

Girton Parish Council

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Cambridge Road, Girton
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Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 17 September 2008 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre 7.30pm

Present: D de Lacey (Chair), E Bullman, S Clift, J Ford-Smith (to 08/138), V Godby, R Gordon, R Hodgkinson (from 08/129.1), R Martin, C Starling, P Starling, L Sparling, J Thorrold, M Wilson

Action/Power

B Parnwell was present throughout and John Clarke and Geoff Chatfield were present to 08/129.2.

08/127 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from from Cllrs Hiley, Taylor and Cllr Reynolds.

08/128 Members' declarations of interests

None declared.

08/129 Open Session for Public

Cllr de Lacey prop to suspend Standing Orders, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, carried unanimously.

1. **Presentation from John Clarke, Costain Skanska and Geoff Chatfield, Highways Agency re A14 Ellington – Fen Drayton proposed improvements.** G Chatfield introduced himself and said that they were making good progress with the design of the scheme. A detailed design will be completed by December 2008 with public information exhibitions being held on 7 Dec (12-6pm) and 8-9 Dec (11-8pm) at the Holiday Inn, Impington. Draft Orders will be published in March 2009 which will set out the final proposal. It is likely there will be a public enquiry around the end of 2009 and work on the scheme is expected to start at end of 2010. He apologised for not being able to be too specific about details of the design because their formal presentation to the County Councils was not until later this week.

J Clarke introduced himself. He said some of the main issues that the general public are concerned about are noise, the visual impact and air quality and access from and to the carriageway. The Girton interchange will function as now. At Bar Hill and Dry Drayton the junctions will be with the current A14 which will act as a local access road. There will be access to the new 6-lane road at Girton and at Trinity Foot. Trying to achieve a bridleway/footway route through the proposed junction at the top end of the M11 was an almost impossible task which they did not propose to undertake. Their compromise involves a route with the existing footpath near Girton Corner with a controlled crossing over Huntington Road which will connect up the footpaths at Madingley. There will also be access tracks on the north side for the farmer and non-motorised users.

During building works materials will not be brought through Girton and work will be carried out at night. Clay to construct some of the widening will require a separate Planning Application, and it is hoped to find sites adjacent to the new carriageway.

- Q: Girton is the only village with the A14 going through it so noise concerns are a very big issue. We are really depending on you to find ways of reducing noise and find the quietest road surface possible.

JC: We will do our best and agree that noise limitations must work.

GC: Using noise barriers does work well for properties close to the work but doesn't work at all for properties further away (more than 400m) as the noise goes over the top. We will be using low noise surfacing.

- Q: Could you reduce the speed limit?

GC: This is not something we would want to do.

JC: I will take a note of that. There will also be 24 hour recovery trucks.

- Q: Would you consider a cut and cover tunnel all the way through the cutting?

JC: The Government budget covers a range of prices from 180 million pounds to 1.2 billion but even the highest prices does not include covered tunnels!

- Q: Northstowe work will be starting at the same time – will there be a conflict of interest as far as traffic is concerned?

GC: We are working closely with the developers. We must make sure that the Bar Hill junction

allows the Northstowe developers to build their junction.

Q: The background noise from the road is sometimes very bad. Could we meet with noise experts?

JC: There will be technical experts at the exhibitions.

Q: Could we put together some technical questions regarding noise to put to Costain Skanska?

JC: The consultation is part of the process and comments will be taken into account.

DdL

2. **Members of the Public.** B Parnwell said he had cleared the Woody Green ditch but said lots of beer cans remained. Cllr de Lacey thanked him for his hard work and said the cans would be removed.
3. **Police Report** for the period 18/08/08-15/09/09 (read by the Clerk): 12 crimes reported, compared to 17 the previous month. 4 thefts from vehicles in High Street, Thornton Road, Hicks Lane and Weavers Field. 2 burglaries took place over night in High Street and Girton Road. 1 burglary of a digital camera at Girton College. 1 report of hay bales being set alight in Oakington Road. 1 rowdy/nuisance report of gang of youths throwing eggs.
4. **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** Cllr Starling reported that the Girton College hedge had still not been cut back on FP4. The brambles at the entrance to the 10 Acre Field have not been cut back far enough. Cllr de Lacey reported that CC Highways have put in an order to clear nettles from Washpit Lane and the overhanging trees at Dovehouse Lane to be cut back.

08/130 Standing Orders reinstated

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Gordon, unanimous.

08/131 That the unconfirmed Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 20 August 2008 be signed

Cllr Sparling prop, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous.

08/132 Matters arising from the minutes

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

The Chairman has written to the Bursar at Girton College to request that the hedge at FP4 is cut back.

08/133 That the Council encourage Girton Town Charity to propose a building for the Wellbrook Way site which would also provide accommodation for the Charity

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

Clerk

08/134 That the Council approve a donation of £40 to The Poppy Appeal

Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Martin, unanimous. Cllr de Lacey asked Councillors whether the Council should also lay a wreath at Christmas, but this did not appear to be popular. Voted 11 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.

