

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 9th February 2026 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), County Cllr Roger Upton and Borough Cllrs Jonathan Wheeler & Davinder Viridi

6288. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Tisbury welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

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

6289. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6290. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

6291. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

6292. MINUTES

**TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2026**

Cllr Prett noted that the 's' at the end of 'river' should be removed from the reference to the Canal & River Trust at Agenda item 6278.

Subject to this amendment Cllr Stacey proposed, and Cllr Prett seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Cllr Tisbury abstained as he was not present at the January '26 meeting. Motion carried and Minutes were adopted.

Cllr Fairgrieve to upload January '26 Parish Council Meeting Minutes to the new HP&G PC website.

6293. PLANNING

- 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

Parish Council Response : Subject to Green Belt and Increase In Footprint issues being resolved - DO NOT OBJECT

The title of this development 'To extend existing boat house to the rear single storey' is confusing. The 'boat house' has nothing to do with boats; it concerns an outbuilding, previously approved as a double garage, which is now used as a doghouse and for the storage of garden tools.

The application is to increase the size of the building to over twice its current size and to attach it to the house with an enclosed walkway. The building will still be used as a doghouse, and the objective is to give the dogs a big play area with facilities to clean them down etc. Seven dogs are currently in residence and the development will allow further dogs / animals to be added to the 'family'.

The issue is whether the development will adversely impact on the Green Belt.

Confusingly, apart from a cross reference in the 'Greenbelt Impact Assessment' document, there is no reference to the recent planning application 25/00320/FUL for a double garage with office above, which was approved subject to compliance to some conditions. The 25/00320/FUL application is relevant as presumably the same conditions would apply to the new 25/02174/FUL application.

Assuming this is the case and the RBC planning officer will address the Green Belt related issues and those concerning the increase in the footprint, we do not object.

- iii) 26/00211/FUL Mr Ian Christian Cherry Trees, Radcliffe
Road, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NR New front dormer roof extension

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

Cherry Trees is one of the houses behind the locked gate next to Stavely Way. It is a three-storey property with the master bedroom on the second floor. The application is to increase the size of the master bedroom by adding a dormer extension.

The dormer extension is at the front of the property and will not overlook any neighbouring properties (i.e. it faces the Radcliffe Road).

6294. VILLAGE HALL

Clerk read out the Bookings Clerk monthly update.

'All is well at the hall.

All payments from 2025 have now been paid and everything is up to date.

Clay Creators are booked in again for Easter, with a total of 4 dates. They couldn't get booked in for February half term due to clashes with monthly bookings. Hopefully, they can fill their dates this year.

Unfortunately Raul (Tuesday evening group) is not in the hall this term, he's had a family emergency but is hoping he will be back in April all being well. He said he will give me as much notice as possible if he's not returning.

Ann, who takes Pilates on a Friday is looking at extending her time slot for another hour. She is currently gauging interest in her classes.

I don't currently have any party bookings in the next few weeks, enquiries are slower, but we still have a few coming in for the year ahead and we had one last weekend, so fingers crossed.'

Discussion took place regarding attracting increased number of children's party bookings.

Clerk to organise an advertorial in the next Parish News advertising the Village Hall for children's parties.

Cllr Fairgrieve to find out how much a weekend party at the Gamston Community Hall costs for comparison.

Cllr Fairgrieve offered to advertise children's parties at the Village Hall on Facebook.

PAT Testing

Clerk explained that the annual PAT testing was arranged for Monday 23rd February '26.

Mervin Oddjobber

Clerk explained that Mervin Oddjobber now offered the services of a fully qualified electrician and Combi gas fitter as part of his team of staff.

Parking Signage

Clerk noted that one of the wooden 'No Parking' signs on the narrow part of Main Street has lost the laminated notice.

Clerk gave a new laminated notice to Cllr Fairgrieve to repair the signage when the weather is drier.

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.

6295. PLAY PARK

External Bench

Clerk had previously circulated an email detailing the comparative quotation for works received from Streetwise with recommendations to accept this quotation.

