St George's Competition at the school would take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and entries had been invited for paintings, writing and hanging mobiles.

The clerk reminded members that they should revive their register of interests and advise the clerk of any changes.

### **3657. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted; Clement Keys, external audit; Gamston Village Hall Committee minutes; NALC Countywise April; Nottinghamshire CC, Travel & Transport Briefing April, Rushcliffe BC, Revenue Budget, partnership with Trent Bridge, Parish Council Forum, Member's Monthly, various agenda and minutes; Rushcliffe CVS, Calor Village of the Year competition; Scott Wilson, Grantham Canal exhibition; Standards Board, February QPMSR, research for Parish Council.

A letter had been received from the Chairman of Wilson's Cricket Club who play at the new Coronation Ground off Regatta Way asking for financial assistance to lay a new hedge and improve drainage at the site. It was noted that the County owns the site and it is leased by the Club and in these circumstances not appropriate for the Parish Council to assist.

### **3658. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING**

11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Gamston Village Hall at 6.30 pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm

**The meeting finished at 9.50 pm**

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Held on Monday 11th May 2009 at 6:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall

**Present:** Frank Thomas (Chairman), Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, Mrs. Margaret Barr, Malcolm Clarke, John Harbury-Carlisle, Mrs Diane Kidger, John Mason, and Mrs. Cynthia Stacey.

**In attendance:** R J Hawkins (Clerk), Cllr. Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC), Cllr. Barrie Cooper

The chairman invited Mr Croft and Mr Stevenson to address the Parish Council on the planning application to develop Simpkin's Farm, including the construction of 14 starter homes.

**3659. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Mrs Diane Kidger was unanimously elected Chairman for the year 2009-10

Cllr Mason proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman for his outstanding contribution to the contribution to the Parish Council over many years and as Chairman for over 10 years.

**3660. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Tisbury

**3661. MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the Play Builder funding was still not available and a letter had been sent to Ken Clarke MP asking him to intervene. The financial implications were becoming critical with cost increases expected before contracts could be signed. Cllr Cooper reminded the meeting that the delay was due to the government and not the local authorities.

**3662. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were given

**3663. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, PC REPRESENTATIVES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Cllr John Mason was unanimously elected Vice Chairman for the year 2009-10.

It was agreed to defer appointment of special responsibilities until the next meeting.

**3664. FINANCE**

The Financial Statement was approved and 8 cheques were approved and signed totalling £1425.54 including £4.71 VAT.

It was proposed and agreed to join RCAN at an annual cost of £70.00

**3665. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH**

The clerk tabled the agenda for the annual meeting and confirmed an overhead presentation would be given and Steve Bradley would be asked to give his presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

It was noted that a new distributor had been found for the newsletter and over 1000 copies had been distributed in the parish advertising the Annual Meeting and Mrs Smith was congratulated on her excellent work.

**3666. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PC Reference 12/09, 09/00703/FUL Application by Mr G Hill to construct car parks and access track at Holme Farm, Holme Pierrepont; no objections.

PC Reference 13/09, 09/00734/ADV Retrospective application by Sol Homes to erect flag poles and advertising boards at Askham Court, object to three boards.

**3667. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was proposed and agreed to install a suggestions box in the surgery if the doctors agreed and if successful to negotiate with Morrisons to install a similar box in the supermarket

It was proposed and agreed to add to the grass cutting schedule to include the areas around the new benches.

**3668. CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER**

The following were noted: Letter from resident re Play Park; GVHC, minutes; HMRC, VAT Workshop; NALC, Countywise, Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Consultation; Rural Community Action; Rushcliffe BC, Member's Monthly, various agenda and minutes.

**3669. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

A presentation was made to the out going Chairman.

Next meeting confirmed as 8th June at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Advance notice that the July meeting would be held at St Edmunds, Holme Pierrepont.

Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council  
Held on Monday 8th June 2009 at 7:30 pm in Gamston Village Hall

Present: Mrs Diane Kidger (Chairman), Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, Mrs. Margaret Barr, Malcolm Clarke, John Harbury-Carlisle, John Mason (Vice Chairman), Frank Thomas

In attendance: R J Hawkins (Clerk), Cllr. Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC) and one visitor (Cllr Richard Mellander, Rushcliffe BC)

**3670. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Stacey & Tisbury

**3671. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11th May 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**3672. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were given

**3673. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

It was proposed and agreed to postpone until later in the meeting the County & District reports

**3674. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman gave a brief report on the Annual Meeting of the Parish held last month. It was agreed this was one of the more successful annual meetings and the overhead presentation of council achievements was particularly successful. It was agreed in future years to obtain a more accurate attendance list at these and similar meetings.

The Chairman asked members to consider a Forward Plan for the Parish, a draft plan was circulated and everyone was asked to consider what else might be included.

The Chairman congratulated Cllr. Kay Cutts on her re-election to the County Council and looked forward to working with her for the benefit of the parish.

