

**Minutes of a meeting of Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council held on
Monday 10th January 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Lane.**

Members Present: Councillors Mrs Diane Kidger, Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, John Harbury-Carlisle, John Mason, Mrs Cynthia Stacey, Frank Thomas (Hon Vice-Chairman), Melvyn Tisbury.

In attendance: RJ Hawkins (Clerk) and Cllr B Cooper (Nottinghamshire CC) and Cllr Mike Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC).

3941. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Robinson. Prof. Stace also sent apologies.

3942. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2010 & Matters Arising

3943. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were given **CO-OPTION**

It was proposed by Cllr F H Thomas and seconded by Cllr J Harbury-Carlisle, and unanimously agreed, to co-opt Prof Anthony Stace to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Malcolm Clarke

3945. ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was proposed and agreed to move items 7 and 8 until later in the meeting.

3946. VILLAGE HALL

Members were asked to submit comments to Cllr Tisbury before the end of the week on their ideas for the requirements for a new village hall.

The small tables offered for sale in the newsletter would be donated to Pierrepont Gamston School but there had been little interest in the piano.

3947. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A fund raising Fish & Chip Supper on behalf of the Village Hall rebuild Fund would be held on Saturday 12th February when there would be a presentation on the Parish Council's archive of old photographs.

The Christmas Carol event in December had been very successful with over 30 residents attending.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Barker for all his hard work in managing the Christmas tree and lights on Ambleside Play Park

3948. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES

Cllr Stacey reported on a very successful and hugely entertaining performance by Circus Berzercus. Despite the increase in ticket prices forced on the parish Council by Nottinghamshire CC attendance was very good and a small profit had been made; 50% would be returned to the County.

The next performance would be Beauty and the Beast on 19th January.

3949. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Mike Hemsley presented a short report on activities within Rushcliffe BC and highlighted three items; Park Lodge in West Bridgford would be let on a short term lease, The West Bridgford Library project should go ahead but plans are not yet available and discussions were taking place on the joint use of Leisure centres and future funding.

It was noted that there had been a review of homelessness in the Borough and this had been significantly reduced.

The new Customer Services Centre in West Bridgford Police Station should open in February.

The updated LDF would not be released until later in the year but it was believed revised housing figures would be available in June.

There was an extended discussion on the problem of various open spaces in the Parish still owned by the estate developers, mainly Bovis, and the lack of progress in Rushcliffe BC adopting these areas. It was proposed and agreed to write to the Chief Executive.

3950. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Barrie Cooper presented a short report; it was noted that the budget consultation continues and that the Fire Authority would commence a consultation in February, recommendation had been made by the Chief Fire Officer to close some fire stations and relocate to more high risk areas.

3951. WORKING PARTY - ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY & FOOTBALL STADIUM

No update available

3952. CRIME & DISORDER

The proposed reorganisation of Nottinghamshire Police as outlined in an email circulated to members earlier was noted.

It was noted that the next LAG meeting would be on 13th January in the Village Hall.

In recent months a number of attempts had been made to steal high powered vehicles from Keswick Close, the perpetrators had been caught and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

3953. FINANCE

The Financial Statement was approved and 13 cheques signed totalling £1657.85 including £85.09 VAT

It was noted that the Council Tax Base 2011/12 for the parish was 1114.

The draft budget 2011-12 was approved and it was proposed and agreed to increase the Precept by 2% to £43,610 and the clerk authorised to submit the precept demand to Rushcliffe BC

3954. PLAY PARK

The monthly inspection report was received; there were no items of high risk identified but some seats required minor painting which would be done when the weather improved.. It was proposed and agreed to enter the Green Flag Award scheme and the Chairman hoped to attend a meeting in February to consider details.

It was noted that the Pierrepoint Gamston School project been set back and the astro turf had had to be re-laid.

3955. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that the applicants refused permission for further development at Simpkins Farm had gone to appeal.

3956. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Environmental Law Foundation, (email re Open Spaces)

3957. NEWSLETTER

Members were reminded that the copy deadline for the next Newsletter was Friday.

3958. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE & WEB

The following items were noted; Rushcliffe BC, Draft Statement of Licensing Policy, The Mayor's Charity; NALC, The Localism Bill; Countywise December issue and Annual Report.**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

To be confirmed 14th February 2011

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

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Members Present: Councillors Mrs Diane Kidger, Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, John Harbury-Carlisle, John Mason, Mrs Cynthia Stacey, Frank Thomas (Hon Vice-Chairman), Melvyn Tisbury.

