

# Girton Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 March 2008 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, 7.30pm

**Present:** D de Lacey (Chair), S Clift, J Ford-Smith, V Godby, R Gordon, R Hiley, R Hodgkinson, R Martin, L Sparling, C Starling, P Starling, M Taylor (to 08/47), M Wilson **Action/Power**

Two members of the public were present and Cllr Reynolds was present to item 08/34.5.

### **08/32 Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bullman.

### **08/33 Members' declarations of interests**

None declared.

### **08/34 Open Session for Public**

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

- 1. Members of the Public.** No speakers.
- 2. Police report. No report had been received.** Cllr de Lacey said he had written to Inspector Ormerod expressing disappointment that the police had not been present at a PC meeting for several months.
- 3. District Councillors' reports.** Nothing to report.
- 4. County Councillor's report.** Cllr Reynolds answered the following questions: Q: A number of councillors attended the TIF workshop and were deeply disappointed by the unprofessionalism of the meeting. A: The Council should write officially to complain. Q: Is it true that St Colette's school is moving onto the Lady Adrian site? A: I don't know as this land is no longer owned by the CC but I will try to find out. Q: With regards to the recent proposal to discontinue the school bus for local children within three miles of IVC, on grounds of safety it is absurd to expect younger people to cross the Guided busway on Gatehouse Road without the aid of a pedestrian crossing. A: My concern is whether the route is safe and I raised these issues some months ago. I will support parents' concerns.
- 5. Girton Town Charity.** Cllr Hiley had nothing to report except to say that the Charity had been asked to support the case regarding the withdrawal of the IVC bus service but he said the Charity can only support something that is charitable.
- 6. Youth Works.** Cllr Hiley reported that problems with payment by the Youth Group had been resolved.
- 7. Footpaths and Rights of Way.** Cllr Starling had received an invitation to a Northstowe Rights of Way meeting.

### **08/35 Standing Orders reinstated**

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.

### **08/36 That the unconfirmed Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 20 February 2008 be received**

Prop Cllr Martin, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous.

### **08/37 Matters arising from the minutes**

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

### **08/38 Co-option of new Councillor to replace Cllr Barrett**

Mr Sam Clift was co-opted onto the Council and welcomed by Cllr de Lacey.

**08/39 That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Environment Committee be received**

The minutes were received.

**08/40 That the Council agree a response to the Northstowe Planning Application**

Cllr de Lacey had previously circulated a proposal. He proposed an amendment to item 7.2.31 of the Transport Assessment response: replacing the circulated text with a detailed response from Cllr Wilson, sec Cllr Godby, carried 8 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions. He prop an addition from Cllr Wilson covering items 7.3 and 7.4 of the Transport Assessment response, sec Cllr Godby, carried 11 in favour, 2 abstentions. Cllr de Lacey prop an amendment under 'Heads of Terms' to add the following statement: "Girton Parish Council wishes to see S106 funds dedicated to providing a quality commuting cycle route from Northstowe to Cambridge, ideally passing through Girton Village and the Wellbrook Estate", sec Cllr Wilson. Cllr Hiley prop an amendment to add to the end of this statement "and a statutory controlled crossing at the Oakington Road/Gatehouse Road junction", sec Cllr de Lacey, 13 in favour, 1 abstention. With these amendments Cllr de Lacey prop that this be our response, sec Cllr Gordon carried 11 in favour, 2 abstentions.

HB/DdL

**08/41 That the Council agree a response to the Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) proposals**

Cllr de Lacey read out the proposed response as follows: Girton Parish Council object to the proposed positioning of the charging cordon on the A14 bridge in the centre of Girton village, and request to see the results of the feasibility study on excluding the whole of the village before we can assess the TIF proposals properly, sec Cllr Ford-Smith. Cllr Taylor said he did not think this was a strong enough response because it only objects to where the charge zone would be but does not address the congestion charge in principle and that wherever a line is drawn it will have an adverse affect on Girton. Cllr Hiley prop an amendment to read: "Girton Parish Council object to the proposed position of the charging cordon on the A14 bridge in the centre of Girton village. Sensible further comment can only be made once we see the results of the feasibility study on excluding the whole of the village", sec Cllr Godby. 12 in favour, 1 abstention. With the amendment Cllr de Lacey prop to accept the response, sec Cllr Wilson carried 12 in favour, 1 against.

HB/DdL

**08/42 That the Council approve a float of £300 for Parish Plan expenses: expenditure to be agreed by Clerk and Chairman of the Council**

Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Ford-Smith. Cllr Hiley prop to replace the word 'float' with 'budget', sec Cllr Godby, unanimous. With this amendment Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.

**08/43 That the Council approve a contract for the maintenance of open spaces**

Tenders as follows:

Peter Round £2145

Paul Laston £3000

Martin £13,066.24

Cllr Godby noted that the Council have been very satisfied with the work of P Laston over a number of years and were keen to use more than one contractor for work in the village. Cllr Godby prop P Laston, sec Cllr Starling, carried 8 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstention.

