

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.15pm in **Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road**

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

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Parish Clerk) & Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler

6273. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stacey welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting and wished them a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Cllr Tisbury gave his apologies due to being on holiday.

County Cllr Upton gave his apologies due to another meeting.

Borough Cllr Viridi gave his apologies due to another meeting.

6274. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6275. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda items pertaining to Borough Cllr delayed until his arrival at the meeting.

6276. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

6277. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 8th DECEMBER 2025**

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

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

7.25pm Cllr Mason arrived at the meeting.

6278. VILLAGE HALL

Clerk confirmed that the air conditioning had been serviced and the following report issued.

'Today I attended site at Gamston Village Hall, to carry out the routine PPM. This visit consisted of the following:

FCU – Indoor wall mounted unit was ran up and was working as should. Filters have been cleaned. Drain was tested, no issues. Off air temperature was taken from the unit. Unit was working really well, blowing off at adequate temperatures in heating mode, despite staff concerns the unit wasn't working properly. Unit was cleaned. Pipe & electrical connections checked.

Condenser – Condenser found running fine – no issues. Cover and coil were cleaned. Pipe connections checked. Fan blade running quietly in operation.'

Clerk thanked Cllr Tisbury for providing physical proof of ownership of the Village Hall site and explained that she had submitted the information to the HMRC Valuations Office for confirmation of rateable values for non-domestic properties before the deadline date.

PAT Testing

Clerk to arrange annual PAT testing during February '26.

Cllr Mason spoke about the Village Hall banner that has partially detached from the frame. Cllr Fairgrieve explained that he had just become aware of that and would remedy this in the near future. Cllr Mason offered to help. Cllr Fairgrieve asked Cllr Mason to let him know as and when the banner becomes detached.

Cllr Mason asked if the Parish Council could use the Oddjobber handyman to repair the wooden steps handrail from the canal towpath to behind Morrisons store. As well as being outside our parish, the steps are owned by the Canal & River Trust, so we are not permitted to carry out work on their property.

Clerk to email Gary Dykes to ask when handrail repair is likely to take place.

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.

6279. PLAY PARK

External Bench

Clerk noted that she had received an additional quotation from ES Solutions (Beeston) for an Oakdale bench and installation plus installation of grass protection matting. This added over £1.5k plus VAT to the original quotation and it was agreed for the Clerk to acquire a comparative quotation.

Clerk to acquire another quotation from Streetwise for comparison purposes.

Christmas Tree

Clerk to arrange for John Ingram to remove the tree lights, chop up the tree and for Streetwise to collect from Play Park.

Clerk to dismantle railings and return to storage at Village Hall.

Leaf Blowing

Clerk noted that James Harrison had done a fabulous job of keeping the Play Park, astro pitch and paths clear of leaves and debris over the winter. Clerk explained that James would be attending the park twice in January and February and then reassess. Clerk anticipated that this would be sufficient leaf blow visits for this winter.

Lay By

Cllr Prett explained that it had been brought to his attention that there was considerable flooding at one end of the play park lay by.

Clerk to investigate and speak with Streetwise about leaf clearance in the lay by and associated drains.

Cllr Mason explained that one of the steps to the single slide still requires attention to straighten it.

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.

6280. NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Fairgrieve explained that the new *Parish Online* website exists and basic information has been moved across from the soon to be obsolete Vision ICT version. Cllr Fairgrieve has worked through the pages, correcting as required. Cllr Fairgrieve explained that he will send the Parish Council a link to this new website for review, with the intention of redirecting the existing URL to this new site at the end of January '26. Cllr Fairgrieve noted that this necessitated a tag being created by Vision ICT which he would arrange.

Cllr Fairgrieve explained that all technical support and work would be kept with *Parish Online* to simplify the process for now and into the future.

Cllr Fairgrieve asked Councillors for any high-resolution images from around the Parish that he could use to annotate the website.

Cllr Fairgrieve also said that since Gary Arkless had left the Parish Council the news section of the website had not been kept up to date. Cllr Fairgrieve suggested resurrecting this and start more regular postings pertinent to the Parish.

Cllr Fairgrieve explained that there was a mapping function on the new website which was free for a month. During this time anything added stayed in situ and he intended to plot the defibrillators, grit bins, noticeboards, Village Hall and anything else Cllrs suggested.

