

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**

Tuesday 14th May 2024 following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in Gamston Village Hall, Old Tollerton Road.

Members Present: Cllrs Cynthia Stacey, Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Alun Owen, Richard Fairgrieve & Maria Ubhi

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk), Borough Cllr Jonathan Wheeler, Ian Godson (St Edmund's Church), Sean Cummings (Serco), Sarah Sharpe (St Luke's Church) & Martin Holden (Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Upton sent his apologies due to another meeting.

Borough Cllr Viridi sent his apologies due to another meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Tisbury proposed, and Cllr Prett seconded the motion that the 2023 Minutes be approved.

Vote was taken, unanimously in favour. Minutes were adopted.

3. LOCAL COMMUNITY REPORTS

Local community reports updating the meeting on the last years activities were given by:

Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A – Martin Holden

St Edmunds Church, Holme Pierrepont – Ian Godson

Serco/National Water Sports Centre - Sean Cummings

St Lukes Church – Sarah Sharpe

Clerk read out a written reports received from Free Spirits group and Reverend Dr Jonathan Mole, St Edmund's.

Cllr Prett reported on behalf of Gamston Litter Pickers.

9.07pm Borough Cllr Wheeler arrived at the meeting

9.20pm Cllr Tisbury, Martin Holden, Sean Cummings & Sarah Sharpe left the meeting

4. COUNTY REPORT

Clerk confirmed that County Cllr Upton had nothing significant to report from the County Council in respect of the Parish since the last meeting.

5. DISTRICT REPORT

Borough Cllr Wheeler presented a review of the past year.

6. THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT & REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Cllr Stacey reviewed the last year of Parish Council activities.

1. PERSONNEL

- For the last year, the Acting Chair role has successfully rotated, with all Councillors chairing at least one meeting, supported by Cynthia as the permanent Vice Chair.
- Sadly, we have been functioning over the entire last year with 2 Parish Councillor vacancies, but on a positive note nobody has left over the past year!

2. VILLAGE HALL

- Rebecca has been in post for over two years as Bookings Clerk and continues to be an extremely valuable addition to the Parish Council team.
- David Litchfield very recently retired after supporting us for many years.
- We have responded to local concerns regarding parking around the Village Hall.

3. PLAY PARK

- Successful application for £25k funding from UKSPF for Phase 1 Play Park inclusive equipment improvements - exciting developments in the year ahead.

4. EVENTS

- Samba themed Summer Play Day – very successful and well supported.
- Fun Christmas Event at Gamston Village Hall (brass band, choir, crafts, balloons,...)
Also beautiful Christmas Tree displayed at the Play Park.
- Successfully bid for a Tree Council Golden Orchard which has been planted by James Harrison in conjunction with 2nd Gamston Brownies.

5. SUPPORTED ONGOING LOCAL ISSUES

- Some (slow!) progress made regarding Holme Lane Traffic Regulation Order.
- Co-ordinated and revised the response to flood events in HP.
- Two new bins situated on Holme Lane in HP.

6. COMMUNICATION

- PC website kept up to date.
- Communicated through Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council Facebook page & Gamston Community Facebook page.
- Communicated to entire Parish by post three times with Summer '23, Autumn '23 & Spring '24 newsletters.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- Gamston Breakfast Team, supported by the Parish Council, provided a Buddy Bench for Gamston in the grassed area off Ambleside.

- Defibrillator cabinets in the Parish checked and maintained (Gamston Village Hall, HP & Bassingfield).
- Gamston Litter Picker group – another successful year.

7. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Parish Councillor reviews of the year have already been covered in the meeting.

8. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT

Clerk explained that full draft accounts would be available over the next month.

The timings for completion required by the external auditors PKF Littlejohn will be met.

Internally audited figures will be available for approval at the June 2024 Parish Council Meeting.

This meeting ended at 9.40pm.