After discussion Cllr Owen proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that the Streetwise quotation for a bench outside the Play Park perimeter fencing with reinforcement matting in the grassed area be accepted. Vote was taken. Unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to progress Streetwise quotation for bench and matting.

Lay By

Clerk explained that she had spoken with Streetwise regarding the lay by flooding issue. Streetwise have since swept the leaves from the area. Streetwise explained that any works would be the responsibility of Notts CC so they unfortunately would not be able to assist. It is apparent that the cable works carried out a few years ago on Ambleside near to this site, have resulted in the excess water being unable to drain away to the nearest outlet.

Cllr Mason explained that one of the steps to the single slide still requires attention to straighten it and some of the ropes need re-taping. Cllr Mason also noted that the play park tables and benches need washing and cleaning.

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.

6296. NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Tisbury wanted to express his sincere thanks to Cllr Fairgrieve for all the hard work in getting the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) compliant HP&G Parish Council website live. Cllr Fairgrieve explained that anyone accessing the website from the old domain name would be automatically redirected to the new web address, as follows:

www.hpg-pc.gov.uk

Clerk in conjunction with Cllr Fairgrieve to create a newsletter article to launch the new website.

Councillors to forward any high-resolution images to Cllr Fairgrieve from around the Parish that could be used to annotate the website.

Cllr Tisbury suggested that all Cllrs familiarise themselves with the new HP&G Parish Council website.

New Councillor Email Addresses

Cllr Fairgrieve explained that he had sent out details in order for all Councillors to set up and activate their new GDPR compliant email addresses. Cllrs Tisbury and Owen explained that they had unsuccessfully attempted this process.

Cllrs Tisbury & Owen to forward screenshots or photographs of the error messages they are receiving to Cllr Fairgrieve in order for him to attempt to resolve.

All Cllrs to attempt to activate their new GDPR compliant email addresses as soon as possible.

Parish and Bookings Clerk emails are to be treated separately as they already use Parish Council owned addresses and would continue to be used in their current form for the foreseeable future.

IT Policy

Cllr Fairgrieve explained that as part of this package of work to achieve GDPR compliance, the Parish Council was required to have an IT Policy that it adhered to. Cllr

Fairgrieve explained that the website had a dropdown list of default policies that needed to be reviewed for appropriateness to our Parish Council.

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

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

Cllr Fairgrieve to continue to carry out work to make all bespoke Parish Councillor email addresses live.

Cllr Ubhi reiterated her sincere thanks to Cllr Fairgrieve for all his hard work on the necessary IT changes required.

6297. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Grounds Maintenance Contract

Cllr Stacey had previously circulated Mark Winter's quotation for Parish Grounds Maintenance over the coming year and noted what a wonderful job him and his team make throughout the year.

Cllr Tisbury asked about the need to put out to tender. Clerk explained that as per our standing orders this is not necessary in the case of the extension of an existing contract that still provides good value for money, which this does.

Cllr Tisbury proposed and Cllr Owen seconded the motion that the Mark Winter Grounds Maintenance contract for 2026 be accepted. Vote taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried.

Clerk to write to Mark Winter to accept the 2026 Grounds Maintenance contract.

Cllr Hackett spoke about Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council churchyard and the fact that they have saved money on grounds maintenance by putting over some of the grounds to wildflowers that don't need to be mowed.

Discussion took place regarding the breakdown of the quotation compared to the amount paid for Grounds Maintenance. Cllr Tisbury kindly agreed to carry out this analysis for 2025.

Clerk to electronically provide Cllr Tisbury with PM Winter Grounds Maintenance invoices for 2025.

Cllr Tisbury to analyse Grounds Maintenance invoices for 2025 and share results with Cllrs.

8.10pm County Cllr Upton and Borough Cllrs Wheeler & Viridi arrived at the meeting.

6298. COUNTY REPORT

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

Cllr Upton expressed his frustration at the slow progress on resolution of highways problems and hoped to have further news at the end of March '26.

