

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 May 2008 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, 7.30pm

Action/Power

Present: D de Lacey (Chair), E Bullman, S Clift, J Ford-Smith, V Godby, R Gordon,
R Hodgkinson, L Sparling, C Starling, P Starling, R Martin, M Taylor, J Thorrold, M Wilson

1 member of the public and Cllr Reynolds were present throughout. L Miller took the minutes until item 08/76 when the Clerk took over.

08/65 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hiley, Cllr Bygott, and the Clerk who arrived at item 08/76.

08/66 To elect a chairman

Cllr Godby prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Gordon, unanimous.

08/67 To elect vice-chairmen

The Chairman prop Cllrs Clift and Ford-Smith sec Cllr Gordon, Cllr Godby prop Cllrs Clift and Taylor, sec Cllr Bullman. Following a hung vote the chairman exercised his casting vote for Cllrs Clift and Ford-Smith.

08/68 Members' declarations of interests

None declared.

08/69 Open Session for Public

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

1. Members of the Public. No-one wished to speak.
2. Police report. Cllr de Lacey read out a police report. Cllr Godby said she was disappointed that none of the crimes mentioned in the report had been previously reported to the parish council. The Clerk to request earlier notification.
3. District Councillors' reports. No report received from Cllr Bygott. Cllr de Lacey notified the committee that he had attended the Joint Development Control Committee: Cambridge Fringes meeting which had assessed the two NIAB applications for 187 houses and the new NIAB buildings but that he had been unable to vote until elected to the Committee. He reported that Whitehouse Lane was confirmed as the access to the site. Cllr Gordon asked what is to happen to the original buildings. Cllr de Lacey explained that the new houses are to be built behind the main frontage.
4. County Councillor's report. Cllr Reynolds expressed his concern about the site density and filling in behind NIAB. Cllr de Lacey noted that NIAB reserve land in Girton may be required because of delays at Northstowe and Cambridge. Cllr Reynolds said this was a national situation. Liquidity had affected East Anglia and contractors are not taking on extra sites. Cllr Martin asked whether Cambridge might drop out of the congestion charge proposals. Cllr Reynolds replied that lots of correspondence has been absorbed and needs to be discussed with Government. Cllr Martin commented that the reaction against had been made by the general public.
5. Girton Town Charity. No report received.
6. Youth Works. No report received.
7. Footpaths and Rights of Way. Cllr Starling reported two complaints regarding the condition of the footpath from the 10 Acre Field to the Histon Wood. He had passed the complaints on to Peter Duthie who said he would look for additional monies in the coming year to improve the condition.

HB

08/70 Standing Orders reinstated

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.

08/71 That the unconfirmed Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16 April 2008 be approved

Prop Cllr Martin, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous.

08/72 Matters arising from the minutes

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

Item 08/58 Cllr de Lacey reported that the GOSH campaign had been successful and that the free school bus was to be reinstated. Cllr Taylor said the parents involved in the campaign should be encouraged to take an interest in the Local Plan.

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08/73 Appointment of committees and representatives for the year 2008/09

- a. Planning – Cllrs Bullman, Godby, Gordon, Taylor, Thorrold, Martin
- b. Sport and Recreation – Cllrs Godby, Hodgkinson, Sparling, C Starling, Thorrold, Wilson
- c. Environment – Cllrs Bullman, Ford-Smith, Gordon, Hodgkinson, Martin
- d. Wellbrook – Cllrs Clift, Ford-Smith, Hiley, Martin, Sparling, Thorrold, Wilson
- e. Finance – Cllrs Ford-Smith, Hiley, Martin, Taylor
- f. Budget – Cllrs Ford-Smith, Hiley, Martin, Taylor + chairs of spending committees
- g. Youth Work Liaison – Cllr Hiley
- h. Girton Town Charity Trustees – not due for renewal this year
- i. Girton Village Trustees – not due for renewal this year
- j. Cotton Hall Trustees – not due for renewal this year
- k. Representative on CALC – Cllr Godby
- l. Representative on Police Liaison – Cllr Godby
- m. Public Rights of Way Liaison Officer – Cllr Starling
- n. Recycling Representative – Cllr Bullman
- o. Parish Plan – Cllrs Godby and Ford-Smith

08/74 Renewal of subscriptions. That the following subscriptions be renewed for the year 2009/10- CPALC, Local Council Review, ACRE

Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous. It was noted that the Council had already agreed to renew DIS for 3 years at the April meeting (08/60). Cllr Ford-Smith suggested that the Council might like to consider subscribing to CPRE. The Clerk to investigate.

HB

08/75 That the unconfirmed Planning and Environment Committees be received

The planning minutes were received. Cllr Ford-Smith noted that the Environment Committee minutes that had been circulated were the wrong ones. The current minutes will be circulated by the Clerk.