**3675. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllrs. Cutts made a brief statement and outlined some of the priorities of the new Conservative controlled County Council; there would be an emphasis on road repairs which had been neglected for too long but no support for the NET which was neither desirable nor affordable. A memorial to the fallen of the county would be considered and it was hoped to start flying the county, national and European flags again. A new Finance Officer (Tim Gregory) had recently been appointed

The Annual Meeting of the County Council would be on 18<sup>th</sup> June when the Conservatives would officially take control and elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**3676. DISTRICT REPORT**

No report available.

**3677. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES**

Cllr Thomas reported on the Grantham Canal and the clerk gave a brief report on a recent meeting of the parish liaison group.

Cllr Thomas also reported that he had received a call from the Chairman of Tollerton PC who explained the Parish had secured land from the County for allotments which were within our Parish. The clerk was asked to write to the County Estates Department to see if there was any other land available in the parish suitable for allotments

Cllr Thomas also reported on a recent very successful Twinning Association event in Radcliffe on Trent at which the Parish Council was presented with an engraved glass plaque to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Twinning Association. It was suggested that this could be put on display at the school. The clerk informed members that an invitation had been received to celebrations in France on 25<sup>th</sup> October and it was suggested that an appropriate gift would be a cloned oak tree from Sherwood Forest. Clerk to investigate export regulations.

### **3678. CRIME & DISORDER**

The clerk summarised the latest crime statistics from the police web site which illustrated that the area was average in terms of crime but burglaries were up sharply.

It was noted that uniformed officers were never seen in the parish and the clerk was asked to write to Insp. Norman England.

Cllr Cutts and Cllr Mallender left the meeting at 8.30 pm

### **3679. FINANCE**

The Financial Statement was approved & eight cheques and one direct debit approved for payment.

The clerk reported that the internal auditor had completed the audit and the Annual Accounts 2008-09 were approved.

The Annual Governance Statement was discussed in detail and approved.

The Annual Return was approved and signed by the Chairman and RFO.

It was proposed and agreed to make available a Member's Allowance of £200 to those Members who wished to take it and the Chairman's Allowance to be the same.

### **3680. VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall Committee accounts were tabled and the clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of the committee asking that an independent auditor audit them. The Parish Council was now paying for more maintenance than previously but the village hall committee was responsible for the day to day running costs while the Parish Council took responsibility for the fabric of the building.

Cllr. Mason congratulated Brian Duffin on maintaining the village green to such a high standard

### **3681. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Barr informed the meeting that costs continued to rise and there was still no sign of central government releasing the Playbuilder Funds. It was proposed and agreed to fund the entire project out of parish funds and start the work as soon as possible in an attempt to have everything completed by the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr Mason presented the monthly inspection report; there were no serious problems, litter was at a minimum and only minor maintenance had been required during the month. It was noted that various tree stumps remained and it was agreed to paint these yellow to highlight their presence. At some time some attention to the ground around one of the gates would be

necessary. Cllr Barr thanked Cllr Mason for his hard work in regularly inspecting the Play Park and also for looking after the various notice boards in the parish.

The Chairman reported that arrangements for Gamston Play Day on 19<sup>th</sup> August were well advanced; various activities had been confirmed including the Morrison's Challenge and the only outstanding matter was finding somebody to open the event.

It was proposed and agreed to purchase three post boxes to be installed at various locations within the Parish to allow residents an easy way of communicating and responding with the Parish Council

**3682. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None to consider

The clerk reported that it was hoped to have a special meeting with a Planner from Rushcliffe during the month on a Monday evening. To be arranged.

**3683. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The register of member's special responsibilities was revised.

It was proposed and agreed that only contentious planning applications need be retained, other applications need be retained for twelve months.

Complimentary tickets received from Rushcliffe BC for Trent Bridge were allocated between the Annual Meeting, Summer Fete and Gamston Play Day.

A request from St Edmunds was considered for financial support to refurbish the Lych-gate and repair the memorial; a decision was deferred until a quote is received.

**3684. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER**

It was proposed and agreed to upgrade the council's web site from a basic hosting service at £20 pa to a standard service costing £40 pa.

The following items of correspondence were noted; Clerks & Councils Direct; NALC Countywise April; Nottinghamshire CC, Travel & Transport Briefing, Rushcliffe BC, various agenda and minutes, report on Planning Forum.

**3685. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Confirmed Monday 13th July at St Edmunds, Holme Pierrepont

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7:30 pm at St. Edmunds, Holme Pierrepont**

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

**In attendance** R J Hawkins – Clerk, Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC) and Cllr. Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC)

**3686. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr M Barker.

**3687. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman

**3688. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were given.

**3689. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

It was agreed to defer a discussion on the forward plan to a later meeting. The updated list of members' responsibilities had been mailed out by the clerk and did not require further discussion.

**3690. VILLAGE HALL**

Working Party Progress Report; Cllr Tisbury introduced a paper on the future of the Village Hall, it was proposed and agreed to adopt the recommendations and two small working parties were agreed to visit similar village halls on a fact finding mission. A request was made for more members to join Cllr Tisbury's working party.

Cllr K Cutts arrived at 7.40 pm

**3691. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllrs. Cutts presented a report which focussed on three issues; The NET, it was confirmed that the County Council would not support the extension to the Net although there were legal agreements in place which would be honoured: a meeting had been held with Mr Hackett to consider reserved matters on a planning consent relating to the provision of an escape walkway in the event of a flood over which Rushcliffe BC and the CC were in disagreement and further negotiations would be necessary: a brief discussion on the proposed World Cup Bid 2018.

