

# Girton Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Girton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2008 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs D de Lacey (Chair), E Bullman, V Godby, R Hodgkinson, R Martin, M Wilson,  
L Sparling, C Starling (from 143/2), R Hiley (from 143/4). Cllr Bygott (SCDC).

Action/Pow

Ed Durrant and Tom Barrance (SCDC) were present to 08/144.

### 08/141 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from from Cllrs Ford-Smith, Gordon, P. Starling, Clift, Taylor and Cllr Reynolds (CCC).

### 08/142 Members' declarations of interests

None declared.

### 08/143 Open Session for Public

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

1. **County Councillor's Report** Circulated in advance by email.

2. **Report from Ed Durrant and Tom Barrance on S106**

Mr Durrant reported that a S106 bid had been received from Girton PC on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008. This covered 4 bids. Alternative means of addressing these issues needed to be considered.

i) A second cycle path on the west side of the Oakington/Girton road.

The issue was the additional number of users. Cllr Hiley clarified that the existing cycle path was not wide enough for two way cycling. The Chairman added that this had been a factor in the county council deciding to retain the school bus to Impington.

Mr Durrant reported that a transport assessment had been done, and all parties were close to agreeing the base data line. The transport assessment would be a "model" which once Northstowe was built would need to be monitored and reviewed. The issues were complex and in part already existed (e.g. Girton Corner). A fund would need to set up which should make provision for future works.

Mr Barrance commented that it was necessary to take account of the complexities of the large number of people that would be living in Northstowe. There were uncertainties. The model was in effect a best guess of needs, and would need to be reviewed.

Cllr Hiley stated that current facilities were already saturated. Another 250 cyclists a day were forecast. The cycle path would therefore need upgrading. Models tended to major on car rather than bicycle use, and it was important that cyclists were fully considered.

The Chairman added that a traffic archive was held by GPC. This could be made available subject to its source being acknowledged. Mr Durrant raised the issue of the cycleway next to the guided busway and was advised that this route did not go into the centre of Cambridge.

ii) Girton Corner

Mr Durrant commented that Girton corner works would need to await traffic assessment.

It was an existing problem whereas S106 funds related to the expansion of Northstowe.

Cllr Hiley said that the junction was exceptionally dangerous. Amelioration works had been done but were not suitable.

ii) Cycle route from Wellbrook Way to Whitehouse Lane

Mr Durrant reported that this was at the initial stage of assessment under the Cambridge Orbital Housing Growth Fund. Mr Barrance added that the Government needed to make money available for areas of significant growth. A bid for cycle routes had been made, and funding was now available, so S106 would not apply.

iii) SCDC advice on alternative sources of funding to S106 monies

Mr Barrance advised that it was better to obtain guaranteed funding than negotiated funding. Northstowe was not a "pot of gold". The developers would aim to minimise spending. The S106 negotiations would be very competitive. Everything that goes forward would not be funded. Parishes needed to be aware.

Mr Durrant added that SCDC would try to meet the concerns of villages in whatever way possible. The dates for Northstowe were slipping. It was better to tap into alternative sources of funds now. Councillors commented that they were concerned not to fall between different funding routes, and that they would wish Girton to stay in the running for S106 monies.

iv) Green routes around Northstowe

Mr Durrant advised that these were also being considered under the Cambridge Orbital Housing Growth Fund.

3. **Members of the Public** None present.

4. **Police Report** Not received.

5. **District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr de Lacey's report was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Bygott reported on the following issues:

- the kerbside plastic recycling scheme was now in place with collections every two weeks.
- Housing Futures was going ahead. Transfer of South Cambridgeshire village council housing would proceed in 2009/10 subject to the tenants ballot in spring 2009.
- Orchard Close incident. He was aware of the issues, and was discussing with Housing Officers.
- Orchard Park was to become a new parish. Elections would be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Boundary changes. These were being discussed. There were no proposals to change Girton's boundaries.

Cllr Hiley was concerned about plastic litter under the new arrangements. Netting of the collection boxes would have been a good idea. Councillors also raised the issues of not all types of plastic being collected under the new scheme, and the removal of the large plastic recycling containers on the recreation ground car park. Lack of collection from The Pavilion was a major concern. Inquiries should be made of SCDC to see whether a large wheelie bin could be made available to GPC based on the university precedent.

Clerk

6. **Girton Town Charity**

Cllr Hiley reported that GTC had committed to three years support of the East Anglian Hospice at £7.5k a year on the basis of the care that families from Girton receive.

7. **Girton Youth Works**

Cllr Hiley said there were discussions with the YMCA about continuing the youth programme. A presentation will be made to Girton Town Charity in November. Some issues had been raised by the managers of the project but it was hoped it would continue.

8. **Footpaths and Rights of Way** No report was received.

**08/144 That Standing Orders be reinstated and the Council meeting resumed**

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous.

**08/145 That the unconfirmed Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record**

A minor correction was required on page 2. It was agreed the word "unanimous" at item 134 should be removed. Cllr Sparling advised he did not raise the issue of the blocked drain at Washpit Lane at item 08/138. This to be amended to: "There was a discussion of the blocked drain at Washpit Lane." Cllr Sparling prop, sec Cllr Hodgkinson, 1 abstention.

#### **08/146 Matters arising from the minutes**

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

#### **08/147 To receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Committees of the Council**

The minutes of the Planning, Environment, and Sport & Recreation Committees were received.

#### **08/148 That the Council agree to be involved in the Speedwatch Campaign and nominate Councillors to take part**

The Chairman reminded Councillors that this issue had been raised at past meetings. The issue was for Girton Parish Council to provide volunteers to use portable traffic speed monitoring equipment at locations identified by the police. This would not necessarily include Girton. Volunteers would note car number plates, and speeding drivers would receive warning letters from the police. This was not quite the scheme that was expected. The Chairman proposed the motion but it was not seconded. Therefore the motion fell.

