

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.15pm in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road**

Members Present: Cynthia Stacey, Melvyn Tisbury (Acting Chair), John Mason, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Alun Owen, Richard Fairgrieve & Maria Ubhi

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Parish Clerk), Borough Cllr Davinder Viridi

6095. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Tisbury addressed the meeting as the Acting Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

County Cllr Upton gave his apologies due to a clash with two other meetings that as Secretary he needs to minute.

Borough Cllr Wheeler gave his apologies due to a clash with another meeting .

6096. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6097. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting agreed to move District Report up the agenda in order for Borough Cllr Viridi to leave the meeting early.

6098. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

6099. COUNTY REPORT

No County related issues to report.

6100. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Viridi told the meeting that the West Bridgford Christmas Lights Switch On was taking place on Saturday 23rd November '24 between 12 noon and 6pm. Timings have been slightly condensed this year to ensure adequate crowd management to adhere to health and safety regulations. Cllr Viridi explained that over the years the event has grown in size with many attendees from outside the West Bridgford area. Cllr Viridi also noted that a 6pm end time prevents an overlap with the Saturday night West Bridgford revellers. Cllr Viridi stressed that as costs rise for hosting a light switch on event it was important that local residents received value for money. Cllr Viridi spoke about RBC looking into sponsorship for elements of the event in future years.

Cllr Virdi spoke about the improvements made to blue bin recycling collections whereby small electrical items such as kettles, toasters, lamps, radios etc can be placed on top of blue bins on collection day for recycling. Cllr Virdi stressed it was important that these items were not placed inside the bin. Collection of these items by RBC will improve recycling rates. Cllr Owen asked if there were plans to repair and reuse the items. Cllr Virdi was unsure but would take the question away.

Cllr Virdi to enquire as to whether the small electrical items collected from the blue bins are repaired and reused.

Cllr Virdi explained that lots of work was taking place regarding budgeting for the '25/'26 financial year. Cllr Virdi spoke about the fact that RBC is a well-managed council that has achieved a stable financial position by prudent decision making. Cllr Virdi spoke about well-managed investments. Cllr Mason said that some of this carefully managed finance could be used to fix the potholes in the area. Cllr Virdi replied that unfortunately it couldn't as potholes were a County Council responsibility.

Cllr Virdi spoke about Disabled Facilities Grants and the large financial shortfall that was being supplemented by cost efficiency savings.

Cllr Fairgrieve asked if there was any movement on the Gamston Fields development. Cllr Virdi confirmed there were no material updates at this time. Cllr Virdi explained that the change in Government may result in variations that will affect this proposal such as changes to green belt regulations or building regulations, but this was not an issue presently.

Cllr Owen noted that there was a great deal of housing development taking place along the A52, at Radcliffe-on-Trent and in Bingham. Cllr Tisbury spoke about the fact that Rushcliffe traditionally passed housing targets on to Nottingham City Council. Cllr Tisbury noted that better quality and design in housing developments would be welcomed. Cllr Fairgrieve stressed the importance of adequate infrastructure to support any additional housing. Cllr Tisbury noted that there would be a public consultation on the Supplementary Planning Document once a first draft was agreed.

Cllr Tisbury asked how the small electrical recycling had been communicated to Rushcliffe residents as he had not received anything through the post. Cllr Virdi explained that the new scheme had been launched on social media channels but also featured in the next Rushcliffe Reports newsletter, however there had been no exclusive paper communication distributed.

Cllr Tisbury asked Borough Cllr Virdi how much of RBC's reserves were invested in property and shares and as cash balances, and also who monitors and decides upon the investments. Cllr Virdi explained that professional advisors carried out this work.

Cllr Prett spoke about a recent post on the Gamston Facebook page that highlighted the poor lighting at the canal bridge near Morrisons. Cllr Prett suggested that this requires some action as it is dangerously dark there at night. Cllr Prett noted there was a large laurel hedge obscuring some light in that area. Cllr Virdi agreed to discuss the issue with Cllr Wheeler.

Cllr Virdi to discuss the poor lighting at the canal bridge near Morrisons with Cllr Wheeler.

6101. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 2024

Cllr Owen had forwarded a suggested amendment to Minute 6091. *Holme Lane.*

Cllr Prett suggested amendments to Minute 6085. 6086. 6089 and 6091.

Cllr Fairgrieve suggested amendment to 6091.

Amendments were agreed and Cllr Fairgrieve proposed, and Cllr Prett seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried and Minutes were adopted. Cllrs Stacey, Tisbury & Ubhi abstained as they were not present at the October '24 meeting.

Cllr Fairgrieve to upload October '24 Parish Council Meeting Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

6102. PLANNING

- i) 20/03244/OUT Taylor Wimpey UK & Rockspring Barwood Gamston Ltd Land East of Gamston & North of Tollerton Lane, Tollerton Lane, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire.

No update on this application.

6103. VILLAGE HALL

Monthly Update

Cllr Tisbury read out the Bookings Clerk Monthly Update.