The Chairman invited a Ellie Bernard to comment who said plans had been seen showing not only a stadium but hotel and other developments on a site near the Water Sports Centre.

The Chairman commented that apart from any other consideration transport and communications could not support such a development and the coming Race for Life when 5,000 were expected to attend would illustrate how inadequate the roads are for 40,000 football spectators.

It was resolved that the Parish Council supports bringing the World Cup to Nottingham but would prefer to see the existing Forest stadium improved or a new stadium built on a green field site but would not support a new stadium in Holme Pierrepont.

The clerk reported that copies of two letters had been received objecting to the proposals; the first from a resident had been circulated and the second from FIELDS, also circulated. It was proposed and agreed that the Chairman should attend and represent the Parish Council at the next FIELDS meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Cllr Cooper reported that the planning application for the new library in West Bridgford had been approved and it was possible book transfer to the Community Hall would commence in September. One outstanding matter was the relocation of the gates.

Sharphill had been approved by the planning inspector; 1200 houses would be built with a start within two years. The Edwalton residents Association had fought long and hard in opposing the plans but now felt they had done all they could. Rushcliffe BC had six weeks in which to apply for a judicial review.

Cllr Tisbury commented that the lack of a formally adopted Local Plan was part of Rushcliffe's problem together with a significant shortfall on the housing commitment within the Borough.

Cllr B Cooper left the meeting at 8.50 pm

### **3692. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on an excellent meeting with Emily Laughton, one of the planners from Rushcliffe BC. The clerk reported that Emily had written replying to a number of questions which were asked during the meeting. It was hoped to arrange a follow up meeting early next year.

The Chairman and Cllr Mason had attended the first meeting of the new County Council and congratulated Cllr Cutts on being elected leader.

There was a discussion on the lack of grass cutting in several areas in Gamston where it was believed BOVIS were still the land owners. The situation was unacceptable and the clerk had spoken to BOVIS but there appeared to be a problem between them and Rushcliffe BC.

Under the BBC scheme, two benches had been installed at the end of Bassingfield Lane and it was agreed to ask Brian Duffin to include this area in his grass cutting schedule. The bus stop on Adbolton Lane had been improved and the clerk reported that Mr Bass had asked if a shelter could be installed.

It was agreed to purchase six high viz jackets.

### **3693. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES**

Cllr Tisbury reported that he had attended the last liaison meeting with Sherwood Farms and there appeared to be no problems. Further drafts of the proposed logo were circulated for comment. It was proposed and agreed to delegate authority to Cllr Tisbury and the clerk to respond to the Core Strategy consultation before the end of the month.

Cllr Mike Hemsley joined the meeting at 9.00 pm

Cllr Thomas reported that he was thinking of attending both the Twinning Association meeting and the Sherwood Foresters memorial unveiling, both in France. The clerk reported that a cloned major oak tree was available from Micropropagation, East Leake.

Cllr Kay Cutts left the meeting at 9.05 pm

Cllr Mason reported on the recent LAG meeting, it was agreed to try and improve communication for future meetings (on 8<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010). Speeding traffic

on Ambleside and fly tipping at Holme Pierrepont were being addressed. There had been no progress on the interactive sign on Ambleside since the company supplying the equipment went into liquidation.

Cllr Stacey reported on the St Edmunds memorial and lych-gate; it was proposed and agreed to undertake refurbishment at a cost under £100

Cllr Bancroft reported that the Ambleside petition now exceeded 260 signatures.

#### **3694. FINANCE**

The Financial Statement was approved & fifteen cheques signed totalling £8104.97 including £76.37 VAT

It was proposed and agreed to purchase a new notice board for Coledale.

The clerk reported that the £30,000 High Interest Bond matures on 28<sup>th</sup> July; it was proposed and agreed to delay reinvesting until interest rates improved.

#### **3695. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Barr presented a short report on Phase II progress, all was proceeding as expected; the pre inspection report had been received. Funding from Playbuilder had still not been received and the clerk was asked to write again to Ken Clarke.

Cllr Mason presented the RoSPA report, there were no significant items requiring attention; it was proposed and agreed to accept the RoSPA Annual Safety Inspection Report

The monthly inspection report was accepted.

An additional waste bin would be installed

#### **3696. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr. Mike Hemsley reported on the Chief executive's statement on the World Cup Bid and on the Flood and Water Management Bill; a white paper published by the government expected local councils to identify their contribution to climate change measures.

The planning application to develop Simpkin's farm had been refused.

#### **3697. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Reference 15/09, 09/01113/FUL, first floor front and first floor rear extension at 15 Sandale Close; no objections subject to removal of rear first floor SE elevation window which would overlook no. 16.

Reference 16/09, 09/00058/FUL, garden building at 2 Grange Farm, no objections.

#### **3698. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Communication and Engagement Strategy, Cllr Thomas reported that this appeared to contain some very sensible suggestions and should be supported.

It was proposed and agreed to amend standing orders to limit the term of office of Chairman and the clerk was asked to issue new orders accordingly.

