

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

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

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Parish Clerk)

6212. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mason gave his apologies due to being on holiday.

County Cllr Upton gave his apologies due to clash with Upper Saxondale Parish Council meeting.

Borough Cllr Wheeler gave his apologies due to not being back in Nottingham until 11pm.

6213. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6214. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Skip Agenda items 6. County Report and 7. District Report as relevant Cllrs not present.

6215. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14th JULY 2025

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

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

6216. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public present at the meeting.

6217. COUNTY REPORT

No County Cllr present.

6218. DISTRICT REPORT

No Borough Cllr present.

6219. 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 further update at this time.

- ii) 25/01119/FUL Mr Greg Purdue 11 Greenburn Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6QL Two storey rear extension, including two side dormer windows to create accommodation in enlarged roof space; additional ground and first floor side windows.

The title of this planning application 'Two storey rear extension, including two side dormer windows to create accommodation in enlarged roof space' does not adequately explain the scale of the proposed development. The plans of the proposed elevations show that none of the existing doors and windows on the right side, left side and rear of the property are retained (i.e the right side, left side and rear of the property are remodelled). The proposed floor plans show that only the downstairs WC, garage and bedroom 1 are retained in their current form, and even the garage has a new doorway. It could be argued that a more accurate description of the planning application would be 'A rebuild behind the existing front facade.' A design statement would have helped with the understanding of the proposed works and how they will be carried out.

Detail is lacking on the associated landscaping. There is only parking for two cars at the front of the property at present and the addition of a third bedroom suggests that the existing front lawn will be replaced by further hard standing to enable parking of another car. The rear of the property will include three double doors to the rear garden so it is reasonable to assume that there will be a sizeable patio area. The property has one of the smaller gardens in Greenburn Close and this is likely to mean that most of its outside space will become hard standing. It is not clear how issues with water runoff will be addressed. The current practice is to store the wheelie bins at the front of the property and it is assumed that this will continue to be the case.

The residents of 15 Greenburn Close have raised concerns about the extension and the impact on their property, and we concur with the issues raised about the size of the build, the loss of privacy and the proposal being detrimental to the wellbeing of neighbouring residents.

We are also concerned about the potential impact of the building works on the residents of Greenburn Close. These include:

' Access to number 9 which shares a drive with number 11.

' The need to temporarily remove the fences with numbers 9 and 15, in order to install scaffolding and carry out the building works. This will undoubtedly result in

some lack of privacy and the need to put right any garden damage. There could also be issues with garden access for young children and dogs during the works.

' It may be necessary to crane building equipment and materials over the property. The approach to number 11 and the shared drive with number 9 could make this difficult.

' The limited parking facilities in Greenburn Close for builders' vehicles.

' The builders' working hours. This is a residential area, not a building site.

In conclusion, we object to the planning application. The property is unsuitable for extending in the manner proposed.

Parish Council Recommendation : OBJECT

- iii) 25/00980/FUL Mr Joe Fisher Land Adjacent To Junction of Stragglethorpe Lane, Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire Full planning application for the change of use of agricultural land to a secure dog walking/exercise field, erection of 1.83m high fencing, upgrading of existing field access and formation of hardstanding area for use as associated vehicular.

The application is presented as a local farmer wishing to include some diversification of the farming business by means of provision of a secure dog walking/exercise area. Although the land is presently used for arable farming, the application covers only a small area of land. The proposed style of gate and fencing is generally in keeping with rural countryside and the proposed level of use not excessive, particularly in respect of access and parking. Therefore we do not object.

Parish Council Recommendation : DO NOT OBJECT

6220. VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Update

'All is well at the hall. Having just come back from annual leave there isn't too much to say. Thank you to Julia for taking over whilst I was away.

Also thank you for my card and chocolates after my recent injury and hospital stay (thankfully brief). My leg is still healing and I'm going to have some wonderful scars to tell the tale forever!

Aeбал have asked if their Christmas party is ok to be until 9pm. I said I'd need to double check as we usually say 8pm. They're looking at Thursday 18th December '25.

Most payments are up to date. Chasing Brownies for a missed payment and a couple of invoices waiting to be paid.