'Finding the hall is being left quite dirty at the moment, which if I'm honest I'm possibly putting down to the dry weather, which is allowing groups to use inside and out and muddy grassy feet are being dragged in. It's impacting some of the regular groups and I'm trying to come as much as possible to sweep/clean in between groups. Lots of marks are appearing on the walls again too. I was thinking about dropping all regular hirers a little reminder about general housekeeping rules? What do you think?

Julia and Geoff had spotted this week that it's looks like possibly someone has tried to break into the hall via the front doors. Not a huge amount of damage, just more frustrating and annoying.

The new Pilates group on a Friday morning started last week. All went well, she's looking at the possibility of expanding slightly from January, if all continues to go well.

Enquiries are coming in for next year already. Elections are booked in for 1st May 2025 too.

The air conditioning unit has been serviced too and all is fine.

Weekend parties: Saturday 7th December.'

Bookings Clerk to send a gentle reminder email to all regular bookings regarding housekeeping rules.

Clerk still to amend Booking Form wording to include damages and cleaning deposit and forward .pdf copy to Cllr Fairgrieve to upload to the website.

Warm Hub Coffee Morning

Clerk has created an advert for the Monday Warm Hub coffee mornings that is included in the Autumn newsletter, along with an associated article. Coffee mornings to start on Monday 2nd December '24 from 10.30am until noon.

Cllr Tisbury offered to arrange for distribution of the Warm Hub flyer to the Village Breakfast email mailing list.

Cllr Fairgrieve to continue to advertise the Warm Hub Coffee Morning weekly on Gamston Community Facebook page.

Clerk to forward .pdf Warm Hub Coffee Morning advert to Cllr Tisbury for email distribution to Village Breakfast email mailing list.

Outdoor Clock

Clerk noted that the outdoor clock had been one hour incorrect since the clocks went back on 27th October '24. Cllr Tisbury corrected the time during the meeting by switching the clock off for one hour and then restarting.

Wet & Forget

Cllr Prett suggested that Clerks' son could administer the *Wet & Forget* to the Village Hall decking and balustrade during the Christmas break. Meeting agreed.

Clerk to arrange application of 'Wet & Forget' to the Village Hall decking and balustrade.

Microphone

Cllr Prett explained that he had sourced a pair of wireless microphones that can be used for the upcoming Christmastime event.

Cllr Prett to establish how to remotely attach microphones to the speaker system in the Village Hall.

Cllr Mason raised the issue of unresolved potholes in the area and his disappointment at County Cllr Upton not being present at the meeting in order to raise this issue with him.

Clerk to arrange for the outdoor power point cover at the front of the Village Hall to be replaced.

Clerk still to produce a key deposit form for new regular hall users when issued with a Village Hall key.

Clerk still to check insurance policy regarding liability for accidents if the large Village Hall gates and/or Village Hall door are accessible to hall hirers via a key stored in an outdoor keypad.

Concrete drop bolt base still to be created in order to prop open large Village Hall gates.

Clerk and Bookings Clerk still to arrange washing of the curtains at a launderette at a convenient time.

6104. PLAY PARK

Phase 2 Inclusive Play Equipment Update

Clerk explained that she and Cllr Prett had met with Proludic Ltd personnel at the Play Park last week to discuss and finalise positioning of the Phase 2 equipment.

Clerk explained that as part of these works the two Play Park notice boards were to be relocated at the edge of the Play Park, close to the now redundant pathway to the large rocks, at the side of the park.

Proludic Ltd anticipated that this work may take place before Christmas '24.

Astro Surface Around wooden bull & dragonfly

Clerk explained that she had received a quotation from Bingham Ground Services to level the ground around the wooden bull and dragonfly and re-lay astro surface to allow accessibility for all play park users and eliminate the current trip hazards. Quotation was £825 + VAT for both areas. Clerk explained that this was within scope for the UK SPF grant for accessible path works.

Cllr Mason expressed that he considered this work to be a complete waste of money.

Clerk to arrange for Bingham Ground Works to replace astro surface around wooden bull and dragonfly as soon as possible.

Path Works

Clerk explained that her and Cllr Prett were to progress the required path works at the Play Park, including replacement of the paved path from Ambleside with tarmac, new tarmac paths in order to access the large boulders and wheelchair accessible picnic table and repairs to existing playground tarmac where damage has been caused by tree roots, removed gate and removed bin.

Clerk explained that full wheelchair accessibility was a deliverable of the Inclusive Play Park Equipment project.

Clerk and Cllr Prett to progress the play park path works.

Bench Outside Park Railings

Clerk explained that Cllr Tisbury had kindly provided the contact details for the person that had created the concrete base for the Buddy Bench. Cllr Tisbury noted that the Buddy Bench base had been created without any charge for labour, just cost of materials, but this work would incur a cost for labour.

Clerk explained that she had all the information required to progress the bench but time dependent work for the UKSPF Grant and LCF Communities Fund Grant have been prioritised.

Cllr Tisbury commented that clement weather conditions were required for the creation of the concrete base.

Clerk still to forward a proposal to County Cllr Upton for supply and installation of seating for dog owners with children to rest outside the Play Park area.

Clerk to arrange for a concrete base for the bench, similar to the Buddy Bench base, to be created.

