

Girton Parish Council

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Girton Recreation Ground
Cambridge Road, Girton
Cambridge CB3 0FH

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 15 November 2006

Present: D de Lacey (Vice-Chairman), W Barrett, E Bullman, J Ford-Smith, V Godby,
R Gordon, R Hiley, R Hodgkinson, A Meek, P Starling

**Action/
Power**

1 member of the public. The meeting was chaired by Cllr de Lacey.

06/130 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Wilson, Moore and Tutt. The Chairman accepted their reasons.

06/131 Members' declarations of interests

No interests declared.

06/132 Open Session for Public

Cllr Godby prop to suspend Standing Orders, sec Cllr Bullman, carried unanimously.

- 1. Members of the Public.** No speakers.
- 2. Police report.** Not present.
- 3. District Councillors' reports.** Cllr Bullman agreed to pass on concern raised over difficulties in contacting the Planning Department at SCDC. Cllr Bygott not present.
- 4. County Councillor's report.** Not present.

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06/133 Standing Orders reinstated

Standing Orders reinstated prop Cllr Godby, sec Cllr Meek, carried unanimously.

06/134 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 18 October and 24 October 2006

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Starling prop, Cllr Meek sec, carried unanimously.

06/135 Matters arising from the minutes

06/113.5 – The Council's response to the NW Cambridge consultation has been submitted.

06/120 – The safety report on Girton Corner has been submitted to the Highway Authority.

Cllr de Lacey reported that the petition had been launched with over 50 signatures collected with an additional 50 signatures from Girton College.

06/136 That the minutes of the ad hoc committee meeting held on 31 October 2006 and the Open Spaces meeting held on 26 October 2006 be received

The minutes were tabled.

06/137 That a donation to Orchard Close and St Vincent's Community Centre be approved

Concern was expressed by Councillors over how our donations might be used. Following discussion Cllr Barrett proposed that the Council request in an accompanying letter some information on how the money will be spent, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, carried unanimously.

Cllr Hiley also proposed that in a letter we ask that they consider the extent to which their activities could be made available to other elderly residents in the village on the same basis as residents of the scheme. Cllr Ford-Smith sec, all were in favour. With these amendments Cllr Meek prop to donate £160 to each community centre, sec Cllr Gordon, carried 6 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstentions.

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Following this discussion Cllr de Lacey asked if Councillors would like to hold some monthly meetings at St Vincent's Close Community Centre and five councillors showed a wish to hold some full meetings there.

06/138 To approve a response to the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document

Cllr Gordon prop to accept the proposed response (attached) *en bloc*, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, carried 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

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06/139 That an ad hoc committee be established to respond to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan documents: consultation on the preferred options

Cllr de Lacey asked for volunteers to sit on this committee. Cllrs Godby, Bullman, Gordon and Ford-Smith put their names forward. Cllr Hiley prop, sec Cllr Meek, carried unanimously.

06/140 To approve a proposal from Paul Eady to sponsor a 'Pooper-Scooper' poster competition for under 16 year olds

Mr Eady has offered to sponsor a competition with prizes of 1 x £50 and 2 x £25. With the condition that the Parish Council would have an unlimited licence to use the winning posters within the village, Cllr Godby prop to approve the competition, sec Cllr Barrett, carried unanimously. It was noted that Mr Eady is a dog owner himself.

06/141 To consider whether the Parish Council could fund the provision of Christmas decorations in the village

Cllr Godby prop a committee to look into this, sec Cllr Meek. Voted 7 in favour, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions. Cllr Ford-Smith prop to invite the churches to be involved, sec Cllr Godby, voted 7 in favour with 3 abstentions. Cllr Ford-Smith prop to remit this to the Open Spaces Committee, sec Cllr Hiley. Voted 9 in favour with 1 abstention.

Open
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06/142 That reports from Parish Councillors be received

1. Cllr Godby expressed concern about the amount of dog mess in the village.
2. Cllr Barrett reported that she had attended a recent Guided Bus meeting. Having studied plans for the busway she noted there appears to be no crossing point for the Girton-Histon footpath. She has also received a complaint about the Willow tree at Duck End. This to be referred to the tree warden.
3. Cllr Starling pointed out that the Recreation Ground car park was often very full during the day and was curious to know why. He also reported that the weeds along the Oakington Road cycleway are growing over the studs.
4. Cllr Meek reported that at a recent Youth Works meeting the problem of litter being dropped at IVC bus stops was raised. He asked the Clerk to write to IVC asking them to raise the issue with students. He reported that the architect had completed plans for the community land at Wellbrook Way which had been sent to the SCDC and Wimpey teams. Once the LEAP has been approved he will set up a meeting with SCDC to discuss the community building and following this will call a meeting of the Community Land Development Committee.
5. Cllr Ford-Smith commented on the absence of District Councillor Bygott from Parish Council meetings. He also said that the status of the membership of the Budget Committee needed clarification.
6. Cllr Gordon reported that the footpaths at the top of Pepys Way and parts of Cambridge Road near the Co-op had been resurfaced. He also reported a flooded drain on this section of the footpath. Clerk to report to Highways.
7. Cllr Hodgkinson reported that the overgrown hedge on Thornton Close (opposite no 53) was part of a ransom strip that was no longer maintained by the owner. The Clerk to report to Highways.
8. Cllr de Lacey reported on the loss of sheltered accommodation wardens in the district, and in particular Girton. It was agreed to put this issue on the Agenda for the next meeting. He also reported that the Phase II plans for Wellbrook Way had been received