It was agreed to include an article in the next Newsletter on Allotments

It was proposed and agreed to register the village green with Land Registry

The clerk reported that he had received an invitation from Sherwood Foresters to attend the unveiling of the memorial.

**3699. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER**

It was agreed to include an article on the World Cup Bid in the next Newsletter and the clerk would investigate the possibility of organising an online consultation.

Holme Pierrepont road, Cllr Stacey reported the problem had been resolved.

Cllr Mason reported that an attempt was to ne made to extend the 20 mph limit in west Bridgford to include Edwards Road.

The following correspondence was noted, Clerk's & Councils Direct; EMA Community & Environment investment report; Festive Lighting catalogue; Ken Clarke MP; NHS Consultation Nottinghamshire CC Roadwork's notification, Travel & Transport Briefing, Planning & Landscape; Rushcliffe BC various agenda and minutes, Letter from Mayor

**3700. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Confirmed, no meeting in August, the next will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

The meeting finished at 10.35 pm

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston parish council held on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Diane Kidger (Chairman), Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, Margaret Barr, Malcolm C Clarke, John Harbury-Carlisle, John Mason (Vice Chairman), Frank Thomas Hon (Hon Vice-Chairman), and Melvyn Tisbury.

**In attendance** R J Hawkins – Clerk, Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC) and Cllrs. Cooper & Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC) and five local residents

**3701. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Cynthia Stacey.

**3702. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman

**3703. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were given.

**3704. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

There was no change to the agenda

**3705. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr. Cutts reported on the proposed World Cup Bid which included a new stadium, massive car park, hotel and over 3,000 houses and confirmed that the County Council had not known in advance that the City Council and Nottingham Forest FC had agreed to propose a site in Gamston but with housing potentially in Tollerton. The County Council would not support such a bid as it was within the Green Belt. It was also noted that the SHLAA report by Rushcliffe BC had concluded there were serious problems with developing the site.

The Chairman reported that the only information the Parish Council had was from either the Evening Post or BBC both of which were heavily biased in favour of the proposal and that Rushcliffe BC had not invited the Parish Council to any discussions.

The Chairman invited members of the public to comment and there was a wide ranging discussion with a strong opposition expressed.

Cllr Cooper expressed the view that he thought it highly unlikely that the bid would go forward to the next stage as there were a number of criteria which the bid did not include and which were critical to FIFA. Cllr Hemsley read out a letter from Cllr. Clarke, leader of the council, which included some historical information and stated that the bid was at an early stage and broad consultation with the local community would take place in October prior to a final bid being made on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr Thomas said he did not believe the bid had any merit as it did not fulfil the criteria for a sustainable urban development and was within the Green Belt.

An engineering report had apparently come to the conclusion that the existing stadium could not be developed to meet FIFA criteria.

Other groups believed to be opposed to the proposal included FIELDS, LAF, the Federation of Small Businesses and the City Regeneration Group.

RESOLVED that

The Parish Council supports the bid to bring the World Cup to Nottingham but opposes a new stadium and ancillary developments and housing in the parish as it would be within the Green Belt, unsustainable and the infrastructure is inadequate.

It was agreed Cllr. Cooper should present the Parish Council's Petition asking for improvements to road safety on Ambleside to the County Council at the meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Over 500 signatures had been collected.

Cllrs. Cutts and Cooper left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

**3706. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr. Hemsley reported that he would be chairing a committee on Climate Control, more details later.

A scheme to create a large number of small Park & Ride sites was being investigated.

**3707. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that she had accepted the Sherwood Foresters invitation to the unveiling of the memorial and would be going to Belgium on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**3708. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES**

Cllr Thomas reported he would not now be attending the Twinning Association meeting. It was agreed the clerk should investigate the possibility of sending the oak tree by other means and a plaque would be made.

Cllr Tisbury presented the new logo to the council and this was well received. Cllr. Barker agreed to inform Holme Pierrepont Hall of the new the logo's design.

Cllr. Tisbury reported on a recent of the Compost Committee; this was working well with few problems but a new site might start up north of the City and if so traffic movements should decrease.

**3709. CRIME & DISORDER**

There was no report as the police web site was not sufficiently up to date.

Cllr. Mason reported that a swing on the Play park had apparently been cut away with a knife and would be replaced by Clements. The police had been asked to increase the number of patrols in the area.

A memorial bench had been stolen from the Village Hall and the clerk was asked to include an item in the next newsletter,

An insurance claim was considered but rejected.

**3710. VILLAGE HALL**

Village Hall Replacement; It was noted that only three reports had been received following visits to various village hall. The Chairman agreed to do an analysis of findings and a special meeting of the working party would be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October to discuss. Cllr. Tisbury also reported that the working party needed strengthening with more members including councillors.

The clerk agreed to forward to everyone a copy of a village hall business plan ahead of the meeting.

The clerk reported that he had been informed that a bench seat had been stolen from the Village Hall and an item would be included in the next newsletter. Cllr Mason reported that the council was now responsible for 13 benches around the parish and in the Play Park and a maintenance schedule would be required.

Minutes of a recent Management Committee meeting were noted together with a financial summary of the Summer Fete.

