Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council** Monday 14th September 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

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

6369. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Tisbury welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Ubhi sent her apologies due to being on holiday.

Borough Cllr Virdi sent his apologies due to being on holiday.

6370. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Owen declared an interest in 8. Planning item iii) as this related to his property.

Cllr Hackett declared an interest in 8. Planning item iv) as this related to a relative.

6371. ORDER OF BUSINESS

County & Borough Cllrs asked that Agenda item 7. District Report and Agenda item 6. County Report be heard early in the meeting, as they need to leave before the end of the meeting. Meeting agreed to request.

6372. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

6373. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th JULY 2026

Cllr Fairgrieve proposed, and Cllr Owen seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Motion carried and Minutes were adopted. Cllrs Tisbury, Mason and Hackett abstained as they were not present at the July ’26 meeting.

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

6374. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler explained that the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) had been paused by the government, so its future and progression is unsure at this time. Cllr Wheeler explained that Borough Council elections would be taking place in May ’27. Parish Council elections that are also due to take place in May ’27 would likely change to 2 years term, but this was as yet unconfirmed.

Borough Cllr Wheeler spoke about the imminent mandated changes to Planning Legislation coming into effect on 31st October 2026, which would be added to RBC constitution at the upcoming Full Council meeting.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the NFFC ground expansion planning application would be heard at committee on Wednesday.

Cllr Wheeler spoke about the petition suggesting the creation of a West Bridgford Town Council had recently reached the petition threshold. Progression of the project would involve two levels of consultation and even if approved at every stage would be unlikely to be implemented before 2031.

Cllr Wheeler explained that a new RBC Monitoring Officer had just been appointed and would take up post around the end of the year.

Cllr Wheeler explained that a new local plan is required even though LGR may be restarted during the process and result in any new work carried out being redundant.

Cllr Fairgrieve asked about the relocation of the Air Ambulance base which Cllr Wheeler confirmed was being created off Flawforth Lane.

6375. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Upton explained that the upcoming national changes to planning legislation would involve two classifications, Schedule 1 whereby Planning Officers would have delegated powers to make decisions that could not be overturned at committee, and these would form the bulk of all domestic applications. Schedule 2 would comprise the large schemes that would be decided at committee. Any application of 499 homes or less would be classified as Schedule 1.

County Cllr Upton spoke about the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan that was examined in the summer.

Cllr Upton expressed his disappointment at the fact that the micro-asphalting resurface of Ambleside planned to start mid-August ’26, had been delayed due to the wet weather at the start of the project and therefore had been moved to the back of the resurfacing queue, likely to take place spring ’27. Cllr Upton noted that this had disappointingly happened to work planned for Melton and Loughborough Road also.

6376. PLANNING

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

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had consulted with Cllr Prett over the analysis of the latest version of the Vistry planning application and the many hundreds of associated documents available on the online planning portal.

Cllr Fairgrieve noted that he had read that 1.5 million samples had been collected from the Tollerton airfield to test for contamination.

It has been suggested that Vistry feel they will be able to mitigate any issues raised as part of the sampling and investigations. Cllr Tisbury expressed a concern regarding the development and the potential for the current scope of the schema in its' entirety becoming unviable. Cllr Tisbury explained that this may result in elements of the SPD being eroded, for example the bridge being rejected due to cost, and other infrastructure elements disappearing, but these agreed elements must be preserved as part of any plan.

Cllr Wheeler explained that the SPD is active and cannot be ignored by developers.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he and Cllr Prett would liaise on a suggested Parish Council response to the newest application focusing on the elements that pertain most to our Parish these being:

i) Linkage to the new site

ii) The Infrastructure Development Plan

Cllr Tisbury explained that he would attempt to meet with the RBC Planning Officer to discuss but noted our previous comments on linkage and phasing were still applicable.

Cllr Tisbury explained that he had attempted to contact Sarah Deacon, Chair of SNAG (Save Nottingham Airfield Group), by email without success as email bounced back as folder full.

Cllr Tisbury asked Borough Cllr Wheeler if he could look at any restrictions on the Flawforth Lane Air Ambulance site. Cllr Wheeler noted that when the QMC rebuild takes place it will be getting its' own helipad, but this isn't expected until around 2037.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to contact Cllr Tisbury when he has had opportunity to digest new information associated with the above planning application.

Borough Cllr Wheeler to look into any restrictions on Flawforth Lane Air Ambulance site.

