

Girton Parish Council

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The Pavilion
Girton Recreation Ground
Cambridge Road, Girton
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Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 16 July 2008 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, 7.30pm

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

Action/Power

1 member of the public and Cllr Reynolds were present throughout.

08/100 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from from Cllrs C Starling, Sparling and Taylor.

08/101 Members' declarations of interests

None declared.

08/102 Open Session for Public

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

1. **Members of the Public.** B Parnwell reported that the Woody Green ditch has still not been cleared; the Fire Hydrant sign at the top of Woody Green has been knocked over; FP 4 is very overgrown.
2. **Police report.** No report supplied.
3. **District Councillors' reports.** Cllr de Lacey had circulated his report.
4. **County Councillor's report.** Cllr Reynolds' report had been circulated. In addition he notified the Council that the development proposal at Hanley Grange is likely to have been withdrawn. Regarding the forthcoming A14 roadworks he noted that he has asked officers to patrol through the village to make sure roadwork signs are in place. He expressed a hope that with the withdrawal of the Hanley Grange development perhaps Northstowe will become an exemplar for an eco-town. Cllr Hiley commented on the recent announcement that water rates are to increase – a surcharge to provide water for new developments – he hoped that the EDA and the CC will make clear that we have reached the limit of growth in this area. Cllr Reynolds replied that because of the credit crunch the numbers of houses built for affordable rent will be substantially reduced. The overall problem is that we are not going to reach the targets the central Government has set and releasing more land does not relieve the problem.
5. **Girton Town Charity.** Cllr Hiley reported that at a recent strategy meeting a number of concerns had been identified as follows.
 - The development of training of potential Trustees. The Charity Commission is concerned about plans for Trustee succession and Cllr Hiley said it was important for GTC and the Parish Council to work together.
 - GTC is looking for office space and plan to employ someone to help the Trustees. They are looking at the potential for the development of the community facility at Wellbrook Way with the possibility that the PC could lease the land to GTC who could then develop the hall include office space.
 - The Charity is concerned that they should help those schools that are receiving the overspill from Girton Glebe School.
 - Community Warden – Cllr Gordon reported that they are in talks with Age Concern with a view to them employing a warden, paid for by GTC, for the 60+ age group in Girton. The warden would not do any nursing care but would call on people Monday-Friday in order to enable people to live in their own homes or provide short term help. It is hoped the scheme will start in the Autumn.
6. **Youth Works.** Cllr Hiley reported that the future of the Youth Works project was under active discussion as there are certain reservations about the way the current provision is working. They require volunteers to help who are appropriately qualified. The Ten Days of Summer has been planned, after which the intention is to hold an open meeting to get parents and others involved who might assist with youth projects.
7. **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** Cllr Starling reported that he had met with the CC Footpath Liaison Officer to discuss out footpaths. The outcome of the discussion was as follows:

HB

New permissive path from Recreation Ground to Histon Wood – the path gets very wet and needs more planings put along its entire length. It also requires the path plus the access track across the Recreation Ground to be waymarked.

New bridleway (BR16) – sign post required at Oakington Road and possibly one at Histon end.

PF4 – Barrier at Church Lane end to be removed and kissing gate installed.

FP5 – second stile from Huntingdon Road is broken and requires land owner (University Farm) to repair or replace.

BR6 – barriers at both ends have been broken and need more substantial replacements.

FP13 – to be put on the contract for grass cutting by County Council so it is cut at the same time as FP10.

- a) The new Permissive Footpaths are not waymarked. Cllr Starling proposed that the PC should place a sign at the gate at the top of the Ten Acre Field marking the footpath “Permissive Right of Way to Histon Wood and Histon” and that as a goodwill gesture we should put one at the other end of the footpath and on the bridge (in Histon Parish), signposted to Girton. We would need to liaise with Histon PC.
- b) Cllr Starling expressed his concern that Youth Works are currently unable to maintain our footpaths. In order to maintain our statutory obligation he suggested we should employ a contractor to do the work. On FP4 he recommended cutting the brambles etc down to fence level.

HB

08/103 Standing Orders reinstated

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Wilson, unanimous.

08/104 That the unconfirmed Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 18 June 2008 be approved

With a the Clerk’s initials to be added to item the Action column at 08/88 Cllr Wilson prop, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, 10 in favour, 2 abstentions.

08/105 Matters arising from the minutes

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

08/92 The FIT Committee are yet to meet.

08/106 To approve the recommendations of the Wellbrook Committee for the public area

Cllr Ford-Smith thanked Cllr Clift for his work and explained that Wimpey would be moving off the site by November, hence the urgency. He prop to accept this recommendation so the PC can invite Wimpey to draw up plans for the LEAP for a planning application to SCDC. A map and ‘shopping list’ of play equipment was circulated. Cllr Hiley said it was important to set a deadline. Because the Concil will not meet in August it was agreed that a working group of 6 Councillors (Cllrs Godby, de Lacey, Thompson, Gordon, Clift and Ford-Smith) meet in August with the specific task of approving the plan for the LEAP. Prop Cllr Wilson, sec Cllr de Lacey, unanimous.

