

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 6th July 2026 at 7.15pm in **St Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont**

Members Present: Cynthia Stacey, Geoff Prett, Alun Owen (Acting Chair) & Richard Fairgrieve

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Roger Upton & Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler

At 7.15pm only 3 Parish Councillors were present, so the meeting was inquorate (4 Councillors required for a quorum). Cllr Fairgrieve was on his way, so decision taken to proceed with Agenda items 6. County Report, 7. District Report and 8. Planning as these items were informal and did not require any Parish Councillor decision making.

6353. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Upton spoke about the imminent micro-asphalt resurfacing of Ambleside from Radcliffe Road up to Morrisons roundabout, which is scheduled to take place before April '27.

Cllr Upton also confirmed that the signage for the sharp bend on Old Tollerton Road had been approved.

Cllr Upton noted that patch repairs to Kirkstone Drive were due to take place in autumn '26.

Cllr Upton spoke about correspondence he had received regarding parking around the Stavely Way junction with Ambleside causing access and visibility issues.

Cllr Stacey asked Cllr Upton about the mystery mowing of the grassed area near the benches on the way to Bassingfield. Cllr Upton confirmed that, to his knowledge, this mowing had not been carried out by VIA or Notts CC.

6354. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler gave the meeting an update on matters pertaining to the Borough Council including local planning, RBC summer events, Streetwise team award and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

6355. PLANNING

- i) 24/00347/HYBRID *Vistry Homes Ltd* *Land North of*
 Tollerton Lane, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire.

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

No further update at this time.

- ii) 26/00938/CTY Nottinghamshire County Council Lady Bay Junior and Infant School And Adbolton Lane Playing Fields, Trent Boulevard, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5BD Phase 1 comprises the erection of a modular building at Adbolton Lane Playing fields and the construction of a staff car park and new perimeter security fencing.

Phase 2 comprises the removal of the temporary mobile classroom and construction of a new two storey teaching block, comprising of four classrooms and erection of an external (temporary) canopy to main school building.

Phase 3 involves the conversion of the temporary modular classroom on the Adbolton Playing Fields to permanent changing facilities.

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- the playing fields being for school use only necessitating the use of substantial fencing
- the new classroom facilities being occupied within 6 months of completion of the new build and the Adbolton Grove building reverting to Changing rooms
- a noise condition on the plant room to ensure Adbolton residents are not disturbed
- and a landscaping condition to protect the existing vegetation.

This is a complicated application involving many issues.

The application is for a new two storey teaching block on the site of an existing mobile classroom (at Lady Bay school) and a new single storey modular building on Adbolton school playing fields to be used as a temporary classroom whilst the new facility is constructed, and for the conversion of the temporary classroom to changing facilities later.

It has been submitted by NCC Parents and Children to improve the school facilities at Lady Bay Junior and Infants School at a time when pupil numbers (383) are below capacity (420). The existing single storey Portakabin within the school yard has temporary planning permission to remain until facilities at the school are resolved.

The main issues to us are:

1. Building in the Green Belt,
2. Building a 2-storey structure adjacent to the Grade II listed school,
3. Flooding issues, and
4. Adverse impact on residential amenity for residents around the existing school and those backing onto the playing fields at Adbolton Grove.
5. The school is outside our Parish but the residents of Adbolton Grove who back onto the field and the playing fields are within the Parish.

Our initial thoughts are this is a sensible plan to provide a more permanent solution for Lady Bay school. The school is located at the heart of the residential area and is a focal point for the community. We previously opposed the idea of moving it to Regatta Way. Providing a new 2 storey brick building on site in a complementary style to the Listed Building would however, in our view, be

preferable.

Our main issues relate to the playing fields which are in the Flood Plain Zone 3 and building in the Green Belt near housing on Adbolton Grove.

At stage 1 a new modular single storey structure would be built to provide a temporary replacement for the Portakabin at the school together with 15 parking spaces and a new vehicular access adjacent to the playground. The building is located so the entrance is on the opposite side to the residential properties. No pupils will use the doors on the side of Adbolton Grove. These doors are for access to the plant room and the staff room.