8.15pm County Cllr Upton & Borough Cllr Wheeler left the meeting.

Cllr Stacey wanted to sincerely thank Cllrs Tisbury and Prett for the time and effort they had put into reviewing this planning application.

ii) 26/01175/FUL Mr & Mrs Graeme and Helen Hunt Sandale Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6QG

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

iii) 26/01301/TPO Mr Alun Owen The Toll House, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD

Parish Council Response : Decision making deferred to RBC Tree Expert.

iv) 26/01404/FUL Mr Troy Hackett Firs Farm, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LD

Parish Council Response : DO NOT OBJECT

No new information identified with the second application so still Do Not Object. RBC Planning Department to inform PC if there is in fact additional information included in second version of this application.

v) 26/01463/TPO Mr Brook Side of 1 Croyde Gardens, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6SX

Parish Council Response : Decision making deferred to RBC Tree Expert.

Clerk noted that Cllr Tisbury had kindly agreed to attend a NALC Planning Seminar online this week detailing the upcoming changes to planning legislation.

6377. VILLAGE HALL

Monthly Update

Clerk read out monthly update received from Bookings Clerk:

' I hope the generator is working well!

All is well at the hall, Clay Creators had a great summer at the hall, just waiting for them to pay their invoice. I don't currently have them booked in for October half term.

Raul (Tuesday evenings) is back in October and Ann (Friday Pilates) is taking an extra hour on from November, which is great.

I've had an enquiry about a possible regular-ish booking on Mondays, will be ad hoc to start with but hopefully will pick up. Baby group of some variety. Great for Monday mornings when the hall floor is super clean.

Kids party bookings are few and far between at the moment, but I get an awful lot of enquiries about other types of parties. Anniversaries, family parties, baby showers, anything from 16th birthdays upwards…….it's really hard to know which ones will be suitable for the hall and the area, and which ones aren't. Also a lot of people don't reply once I've quoted the price. Not sure if people are finding it too expensive. Do we know how much other local venues are? Could we find somewhere to advertise our space for children's parties? I'll have a think.

The lock on the side door is a tad loose, I might be able to get Darren to look at it, unless anyone else could?'

Consumer Unit Testing

Consumer unit testing by UK Safety Management that perform our PAT testing is in the diary.

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

Union Flag

Clerk explained that she is awaiting a quotation for moving the flagpole in order to compare with the cost of ongoing pruning of the nearby oak tree. This will help to assess the best solution to prevent a future recurring problem.

Cllr Mason asked if the union flag could be displayed on the Village Hall building. Meeting discussed and decided at this time to wait for information regarding the relocation of the flagpole.

Clerk to chase tree surgeon for a quotation for moving the flagpole.

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

Clerk to ask tree surgeon to remove the cage around the oak tree as it is starting to cause damage to the tree, whilst retaining the attached information plaque.

Clerk still pursuing a conclusion to the felling of the Village Hall Horse Chestnut situation. Clerk explained that she had contacted RBC Legal department and was awaiting guidance.

Clerk to chase RBC Legal for advice regarding situation.

Gazebo Waterproofing

The weather conditions experienced at the recent Summer Play Day indicated that the Coleman shelters are not waterproof. Clerk explained that she had done some preliminary investigations and the shelters are intended to be shower proof but not entirely waterproof during torrential rain. There are fully waterproof covers that can be purchased, but quite expensive to do so. Discussion took place and decision made for Clerk to purchase large tarpaulins, similar to that used as a base for the temporary sand pit, as a low-cost solution in time for the Christmas event.

Clerk to purchase two waterproof tarpaulins to cover the Coleman shelters.

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.

6378. PLAY PARK

Annual Play Park Electricity Inspection

Clerk explained that she had been in contact with Colin Harrison regarding the annual testing of the play park electricity points and he had explained that potentially, if the leaning column was caused by a crack in the column support, this may need to be replaced. Meeting agreed that safety was of paramount importance and we should carry out any work required.

Clerk to chase up 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.

Sign Language Boards

Clerk explained that Cllr Prett had fully investigated the inclusion of some sign language boards at the Play Park and had created an accompanying report. Using the remaining ringfenced funds of £104 for Play Park enhancements, this project would only require an additional £100 plus fitting to complete. Clerk considered this a great

idea, and her only concern had been where the boards would be sited, but Cllr Prett's suggestion of the fencing between the football pitch and playground would be perfect. Visibility would not be affected and an increased protection from stray balls from the football pitch would be achieved.