Clerk to arrange purchase and installation of bench.

Leaf Blowing

Clerk told the meeting that Gary Arkless had been kindly leaf blowing at the Play Park. Meeting agreed for Clerk to buy a thank you gift for Gary Arkless at Christmas for his generous help.

Cllr Prett spoke about plans to investigate the addition of brightly coloured graphics on the Play Park tarmac paths once they have been created. Cllr Prett explained that quotations will be required before progressing this idea.

Cllr Prett noted that when meeting with Proludic Ltd, he and Clerk had discovered that one of the power points at the Play Park had been opened. Clerk re-locked power point.

Clerk to add extra Play Park Repairs budget amount to the '25/'26 precept request.

Cllr Mason stated that the Village Hall hedge was in urgent need of cutting and requested that this be arranged at the earliest convenience. Cllr Stacey explained that Mark Winter cut the hedge twice per year and the main growing season was now over. Meeting agreed to look at the hedge in daylight to assess need for cutting.

6105. CHRISTMASTIME AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Stacey explained that the plans for the Christmastime event were at an advanced stage, and everything was in hand.

Cllr Owen noted that the children's craft this year was quite a complex make. Clerk explained that she would contact Bookings Clerk to ask if her daughter Grace would be able to assist with the craft table. Cllr Owen said that last year Grace had been an invaluable help.

Clerk to ask Bookings Clerk if daughter can help out with craft table at Christmas event.

Clerk explained that the Ambleside Christmas tree was arriving on Thursday 28th November '24 and John Ingram was putting the lights on that day.

Cllr Hackett, Cllr Ubhi and Clerk are Christmas decorating the Village Hall on Thursday 28th November '28.

6106. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Metal Bench Enhancements

Clerk explained metal bench enhancements will not take place until next year. Cllr Tisbury explained that drilling through the recycled plastic bench material is difficult, possibly more difficult than drilling through the metal bench.

Clerk still to contact Mervin Oddjobber to ascertain if they could fit if we supply the bench materials.

Clerk to arrange purchase of Option 2 bench materials.

Holme Lane

Cllr Owen explained that County Cllr Upton had been looking at the lane to see where the gates could be located if and when the lane is closed to through traffic. Cllr Owen explained that any objections were currently being looked at. Cllr Owen noted that this stretch of Holme Lane had effectively closed itself due to the increasingly huge, undulating potholes.

Autumn Newsletter

Clerk told the meeting that the Autumn newsletter is due to arrive this week for distribution.

HP Millennium Garden Repairs

Discussion took place regarding possible solutions to the waterlogged HP Millennium Garden. Meeting agreed it was a major piece of work and suggested when work is being carried out on the resurfacing of the lane to obtain quotations for remedial work to the HP Millennium Garden. Meeting agreed that HP Millennium Garden is a valuable community asset that appears on maps of the area and therefore warrants repair.

Quotations still to be obtained for the paving work required to the Millennium Garden at Holme Pierrepont, possibly combining with the work to close Holme Lane as and when that occurs.

ID Cards

Cllr Fairgrieve presented a mock up version of the ID lanyards he intends to order for Parish Council personnel. Meeting agreed they were excellent. Cllr Fairgrieve explained that he would take ID photographs this evening of all Cllrs that had not previously provided them to him.

Cllr Fairgrieve to kindly create photo ID lanyards for members of the Parish Council in time for the Christmastime event.

Cllr Ubhi confirmed that all the Parish defibrillators had been checked ahead of the meeting.

Clerk to update Parish defibrillators status on The Circuit website after Cllr Ubhi's monthly check.

Cllr Hackett to carry out further investigation regarding inclusion of EpiPens in our defibrillator cabinets.

Clerk still to make contact with Tara's Angels in the first instance as they are a charity local to Gamston regarding gifting summer play day sports equipment.

6107. FINANCE

Financial Statements & Payments for Approval

Clerk issued copies of the month's financial transactions and details of payments and presented a summary of the finances.

Cllrs Stacey & Prett kindly agreed to sign off and authorise month's payments online.

Clerk to provide Cllrs Stacey & Prett with copies of all invoices in order for them to sign off and authorise the month's payments online.

Clerk explained that she had received the documentation required for the 2025/26 Parish Precept. Clerk noted that the deadline for submission of a Parish Council approved precept request is Friday 31st January '25.

Clerk to prepare a first draft precept request for discussion.

Clerk still to provide Conclusion of Audit file for Cllr Fairgrieve to upload to the Accounts area of the HP&G PC website.

Clerk still to submit paperwork to add Cllr Owen as Unity Trust Bank signatory.

Clerk still to generate documentation to add Cllrs Fairgrieve and Ubhi as Unity Trust Bank Account signatories.

Clerk to submit VAT reclaim for financial year ended 31st March 2024.

6108. CLERKS REPORT

No additional items in Clerks report.

Clerk still to help organise a work party to clear nettles on path leading up to bridge near Morrisons.

6109. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

Cllr Fairgrieve agreed to chair this meeting.

The meeting ended at approximately 8.55pm.