6299. DISTRICT REPORT

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

Cllr Viridi spoke about a policy to charge a premium for second homes, encouraging empty homes into housing stock use.

Borough Cllrs to email details regarding second homes to Parish Councillors.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about Article 4 with reference to HMO (House in Multiple Occupation) planning control.

6300. 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

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the decision to delay approval of the SPD until March '26 when hopefully comments from National Highways on the scheme will have been received. The next key date for this application is Tuesday 10th March '26.

9pm County Cllr Upton and Borough Cllrs Wheeler & Viridi left the meeting.

6301. COUNCILLOR UPDATES continued

HP Millennium Garden Wall

Cllr Owen presented to the meeting updated information regarding resolution of the issues with the HP Millenium Garden wall.

Cllr Owen noted that Cllr Hackett's son had made enquiries regarding a comparative quote to rebuild the wall. This quotation was in line with that already received from David Brown, which confirms that this quotation is fair and reasonable.

Discussion took place regarding the possible funding of the work supplementing the generous donations from Cllrs Upton and Wheeler. Ideas included possibly reducing the number of cuts to St Edmunds churchyard or taking some of the ringfenced reserves for the HP Information Board.

Cllrs Owen and Stacey to discuss possible funding for the one off rebuild of the HP Millennium Garden Wall.

Parish Newsletter

Cllr Owen asked if there was a need for 3 newsletters per year and suggested reducing to just issuing a Summer and Autumn newsletter. Cllr Tisbury was strongly opposed to reducing the frequency of communicating with the parish via newsletter as he considered this to be our 'shop window' to the wider community and that when he delivered copies they were always very well received by parishioners.

Cllr Tisbury suggested the issue of two 4-page and one 2-page newsletter throughout the year. Possible articles for a spring 2-page edition being the new website, advertising parties at the Village Hall, potholes, explanation of Parish Council precept increase and location of parish defibrillators.

Clerk and Cllr Owen to liaise regarding possible Spring '26 newsletter with Susan Toon.

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

Clerk explained that she had purchased replacement spares for the Village Hall defibrillator which Cllr Ubhi had installed. Clerk explained that this delayed the necessity to purchase a replacement defibrillator unit for this cabinet for another 2 years, unless the unit is used during that time, which will bring forward the date for replacement.

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

Cllr Mason spoke about the steps handrail behind Morrisons supermarket that belongs to the Canal & River Trust.

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

6302. 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 to submit VAT reclaim for financial years ended 31st March 2024 & 31st March 2025.

6303. 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.

Clerk has issued schedule of 2026 Parish Council Meeting dates.

Clerk explained that our internal auditor Brian Hardy has made the decision to retire in April '26 due to deteriorating eyesight. Brian's business partner Sharon will be continuing to deal with all Brian's clients. Clerk is due to meet with Sharon sometime in April '26 to discuss the '25/'26 financial year internal audit. Clerk asked if she could buy a retirement card and gift for Brian Hardy. Meeting agreed.

Clerk to arrange meeting with new Internal Auditor.

Clerk to purchase retirement card and gift for Brian Hardy.

Clerk explained that the compulsory 3 yearly pensions re-enrolment and re-declaration process was due in 2026, key dates being re-enrolment by 30th June '26 and re-declaration by 1st December '26.

Clerk to ensure regulatory pension work completed by the deadline dates.

Clerk explained that there are currently no elections due to take place in 2026 and therefore Gamston Village Hall will not be required as a polling station this year. The next scheduled election will be the Borough and Parish Council Elections due to take place on Thursday 6th May 2027.

Clerk noted that it would be a good idea for Clerk and Cllrs to attend a session of online sexual harassment training provided by Notts ALC, however the currently advertised dates were all fully booked.

Clerk to update meeting on dates and times of upcoming Notts ALC sexual harassment training.

6304. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Chair of this meeting to be Cllr Mason.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.40pm.