Statutory  
Open Spaces  
Act 1906

HB

**08/44 That the Council approve a contract to restrain the exterior woodwork of the Pavilion**

Tenders as follows:

BSV Construction: £2900 + vat

Coulson Building Group £3248 + vat

Cllr de Lacey explained that although three quotations had been sought only two had been received. The Sport and Recreation Committee had awarded the work to BSV and work had already started. Cllr de Lacey prop to accept the contract from BSV retrospectively, sec Cllr Wilson, carried 10 in favour, 3 abstentions. Cllr de Lacey raised a subsidiary point that although both contractors had quoted for 2 coats of Sadolin, BSV now recommended a third top coat at a cost of £400. Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Hodgkinson, carried 9 in favour, 4 abstentions.

Statutory  
LFA 1972 s133

HB/LM

**08/45 That the Council agree an expenditure of £1000 for the County Council to erect village signs at each entrance to Girton**

Cllr de Lacey explained that the cost was for six signs – one on each side of the road at the three main entrances to the village. Prop Cllr Ford-Smith, sec Cllr de Lacey, carried 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

S137  
JFS

**08/46 That the Council approve three year cleaning contract for the Pavilion**

Tenders as follows:

Nigel Childs £103 per week + 3% annual increment + vat  
Sureclean £142.50 per week + 10% annual increment + vat  
Mr Swan £80.85 0% annual increment + vat

Cleanco £160 per week + 5% annual increment + vat

Cllr Wilson explained that the Sport and Recreation Committee recommended Nigel Childs because they have been happy with his work in the past year and they felt the lowest quote was too low and unrealistic. Prop Cllr Wilson, sec Cllr de Lacey carried 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

LGA 1976 s19

HB/LM

**08/47 That reports from Parish Councillors be received**

1. Cllr Sparling commented on the number of cars parked at the top of Thornton Road.
2. Cllr Hiley commented on the gas works at Huntingdon Road/Girton Corner saying that the deep hole that had been dug was not well enough protected.
3. Cllr Wilson said he was concerned at cars creeping up onto the footpath to park in the first parking bay in front of the Co-Op.
4. Cllr Martin asked when the directional sign at Girton Corner was to be replaced.
5. Cllr de Lacey reported that he had attended the North-West Cambridge Fringes Reference Group meeting. The proposals for the University Farm development were approved by the Committee and will go to the relevant Councils and then to the Inspectors. He had raised again the question of the status of the 'Girton gap' and of that part of the development within Girton Parish. The response made it clear that the ultimate intention is to include this section within the City.

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**08/48 Correspondence**

1. NALC – The 'Parish Partnership' model of an effective community anchor
2. IVC – Success in securing grant funding from SCDC for development of sports centre
3. SCDC – Parish Council vacancy – proceed to fill by co-option
4. Andrew Lansley – A14 improvement scheme
5. Atkins – A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton, Stakeholder meeting
6. SCDC – Northstowe planning application: reminder of deadline
7. Carillion-URD – Improvements to Symbol Sign Diversion Route signs
8. Libby Bennett – thank you letter re donation to Orchard Close Community Centre
9. CCC – review of transport services in the County
10. SCDC – Council makes commitment to existing communities (press release)
11. Andrew Lansley – Northstowe planning application, request for information
12. Andrew Lansley – Tackling congestion in Cambridgeshire
13. COPE Newsletter
14. CCC – Competition for the establishment of primary and secondary schools in Northstowe
15. John Mayfield – resignation
16. CCC – Countryside access issues
17. ACRE – Conference on play space
18. SCDC – Parish tree warden scheme
19. Direct Information Service newsletter
20. CPALC – Annual Report and Budget Summary
21. Girton Glebe School – Opening school for car parking at the weekend

**08/49 That payments for the period 14 February to 12 March 2008 be approved**

Payments	19-Mar -08	Combined PC/Rec payments			
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
1978	C M R Wilson	Work on Recreation Ground	326.58		326.58
1979	Helen Bracey	Clerks wages (month 11)	636.63		636.63
1980	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages (month 11) + expenses	552.87		552.87
1981	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI month 11	202.48		202.48
1982	Cambridgeshire County Council	Street Lighting maintenance and energy 07/08	1,180.67		1,180.67
1983	The Cambridge Flooring Co Ltd	Replacement floor in disabled toilets	197.40	29.40	168.00
1984	Norman Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer fees	434.00		434.00
1985	Tamla Sparkes	Litter picker's fee	60.00		60.00
1986	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance Feb 08 (incl TEC work)	676.37	100.74	575.63
1987	Stadia Sports International Ltd	New goal brackets, bar and spray paint	326.83	48.68	278.15
1988	Greenbarnes Ltd	Noticeboard for Recreation Ground	2,461.36	366.58	2,094.78
1989	Town and Country Landscapes	Turfing at multisport ends	446.50	66.50	380.00
1990	J Wells	Repairs to fence at Weaver's Field	75.00		75.00
1991	CALC	Affiliation fee	584.41		584.41
1992	The Cambridge Flooring Co Ltd	Replacement floor in kitchen	279.65	41.65	238.00
			8,440.75	653.55	7,787.20

Payments were approved, Cllr Ford-Smith prop, sec Cllr Godby, 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

The meeting closed at 2050hrs.