

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.15pm in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road**

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

**In attendance:** Julia Barnes (Parish Clerk), Borough Cllrs Jonathan Wheeler & Davinder Virdi

**6258. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Ubhi welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Prett gave his apologies due to being on holiday.

County Cllr Upton gave his apologies as he is unable to make the meeting.

**6259. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**6260. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Agenda items pertaining to Borough Cllrs delayed until their arrival at the meeting.

**6261. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present.

**6262. MINUTES**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

Cllr Tisbury asked for following line of Minute. 6247 to be amended to clarify understanding by adding the words in italics. ‘ Gary Dykes to email Cllr Wheeler, *for Cllr Wheeler* to confirm ...’ Subject to this amendment Cllr Stacey proposed, and Cllr Hackett seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Fairgrieve abstained as he was not present at the November ’25 meeting. Motion carried and Minutes were adopted.

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

## 6263. VILLAGE HALL

### *Village Hall Update*

*'There is not much to report from the Village Hall in the last 3 weeks. The Friday morning Pilates class have noted that the Village Hall is very cold when arriving and does not heat quickly. Also this group have complained numerous times about the cleanliness of the floor.*

*I am still chasing payments from Ann and Rainbows for this last term.*

*We have a party in this Saturday evening and our regular Thursday group Aebal have their Christmas party on the 18<sup>th</sup> and then that is the last booking for the year.*

*As usual I will keep checking the hall and popping the heating on as and when over Christmas to make sure it's not getting too cold and the hall is safe.*

*Merry Christmas to everyone.'*

Clerk explained that the air conditioning seemed to be functioning correctly, but the annual service was taking place on Wednesday, and she would note the concerns that had been raised.

Clerk also said that she had been in the hall on a Thursday evening prior to the Christmas event and took notice of the condition of the floor. Clerk explained that she considered the cleanliness of the floor to be acceptable, despite the Friday Pilates group complaining about it.

Cllr Tisbury suggested that the Pilates group should take photos of the floor to demonstrate the problem and also kindly volunteered to visit on a Friday morning to inspect the floor should the group wish to complain about it.

**Clerk to liaise with Bookings Clerk regarding Pilates class concerns and communicate with them the process for contacting Cllr Tisbury should there be a problem on a Friday morning.**

Clerk noted that she had received communication from HMRC Valuations Office asking for proof of ownership of the Village Hall for confirmation of rateable values for non-domestic properties. Clerk explained that failure to do so before 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 could lead to an initial fine of £100.

**Cllr Tisbury to kindly search for evidence of Parish Council ownership of Village Hall and pass to Clerk in order to respond to HMRC by the deadline date.**

**7.30pm**

**Borough Cllr Wheeler and Viridi arrived at the meeting.**

### *Village Hall Tidy Up*

**Clerk still to rearrange Village Hall tidy after Christmas '25.**

*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.**

**6264. COUNTY REPORT**

In County Cllr Upton's absence, Borough Cllr Wheeler gave the meeting a brief update on County Council matters pertaining to the Parish.

**6265. DISTRICT REPORT**

Borough Cllrs Wheeler and Virdi both gave the meeting their update on Borough Council matters pertaining to the Parish.

**Cllr Virdi noted that parishioners wishing continuation of a postal vote should respond to RBC by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

**6266. 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

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that the SPD was due to be voted on at Cabinet meeting in January or February 2026, noting that the NCC Highways comment would not be received ahead of this meeting. Cllr Wheeler also explained that the entire process would have to restart if a decision is not made before June 2026.

- ii) 25/01970/FUL *Mrs Papia Sarker 14 Martindale Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PN*

Parish Council Response : OBJECT (unless the glazing is restricted to the top of the current window space so you cannot look down into the neighbouring gardens.)

We do not object to the ground floor extension, but the proposed roof extension with bay windows overlooking neighbouring gardens is concerning. The upper

floor windows would look directly into the neighbouring gardens and although trees are along one boundary these are insufficient screening. We object unless the glazing is restricted to the top of the current window space so you cannot look down into the neighbouring gardens.