HB

08/76 To consider the annual pay review of the Clerk and Bookings Administrator

After due consideration the Council agreed to increase both the Clerk's and Bookings Administrator's hours by 1 hour per week and each was awarded a rise of one point on the Salary Scales for Local Councils, to scales 22 and 19 respectively.

08/77 That reports from Parish Councillors be received

1. Cllr Bullman said he was pleased to see hedges had been trimmed.
2. Cllr Godby complained about parking in Woodlands Park and requested that the PSCO be asked to insect the area.
3. Cllr Hodgkinson asked the Clerk if she had heard from the Anglia Ruskin regarding spraying their field behind Thornton Close. The Clerk replied she had and that the contractor did not think it necessary to inform residents as it was only the infield area that had been sprayed.
4. Cllr Ford-Smith reported that Town End Close needed attention.
5. Cllr Martin said he thought the bus stop just before Redgate Road was in a dangerous place.

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Env Ctee

08/78 Correspondence

1. SCDC – Electoral Arrangements Committee: City/Boundary Review
2. SCDC – Notices of district ward election
3. Cambridgeshire Green Vision - Green Vision News, first edition
4. SCDC - Parish Council vacancy
5. Moore Stephens – Notification of audit
6. Cambridge City Council – Consultation database
7. Andrew Lansley – Lorry parking on A14

8. Energy Saving Trust – Village Green 2008
9. HM Revenue and Customs - Local authority event questionnaire
10. CCC – Tackling congestion in Cambridgeshire
11. BASF – Latest development in potatoes modified to resist late blight
12. CCC – Withdrawal of free home to school transport from Girton to IVC
13. SCDC – South Cambridgeshire housing futures
14. SCDC – Northstowe outline planning application
15. SCDC – Invitation to bid for S106 requirements for Northstowe. Councillors agreed that appropriate bids would be: a crossing for the Guided Bus at Gatehouse Road; to remove traffic calming in Girton; to upgrade the shared-use path to Histon.

DdL

08/79 That payments for the period 10 April – 14 May 2008 be approved

Payments	14-May-08	Combined PC/Rec payments			
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
2010	J Wells	Install finger guards to door hinges	75.00		75.00
2011	Paul Laston Garden Services	Work to Woody Green Willow tree	195.00		195.00
2012	Tricia Laura Designs	Curtain tie backs + hooks	39.00		39.00
2013	Cotton Hall Foundation	Hire of Cotton Hall	15.00		15.00
2014	J Wheatley	Labour and materials to make urn stand	25.00		25.00
2015	Cambridgeshire County Training Partnership	Councillor professional development training	82.50		82.50
2016	Stadia Sports International Ltd	Tennis equipment	98.70	14.70	84.00
2017	Tamla Sparkes	Litter pickers fee	60.00		60.00
2018	C M R Wilson	Work on Recreation Ground	151.00		151.00
2019	J Mills	Litter pickers fee (Weavers Field)	20.00		20.00
2020	Helen Bracey	Clerk's wages (month 1)	626.74		626.74
2021	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages (month 1) + expenses	378.63		378.63
2022	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI month 1	285.89		285.89
2023	NALC	Direct Information Service subscription renewal	283.50		283.50
2024	Norman Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer fee	302.00		302.00
2025	Allianz Insurance plc	Insurance Renewal	2,362.85		2,362.85
2026	NALC	Local Council Review subscription	60.00		60.00
2027	A to Z Supplies	Pavilion supplies	138.58	20.64	117.94
2028	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Playground inspections	94.00	14.00	80.00
2029	P A Collacott & Co	Lighting in hall	50.29	7.49	42.80
2030	NCC (Cambridge) Ltd	Cleaner's fee	470.00	70.00	400.00
2031	St John's College	Rent half year St John's Field	200.00		200.00
2032	Stephen Tyrrell	Maintenance work to cricket square	155.00		155.00
2033	True Value Histon Hardware	Supplies for fence repairs	25.17	3.75	21.42
2034	Berrycroft Stores Ltd	White lining chalk	17.63	2.63	15.00
2035	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance April 2008	529.49	78.86	450.63
2036	Cotton Hall Foundation	Hire of Cotton Hall	7.50		7.50
2037	E.ON	Electricity costs	2,488.87	370.68	2,118.19
2038	Tamla Sparkes	Litter picker's fee	90.00		90.00
2039	British Telecommunications plc	Quarterly bill	440.24	66.90	373.34
			9,767.58	649.65	9,117.93

Payments were approved, Cllr Martin prop, sec Cllr Gordon, 14 in favour, 1 abstention.

The meeting closed at 2045hrs.