

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.15pm in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road**

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

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Roger Upton, Borough Cllrs Jonathan Wheeler & Davinder Viridi, Gary & Deborah Arkless, Matt Garrard (Tollerton Parish Council Chair), Dr Alan Wilkinson (Chemist), Diane Kidger, Beccy Trease and 6 other attendees including residents of Tollerton Mobile Home Park.

#### **6226. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Fairgrieve thanked everyone for attending the Parish Council meeting and welcomed the input from the community during public participation.

Cllr Owen gave his apologies due to being on holiday.

County Cllr Upton and Borough Cllrs Wheeler & Viridi gave their apologies for a late arrival due to an earlier group meeting.

#### **6227. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

#### **6228. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Agenda items pertaining to County and Borough Cllrs delayed until their arrival.

#### **6229. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

Cllr Ubhi proposed, and Cllr Tisbury seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Mason abstained as he was not present at the September '25 meeting. Motion carried and Minutes were adopted.

**Cllr Fairgrieve to upload September '25 Parish Council Meeting Minutes to the HP&G PC website.**

#### **6230. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Gary and Deborah Arkless raised the issue of intolerable road noise at night caused by HGV vehicles driving over significant potholes outside their home on Ambleside. Gary noted that Beckside has been completely resurfaced, but Ambleside has not. Gary explained that he had previously raised this with County Cllr Upton who has listed it as a top 3 resurface priority in the area he represents, but no action had taken place. Gary

presented a short video of random samples of the issue and asked the Clerk to pass a data stick copy to Cllr Upton on his arrival.

Meeting sympathised with Gary & Deborah's situation and agreed to re-raise with Cllr Upton. Suggestion was made to join forces with other Ambleside residents that are inevitably also affected. Gary suggested that the BBC and local MP may be interested in the story.

**Clerk to pass data stick and re-raise issue with County Cllr Upton.**

**7.25pm Gary & Deborah Arkless left the meeting.**

#### **6231. PLANNING**

ii) 25/01561/FUL Brit Padel Ltd National Water Sports Centre,  
HP

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

**7.35pm County Cllr Upton arrived at the meeting.**

#### **6232. NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Cllr Fairgrieve had previously circulated a document summarising the situation regarding the obsolescence of the current technology utilised by HP&G Parish Council website. Cllr Fairgrieve has performed a full analysis of the market situation and made his recommendation for the best and best value option going forward.

**7.40pm Borough Cllrs Wheeler & Viridi arrived at the meeting.**

Discussion took place. Cllr Fairgrieve proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that the *Parish Online* option be progressed. Vote taken, unanimously in favour, motion carried.

**Cllr Fairgrieve to carry out work to switch website to Parish Online.**

**Cllr Fairgrieve to carry out work to provide all Cllrs with bespoke Parish Council email addresses.**

#### **6233. PLANNING**

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

East of Gamston/North of Tollerton Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Consultation

Members of the public were given the opportunity to express their opinions regarding the SPD consultation. Suggestion that the Tollerton Airfield site may be contaminated was raised and specialist testing organisation Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) mentioned.

**Clerk to request 2-week deadline extension for response to SPD Consultation.**

**Cllr Tisbury to prepare a draft response to the SPD Consultation and circulate to all Cllrs for feedback.**

**Parish Council to agree a response to the SPD Consultation.**

**Clerk to submit online agreed SPD Consultation response before deadline.**

**9pm All members of the public left the meeting except Matt Garrard and child.**

#### **6234. COUNTY REPORT**

County Cllr Upton gave the meeting a full update on County Council matters pertaining to the Parish.

Cllr Upton explained that he had confirmed resurfacing of Ambleside as one of his top 3 priority roads within his area but had been warned that it would not be taking place during this financial year.

#### **6235. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllr Viridi gave the meeting his update on Borough Council matters pertaining to the Parish.

**9pm Matt Garrard and child left the meeting.**

Borough Cllr Wheeler gave the meeting his update on Borough Council matters pertaining to the Parish.

**9.30pm County Cllr Upton and Borough Cllrs Wheeler & Viridi left the meeting.**

#### **6236. VILLAGE HALL**

*Village Hall Update*

*'All is well at the hall.*

*I've turned the air conditioning system onto heat mode ready for the cooler weather as it's starting to get a little chillier now.*

*Julia has organised a date for an "Autumn Clean" at the hall (Sunday 16th November). An email will be going out to all regular hirers about this, to ensure their belongings are cleared and tidy and if they have any food items to make sure they're in date and tidy!*

*Ann who has the hall on a Friday morning has extended her times to 12pm from November, which is great!*

*Bookings this coming month are:*

*Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Clay Creators*

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Party 12-4pm*

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - Party 12-4pm*

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Clay Creators*

*Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - Clay Creators.'*

*Autumn Clean Village Hall*

**Clerk & Bookings Clerk to spend time tidying out Village Hall from 10am Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November '25**

*Decorate VH for Christmas*

**Clerk & Cllr Hackett to Christmas decorate Village Hall Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November '25 from 10am**

*Fire Safety Check*

Clerk confirmed that the VH fire safety equipment had passed the annual maintenance check on 29<sup>th</sup> September '25.

*VH Banner*

Clerk thanked Cllr Fairgrieve for re-affixing the banner as and when it had become detached due to very high winds.