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and suggested holding an extraordinary meeting of the Council to discuss the plans. This meeting would also include on the Agenda the ratification of the Budget Committee. This meeting was subsequently scheduled for 23 November.

06/143 Reports from Other Groups

1. **Girton Town Charity.** Cllr Hiley reported that the GTC website was now accessible although the email address had not yet set up. He said the official accounts were available for inspection on the Charity Commission's website. The Charity's new logo is now in use. He reminded the Council that the Charity's contract with George Wimpey is still conditional.
2. **Youth Works.** Nothing to report.
3. **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** Nothing to report.

06/144 Correspondence

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| 1. Mr Heinrich, GPAG – cars parked at top of Thornton Road and speeding in Thornton Road. Send copy of speed survey. | HB |
| 2. Mr King – overgrown hedge in Pepys Way | |
| 3. CCC – Guided Busway – Local Liaison Forum | |
| 4. CCC – improvements to countryside access to Northstowe | |
| 5. CCC – Street lighting maintenance and energy 06/07. Agenda for next meeting. | Dec Agenda |
| 6. CCC – Tackling the growing challenge of congestion in Cambridgeshire | |
| 7. CCC – Highways questionnaire | |
| 8. SCDC – Northstowe Member Briefings | |
| 9. SCDC – deemed consent for tree works at Girton College. Ask College to replace trees where possible. | |
| 10. Countryside Alliance – post office closures | |
| 11. J Stewart - Developing Better Cycle Routes for Girton. Reply letter of thanks. | HB
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| 12. K Gentle – public telephone box on Cambridge Road. Reply letter referring to BT. | |

06/145 That payments for the period 11 October – 8 November 2006 be approved

Payments
GPC 15 November '06

Cq no. Paid To Description	Gross VAT net
	1011775
Helen Bracey Clerk's wages (month 7)	589.37
	589.37
	1776
Inland Revenue Tax and NI month 7	106.41
	106.41
	1777
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In-House training	251.95
	251.95
	1778
Zurich Municipal Additions to Insurance Policy	529.38
	25.21
	504.17
	1779
Girton Recreation Centre VAT refund	555.89
	555.89
	1780
Linda Miller Expenses - stationery	36.89
	36.89
	1781
St John's College Rent half year St John's Field	200.00
	200.00
	1782
Powergen Electricity charges	152.39
	7.26
	145.13
	1783
SCDC Trade Refuse collection	138.65
	20.65
	118.00
	1784
Glasdon UK Ltd Dog litter bin for Pepys Way	187.50
	27.92
	159.58
	1785
Zurich Municipal Payment in retrospect for hirer's liability insurance	764.30
	36.40
	727.90
	3,512.73
	117.44
	3,395.29

Payments
GRC 15 November '06

Cq no.
Paid To
Description
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	300527
E Simpkins	
Service to cricket square mower	124.40
	19.19
	105.21
	528
C M R Wilson	
Work on Recreation Ground + petrol expenses for roller	346.00
	346.00
	529
Turfcare	
Seed, fertiliser and loam for cricket square	286.55
	286.55
	530
Linda Miller	
Bookings Administrator wages + expenses	499.75
	499.75
	531
Scott Morley	
Litter picker's fees	60.00
	60.00
	532
Norman Lewell	
Security/Maintenance Officer fees	343.00
	343.00
	533
Stuart Turnock	
Cleaner's fees	320.00
	320.00
	534
Wicksteed Leisure	

Repairs to playground equipment	738.52
	110.04
	628.48
	535
Histon Hardware Ltd	
Wheeled bin and repair equipment	63.00
	9.38
	53.62
	536
Vitax Ltd	
Whitelining paint	192.36
	28.65
	163.71
	537
Peter T Round	
Grounds maintenance October 06	514.06
	76.56
	437.50
	538
Briar Security Systems	
Repair to damaged camera bracket	52.87
	7.87
	45.00
	3,540.51
	251.69
	3,288.82

Payments were approved, prop Cllr Barrett, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 2100hrs.