Cllr Fairgrieve is also working on providing all Parish Councillors with Parish Council email addresses in order to comply with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) rules. Cllr Fairgrieve planned to go live with new Cllr email addresses by 1st March 2026. Cllr Fairgrieve noted that the Parish and Bookings Clerk emails would be treated separately as they were already Parish Council owned addresses and would continue to be used in their current form for the foreseeable future.

Clerk sincerely thanked Cllr Fairgrieve for the huge amount of work he had put, and was still putting, into this project, which would have been impossible without his IT expertise. Meeting concurred.

Cllrs to forward high resolution parish images to Cllr Fairgrieve to publish on new website.

Clerk to add Web Items to monthly meeting agenda for current items for inclusion.

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

Once live, Clerk to notify RBC and other authorities of the new web address.

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

7.50pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting.

6281. COUNTY REPORT

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

6282. DISTRICT REPORT

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

Cllr Fairgrieve asked for the following to be minuted for clarification of the Parish Council stance and understanding regarding the SPD (Supplementary Planning Document) associated with the Land East of Gamston and North of Tollerton Lane proposed development.

i) The SPD is purely guidance; it does not supersede or change the need for full planning permission for any development to the site.

ii) If important information is not included in the SPD eg Highways modelling, this information is still required for each and every detailed planning application in relation to the site.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to send Clerk an email to forward to all Cllrs after the Cabinet vote on the evening of Tuesday 13th January '26 regarding the SPD.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to chase possible RBC funds contribution to the HP Millennium Garden wall repair.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to speak with County Cllr Upton regarding the unauthorised access to the mineral line via a broken fence.

8.25pm Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

6283. 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

- ii) 25/02174/FUL Clare Breedon Holme Grange Cottage, Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LU To extend existing boat house to the rear single storey

Cllr Prett kindly agreed to look at this planning application. Cllr Owen offered to accompany him.

6284. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

HP Millennium Garden Wall

Cllr Owen updated the meeting with his findings over the last month. Cllr Owen explained that he had visited a quarry in Derbyshire that sold large boulders. Cllr Owen also spoke about his conversations with VIA regarding the placing of posts to protect any repairs made and the importance that these are not placed on the public highway. Possible use of rocks in gabion wire baskets was discussed.

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

Cllr Stacey to recontact David Brown for wall demolition and disposal costings.

Cllr Prett to create litter picker date document for 2026.

Cllr Ubhi explained that she had checked the Parish defibrillators and they are all in working order.

Cllr Ubhi spoke again about the imminent pads and battery expiration date of March 2026 for the Gamston Village Hall defibrillator. Clerk noted that she had received communication regarding these from the British Heart Foundation that '*due to ongoing and unforeseen challenges related to component availability and supply chain limitation Stryker will be discontinuing the QUIK-PAK electrodes and CHARGE-PAK battery charger in February 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 Ubhi also spoke about any expiration date for the bleed kits that are housed in our defibrillator units. Clerk explained that they expire in May 2027.

Cllr Stacey noted that she had contacted Mark Winter in order to provide a 2026 grounds maintenance quotation for the Parish.

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

6285. 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.

2026/2027 Financial Year – Discussion and Sign Off Precept Request

Clerk had previously issued Cllrs with a first draft budget for the 2026/2027 precept request as a starting point for discussion. After detailed discussion regarding estimates for each element of predicted income and expenditure for the next financial year ending 31st March 2027, Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Owen seconded the motion that a total budget of £46, 075 was required for the coming financial year to be requested as a precept. This equates to a 5.6% increase on the previous year. An article explaining the rationale behind the precept request to be included in the next Parish Newsletter. Vote taken, unanimously in favour, motion carried.

Clerk to submit the necessary precept budget documentation to Rushcliffe Borough Council by the 31st January '26 deadline.

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

6286. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk told the meeting that the next Town and Parish Forum at Rushcliffe Arena will be taking place on Thursday 26th March '26. Any Cllrs wishing to attend to let Clerk know in order to book a place.

Cllr Prett noted that on reading the Notts ALC email newsletter, distributed to all Cllrs by the Clerk, it appeared that it may be compulsory for Parish Councils to undertake sexual harassment training. Clerk to ascertain as to whether this is the case.

Clerk to contact Notts ALC to ask about sexual harassment training.

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

6287. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 9th February 2026 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

Chair of this meeting to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.25pm.