*VH Clock*

Clerk to move time back one hour on VH indoor and outdoor clocks on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October '25 at the end of British Summer Time.

*VH Flagpole*

Clerk explained that the flagpole on the village green had been serviced and safety checked on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September '25. The internal halyard system had been replaced and a fibreglass pole weight affixed, with the union flag restored and flying from the flagpole.

### *VH Side Door*

Clerk explained that the Bookings Clerk had received communication from the U3A Photography group that hire Gamston Village Hall on a monthly basis. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September '25, as a group member had entered the building, a gust of wind had slammed the door back on the individual's hand, causing shock, pain and significant bruising to the hand and wrist.

The following note was directed to the Parish Council.

*'This was an unfortunate event and to avoid anything similar happening, which may have more serious consequences, U3A would suggest that the cause and effect of the incident be investigated by the Parish Council to improve and or install some restraint on the door opening mechanism.'*

Bookings Clerk has emailed back to apologise and wish the group member well and informed them that the issue would be raised at the next Parish Council meeting for a response.

A door closer is installed on that door but may need to be tightened.

**Clerk to respond to U3A group and arrange for the door closer to be tightened to slow down the closure and minimise the risk of slamming.**

### *Hire Hall Rate Increase*

Clerk in conjunction with Bookings Clerk and Cllr Fairgrieve still to introduce new hall hire rates.

**Clerk to produce amended Booking Form for price increase and also to include wording regarding damages and cleaning deposit.**

**Clerk to liaise with Bookings Clerk regarding rate increase.**

**Clerk to forward .pdf copy of revised Booking Form to Cllr Fairgrieve for uploading to HP&G PC website.**

## **6237. PLAY PARK**

### *Electricity Smart Meter Play Park Supply*

Clerk explained that the electricity smart meter had not been transmitting readings. Clerk noted that an attempt to repair the meter had been unsuccessful and therefore a replacement meter had been fitted on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September '25.

### *Play Park Christmas Tree*

**Clerk explained that the Ambleside Christmas Tree would be arriving on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November '25 around 9.30am.**

Any assistance with erection of tree and railings from available Cllrs would be greatly appreciated.

### *Play Park Trees*

Clerk explained that she had met with James Harrison on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October '25 to assess annual maintenance work required on the Play Park trees.

Clerk thanks James for his prompt action on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October '25 attending to a large branch that had fallen during Storm Amy, that the Bookings Clerk had notified her of. James attended the Play Park within 30 minutes of being contacted, moved the branch and confirmed that the tree was healthy and this fall could not have been predicted, as a gust of wind had twisted a branch resulting in it snapping off.

Clerk noted that the woodland area in the play park is now very well established with large trees that need managing for safety and longevity. The annual inspection has highlighted a few areas of overhanging foliage that need lifting or removing, especially around the perimeter of the play equipment area. This will also help better manage the autumn leaf fall.

James estimated 3 days work on including chipping the arisings on site providing mulch to help preserve moisture in the soil for the trees in the extreme heat of summer, plus hire of equipment to stump grind.

Meeting agreed to this essential work.

**Clerk to inform Cllr Fairgrieve when tree maintenance taking place in order to send a Gamston Community Facebook message to notify residents of park closure during works.**

### *Autumn Leaves*

Clerk explained that Gary Arkless was no longer available to leaf blow at the play park this autumn as he was recovering from a recent knee operation.

Clerk noted that she had asked James Harrison for advice on leaf removal and he had offered to ask some self-employed workers that he used if they would take on this job. Meeting agreed to this plan of action.

**Clerk still to create new monthly playground checking document.**

### *Annual Play Park Electricity Inspection*

**Clerk to arrange annual inspection of electricity points at the Play Park.**

**Cllr Prett and Clerk still to further investigate and obtain quotations for the addition of brightly coloured graphics on the Play Park tarmac paths.**

**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.**

**Clerk still to arrange for cladding of metal bench near canal with Option 2 materials.**

## **6238. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

### *Autumn Newsletter*

Autumn Newsletter on track to be printed for distribution from the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> November '25.

Cllr Ubhi explained that she had successfully replaced the out-of-date Bassingfield defibrillator pads.

Cllr Ubhi has also updated the stock held in the Village Hall first aid box.

**Cllr Fairgrieve to assess all Parish notice boards and report back to a future PC meeting.**

Cllr Mason presented the meeting with a framed map of Gamston village from the 19<sup>th</sup> century that had been given to him by a local dog walker who had found it in a skip.

## **6239. 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.

Cllr Prett noted that defibrillator expenses had been incorrectly coded to Contingency. Clerk to correct.

**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 to submit VAT reclaim for financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.**

#### **6240. CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk told the meeting about the communication she had received from a Holme Pierrepont resident regarding damage to the Millennium Garden wall and offer of help to repair it.

Clerk spoke about anti-terrorism Martyn's Law and the relevance to venues and events with a capacity of 200+. It is anticipated that the law will be implemented over the next year or so.

**Quotations still to be obtained for the paving work required to the Millennium Garden at Holme Pierrepont.**

**Grantham Canal Society still to replace wooden handrail near Morrisons supermarket steps.**

#### **6241. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

Cllr Owen is due to Chair this meeting.

**The meeting ended at approximately 10.15pm.**