In attendance: RJ Hawkins (Clerk) and Cllrs Kay Cutts & B Cooper (Nottinghamshire CC), Cllr Mike Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC) and three members of the public.

The meeting was preceded by a short presentation by Mark Mobbs on the Parish Newsletter during which Mr Mobbs offered to design the Parish Newsletter free of charge in return for free advertising space.

3960. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Stace sent apologies.

3961. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2011 were approved after minor typographical errors were corrected.

3962. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None was given **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

It was proposed and agreed to bring forward the District report

3964. PARISH NEWSLETTER

There was a discussion on the proposal made by Mark Mobbs to design the next two issues of the Newsletter in return for free advertising space. It was proposed and agreed to accept this offer.

It was noted that some items in the last newsletter were out of date by the time the newsletter was distributed illustrating the importance of meeting the print deadlines.

3965. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Mike Hemsley reported that Budgets continued to be single most important item within the Borough but he had recently attended a meeting when the future Leisure Policy of the Borough was discussed and the lack of facilities in Gamston Ward was highlighted. The Borough was considering spending £300K on refurbishing the Alford Road pavilion even though it was believed this was under used.

It was noted that there would be an internal review of Ward representation within Rushcliffe BC but the Boundary Commission would have to be involved and any changes could not be implemented before 2015

Cllr Kay Cutts arrived at 8.10 pm.

The clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Chief Executive of the Borough asking for a detailed statement on why the Borough had not yet negotiated with Bovis to take over green spaces in the Parish. It was understood that Rushcliffe BC was now responsible for grass cutting and invoiced Bovis accordingly.

The planning application to redevelop the West Bridgford Library was submitted by the County last month.

3966. COUNTY REPORT

Cllrs. Kay Cutts apologised to the meeting for not attending recent meetings but explained that she had been incredibly busy with County matters.

The County had received 67,000 comments on the public consultation on the County Budget and the budget would be presented to the Council on the 24th February. Additional money had been found to increase resources for supporting the vulnerable people and libraries would not close though there would be a change in opening hours and volunteers encouraged to help. £87M had been saved this year and all spends over £500 were now disclosed on the County web site.

In response to a question on the sale of surplus properties Cllr Cutts confirmed that ten offices around the County would be rationalised and on a question about the future of the Water Sports centre it was confirmed that an attempt would be made to encourage more use by local residents.

Cllr Cooper reported on the potential reorganisation of the Fire Service and a consensus was slowly emerging and there would be a public consultation, probably in April. The government had scrapped all the proposed regional control centres but there was still the possibility of some of the counties would cooperate and take on the new centre in Castle Donington. The main obstacle however is the lack of suitable software necessary for a centralised system.

3967. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Toddler Groups were proving successful and a meeting was to be held on 4th March to consider the way forward and encourage the Group to be self-governing.

After a discussion on the red phone box and possible future uses it was proposed and agreed that the clerk be given authority to replace the four top windows in the phone box with new signage

It was proposed and agreed to organise an event to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

Cllr Hemsley left the meeting at 8.55 pm

Cllr Mason congratulated the Chairman on the excellent event held on Saturday evening when there was a presentation of the Parish Archive together with a Fish & Chip Supper. Demand exceeded the number of tickets available and a similar event might be held in the future.

Cllr Tisbury suggested old maps of the Parish should be included in the Archive and it was agreed to investigate.

3968. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES

Cllr Stacey reported that the recent performance of Beauty and the Beast had been very successful with 127 attending.

The next performance would be The Twelve Live Ducks on 7th April.

3969. VILLAGE HALL

The clerk confirmed that a Direct Debit mandate had been signed in favour of E.ON for the supply of electricity to the village hall. It was also noted that when the regulations governing accounts procedures are amended by the government it might be worth considering taking out a new contract with E.ON to take advantage of favourable billing.

There was a discussion on new hire rates for the village hall; it was proposed and agreed to adopt the rates recommended by the Village Hall Management Committee.

There was a discussion on the way forward for the rebuild project and it was proposed and agreed to authorise expenditure to a maximum of £1000 for a site survey. Questions were raised about possible restrictive covenants on the site and Cllr Tisbury was authorised to investigate. The provision of car parking was potentially a problem; as a rule of thumb, a hall capacity of 60 could require 10 parking places.

Cllr Cutts left the meeting at 9.35 pm

3970. WORKING PARTY - ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY & FOOTBALL STADIUM

No further information available at this time.

