

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th April, 2012 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Members of the parish were invited to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 12/40.1

Present: Cllrs: de Lacey (Chairman), Bromwich, Garner, Godby, Gordon, Hiley, Martin, Noble, Simpson, Taylor, Thorrold, Westley, Williams.

Cllr Reynolds (CCC) (until item 12/40.3)

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk), N Stone (RFO) (from item 12/43.5)

12/37 Welcome from the Chairman The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

12/38 Apologies and reasons for absence Councillors Clift and Cockley, and District Councillor Bygott, had sent apologies and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.

12/39 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda None.

12/40 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.
2. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*) Cllr Reynolds spoke about the Northstowe development. The Chairman noted that an extraordinary parish council meeting will be held to discuss Northstowe and the North West Cambridge developments.

Cllr Reynolds was asked why the rollout of broadband strategy across Cambridgeshire seems explicitly to exclude Girton. He asked for details to be forwarded to him.

Cllr Reynolds left the meeting at this point.

3. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) Cllr de Lacey outlined that South Cambridgeshire District Council have taken on a debt of £200 million as a result of government reallocation of national housing debts but that this might ultimately be to SCDC's advantage.

4. Police Report (E-Cops) (*Appendix C*) Two village crimes which are not mentioned in the E-Cops report are the theft of a cash box, and a digger stolen from a garden in Church Lane on Maundy Thursday. The Clerk and Chairman agreed to investigate.

12/41 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 21st March, 2012. The Minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Thorrold, seconded by Cllr Garner and approved with 1 abstention.

12/42 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only).

12/31.1 The Highways Authority is still discussing Woodlands Park. Work on the kerbs has been suspended, and concerns were raised about dropped kerbs encouraging parking on the verges.

12/31.2 Regarding future Annual Parish Meetings, it was suggested that these could be held on different days of the week over coming years, so that villagers with ongoing commitments on a particular evening could attend.

12/36.1 Another stonemasonry company has been asked to look at the War Memorial, and to provide a quotation for the works needed, in the week beginning 16th April

12/43 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council

1. To approve the installation of a temporary flagpole and two marquees for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, subject to approval from the Groundsman and Health and Safety Officer.

Proposed by Cllr Noble, seconded by Cllr Taylor. The Groundsman and Health and Safety Officer have approved and they will have the final say on location. The flagpole and

marquees will be *in situ* for 2-4 days. Agreed with 2 abstentions.

2. To approve the Chairman and Vice-Chair to sign an indemnity for South Cambridgeshire District Council in relation to Section 106 payments for land south of 1 High Street, Girton. (see correspondence item 12/45.6) Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Gordon. South Cambridgeshire District Council need the indemnity signing before they can release the Section 106 payment. Agreed unanimously.

3 That the Parish Council accept with gratitude the donation of a bench for the Recreation Ground in memory of Ron Lipscombe (see correspondence item 12/45.9)

Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Godby. The bench will be directly opposite the Pavilion backing onto St John's Field. The family of the late Mr Lipscombe will cover all costs. Agreed unanimously.

4. The Chairman deferred this item to the end of the meeting (*see below*)

At this point the RFO joined the meeting.

5. To receive a verbal report from the committee set up to manage the development of Wellbrook Way.

The Council received a report from Cllr Gordon. Cllrs Gordon and Taylor, and Mr M Healey and Mrs P Temple of Girton Town Charity, met to discuss possibilities for the land offered to Girton Parish Council. The proposal is to place the community building and car park on this land. Regarding ownership of the land, Girton Town Charity would own the land and rent it to the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent. Plans for the bowling green will go ahead without reference to the rest of the site.

Councillors Gordon and Taylor were thanked by the Chairman for their work on this issue.

The Council approved the report which will also go to the Town Charity, and if the Town Charity agrees the Council will be asked to approve plans at a subsequent Parish Council Meeting.

6. To appoint a committee to finalise the Emergency Plan for Girton.

Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Godby. Cllr Godby has the plans which the previous committee drew up. Cllrs Bromwich, Godby, Taylor, Thorrold and Williams agreed to form a committee, and Cllr Clift and Mr G Clare will be asked if they would like to join the committee too. Approved with four abstentions.

12/44 Finance & Resource Management:

The Chairman welcomed the RFO to the meeting.

1. To approve payments for the previous month. Proposed by Cllr Hiley, seconded by Cllr Garner and approved with 1 abstention.

2. To approve the balance sheet (*previously circulated*) Proposed by Cllr Garner, seconded by Cllr Hiley and approved with 1 abstention.

3. To receive the Finance Report from 1 April 2011 to date (*previously circulated*). Received by the Council.

The Chairman thanked the RFO for her work.

12/45 Correspondence

1. 22nd March 2012 – Request to tender for remedial works and maintenance at Wellbrook Way

2. 22nd March 2012 – Correspondence regarding salt bins

3. 24th March 2012 – Standards Committee newsletter

4. 26th March 2012 – Correspondence regarding naming of Bullman Grove

5. 26th March 2012 – Letter about the WI Hall, Girton

6. 28th March 2012 – Correspondence regarding payment of Public Open Space Contributions

7. 2nd April 2012 – Correspondence regarding footways and speed humps in Girton

8. 4th April 2012 - Letter of thanks regarding inclusion of Hibbert Ware plaque in book

9. 4th April 2012 - Letter regarding donation of memorial bench for Recreation Ground.

10. 5th April 2012 – Northstowe Phase 1 outline planning application FAQs

11. 10th April 2012 – Correspondence regarding Girton Parish Council Audit

The Correspondence was noted by the Council. Regarding correspondence item 12/45.2 the

issue of salt bins will be put on next month's agenda. Regarding correspondence item 12/45.5 it was noted that the WI Hall is on land held in trust by the village's two churches.

12/46 To receive reports:

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix D*)
2. Girton Town Charity. The charity has made a grant of £7,000 to Cambridge Dial-a-Ride. The charity has also made a number of personal grants to Girton residents. The new almshouses and the three retirement apartments in Abbeyfield are the main issues at the moment.
3. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix E*)
4. Footpaths. Spring will mean that vegetation near footpaths will need trimming back.
5. Bowling Green Committee. The Committee has not met since the last Parish Council meeting. The surveyor is negotiating with SCDC at present.
6. Wellbrook Way Development Committee. Remedial work and maintenance work at Wellbrook Way has gone out to tender and four quotations have been received.

12/47 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes:

1. Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting of 12th October, 2011 (previously circulated). Received by the Council.
2. Planning Committee Meeting of 26th March, 2012 (previously circulated). Received by the Council.

12/48 Matters raised by Members

1. Parishioners have expressed concern about the condition of the telephone kiosk at the junction of Pepys Way and Girton Road.
2. Consultation on the proposal to change to a 30mph speed limit on Huntingdon Road runs until 9th May, and there is a questionnaire on the Cambridgeshire County Council website.

12/43.4

4a. That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item number 4b in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended). As no members of the press or public were present, this item was withdrawn.

4b. To approve new salary rates for Parish Council's staff (details to be tabled). The Chairman commented briefly on the results of the appraisal process and put a recommendation to the Council. Councillors wished for it to be minuted that the Council is extremely grateful for all the hard work which the staff put in. After extensive discussion a scale of pay rates was approved by the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.