The proposal would result in the loss of privacy to at least two houses on Patterdale Close caused by the building of two new bedrooms on the second floor.

In addition the number of bedrooms would increase to five. Parking is limited at the front of the property to just two cars. The extra bedroom may necessitate the need for further parking for another car and/or a large people carrier.

iii) 25/01561/FUL Brit Padel Ltd National Water Sports Centre,  
Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LU

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT to the revisions.

## **6267. PLAY PARK**

### *External Bench*

Clerk explained that she had received a quotation from ES Solutions (Beeston) for an Oakdale bench and installation of £1k plus VAT. Discussion took place and meeting agreed that some protection to the grass beneath the bench was required.

**Clerk to acquire additional quotation for grass protection matting beneath the bench area.**

### *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 arrange for cladding of metal bench near canal with Option 2 materials.**

## **6268. NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Cllr Fairgrieve explained that he had been working on the replacement of the soon to be obsolete Parish Council website and all was in hand. Cllr Fairgrieve noted that the first edition would include all compulsory and regulatory content.

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

**Cllr Fairgrieve to create two back-up copies of existing Parish Council website.**

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

## **6269. COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

### *HP Millennium Garden Wall*

Cllr Owen updated the meeting with the quotation for repair of the Millennium garden wall being £1700 from Mervin Oddjobber and £1320 from David Brown Building Restoration. County Cllr Upton has kindly secured £500 towards this cost from his NCC Cllr Allowance and Borough Cllr Wheeler has also applied for the same amount from RBC.

Cllr Owen spoke about the need to protect the repaired wall from future damage and explained that he had been in conversation with Jane Baines from Notts CC who explained that protection in whatever form could not be placed on the public highway, so it would be necessary to ascertain this positioning of public highway boundary.

Cllr Fairgrieve suggested that rather than posts, granite blocks large enough to not be stolen, could be used to protect the repaired wall.

**Cllr Owen to further investigate costings and solutions for the damaged HP Millennium Garden Wall.**

**8.30pm Borough Cllrs Wheeler & Viridi left the meeting.**

Cllr Ubhi explained that she had checked the Parish defibrillators and they are all in working order. Cllr Ubhi noted that the Gamston Village Hall pads and battery expire in March 2026.

**Clerk to investigate financially viable options for updating the Gamston Village Hall defibrillator.**

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

Cllr Stacey thanked everyone for their support and assistance with the Christmastime at Gamston Village Hall event. Cllr Owen suggested that the Clerk post letters of thanks to Nancy Hackett and Grace Logue for all their help.

**Clerk still to purchase poppies and silhouettes for Remembrance Day '26.**

## 6270. 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 & Tisbury kindly agreed to sign off and authorise month's payments online.**

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

### *2026/2027 Financial Year First Draft Precept Request*

Clerk issued Cllrs with first draft precept request for review and suggested amendments, for discussion and sign off at January 2026 Parish Council meeting.

Discussion that took place suggested that it may be a good idea not to dip into Parish Council reserves to supplement the precept amount this year. Cllr Owen suggested that any increase in precept could be explained to the parish in an article in the Spring Newsletter.

### *Employee Wage Review*

After discussion, Cllr Owen proposed that on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 the Bookings Clerk hourly rate increases to £15. Cllr Stacey seconded the motion. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Cllr Owen proposed that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 the payment to Susan Toon for her work on each Parish Newsletter increase to £310. Cllr Stacey seconded the motion. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Parish Clerk wages move one SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) spine point from 34 to 35 on 1<sup>st</sup> January as per Minute 5958. December 2023.

Cllr Owen explained that if required he would be prepared to use his annual Cllr Allowance amount to help fund the wage increases.

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

## 6271. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk explained that Cllr Prett had forwarded from Australia some ideas for further enhancements to the Play Park inspired by his visit.

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

**6272. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026** at **7.15pm** in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

Chair of this meeting to be confirmed.

Cllr Ubhi closed the meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.30pm.**