

Girton Parish Council

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Girton Recreation Ground
Cambridge Road, Girton
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Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 17 January 2007

Present: M Wilson (Chairman), D de Lacey (Vice-Chairman), E Bullman, J Ford-Smith, V Godby, R Gordon, R Hiley, J Mayfield, A Meek, P Starling, M Taylor

Action/Power

District Councillor Bygott and one member of the public were present throughout the meeting. P Duthie was present from item 171.5 to 172. Cllr Ford-Smith left at item 181.

07/01 Apologies for absence

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

07/02 Members' declarations of interests

No interests declared.

07/03 Open Session for Public

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

- 1. Members of the Public.** No speakers.
- 2. Police report.** Not present.
- 3. District Councillors' reports.** Cllr Bygott reported that there was no more S106 money for spending on Girton Corner and that a Stage 2 Safety Audit to examine the works around the cycle escape from Girton Road was to be carried out. He agreed to raise our proposals about costings of the proposed safety measures.
- 4. County Councillor's report.** Not present and no report received. Cllr Hiley asked that he be requested to provide reports specifically relating to Girton issues.
- 5. Peter Duthie, Northstowe Rights of Way Project Manager.** Following an introduction from the Chairman P Duthie tabled copies of his presentation (see attached) on the Northstowe area footpath and cycleway network project. He talked about the general project approach including looking at existing access networks, the Issues and options around Girton and upgrading some footpaths to bridleways. He said he was very keen to receive feedback from local people/business and was looking for support for the project. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Questions raised included making Footpath 1 (to Histon) more accessible to bicycles; connecting the Millenium Wood in Girton to the Histon Wood; the problems of shared use of bridleways between walkers, bicycles and horses; problems with motorcycles using bridleways; easier access to Footpath 6 to Madingley and joining Footpaths 6 and 7; new footpath to (roughly) follow the line of the A14 using existing farm tracks; new footpath/commuter cycle routes leading out of the south of Wellbrook Way in to Thornton Way; designating Washpit Lane a footpath. In terms of how they would 'rank' the work, he said they would probably look at the most straightforward routes first and that 'aspirational' routes would fall in to a second category. He confirmed that the Guided Busway crossing on Footpath 1 would be a level crossing (no GB channels). In conclusion P Duthie asked Councillors to contact him if they had further comments. Cllr Wilson thanked him for attending the meeting.

HB

07/04 Standing Orders reinstated

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

07/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 20 December 2006

The Minutes for the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Ford-Smith prop, Cllr de Lacey sec.

07/06 Minutes of Open Spaces meeting held on 9 January 2007 be received

Cllr Ford-Smith presented the minutes, with a caveat that they were unconfirmed. Confirmed minutes would be presented after the OS meeting.

07/07 Minutes of Recreation Ground meeting held on 8 November 2006 be received

The minutes of the meeting were received.

07/08 Matters arising from the minutes

1. The Clerk has taken action on all the items arising from the minutes (marked HB).

07/09 That the Council support the campaign to save Milton Country Park as a quality amenity for the residents of South Cambridgeshire

Cllr Meek proposed an amendment as follows: 'That the Council write to SCDC to support...', sec Cllr Ford-Smith, approved 10 in favour, 1 abstention. Cllr Wilson then proposed the original motion with the amendment, sec Cllr de Lacey. Carried 10 in favour with 1 abstention.

HB

07/10 That the Council approve the purchase of two noticeboards at the Post Office and Thornton Road

Malcolm Lane & Sons £1582 + vat

Fitzpatrick-Woolmer £1334 + vat

Greenbarnes Ltd £1253.80 + vat

Cllr Hiley proposed an amendment as follows: that "one each to be placed" be inserted before "at the Post Office", sec Cllr Godby. With this amendment Cllr Ford-Smith prop that the Council accept the quotation from Greenbarnes Ltd, sec Cllr Hiley, approved 10 in favour with 1 against.

HB/OS

07/11 That the Parish Council approve the date for the Annual Parish Meeting as 24 April 2007

Cllr Hiley prop amending the date to 25 April, sec Cllr Godby, approved 9 in favour with 1 against and 1 abstention. Cllr Wilson prop the motion subject to the school being available on 25 April, sec Cllr Godby, approved 9 in favour with 1 against and 1 abstention.