08/107 To approve the recommendation of the Sport and Recreation Committee for the purchase of 6 tables and a trolley (Statutory, LGA 1976, from Budget)

Malcolm Andrew Office Solutions £757.49 + vat

Gopak £1397.77 + vat

Morleys £781.12 + vat

The S&R Committee recommend Malcolm Andrew Office Solutions. Prop Cllr Wilson, sec Cllr de Lacey, unanimous.

(Statutory,
LGA 1976,
from Budget)

LM

08/108 To approve the recommendation of the Sport and Recreation Committee to lay Latex flooring in the Pavilion corridors

Cambridge Flooring £1371.31 + vat

Sawston Flooring Company £1537.50 + vat

Florstar Carpet and Vinyl Centre £1881.88 + vat

The S&R Committee recommend Cambridge Flooring. Prop Cllr Wilson, sec Cllr de Lacey, unanimous.

(Statutory,
LGA 1976,
from Budget)

LM

08/109 That the Council approve the installation of a mains water supply to Town End Close so that it can be grazed by the University Farm at an estimated cost of £1500. This will have to come from Reserve funds (statutory, LGA 1972)

Cllr de Lacey explained that under the Natural England agreement the PC are obliged to cut and remove the cuttings and graze TEC with sheep or cattle, which would require there to be a water source. Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, unanimous.

HB

08/110 That the Council agree to subscribe to the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) subscription fee £28 per year

Cllr Ford-Smith prop, saying that CPRE could be useful campaigners on our behalf, sec Cllr de Lacey, 9 for, 2 against, 1 abstention.

08/111 That the unconfirmed minutes of the Planning, Environment, Wellbrook, Sport and Recreation Committees be received

Minutes received.

08/112 That reports from Parish Councillors be received

1. Cllr Cllr Godby reported that the drains in Woodlands Park need clearing of grass.
2. Cllr Starling reported overgrown hedges.
3. Cllr Gordon said he had received many positive comments about the tubs.
4. Cllr Clift said CC Traffic Management should be checking the A14 roadworks signs and reported that water had been rising from the drain cover opposite the CAE during heavy rain. Regarding overgrown hedges he suggested writing an article for the GPN.
5. Cllr de Lacey said he had received a report of motorcyclists riding on the Ten Acre Field.

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08/113 Correspondence

1. SCDC – South Cambs LDF, Supplementary Planning Documents Public Participation
2. SCDC – Refuse collection service 08/09
3. Andrew Lansley – A14 lorry parking facilities
4. SCDC – Waste services, damaged litter bin
5. Carillion-URS – M11 Junction 11-12 resurfacing works
6. Andrew Lansley – North West Cambridge Area Action Plan Preferred Options Report
7. Local Government Association – ‘First’ magazine x 2
8. Local Works – Guide to the Sustainable Communities Act
9. J Scrine – letter of thanks re planters
10. Natural England – Countryside Stewardship Scheme
11. CCC – Post Office closures in Cambridgeshire
12. Cambridge Cycling Campaign – Cycling 2020 magazine
13. SCDC – Electoral Arrangements Committee meeting
14. R Heinrich – GPAG submission to NW Cambridge Area Action Plan Submission Draft

08/114 That payments for the period 12 June – 9 July 2008 be approved

Payments	09-Jul-08	Combined PC/Rec payments			
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
2055	Cambridge Sports Surfaces	Maintenance MUGA surface	705.00	105.00	600.00
2056	SCDC	Annual invoice for trade refuse collection	606.86	90.38	516.48
2057	A to Z Supplies	Pavilion supplies	114.93	17.12	97.81
2058	Stephen Tyrell	Maintenance cricket square	110.00		110.00
2059	Tamia Sparkes	Litter picking at Rec	60.00		60.00
2060	Jenny Mills	Litter picking at Weavers Field	20.00		20.00
2061	C M R Wilson	Work at Recreation Ground	136.00		136.00
2062	Norman Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer fee	302.00		302.00
2063	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages (m3) + expenses	537.08		537.08
2064	Helen Bracey	Clerk's wages (month 3) + expenses	782.91		782.91
2065	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI month 3	428.27		428.27
2066	Penny de Lacey	Youth Works expenses	37.98		37.98
2067	Cannon Hygiene	Sanitary disposal	113.05	16.84	96.21

2068	Turfcare	Chain link fencing at multi-goal area	1,460.00		1,460.00
2069	Print-out	Photocopying	50.19		50.19
2070	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance	529.49	78.86	450.63
2071	NCC Cambridge Ltd	Cleaners fee	470.00	70.00	400.00
2072	Turfcare	Maintenance football pitch	625.00		625.00
2073	A to Z Supplies	Pavilion supplies	6.91	1.03	5.88
2074	J Wells	Open spaces maintenance	103.80		103.80
2075	Stephen Tyrell	Cricket square maintenance	139.99		139.99
2076	Society of Local Council Clerks	Purchase of Practitioners Guide	25.00		25.00
			7,364.46	379.23	6,985.23

Cllr Martin prop, sec Cllr Ford-Smith 11 in favour, 2 abstentions.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.