S137
From Reserv
Clerk

08/135 That the Council agree the expenditure of £3000 + vat to Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants to carry out a tree audit of the village

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

Statutory
from Reserv
Clerk

08/136 That the Council approve expenditure of £782 + vat for grubbing out the hedge at Smithy Green prior to replanting

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

Statutory
From Budge
Clerk

08/137 That the Council agree to submit two Minor Highway Improvement bids from the three relevant bids from the unsuccessful list of last year: 1) to move the bus stop straddling the cycle escape at Girton Corner; 2) adding hatched road markings on the inside of the left turn into Girton Road; 3) merging the cycle lane from Girton College into the road at the point where the bus lane ceases and widen the lane to 2 metres

Cllr de Lacey asked for Councillors to vote for their 2 favourites, result as follows: 1) 6; 2) 4; 3) 9. Cllr de Lacey prop that 1 and 3 be put forward, sec Cllr Gordon, unanimous. Cllr Clift said he thought the CC has responsibility for the bus stop.

Clerk

08/138 That reports from Parish Councillors be received

1. Cllr Godby reported that she had attended a police Crime and Reduction conference. "No cold caller canvasser" notices were available and she wondered whether we should

- consider them for St Vincent's and Orchard Close.
2. Cllr Sparling reported a blocked drain at Washpit. Clerk
 3. Cllr C Starling said the budget would soon be finalised for the Girton Feast.
 4. Cllr Martin reported fly tipping by the Eurobin at the Recreation Ground.
 5. Cllr Clift reported that the plans for the Wellbrook Way LEAP have been forwarded to SCDC but they were not on the website yet. He has been in touch with Cllr Hiley regarding the community building at Wellbrook Way. He also reported that he had attended an ACRE meeting.
 6. Cllr Hodgkinson reported that the ivy tree at the entrance to the Whitehouse Lane footpath needed cutting back. Clerk

08/139 Correspondence

1. CPRE – membership pack
2. DIS Information newsletter
3. CCC – Countryside Access Team Annual Report 2007-08
4. Cambridgeshire Constabulary – Remembrance Day parades
5. BT – proposal to re-align payphone provision to meet consumer demand
6. SCDC – Northstowe Community Update Meeting
7. LGA – First magazine
8. ACRE – Community Action magazine
9. CCC and Peterborough City Council – Minerals and Waste Preferred Option 2 Consultation

08/140 That payments for the period 17 July – 10 September be approved

The payments on page 130 were approved. Proposed Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr Martin. 10 in favour, 2 abstentions.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
2084	J Wells	Repairs to fence at Weavers Field playground	238.00		238.00
2085	CPRE	CPRE membership	25.00		25.00
2086	CALC	Electronic standing orders	14.98		14.98
2087	A to Z Supplies	Clock for Hall	7.29	1.09	6.20
2088	E-on	Electricity charges	1,032.52	153.78	878.74
2089	British Telecommunications plc	Telephone charges	212.76	31.68	181.08
2090	Cotton Hall Foundation	Charges for hire of hall	60.00		60.00
2091	Algar Signcraft Services (Cambridge) Ltd	Anti Climb Paint signs	40.89	6.09	34.80
2092	NCC (Cambridge) Ltd	Cleaners fee	470.00	70.00	400.00
2093	J Mills	Cleaning at Weavers Field	20.00		20.00
2094	Cannon Hygiene	Fuel surcharge	2.23	0.33	1.90
2095	Stephen Tyrell	Work to cricket square	140.00		140.00
2096	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance	529.49	78.86	450.63
2097	Berrycroft Stores Ltd	White lining paint	17.63	2.63	15.00
2098	Society of Local Council Clerks	Job finder advert	50.00		50.00
2099	Tamla Sparkes	Litter picking at Rec	75.00		75.00
2100	C M R Wilson	Work at Recreation Ground	220.00		220.00
2101	Helen Bracey	Clerk's wages (month 5)	662.49		662.49
2102	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages (m5) + expenses	862.97		862.97
2103	Norman Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer fee	374.00		374.00
2104	Cambridge Newspapers Ltd	Vacancy advert	726.86	108.26	618.60
2105	Briar Security Systems Ltd	CCTV Maintenance charge	141.00	21.00	120.00
2106	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance	529.49	78.86	450.63
2107	NCC (Cambridge) Ltd	Cleaners fee 2 months	940.00	140.00	800.00
2108	UK Sprayers Ltd	Contact spraying of Rec	499.38	74.38	425.00
2109	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Maintenance work of play equipment	1,298.80	193.46	1,105.34
2110	Cotton Hall Foundation	Charges for hire of hall	7.50		7.50
2111	P A Collacott & Co	Electrical repairs at Pavilion	66.29	9.87	56.42
2112	True Value Histon Hardware Ltd	Supplies for Pavilion	5.37	0.93	4.44
2113	Stephen Tyrell	Work to cricket square	130.00		130.00
2114	Malcolm Andrew Office Solutions	Tables and trolley for Pavilion	890.05	132.56	757.49
2115	J Wells	Paint anti-climb paint to lamps	45.00		45.00
2116	Girton Youth Works	Clearing footpaths	88.00		88.00
2117	Vitax Ltd	White lining paint	196.26	29.23	167.03
2118	Marmax Products Ltd	Bench	356.03	53.03	303.00
2119	Tamla Sparkes	Litter picking at Rec	60.00		60.00
2120	Norman Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer fee	302.00		302.00
2121	C M R Wilson	Work at Recreation Ground	600.00		600.00
2122	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI month 6	240.20		240.20
2123	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages (m6) + expenses	520.87		520.87
2124	Helen Bracey	Clerk's wages (month 6)	662.49		662.49
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