

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Girton Parish Council on Wednesday 19th August 2009 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs de Lacey (Chairman), Thorrold, Sparling, Bullman, Martin, Wilson, Taylor, Bromwich, and Gordon

Cllr Tom Bygott (SCDC) and Cllr J Reynolds (CCC)

In attendance: Robert Stone (Clerk) and Natalie Stone (PFO)

AGENDA

09/97 Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone and apologised for holding a Council meeting in August. It was necessary to approve monthly payments, and to set up a working group to consider South Cambridgeshire District Council's consultations on Gypsy and Traveller sites, and Gypsy and Traveller strategy.

09/98 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors J. Ford-Smith, C. Starling, V Godby, S.Clift, P. Starling and R Hiley.

09/99 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

None.

09/100 Public Participation session on agenda items & matters of mutual interest

Cllr Bygott reported that if the parish would like to plant more trees South Cambs DC had a planting scheme which it was promoting. Roz Richardson was the district council officer to approach for assistance. Government policy required district councils to adopt a strategy for Gypsies and Travellers. SCDC had one of the highest quotas in the country. Litigation at Smithy Fen had been lost because not enough sites had been identified elsewhere.

Cllr Reynolds as a member of the East of England Regional Assembly had chaired a single issue review concerning Gypsies and Travellers. All 54 local authorities in the region had been consulted following a number of solutions being put forward by consultants. Only 3 authorities had voted against the proposals. Following receipt of EERA's report central Government had added a 3% increase per annum. Further consideration and public consultation had followed. Allocation of sites was done at District Council level.

Cllr Bygott on being asked about the number of officers employed to prevent illegal sites advised that South Cambs DC had a large planning team some members of which were involved in enforcement action against illegal sites. South Cambs DC spent £100,000 per year on enforcement.

09/101 Finance & resource management

- 1. To approve payments from 15th July to 18th August 2009** The Chairman explained that the village name signs payment of £1086.61 had been approved in 2008 under agenda item 08/45.

Cllr Gordon recommended approving the payments (detailed at Appendix A below), and Cllr Thorrold seconded. Unanimous.

09/102 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council

- 1. To approve setting up a working group to consider SCDC's Gypsy & Traveller consultation and Strategy, and to report to the next meeting of the council on 16th September 2009.**

Prior to discussion of this item the Clerk circulated a letter from Andrew Lansley MP to the Rt Hon John Denham MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government referring to the recently published East of England RSS Gypsy and Traveller Review. Mr Lansley drew attention to the very high number of pitches in South Cambridgeshire, and the requirement for the district to have the second highest increase in pitches in the region. This appeared disproportionate compared to other rural areas. Could the Secretary of State provide an explanation?.

The Chairman noted the correspondence and explained that SCDC's deadline for comments on the consultation was 9th October. This did not permit much time for detailed consideration. He wished to set up a group from Council members and to co-op others with useful knowledge and expertise to examine SCDC proposals and make recommendations. He proposed the motion which was seconded by Cllr Gordon. The vote in favour of setting up the group was unanimous.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm.

August 2009 payments

			£	VAT	£
2338	Lawson Tree	Work to fence at Mayfield Road	220.00		220.00
2339	Peter Graves	Supply and planting of tub	50.00		50.00
2340	NCC (Cambridge) Limited	Cleaning 22nd June - 17th July	460.00	60.00	400.00
2341	CPRE	Membership renewal	25.00		25.00
2342	CPALC	Annual membership	639.21		639.21
2343	Paul Laston Garden Services	Trimming of trees	170.00		170.00
2344	J & P Plant Ltd	Water pipe - Town End Close	584.97	76.30	508.67
2345	Robert A Stone	Expenses -cattle drinker, shelves, photocopying	81.55		81.55
2346	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance & Open Spaces	749.74	97.79	651.95
2347	Linda Miller	Expenses June-August	118.50		118.50
2348	A to Z Supplies	Pavilion Supplies	46.81	6.11	40.70
2349	Dench Construction	Cupboards in Pavilion	4,048.00	528.00	3,520.00
2350	British Telecommunications plc	Telephone charges 5 May - 2 Aug 09	228.55	29.81	198.74
2351	Screwfix Direct	Maintenance supplies	42.70	5.56	37.14
2352	NCC (Cambridge) Limited	Cleaning 20th July - 14th August	460.00	60.00	400.00
2353	Briar Security Systems Ltd	CCTV Maintenance charge	138.00	18.00	120.00
2354	Cambidgeshire County Council	Village name signs	1,086.61	141.73	944.88
2355	Sally Jane Thompson	Squirrel logo	500.00		500.00
2356	Norman F Lewell	Expenses - pavilion supplies	3.99		3.99
2357	Tamla Sparkes	Litter picking 13July - 15Aug	75.00		75.00
2358	J & P Plant Ltd	Verge cutting - 4th cut	230.00	30.00	200.00
2359	CMR Wilson	Work on recreation ground	572.02		572.02
2360	SLCC	Clerks Manual & Local Council Finance	29.50		29.50
2361	SLCC (Cambs Branch)	Training Seminar	5.00		5.00
2362	Stephen Tyrell	Work on cricket square	125.00		125.00

**To be paid on
31st August 2009**

2363	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator Wages - m5	560.70		
2364	Natalie Stone	Principal Finance Officer Wages - m5	209.36		209.36
2365	Robert A Stone	Parish Clerk wages - m5	913.04		913.04
2366	Norman F Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer Wages - m5	229.64		229.64
2367	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance - m5	511.67		511.67