I am planning on sending a general housekeeping email out to all the regular hirers to remind them to leave the hall clean and as it was found. I feel some of the groups are

getting a little too relaxed and inconsiderate. Also going to mention that Julia and I are going to have a clear out next month! An autumn clean!

Unfortunately, we have no parties booked in this month, but I've had my first enquiry for 2026!

Meeting discussed request for later end to Aebal Christmas party and agreed this would be acceptable as a one off, providing correct hall hire charges were paid, and the hall left in clean condition for the next hirer.

Clerk to inform Bookings Clerk that Aebal later Christmas Party acceptable.

Clerk explained that her and Bookings Clerk plan to autumn clean the Village Hall on a Sunday, date to be confirmed.

Clerk to notify Cllrs of autumn clean date once known and anyone available to help welcome to join.

Outdoor Painting

Clerk explained that she had spoken with Mervin Oddjobber regarding the outdoor painting at the Village Hall and was assured a start date before the next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk to inform Bookings Clerk of outdoor painting at Village Hall dates once known, for communication to any hirers during that time.

Warm Hub

Clerk asked Cllr Hackett if she was planning on running the Warm Hub Coffee Morning at Gamston Village Hall this winter. Cllr Hackett explained that although she had really enjoyed running the sessions last year, the intended target audience had not attended the sessions. Cllr Owen agreed that he had thoroughly enjoyed helping Cllr Hackett with the initiative, but the parishioners in need of a warm hub, for whatever reason, had not attended.

Outdoor Electricity Socket

Clerk asked Cllr Tisbury if he would kindly speak with local electrician that had originally fitted the outdoor electricity socket if he could replace the broken unit.

Cllr Tisbury to ask Gregg Sowter if he could repair broken electricity socket.

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.

6221. PLAY PARK

UKSPF Plaque

Clerk explained that she had received a plaque to display at the Play Park that ‘forms part of the branding guidelines and agreement set out by Central Government as part of the funding.’ Clerk noted that the plaque stated that ‘The project was funded by the UK Government with RBC,’ but this was not strictly correct as match funding was a requirement, and our match funding was provided by NottsCC Local Communities Fund.

Clerk to display UKSPF plaque at Play Park.

Temporary Sand Pit

Clerk explained that the temporary sand pit would need to be dismantled in the next couple of weeks. Clerk noted that she could ask one of the helpers from Summer Play Day, but equally if any Cllr knew any young person that would be happy to carry out the work that would be great. Cllr Hackett to ask her grandson if he would help.

Cllr Hackett to ask grandson if happy to clear sand at Play Park.

Autumn Leaves

Clerk confirmed that Gary Arkless had kindly offered to leaf blow at the play park over the autumn.

Cllr Prett also noted that he had provided Cllr Mason with a sweeping broom which he was regularly using to clear the play park paths of leaves and debris.

Independent Playground Inspection

Clerk explained that the recent annual playground inspection had concluded that the Play Park was in good condition.

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.

6222. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Stacey thanked everyone for their help in creating a fabulous summer play day event, only slightly spoiled by the ice cream van disagreement, but lessons have been learned from that experience.

Cllr Stacey spoke about the Rushcliffe Play Forum based at Keyworth that have provided craft activities for our events for many years but are due to close in March 2026. Cllr Stacey explained that they are a volunteer run organisation but increasing costs and lack of funding streams mean they are operating at a loss that is not sustainable. Cllr Stacey noted that they would be providing simple Christmas crafts for our event, but this would be the last time.

Cllr Owen explained that today the chains and padlocks locking the gates on the unmade road in Holme Pierrepont were being replaced with a keypad system, more robust than the original one that had been installed.

Cllr Owen noted that increasingly over the summer, picnickers that stop at the Millennium Garden in Holme Pierrepont cannot fit their rubbish bags in the bin provided so leave at the side of the bin, but these often get opened by wildlife. Cllr Owen noted that his wife frequently disposed of excess rubbish in their home bin, but he asked if a larger bin such as the ones at Skylarks Nature Reserve, could be positioned here. Cllr Prett explained that the Skylarks bins were not provided by the council.

