

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th December, 2011 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.00 p.m.

Members of the parish were welcome to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 149

Present: Cllrs; de Lacey (Chairman), Bromwich, Cockley, Godby, Gordon, Hiley, Taylor, Thorrold, Westley
In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

11/146 Welcome from the Chairman

11/147 Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Garner and Williams, and from Councillor Reynolds (Cambridgeshire County Council) and the Chairman accepted their reasons.

11/148 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda Cllr Gordon expressed a personal interest in Item 11/150.1 as a trustee of Girton Town Charity, and Cllr Hiley has a personal interest in Item 11/150.1 both as a trustee of the Town Charity and as a signatory of the original Section 106 agreement.

11/149 Public Participation session on agenda items & matters of mutual interest:

1. Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

11/150 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council:

1. With reference to Abbeyfield Girton Independent Living Scheme, to approve the Deed of Rectification necessary in order to reflect the position "as built", and the arrangements for, amongst other things, the area of open space to be transferred to the Parish Council.

The Chairman explained the background to this issue. The fence was to protect ground floor residents from the noise of the A14, but seems unreasonable on many grounds – Cllr de Lacey is speaking with the Ecology Officer, Landscape Officer and H&S Officer, with the suggestion that it would be better to have a heavier hedge. The planning boundary appears to be 1.3-1.5m inside the public open space, although there is some uncertainty about this. If the fence is erected it will be very near the dwellings. We have been asked if necessary if we would cede this 1.5m to Abbeyfield, so that there is room for a footpath to be built for residents. The Parish Council shall not incur cost. Cllr Gordon proposed an amendment that the Parish Council strongly supports planting on the parish boundary in place of the acoustic fence, and the Chairman accepted this amendment. Railings rather than a fence would make the area look larger both to those living there and to the public walking on the footpath. There will be planting both inside and outside Abbeyfield.

Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Cockley and approved with one abstention.

2. To approve Councillor de Lacey to represent the Parish Council's views, as previously expressed, at the enquiry over Mr Calladine's caravan, to be held on Tuesday 13th December, 2011.

Proposed by Cllr Godby, seconded by Cllr Gordon and approved unanimously.

11/151 Announcement by Parish Council Chairman

Although this item was not on the agenda, the Chairman wished to announce that the transactions regarding Wellbrook Way should be sorted out this month. Cllr de Lacey read the lawyer's email following the meeting with Taylor Wimpey, and explained that there would be an update on Monday 12th December.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.