07/12 That reports from Parish Councillors be received

1. Cllr Godby reported problems with overgrowing brambles at the end of Woodlands Park. Clerk to contact Highways. HB
2. Cllr Starling commented on rubbish being dumped around the Eurobin on the Recreation Ground car park. The Clerk to include this in her GPN report HB
3. Cllr Meek reported that he had received further complaints about littering at IVC bus stops. Clerk to contact IVC. HB
4. Cllr Hiley reported street light out of order at top of Dodford Lane and water main problem on High Street. Clerk to contact CC re light. HB
5. Cllr de Lacey reported:
 - (a) There appears to be a location in Girton at which debit cars are being cloned. Residents should take care.
 - (b) He had had a meeting with members of Girton College over Girton Corner and they will look at the possibility of making funds available.
 - (c) Paul Eady had increased the prize money for the Pooper-Scooper competition to £125. The competition had been judged, prizes will be presented at a School assembly and the winners will be announced in the Girton Parish News.
 - (d) Following a phone call to the Parish Office concerning flooding in the garden of a house in Thornton Road, he had contacted Wimpeys who were examining their drainage plans for Phase 2.

(e) Following a message to the Village webmaster, he had raised with Wimpeys the placing of two traffic humps across Wellbrook Way which appeared to be a danger to cyclists. He was pleased to report that within 24 hours cycle escapes had been cut.

(f) At the Christmas tree shred Sustainable Girton had shredded over 100 trees and donated £110 to School funds.

6. Cllr Wilson reported:

(a) The illustration tabled was from the Recreation Ground Committee showing their proposal for a new youth amenity at the Recreation Ground, to be on the February Agenda. Feb Agenda

(b) He had received the plans from the City Council for the NIAB development. The consultation period ends 19 February. A provisional date of 6 February was set for an extraordinary meeting to discuss the plans. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether a CD containing all the data was available. HB

07/13 That reports from other groups be received

1. **Girton Town Charity.** Cllr Hiley reported:

(a) The Charity were in the process of filling a vacant bungalow.

(b) Cotton Hall and Church payments had been made.

2. **Youth Works.** Cllr Meek reported:

(a) The senior youth club was running well and were using the MUGA every week, but the junior club had folded because it clashed with other events.

(b) Another babysitting course was planned for later in the year.

(c) A liaison system between the Parish Council and Youth Works needed to be set up in preparation for Cllr Meek's departure from the Council. AM

3. **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** Cllr Starling reported that the current Parish Path Partnership grant had not been spent but that on this year's P3 application the Clerk would report that Youth Works intended to catch up. HB

07/14 Correspondence

1. Circle Anglia – Airey Properties Redevelopment Newsletter
2. John Reynolds – East of England Climate Change Partnership: supplementary update
3. Natural England – Countryside Stewardship Scheme
4. CCC – Parish Paths Partnership 06/07
5. CCC – Countryside Access Team Annual Report 05/06
6. CCC – Statement of Community Involvement
7. CCC – CC Budget for 2007/08
8. CCC – Trading Standards Newsletter 'Inside You'
9. Victim Support – request for financial support
10. Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill
11. COPE – newsletter from Cambridge Older People's Enterprise
12. Andrew Lansley – copy a letter to Minister for Housing and Planning re housing in South Cambridgeshire
13. Andrew Lansley – petition for Girton Corner junction improvements
14. GO-East – proposed changes to the East Of England Plan
15. Cambs and Peterborough Fire Authority – Precept 07/08
16. Mrs Ayers – traffic calming

07/15 That payments for the period 16 December 2006 - 10 January 2007 be approved

Payments	GPC 17 January '07				
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
101797	Helen Bracey	Clerk's wages (month 9)	589.39		589.39
1798	British Telecommunications	Internet services	92.78	13.81	78.97
1899	Linda Miller	Toner for photocopier	47.99		47.99
1789	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI month 9	106.13		106.13
1800	Linda Miller	Stamps and stationery	41.53		41.53
1801	CPRE	Planning Applications Workshop	30.00		30.00
			907.82	13.81	894.01

Payments	GRC 17 January '07				
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
300551	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages + expenses	542.90		542.90
552	Norman Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer fees	432.00		432.00
553	Scott Morley	Litter picker's fees	75.00		75.00
554	Stuart Turnock	Cleaner's fees	400.00		400.00
555	CMR Wilson	Work on Recreation Ground + petrol expenses for roller	378.00		378.00
556	Cannon Hygiene	Sanitary waste disposal	106.00	15.79	90.21
557	Histon Hardware Ltd	Pavilion cleaning supplies	23.76	3.54	20.22
558	J C Wells	Laying paving slabs under benches at Rec	286.00		286.00
559	Precision Plumbing Ltd	Rectify leak in shower pipes	64.62	9.62	55.00
			2,308.28	28.95	2,279.33

Cllr Hiley noted that the Inland Revenue amount was different on the payments cover sheet. With this noted payments were approved, prop Cllr Meek, sec Cllr Gordon, carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 2055hrs.