Cllr Wheeler to be asked about the possibility of a larger waste bin at the Millenium Garden site at Holme Pierrepont.

Cllr Ubhi explained that she continues to regularly check the Parish defibrillators to ensure they are working and available for use. Cllr Ubhi noted that the Bassingfield pads are due for replacement in October '25.

Cllr Ubhi also noted that she would be carrying out the annual audit of the Village Hall first aid box for obsolete stock.

Cllr Fairgrieve continues to work on a replacement HP&G Parish Council Website

Clerk still to provide Cllr Fairgrieve with current costs associated with provision of website and email addresses to assist this process.

Cllr Fairgrieve to reattach new Village Hall banner.

Cllr Fairgrieve and Cllr Tisbury agreed to carry out independent assessment of all Parish notice boards and report back to a future PC meeting. Cllr Hackett asked if Cllr Tisbury could also assess the state of the Bassingfield post box positioned just off A52.

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

Cllr Owen explained that a meeting with Clerk and Susan Toon to progress the Autumn newsletter would be taking place towards the end September '25.

Cllr Stacey noted that the Parish Christmas event was approximately 12 weeks away on Saturday 29th November '25 between 3.30pm and 5.30pm and said all assistance would be gratefully received.

Cllr Fairgrieve expressed disappointment at the amount raised for Rainbows Hospice last year, considering the large volume of attendees at the event. It was agreed that investigations should be made regarding how we can charge a nominal amount for refreshments but not have to apply for an alcohol licence if possible. Also how to collect the funds as many people now do not carry any cash. Issue of refreshment tickets was discussed and also printing a voucher in the Parish News.

Cllr Stacey to contact Rainbows for ideas to increase charity revenue from our Christmastime event.

Cllr Owen noted that there were lessons to be learnt from last years event whereby adults sat at the children's craft tables that were not involved in crafting, therefore preventing children from being involved. It was agreed that benches be used at the children's craft tables that would be suitable for children but hopefully discourage adults from using.

6223. 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 noted that although projected Village Hall income was in line with expectation for the year, the number of children's parties had reduced.

Cllr Fairgrieve to advertise on Facebook the Village Hall as ideal venue for children's parties.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of approaching local businesses to sponsor the Summer Play Day to assist with the financing of the event. The following businesses were suggested; Bassingfield Woodyard, Hickory's Smokehouse, Gamston Lock, Morrisons, Starbucks on A52, National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont.

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

Clerk to submit VAT reclaim for financial years ended 31st March 2024 & 31st March 2025.

6224. CLERK'S REPORT

2025 Meeting Dates

Clerk asked the meeting if the scheduled November '25 Parish Council meeting could be moved as a one off to Tuesday 18th November '25 as she was unable to attend on Monday 10th November '25. Clerk wished to ascertain whether we would be quorate if the meeting moved to that date, which was confirmed.

Clerk to communicate new details for November '25 Parish Council meeting.

Clerk told the meeting that this year's Annual Town & Parish Conference was due to take place on Friday 3rd October '25 at Rushcliffe Arena.

Cllrs to email Clerk if they would like a Town & Parish Conference place booking.

Clerk asked the meeting if any of the Parish salt bins needed replenishing with salt, none required.

Clerk noted that the Dragon Boat event at the National Water Sports Centre was due to take place over the weekend of 20th/21st September with an expected 1200 competitors.

Clerk noted that she was attending an online *CloudyIT* event on 9th September '25 explaining the requirements for the new AGAR Assertion 10: Digital & Data Compliance for Councils. Cllr Fairgrieve said that due to work commitments he was unable to attend but would review any information pertinent to the new website that is due to be introduced in the new year.

Cllr Fairgrieve and Clerk to meet to discuss new web site requirements.

Cllr Prett asked if the Parish laptop was running Windows11 as Windows10 ceased to be supported in October '25.

Clerk to investigate whether Parish laptop running Windows11.

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.

6225. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 13th October 2025 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

Cllr Fairgrieve is due to Chair this meeting.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.05pm.