#### **3711. FINANCE**

The Financial Statement was approved & fourteen cheques signed totalling £5574.07 including £377.99 VAT

It was proposed and agreed to purchase a new notice board for Coledale from MLS.

It was proposed and agreed to purchase a projection screen at a maximum cost of £100.

It was proposed and agreed to accept a proposal by the Chairman for a Tree Fest event to be held for children on 21<sup>st</sup> November at a cost of approximately £420.

It was proposed and agreed to make a donation of £75 to St Johns Ambulance for attending the Gamston Play Day.

It was proposed and agreed to adopt a policy on making donations to only those charities active in the parish and a donation of £150 to Vitalise was approved.

#### **3712. PLAY PARK**

The clerk reported that the signed Play Builder contract had been received from Rushcliffe BC. Work on Phase II had started that day and would be finished in about six weeks.

The Chairman reported on a very successful Play Day and it was proposed and agreed to donate the income from the Dog Show to the Mayor's Charity. The many supporters and volunteers were thanked, without their help the day would not have been the success it was; the event broke even financially taking into account the financial support from Cllr Hemsley. The Mayor was thanked for attending and presenting the prizes.

The monthly Play Park inspection report was accepted.

The clerk recommended that Play Inspections Ltd replace RoSPA and be appointed to undertake the annual inspection of the Play Park, this was approved.

#### **3713. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Reference 17/09 09/01196/TPO application by Mrs S Thompson to fell trees at 1 Goldrill Close. The clerk reported that he had objected to this application under delegated powers.

Reference 18/09 09/01343 application by Mrs V Bates for a single side extension at 2 Holly Cottages, Nathans Lane. No objections

#### **3714. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The clerk reported he had retired as clerk to Woodborough Parish Council, the implications of this were that the office would no longer be manned 5 days a week and various publications that had been shared would now have to be purchased and the full cost of the telephone fax would be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The clerk reported that over 500 residents had signed the Petition to improve road safety on Ambleside and Cllr. Cooper would be presenting this to the County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

The online consultation on the World Cup Bid had been visited by over 140 residents; 70% favoured development of the existing Forest FC stadium, 25% a brown field development and just 4 residents wanted a new stadium in the Green Belt.

The clerk reminded members that RCAN was holding a Parish Forum on Housing on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**3715. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER**

The next arts event would be The Sorcerer's Apprentice on 20<sup>th</sup> October

The following correspondence was noted, Clerk's & Councils Direct; Nottinghamshire CC Roadwork's notification, Travel & Transport Briefing, Planning & Landscape; Rushcliffe BC various agenda and minutes.

**3716. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr. Margaret Barr informed the meeting that she would be resigning as a member of the council. Cllr Mason and the Chairman thanked Margaret for all her hard work over many years and and praised her many achievements.

The next will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting finished at 10.20 pm

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council held on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, Gamston**

**Present:** Councillors Diane Kidger (Chairman), Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, Malcolm C Clarke, John Harbury-Carlisle, John Mason (Vice Chairman), Frank Thomas (Hon Vice-Chairman), Cynthia Stacey and Melvyn Tisbury.

**In attendance** R J Hawkins – Clerk, Cllr. Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC) and twelve local residents who wished to address the council on the World Cup Bid, speeding traffic on Ambleside and inadequate lighting on the canal footpath.

**3717. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman

**3718. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were given.

**3719. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

There was no change to the agenda

**3720. COUNTY REPORT**

In the absence of both Cllr Cutts and Cooper there was no County report

**3721. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr. Hemsley reported that a 10% reduction in carbon emissions is the target.

The Local Development Framework is running late.

**3722. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that Cllr Cooper had agreed to support the Environment Day and consequently there would be no charge on the Parish Council for this event. Rushcliffe Play Forum had agreed to put up a banner on the Play Park railings advertising the event. However, volunteers were required and anyone interested in helping on the day should contact the Chairman.

The comments and suggestions made during the open session by local residents on the proposal to develop the Green Belt were noted. Concern was expressed over the biased tone of reports in Rushcliffe Reports and The Big picture web site. It was proposed and agreed to organise a petition opposing any large scale development on the Green Belt on the grounds of opposing large scale development in the Green Belt, sustainability and inadequate infrastructure.

The Chairman confirmed that a TreeFest would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**3723. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES**

Cllr Barker made a report on the recent Forum on Housing and highlighted one issue of concern, namely the non sustainability of some rural communities.

Cllr Stacey reminded the council that the next performance, the Sorcerer's Apprentice, would be on 20<sup>th</sup> October. A bid had been made for next year's events.

Cllr Stacey invited Members to the rededication of the bells at St Edmunds on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 4.30 pm and asked those interested to let her know as soon as possible.

Cllr. Thomas reported on a recent meeting of the Traffic & Transport Group when there had been a discussion on the World Cup Bid and the report that the local bus companies were not in favour of the proposal. The meeting also confirmed the intention to extend the 20 mph zone to other areas in West Bridgford.

Cllr Mason reported that he had informed the County that the interactive sign was only working intermittently. It was noted that the police had in the past stopped speeding motorists on Ambleside and all were found to be local residents. The next LAG meeting would probably be held on 14<sup>th</sup> January. Inadequate street lighting would be investigated.