#### **08/149 That the Council appoint a sub committee to respond on its behalf to the current consultation on Objection Sites by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

The Chairman advised that the deadline for this exercise was Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008. If no response was made Girton Parish Council would have made no comments to the public consultation. There were a large number of web pages to go through. Work would be needed during the weekend.

Cllr Hiley supported the need for the exercise but had no time available. Perhaps another Councillor could take this forward and re-iterate earlier comments. It was necessary to be clear and concise. He regretted that this exercise could not be done by letter dealing with the arguments rather than having to submit comments electronically. The motion fell as no other Councillors volunteered. The Chairman said he would see what he could do. Cllr Hiley said he would advise the Chairman on points to be raised if other priorities permitted.

#### **08/150 That reports from Parish Councillors be received**

1. Cllr Bullman said he was puzzled by the ongoing car parking on the grass within the village. Could the Council act?  
The Chairman said that the possibility of providing barriers at Smithy Green was being discussed. A tough stance was needed. This was an issue for the Sports & Recreation Committee to consider. Cllr Hiley raised the issue of the PCSO patrolling when the parking is a problem. It was agreed she should be alerted when matches are starting.
2. Cllr Hodgkinson reported that light SC2 at Dodford Lane was not working.
3. Cllr L Sparling raised the issue of parking in Girton Road/Thornton Road.  
The Chairman commented that that this was at least in part unauthorized parking by Girton College students. He had contacted the police to gain their assistance in identifying the owners. The University would take action if students could be identified as the culprits.
4. Cllr Wilson referred to his request of 2<sup>nd</sup> October asking Councillors for their comments on the strategic sports & recreation issues he had raised.
5. The Chairman reported that:
  - the Sustainable Girton Group was litter picking between Whitehouse Lane and Thornton Close the following weekend. Equipment would be provided by SCDC. Girton Parish Council's insurance would provide third party cover.
  - Agreement had been gained from SCDC to reduce the speed limit along the Huntingdon Road to 30mph in the New Year. Cllr John Reynolds might make a presentation at the next meeting.
  - The drains at the north end of the village should all be cleared by jetting before the next Parish Council meeting. Any collapsed drains would be identified as part of this exercise.
6. Cllr Hiley advised that he would not be able to Chair the next Finance Committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 as he would be at the House of Commons. He would brief whoever chairs the meeting.

S & R  
Committee

GPC Agenda

#### **08/151 Correspondence**

1. BT's proposal to re-align pay phone provision to meet current level of demand for the telephone kiosk service.

2. Stagecoach is to re-assess the proposed cut to Service 15.
3. CCC's response regarding the traffic calming scheme in Girton. This will not be re-assessed.
4. Character studies on suburbs and approaches by Cambridge City Council.
5. Comprehensive Performance Assessment to be abolished and replaced with Comprehensive Area Assessment.
6. LGA – *First* magazines.
7. Town and parish standard
8. Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum and the A14. Basic principles that should be considered regarding the new A14 route.
9. Communities and Local Government Consultation on making and enforcing bylaws.  
The Chairman asked for advice from Councillors. Cllr Wilson would circulate the issues.
10. CPRE membership
11. NATS – terminal North Consultation
12. Zurich – changes to Financial Services Group Structure.
13. SCDC – members & employees code of conduct. Consultation document on potential changes to Members' Code of Conduct, and consultation on a new Employees' Code of Conduct.
14. CAE – letter to John Reynolds regarding re-instatement of the 7.30pm bus service.
15. Engaging Parish Councils – SCDC evening event on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008
16. IRS Conference on Social Fund
17. Cambridgeshire ACRE Annual Review
18. Letter from Mr Buckley on McMillan Coffee Morning
19. CCC Road Shows on CCC budget priorities

Councillors

**08/152 That payments for the period 18<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> October be approved**

The payments on page 135 were approved. Proposed Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Martin. 5 in favour, 2 abstentions.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.

Payments for the period 18 September – 8 October 2008

2125	Cambridge Flooring Company Ltd	Flooring for Pavilion corridors	1,611.30	239.98	1,371.32
2126	Algar Signcraft Services (Cambridge) Ltd	Signage	42.30	6.30	36.00
2127	NCC (Cambridge) Ltd	Cleaners fee 1st - 26th Sept	470.00	70.00	400.00
2128	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance	529.49	78.86	450.63
2129	Town & Country Tree Surgery Company	Tree work - Mayfield triangle	225.60	33.60	192.00
2130	Binder Loams	Cricket Pitch Dressing & Grass Seed	346.86	34.33	312.53
2131	P A Collacott & Co	Electrical repairs at Pavilion	53.09	7.91	45.18
2132	Acacia Tree Surgery Ltd	Tree work - Smithy Green, Hibbert Ware & Pump	1,212.60	180.60	1,032.00
			4,491.24	651.58	3,339.66

Payments for the period 9<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008

2133	Cannon Hygiene	Sanitary Disposal Unit	15.86	2.36	13.50
2134	Cotton Hall Foundation	Charges for hire of hall	20.00		20.00
2135	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages (m7) + expenses	528.44		528.44
2136	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI month7	126.03		126.03
2137	Norman Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer fee	302.00		302.00
2138	Penny de Lacey	Hibbert Ware plants	5.25		5.25
2139	CMR Wilson	Maintenance work on recreation ground	440.00		440.00
2140	Tamla Sparkes	Litter picking	60.00		60.00
			1,497.58	2.36	1,495.22