3971. CRIME & DISORDER

It was noted that the newly appointed divisional commander had stated that police officers would not be available to attend Parish Council meetings but would attend LAG meetings.

3972. FINANCE

A local contractor had come forward asking for details of the grass cutting contract; it was proposed and agreed to invite a quote.

The Financial Statement was approved and eighteen cheques and cash approved totalling £5041.73 including £200.60 VAT & cheques signed.

It was proposed and agreed to donate £360 to the Grantham Canal project provided all Parish Councils along the route of the canal did so.

3973. PLAY PARK

The monthly inspection report was tabled, no high risk items were identified.

The Chairman reported that she was considering entering the play park for the Green Flag Award and would report back later with a recommendation.

3974. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

References 1-11 and 2-11, application to construct an external staircase at HP Hall: it was proposed and agreed not to object to this application.

3975. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following were noted; Environmental Law Foundation, (email re Open Spaces) and a NALC Legal Briefing – Responsibilities for Clearing Snow
It was proposed and agreed to replace four of the Telephone Box windows with new signage.

3976. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Members of the Press and the Public were asked to leave the meeting while this item was discussed. A small committee comprising the Chairman and councillors Bancroft, Harbury-Carlisle and Robinson was agreed with a remit to draw up a short list and procedure for interviewing applicants.

3977. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

To be confirmed 14th March 2011

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Members Present: Councillors Mrs Diane Kidger, Mark Bancroft, Michael Barker, John Harbury-Carlisle, John Mason (Vice Chairman), Simon Robinson, Tony Stace, Mrs Cynthia Stacey, Frank Thomas (Hon Vice-Chairman), Melvyn Tisbury.

In attendance: RJ Hawkins (Clerk), Mrs Susan Toon (Clerk Designate), B Cooper (Nottinghamshire CC), Cllr Mike Hemsley (Rushcliffe BC) and two members of the public.

3978. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were none.

3979. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3980. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman and Cllr Barker declared an interest in the item 11. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

It was proposed and agreed to bring forward the District report.

3982. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Hemsley reported that the major effort at the Borough was all to do with the forthcoming elections and the round of meetings being hosted by Rushcliffe BC to introduce the new planning consultation process.

Cllr Hemsley agreed to investigate further the problems created by Sherwood Farms and recent top dressing activities which had created a foul smell over a large area.

There was a discussion on the lack of grass cutting in the parish and a letter from Rushcliffe BC trying to explain why negotiations with Bovis to take over various small areas of open space in the parish were getting nowhere. It was proposed and agreed to arrange a meeting with Rushcliffe BC

Cllr Hemsley agreed to try and obtain a map of ownership.

The clerk reported on a letter received outlining a scheme known as Queen Elizabeth II and the possibility of funding which could be attractive to Rushcliffe BC and the Parish Council

Cllr Hemsley left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

3983. VILLAGE HALL

The clerk confirmed that an application for a Premises License had been made; this would cover all likely activities planned for the village hall and green excluding the sale of alcohol. Any activity involving the sale of alcohol would require a Temporary Event Notice (TENS).

It was noted that the site survey had been completed.

It was reported that the Parish Council had been awarded an LIS grant to improve parking and road safety on Ambleside although we have not received official notification. The clerk also reported that a parking policy would be drawn up and in future all posters advertising events at the village hall would ask residents to leave their cars at home.

It was noted that an LIS grant had been awarded to the Stamford Theatre in West Bridgford to improve footpath lighting; the Parish Council had been asked some time ago to support this application and were pleased to learn it had been successful.

3984. COUNTY REPORT

*Cllrs. Kay Cutts and Barrie Cooper
Cllr. Mike Hemsley*

3985. ELECTIONS

The clerk reminded members that the deadline for nomination papers being received by Rushcliffe BC was noon on 4th April.

3986. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

3987. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES

The next live theatre production would be at the school on 7th April.

3988. WORKING PARTY - ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY & FOOTBALL STADIUM

Meeting at Rushcliffe BC (Cllr N Clarke) & Greenfields

3989. CRIME & DISORDER

The next LAG meeting would be at the village hall on 14th April

3990. FINANCE

Financial Statement & cheques for signature

3991. PLAY PARK

*To receive the monthly inspection report
Green Flag Award*

3992. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Vodafone Mast

3993. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

3994. NEWSLETTER

To consider extending the circulation (Ref email from Joe Harris)

3995. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE & WEB

3996. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

3997. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

To be confirmed 11th April 2011