#### **3724. CRIME & DISORDER**

The monthly statistical report was noted which had shown that crime in Gamston had decreased almost 14% compared to the same 3 month period last year.

The memorial bench previously removed from the Village Hall had been returned.

Cllr Mason reported on a recent LAG meeting which had been poorly attended by local residents but well attended by members. Comments made earlier by residents about the noise Information had been passed to the police on a number of matters of concern and progress would be followed closely. It was noted with dissatisfaction that the parish had lost a PCSO and we now had one PC and one PCSO.

The storage shed at the Village Hall had been broken into and a number of items removed all of which had subsequently been found nearby. A report had been made to the police.

#### **3725. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. Tisbury reported on an informal joint meeting between members of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee when it had been identified that a programme manager was required to move the project forward, to date nobody had come forward to volunteer for this role. Cllr Bancroft confirmed that he would be willing to get involved at the project manager stage but not the whole programme.

There was a wide ranging discussion on funding and it was proposed and agreed that in principle the Parish Council would support securing a six figure loan to fund the scheme. The main benefit of this approach would be to significantly bring forward a possible start date.

It was noted that the annual Bonfire & Fireworks event would be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **3726. FINANCE**

The Financial Statement was approved & 23 cheques signed totalling £44,343.65 including one direct debit and £5,263.09 VAT.

The clerk reported that the audit for 2008-09 had been completed without comment but highlighted various correspondence between the auditors and the clerk prior to completion.

The clerk reported that the Summer School Project had been dormant for some time and the signatories to the account at the NatWest Bank had agreed to close the account and transfer the funds to the Parish Council.

### **3727. PLAY PARK**

The Chairman reported that Phase II was almost complete, on schedule and on budget but there would be a short delay with the sculpture. It was noted that the Play Park was being heavily used and numerous favourable comments had been received.

The Chairman commented on the problems experienced with Bardon Aggregates and although the final cost was less than that originally quoted it was agreed the clerk should write with a complaint.

The monthly Play Park inspection report was noted, there were no items of high risk identified.

It was agreed Brian Duffin should be asked to remove the leaves from the area of the Play Park.

### **3728. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Reference 20/09 & 23/09 09/01625 & 09/1685, applications by Mr Croft to develop Simpkin's Farm. These applications were similar to applications submitted previously but had been amended to accommodate some of the concerns raised and this was welcomed, especially as the development to the rear of the property had been reduced. However, there were still concerns and it was proposed and agreed to object, in particular to the proposed garage in the courtyard and an assurance that as this was within the Green Belt there would be no further development.

Reference 21/09 09/01663 application by Mr Taylor for a single storey front extension at 4 Waterside. No objections

Reference 22/09 09/01642 application by Mr Harbury-Carlisle for a first floor extension at Antara. Cllr. Harbury-Carlisle declared an interest in this application and left the meeting. No objections

### **3729. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The clerk reported that he had spoken to Rushcliffe BC and there had been no request for an election so the council could co opt to fill the casual vacancy. It was agreed that applicants should be invited to attend some meetings before the appointment was made.

The clerk reported that the minute book for 2004-05 had been lodged with the County Archives.

### **3730. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER**

The following correspondence was noted, Clerk's & Councils Direct; Nottinghamshire CC Roadwork's notification, Travel & Transport Briefing, Planning & Landscape; Rushcliffe BC various agenda and minutes; Lady Bay Community Association advising that they understood the proposed Park & Ride at Gamston had been abandoned and thanking the council for installing the benches near Skylarks and the bus terminal; a questionnaire from the Big Picture; NALC Countywise advising the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> November

### **3731. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The clerk informed the meeting that his holiday arrangements had had to be altered and asked for the next meeting to be brought forward a week. It was proposed and agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at a venue to be advised.

The meeting finished at 10.25 pm

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council held on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 at 8:00 pm at the Village Hall, Gamston**

**Present:** Councillors Diane Kidger (Chairman), Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, Malcolm C Clarke, John Mason (Vice Chairman), Frank Thomas (Hon Vice-Chairman), Cynthia Stacey and Melvyn Tisbury.

**In attendance** R J Hawkins – Clerk, Cllr. Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC) & Cllr. Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC)

**3732. APOLOGIES**

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

**3733. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that it appeared that barns had been demolished at Simpkins Farm.

**3734. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman declared a personal interest in that she was a member of Rushcliffe GreenFields action group set up by residents of Bassingfield to oppose large scale development in the Green Belt

**3735. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

It was agreed to postpone the District report until Cllr Hemsley was present.

**3736. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr Cutts apologised for not attending the last meeting due to commitments at County Hall.

Cllr Cutts briefly explained that a review of staffing requirements and expenses at County Hall was under review as part of a cost efficiency drive. Also, as part of this drive the redevelopment of West Bridgford Library was being reassessed.

It was planned to release the budget to public consultation a month earlier than usual; there would be a freeze on council tax this year and next and capital expenditure was being reviewed.

8:10 pm Cllr. Hemsley arrived.