Discussion took place and meeting very positive about the initiative with the exception of Cllr Mason who considered it a '*waste of money'*. Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Owen seconded the motion that sign language boards are installed at the play park. Vote taken, majority in favour, Cllr Mason opposed. Motion carried.

Cllr Prett to further progress sign language boards.

Temporary Sand Pit

Clerk explained that sand pit would be kindly removed after the end of September by Cllr Hackett's grandson.

Play Park Cleaning

Cllr Mason noted that the play park equipment and tables desperately needed washing and cleaning. Cllr Mason explained that he had cleaned the tables over the summer but needed more help looking after the play park.

Discussion took place and meeting agreed for Clerk to contact Streetwise to ask about the cleaning programmes adopted by the other play parks in the area that Streetwise look after. Meeting noted that a difficulty was the fact that there is no water supply at the play park, but this can be negated by hire of a water bowser, at a cost.

Clerk to contact Streetwise regarding their cleaning programmes at nearby play parks and associated costs.

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.

6379. NEW WEBSITE & COUNCILLOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

Cllr Fairgrieve continues 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.

Cllr Fairgrieve noted that Cllr Mason had not replied to any emails from his new Cllr .gov.uk email address. Cllr Mason confirmed that he was receiving Parish Council emails. Cllr Fairgrieve explained that he would send an individual email to Cllr Mason's .gov.uk address and asked that he reply to it, therefore confirming activation and connectivity to the new email address.

Cllr Fairgrieve to email Cllr Mason and on receipt Cllr Mason to reply to email.

Cllr Prett explained that he could not find the Management Plan on the new website. Cllr Fairgrieve said he would look for it and let Cllr Prett know the exact location. Meeting agreed that this document required review and potential updating.

Cllrs Prett and Owen agreed to review the Management Plan document.

All Parish Councillors that have not activated their GDPR compliant Parish Council email address to do so as soon as possible.

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.

6380. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Stacey noted that the Summer Play Day 'Fun in the Sun' was a success and memorable in spite of the weather conditions.

Cllr Stacey explained that the Christmastime at Gamston Village Hall event was taking place on Saturday 28th November '26 from 3.30pm until 5.30pm and all help would be gratefully received.

Cllr Fairgrieve explained that when he had been reattaching the Village Hall banner he had noticed that some of the eyelets had ripped out.

Clerk to order new VH banner to include the new .gov.uk email and web addresses. Clerk to coordinate this order with the new date for Christmastime event banner, to save postage costs.

Cllr Owen asked about the possibility of a larger litter bin in Holme Pierrepont at the Millennium Garden. Clerk explained that she could contact Streetwise to carry out a needs assessment and if they deemed a larger bin necessary, they would bear the cost of replacement.

Cllr Owen to provide measurements of existing bin to Clerk in order to contact Streetwise for assessment.

Cllr Owen noted that the Millennium Garden area is likely to become extensively flooded again over the autumn/winter period.

Cllr Owen told the meeting that the unmade road at Holme Pierrepont, now protected by locked gates each end, is being resurfaced this Friday 18th September '26.

Cllr Owen explained that he would be meeting with Susan Toon and Clerk over the coming weeks to create the Autumn '26 newsletter. Meeting noted that the 1-page newsletter was particularly difficult to post through letterboxes, so intention is to create a 2-page autumn edition, assuming sufficient content.

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

6381. 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.

Digital AGAR

Clerk explained that a number of updates are being introduced to the year-end accounting process to '*modernise the system, improve accuracy and reduce administrative burden across the sector*', including moving to a fully digital Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). These changes will affect how the Clerk prepares, submits and manages the AGAR process. This includes a new AGAR online portal system that is currently being tested ahead of its rollout for 2026-2027 financial year. There will be a number of free in person or online seminars to explain the process.

Clerk to attend seminars to understand new AGAR process.

6382. CLERK'S REPORT

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 explained that she had received a request for engagement and assistance from the Parish Council to deliver a community project across the Parish to create a Legacy Community Quilt. Clerk noted that the project was at very early stages, and no financial assistance was required from the Parish Council and said that it sounded like a fabulous initiative for the Parish Council to be involved with. Meeting agreed in principle to support the proposal. Clerk to gather further information.

Clerk to meet with Dr Paula O'Brien to discuss Legacy Community Quilt project.

Clerk to chase People's Emergency Briefing on Climate Change enquirer regarding a showing at Gamston Village Hall.

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

6383. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Meeting Chair to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.50pm.