This building/parking requires special circumstances to be allowed in the Green Belt as it is not a sport related structure, which would be an acceptable use.

There are also flood defences in place giving users time to vacate.

The parking spaces are for staff which will reduce the congestion around the school located 600m away.

Stage 2 would be the removal of the Portakabin and building the new 2 storey structure. As this is outside our area we do not propose to comment on this.

Stage 3 is to move pupils back from Adbolton Grove to the new building and convert this structure to changing rooms for the playing fields. At this stage the building would be an acceptable use in the Green Belt.

The playing fields are adjacent to the playground. It is private land, but locals use it for ad hoc recreation and dog walking. Historically it has been fenced, but this has been vandalised/removed. The area is proposed to be refenced, with more substantial materials, at both the entrance on Trent Boulevard and at the access to the playing fields.

Provided the Playing Fields are only for use by the school we do not think it will have a substantial adverse impact on the residential amenity of those living on Adbolton Grove. Whether staff use the parking will be up to the school to enforce.

The limited pre application consultation only raised a few issues including loss of dog walking and recreational space. It is currently private land, and we do not think dogs should be using school playing fields. Others supported the proposal saying it was the only solution, which is also our view. Other issues relate to the treatment on the access drive which is bounded by a hedge and mature trees. The landscape officer has commented on this and we support their proposals.

iii) 26/01024/VAR Sam Davies Church Farm Nursing Home Ltd,
Skylarks, Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5AS
Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) and 14 (Landscaping Plan) for
planning application 18/01073/FUL to amend landscape proposals and external
annex pods

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

This application form does not contain any information, the application supporting statement lacks detail on the current site conditions, and the landscape plans lack basic location information such as the direction of north and where Adbolton Lane is. However, all the necessary information is in the

application pack, even though it can be difficult to find.

The planning application variation concerns the landscaped area to the eastern side (right) of the main building.

The original application 18/010703/FUL obtained permission to build five annex pods in this area, and part of the variation is to change the design of the pods. The original pods had an oval footprint, but these are spatially inefficient, create unnecessary construction complexity, and are costly to build. The variation amends the oval footprint to a more efficient modular square footprint, which improves the deliverability and cost certainty, and provides a more practical internal layout for accessible accommodation

The rest of the variation concerns changes to the landscaping due the pod changes and the resolution of issues that have been encountered during the ground preparation works.

The proposed amendments do not give rise to a material change in the nature of the development and therefore we do not object to the planning application.

7.55pm County Cllr Upton & Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

6356. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Owen welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Tisbury sent his apologies due to being on holiday.

Cllr Mason sent his apologies due to having a poorly leg.

Cllr Hackett gave her apologies as she was unfortunately unable to make the meeting.

Cllr Fairgrieve sent his apologies for a late arrival due to work and home commitments.

Cllr Ubhi gave her apologies as she had a special birthday celebration.

Borough Cllr Virdi sent his apologies.

6357. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6358. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Order of business amended as documented above to ensure the decision-making elements of the meeting were quorate.

6359. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

6360. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8th JUNE 2026

Cllr Fairgrieve provided clarification of his points made at Agenda Item 6343. and suggested replacement with the following wording;

*‘ Cllr Fairgrieve asked if RBC could communicate a reminder to householders that wheelie bins should be stored within a property’s boundary, placed on the boundary within the property for collection day and not on the footpaths where they can cause an obstruction. Cllr Fairgrieve explained this was even more important now most households had a minimum of 4 wheelie bins, with 2 being emptied each week.
Cllr Wheeler to mention to RBC media team issue of correct bin storage and positioning for collection day, suggesting communication via a future Rushcliffe Reports publication and the weekly “Rushcliffe Borough Council newsletter” email.’*

Cllr Prett noted that the apostrophe should be removed from **its** in the *Great Big Green Week* element of Agenda item 6349.

Subject to the above amendments Cllr Prett proposed, and Cllr Stacey seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried and Minutes were adopted.