The County Council was actively looking at establishing a number of mini Park & Ride sites using existing car parks in public houses, village halls etc. the scheme would start in Rushcliffe BC.

Cllr Cutts noted the campaign being organised by the Parish Council to oppose the plans to build a new football stadium and several hundred houses in the green belt at Gamston.

Cllr Thomas expressed his disappointment at the biased reporting in the Evening Post and felt they had behaved badly giving only one side of the argument; the paper had run an article with a photograph of the riding stables but had not agreed to an interview.

Finally, Cllr Cutts reminded the meeting that the County was organising a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December to which Chairman and clerks would be invited to discuss ways in which the County and Parish Councils could work closer together.

### **3737. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr. Hemsley reported that the Partnership & delivery committee wanted to hand over responsibility for closer working with the Parish Councils to Community Development. And this may well happen.

There was a discussion on the problem of land in the parish which is still not adopted by Rushcliffe BC and the maintenance problems.

### **3738. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on a very useful and productive meeting with Cllr Neil Clarke, leader of the Borough Council at which members were informed that Rushcliffe BC had withdrawn from the World Cup Bid Team as they could not support development in the green belt and were disappointed that there had been no public consultation.

The Chairman had attended a meeting of PlayBuilder Forum.

The Chairman reported on the Pierrepont Gamston School parents' evenings at which the Parish Council was represented by the Chairman, Cllr Mason and the clerk.

The Environment Day had been a huge success, well attended and likely to be repeated.

The Chairman had attended a meeting of Lady Bay Community Association to explain the Parish Council's position on the World Cup Bid.

There was an extended discussion on the petition and how best to achieve maximum coverage within the parish. It was agreed that individual members should take responsibility for covering a number of roads and in addition the petition would be available to sign at the Bonfire Night, West Bridgford Street Market, Greenacres, Gamston Depot and the TreeFest.

It was agreed the clerk should write to Neil Clarke asking for clarification on the Core Strategy and the inclusion or otherwise of the bid proposals.

9.25 pm Cllr Cutts left the meeting

It was noted that TABOO was to be reactivated in Tollerton to oppose the proposals.

### **3739. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES**

Cllr. Clarke reported that he had attended a meeting at Radcliffe on Trent.

There was a discussion on the Big Picture and an article the Parish Council had been asked to submit to the Local Directory.

9.55 pm Cllr. Hemsley left the meeting.

Cllr Stacey reported on a very successful performance of the Sorcerer's Apprentice, around 40 attended including the cub pack from Lady Bay. The next performance would be in January 2010.

### **3740. VILLAGE HALL**

The minutes of the Village Hall management Committee meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October were received.

The search continued for a Programme manager without which it appeared the project was unlikely to go forward.

The clerk reminded the meeting that VAT would be an important element to the finances and an early understanding of what could be reclaimed and when would be important but it was agreed not to employ the services of Elysian Associates.

A letter from R Dyke & Associates, a city firm of architects was noted.

**3741. CRIME & DISORDER**

The monthly statistical report was noted which had shown that crime levels in Gamston were average but the average number of crimes in the area had increased from 267.3 to 276.3 (ie 3.4%).

**3742. FINANCE**

The Financial Statement was approved & 8 cheques signed totalling £1824.60 £60.45 VAT.

It was agreed to purchase Microsoft Word & Excel 2007 for use by the clerk.

**3743. PLAY PARK**

The Chairman reported that Phase II was almost complete, on schedule and on budget but there would be a short delay with the sculptures.

The monthly Play Park inspection report was noted, there were no items of high risk identified.

It was agreed Brian Duffin should be asked to remove the leaves from the area of the Play Park.

**3744. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Reference 24/09 application by Sidney Hacket Ltd for a dry escape route at Home Farm, Holme Pierrepont, NG12 2LD, no objections.

Reference 25/09 application by Mr Hollingworth for single side extension at 8 Fleetwith Close, NG2 6RR, no objections.

**3745. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The clerk reported notices had been posted asking for anyone interested in being co opted to contact the clerk.

**3746. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER**

The following correspondence was noted, Clerk's & Councils Direct; Nottinghamshire CC Roadwork's notification, Travel & Transport Briefing, Planning & Landscape; Rushcliffe BC various agenda and minutes.

A letter from BT inviting the Parish Council to adopt the red phone box in Gamston was noted and the clerk asked to investigate further

10.15 pm Cllr. Tisbury left the meeting.

A quote for a replacement notice board was discussed and it was agreed to accept the quote from MLS

The clerk reported that he was discussing with various third parties the possibility of responsibility for the newsletter being contracted out.

Cllr. Mason confirmed he would be representing the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service at Holme Pierrepont on Sunday.

**3747. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

To be confirmed 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009

The meeting finished at 10.40 pm

**Minutes of the meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Old Tollerton Lane.**

**Present:** Councillors Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, Malcolm C Clarke, John Harbury-Carlisle, John Mason (Vice Chairman), Frank Thomas (Hon Vice-Chairman), Cynthia Stacey and Melvyn Tisbury.

