

Girton Parish Council

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Girton Recreation Ground
Cambridge Road, Girton
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Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 20 August 2008 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre 7.30pm

Present: D de Lacey (Chair), E Bullman, S Clift, J Ford-Smith (to 08/123), V Godby, R Gordon, R Martin, C Starling, P Starling, L Sparling, M Taylor (to 08/124), J Thorrold

Action/Power

08/115 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from from Cllrs Hiley, Hodgkinson and Wilson.

08/116 Members' declarations of interests

None declared.

08/117 Open Session for Public

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

1. **Members of the Public.** None
2. **Police report.** No report supplied from the police. Cllr Godby reported that she had attended the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Meeting and could report that theft of cars and violent crime had increased in Girton. She had made the request that we must be informed of such incidents. She also said that the parish council might like to consider running a Radarlux to test speeding, which could be shared with another parish.
3. **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** Cllr Starling reported that he had waymarked the new permissive Right of Way between Girton and Histon and noted that it requires finger posts at either end. He suggested that the Chairman write to Girton College to request that the hedges are cut back on footpath 4. He said the brambles at Dovehouse Close were bad and that the houseowner should be contacted to request he cuts them back. He also reported that the brambles at the entrance to the Ten Acre Field have still not been trimmed.

DdL/HB

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08/118 Standing Orders reinstated

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Gordon, unanimous.

08/119 That the unconfirmed Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16 July 2008 be approved

With the addition of Cllr Gordon's name to the attendees list; the correction of Cllr Thorrold's name in 08/106; the correction of 'out' to 'our footpaths' at 08/102.7 and change 'prop' to 'propose' in 08/106, Cllr Ford-Smith prop, sec Cllr Clift, unanimous.

08/120 Matters arising from the minutes

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

08/121 That the Council establish an ad hoc committee to interview and appoint a Clerk/Chief Financial Officer

Cllr de Lacey proposed an interview panel of Cllr Hiley, Cllr Godby and himself, sec Cllr Martin, 11 in favour, 1 abstention. A discussion followed on whether to place an advert in the Cambridge Evening News at a cost of £618. Cllr de Lacey said the job had been advertised in the Parish News, on notice boards and on the Society of Local Council Clerks website (cost £50). 8 Councillors thought it appropriate to spend the money on advertising and 3 thought it inappropriate at this time. Cllr Taylor suggested advertising the job on the County Council's jobs website and possibly with the District Council too. Cllr Taylor also recommended including the pay scale in the advertisement.

HB

08/122 That the Council approve the draft Job Description and Contract based on those provided by CPALC

Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, unanimous.

08/123 That the Council approve the design of the LEAP prepared by James Blake Associates for Wimpey

Cllr Clift explained the proposal and layout of the LEAP being offered. In Cllr Wilson's absence

Cllr de Lacey put forward his suggestion that the picnic table be swapped for another piece of play equipment and that additional equipment could be purchased with money from play equipment reserves. Cllr Starling commented that it might not be practical to maintain a small grassy area. Cllr Godby said she thought the toddler and older children's swings should be separated. Cllr Martin said he was concerned that the bowling green was not separated off well enough from the LEAP. H Bracey suggested requesting a second toddler swing and replacing the picnic table with seating for adults. Both Cllr de Lacey and Clift made it clear that there was a time constraint in finalising the LEAP and that any alterations would cause delays. In a final vote 4 voted to ask for alterations, 3 were prepared to accept the LEAP as it stands and 4 abstained. Cllr Clift was asked to go back to James Blake with a request for an extra toddler swing and separate swing sets for the two age groups, and for an adult seat to replace the children's picnic table.

SC

08/124 That the Council submit a Planning Application for the Bowling Green at Wellbrook Way, the plan to be drawn up by the Wellbrook Committee

Cllr de Lacey prop that the Wellbrook Committee be asked to proceed, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous.

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08/125 That reports from Parish Councillors be received

1. Cllr Bullman reported that he was moving to 32 Hicks Lane.
2. Cllr Starling reported that the grass verge by the St Johns Field on High Street was spreading onto the footpath.
3. Cllr Starling reported that birch tree outside 44 Woodlands Park had a large split in it.
4. Cllr Sparling commented on dumped plastic bottles at the recycling facility on the Recreation Ground car park.
5. Cllr de Lacey reported that the container that has appeared on the Recreation Gound car park belonged to the Church and was soon to be moved.

HB

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08/126 Correspondence

1. PS Consultants – the future of Council Housing in South Cambridgeshire
2. Local Government Association – First magazine
3. CCC – Cambridgeshire's Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2007-08
4. CPALC – training courses
5. D Wilson – Development at 2 Pepys Way
6. SCDC – S106 requests
7. ACRE – AGM
8. CCC – Bollards at Gifford's Close
9. NATS – Consultation finished and awaiting results
10. A Lansley – lorry parking facilities close to A14
11. Co-Op Banking – insurance
12. Carillion-URS – M11 maintenance works
13. Cambs ACRE – Rural services network
14. SCDC – Housing Futures
15. The National Trust – Wicken Fen Vision
16. Carillion WSP – Managing agent to the Highways Agency Area 8
17. H Bracey – Clerk's letter of resignation
18. A Mays – Safety audit at Girton Corner
19. Girton Golf Club – proposed new footpath from Washpit Road to Golf Club

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.