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

6361. VILLAGE HALL

Horse Chestnut Tree

Clerk still pursuing a conclusion to the felling of the Village Hall Horse Chestnut situation. Clerk confirmed that Zurich Insurance do not provide cover for this eventuality.

Clerk still to contact RBC to ask advice regarding situation.

Consumer Unit Testing

Clerk to arrange consumer unit testing by UK Safety Management that perform our PAT testing.

Clerk to arrange Village Hall Fixed Wire Testing (Electrical Installation Condition Report).

Union Flag

Clerk explained that a new union flag had been purchased, but before flying, the issue of damage from the nearby oak tree needed to be assessed to prevent a future recurring problem.

Clerk to contact RBC Facilities Department to ask about personnel that deal with RBC flag flying.

Clerk to contact tree surgeon for a quotation for further pruning VH oak tree adjacent to the flagpole.

Cllr Prett noted that the metal cage positioned around the oak tree was cutting into the trunk and potentially causing damage.

Clerk to contact tree surgeon regarding safe removal of the cage around the oak tree.

Cllr Owen wanted to express his thanks to Patrick Stacey for the angle grinding work he had voluntarily carried out on the metal seat at the Millennium Garden in Holme Pierrepont. Cllr Owen thanked him for his community-minded support.

Clerk still to speak to Bookings Clerk about the socket covers and replace where necessary.

Clerk in the first instance to contact the Fire Brigade to ascertain what the situation is regarding fire doors and prevention of children trapping their fingers.

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

Cllr Fairgrieve to repair the No Parking signage near large VH gate.

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.

6362. PLAY PARK

Annual Independent Inspection

Clerk explained that The Play Inspection Company annual park inspection had highlighted two elements for immediate repair. Firstly the helicopter springer was missing an essential screw and secondly the large swings needed new chains, shackles and bushes and to be fitted ideally by the manufacturer. Also the front yellow gate closes too quickly but that could remain in service pending adjustment.

Clerk explained that she had arranged for Proludic to repair the helicopter springer and would be contacting South Notts Fabrication to adjust the gate.

Clerk noted that the repairs to the swings were more complex and she had arranged for Streetwise to remove the swings in the interim to prevent children using them until they are fixed.

Clerk to arrange annual inspection of electricity points at the Play Park, noting that one of the electricity bollards is very difficult to lock and that column is leaning.

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.

6363. NEW WEBSITE & COUNCILLOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

Cllr Fairgrieve explained that he continued to work on the new Parish Council website, found here www.hpg-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Fairgrieve explained that he was also working on the creation of an IT Policy for HP&G PC.

HP&G PC Parish Councillor email addresses went live on 1st July '26 and Clerk explained that she would **only** use Parish Council email addresses for Parish Council communication going forward. Personal email addresses are not to be used for Parish Council communication from now.

Clerk confirmed that the Bookings Clerk has activated the new Bookings Clerk email bookings@hpg-pc.gov.uk

All Parish Councillors that have not activated their GDPR compliant Parish Council email address to do so as soon as possible. Cllr Fairgrieve kindly offered to assist any Cllrs experiencing problems with the activation process.

Cllr Fairgrieve in conjunction with Clerk to create an IT Policy for adoption.

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

Clerk to continue to notify contacts of the new web and email addresses.

6364. 'FUN IN THE SUN!' SUMMER PLAY DAY

Cllr Stacey looked forward to a fantastic Summer Play Day on THURSDAY 20th August '26 between 2pm and 4pm and explained that any help with setting up, during the event and packing away would be gratefully received.

6365. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

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

6366. 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.

6367. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk spoke about correspondence she had received regarding a presentation of the People's Emergency Briefing on Climate Change that asked if the Parish Council would consider showing it in Gamston Village Hall.

Meeting agreed that we would be happy to provide Gamston Village Hall as a venue if the enquirer would like to arrange the showing, noting the limits of seated capacity at the hall. Clerk to respond to enquirer.

Clerk explained that the Rushcliffe Town & Parish Conference would be taking place at Rushcliffe Arena on Thursday 15th October '26 and for Cllrs to let her know if they would like a place booking.

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

6368. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.15pm in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.**

Meeting Chair to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.25pm.