**In attendance** R J Hawkins – Clerk, Cllr. Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire CC) & Cllrs. Cooper & Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC)

**3748. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Kidger.

**3749. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman (Cllr. Mason)

**3750. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were given

**3751. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No change

**3752. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllrs. Kay Cutts reported that the proposed new library in West Bridgford would be redesigned to create a more simple structure than originally planned so reducing the cost but the emphasis would remain on the library and youth facilities.

The County remained opposed to the latest proposal for a new stadium in the green belt.

**3753. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr Cooper reported that the LDF Group had not recommended the inclusion of either the Clifton South or Gamston Gateway sites in the LDF but that there was pressure for the group to reconsider. There was a strong feeling that a plan should be adopted or Rushcliffe BC would lose control. There would be a period for public consultation early in 2010 but details were unknown. Cllr Cooper urged everyone to visit the Big Picture web site which included a vision for the Borough over the next 20 years and comment.

It was noted that the petition now had over 2500 signatures and there was a discussion on when best to present this to Rushcliffe BC. Cllr. Barrie Cooper agreed to investigate and report back though the original date of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 now seemed unlikely.

Cllr Mason reported that the Mayor's Charity while Cllr Cooper was mayor had raised over £15,000 for medical equipment for the local hospital. Barrie was warmly congratulated on this magnificent achievement.

**3754. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

In the absence of the Chairman the clerk presented a short report; Phase II of the Play Park was now complete and a cheque had been received under the Playbuilder scheme from Rushcliffe BC for a little over £26,000.

It was understood that the ground conditions around the new stepping stones and bar needed improving and it was proposed and agreed to accept the quote from Dines Enterprises to lay a suitable carpet.

World Cup Bid; the Chairman had been interviewed by the Nottingham Evening Post and there had been a photoshoot at the Play Park and an article had appeared in Neighbourhood News.

### **3755. VILLAGE HALL**

The clerk reported that Nottinghamshire CC had relaunched the BBC scheme and there was a possibility that programme management could be provided for the proposed new village hall under this scheme. The clerk agreed to make further enquiries and Cllr Tisbury agreed to assist.

It was proposed and agreed to invite possible contractors to a preliminary meeting to assess what they could offer in terms of outline design and management services.

### **3756. CRIME & DISORDER**

A recent crime report downloaded from the Police web site had been circulated, this showed the parish was experiencing an average crime rate.. It was noted that the next LAG meeting would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> January and this would be advertised nearer the day

Cllr Barker reported that he had sent two crime reports to PC Leek but had not received any feedback. The clerk confirmed that PC Leek had agreed to attend the February meeting.

### **3757. FINANCE**

The Financial Statement was approved & 12 cheques and one direct debit were approved totalling £3521.33 including £77.49 VAT.

The clerk reported that a new national agreement had been reached on salary scales for part time clerks. It was proposed and agreed to adopt the new pay rate for the clerk.

Cllr Bancroft confirmed that he had spoken to his accountant, who had previously worked for HM revenue & Customs, and he was willing to offer advice to the council on matters concerning VAT.

The clerk presented a letter received from Rushcliffe Greenfields, the Bassingfield based action group opposing large scale development in the green belt, especially the proposal for a new football stadium. It was proposed and agreed to support the group financially to a maximum of £250 for the year on the basis that invoices for services acceptable to the council were submitted to the clerk for payment

### **3758. PLAY PARK**

Cllr Mason tabled the monthly inspection report; there were no items of high risk identified.

It was noted that one of the two large logs had been removed on safety grounds.

The Boccia court would be marked in the Spring.

The sculptures would be treated by Andrew Frost when the weather permitted.

### **3759. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PC Reference 27/09, 09/01786/FUL Application by Dr Kaur to construct a double garage at 84 Elterwater

PC Reference 28/09, 09/02030/FUL Application by Mr K Ford for a first floor front extension at 15 Sandale Close. It was noted that neighbours were understood to be objecting to the above applications and Rushcliffe BC would be asked to carefully consider these objections.

It was proposed and agreed to discuss the following as the response deadlines were before the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Tisbury declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion on the following application

PC Reference 29/09, 09/02125/FUL Application by Mr & Mrs Mills to convert a garage to garden room at The Granary, Main Street. No objection

PC Reference 30/09, 09/02119/OUT Application by Mr Mayfield to construct 6 Flats adjacent to Nursery West of Gooseberry Bush Nursery. It was proposed and agreed to object on the grounds of an unsuitable development and over development of the site.

### **3760. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The clerk reported that he had made a proposal to the Chairman that the council organise a Photographic Competition with the theme of the green belt in and around the parish. This could keep the campaign to protect the green belt at a high level of awareness, a volunteer with experience had volunteered to help organise and judge the competition. It was proposed and agreed to support the proposal to a maximum of £400.

CRB checks for Members. An offer had been received to help those members wishing to be checked to apply, further discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

Co option to fill casual vacancy. Only one candidate had come forward

Adoption of red telephone box. The clerk agreed to obtain more details though in principle it was proposed and agreed adoption would be the preferred option.

### **3761. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER**

The following items of correspondence were noted; Clerk's & Councils Direct Nottinghamshire CC, Travel & Transport Briefing, Planning & Landscape; County Link, Winter road gritting schedule, NALC & RCAN correspondence.

### **3762. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

To be confirmed 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm