

# Girton Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th October, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton.**

*Residents in the parish were invited to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 12/119.1*

**Present:** Cllrs: de Lacey (Chairman), Bromwich, Clift, Cockley, Godby, Gordon, Noble, Taylor, Thorrold (from item 12/119.2), Westley, Williams

I Fieldhouse (Land Director) and S Coates (Architectural Team) of Stepford Homes (to end of item 12/119.2)

1 member of the public (to end of item 12/119.2)

**In attendance:** S Cumming (Clerk), N Stone (RFO)

**12/116 Welcome from the Chairman** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Ian Fieldhouse and Stuart Coates of Stepford Homes.

**12/117 Apologies and reasons for absence** Apologies had been received from Cllrs Garner, Hiley, Martin and Simpson, and from County Councillor J Reynolds and District Councillor T Bygott, and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.

**12/118 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** Cllrs Clift and Noble declared personal interests in item 12/122.5 regarding Girton Feast.

**12/119 Public Participation session on agenda items & matters of mutual interest:**

1. Members of the Public. The member of the public did not wish to speak.

2. Presentation by Ian Fieldhouse and Stuart Coates of Stepford Homes on the proposed 22 dwellings to be built at Wellbrook Way, Girton.

The development will include seven units of affordable housing and a mix of 2, 3 and 4-bedroom houses, with no flats. The housing designs will be modernistic and 2-3 storeys in height. The developers are trying to build sustainably, and the company is well-involved in affordable housing. Access will be through the west of the site, following consultation with Highways. There will be a green corridor to the rear of the site through the request of South Cambridgeshire District Council. A residential management company will manage non-adopted roads, maintenance to be paid by a sinking fund to be provided by purchasers. The foul water sewage will be part of an adopted sewer and the design of the development has been driven by the placing of a raised table as part of the surface water strategy. Road surface water will be attenuated and discharged into the ditch at the NE of the site. The developers have sought to keep parking self-contained within the curtelege of the dwellings. Subsequently, Stepford Homes told us that 'Car-sharing is part of the travel plan, and it is proposed that a travel plan co-coordinator would be appointed as part of the scheme to promote sustainable transport alternatives to car usage. As part of this, there will be an aim to get at least 10% of journeys from the site via a carshare route. This will not mean any extra provision on site but to encourage residents to use this as means to commute etc. so there is no need to provide anything extra on site and hopefully it would reduce car usage from the site'. The representatives of Stepford Homes then answered councillors' questions.

There is an expected mid-range demographic, including approximately 40 children expected to live in the development - Section 106 monies will provide some money for education. The Management Company will be financed through a charge to residents.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of Stepford Homes and the member of the public, who all left the meeting at this point.

3. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*). There were no questions to be forwarded to Cllr Reynolds regarding his report.

4. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*). There were no questions for Cllr de Lacey regarding his report, and no questions to be forwarded to Cllr Bygott.

5. Police Report (E-Cops) (*Appendix C*). PCSO Mani hopes to be able to attend every second or third monthly Parish Council meeting.

- 12/120 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 19th September, 2012**  
The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Cockley, and approved with one abstention.
- 12/121 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)**  
12/110.6 The replacement ravine bridge net for the rainbow play equipment has been ordered.  
12/110.8/9/10 The Parish Council's responses have been forwarded to the relevant bodies (see correspondence items 12/124.5, 12/124.6 and 12/124.7)  
Noted by the Council.
- 12/122 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council**
1. To approve the revised Code of Conduct (*Appendix D*).  
Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Taylor. The code is the one adopted by South Cambridgeshire District Council, and would be handled by the District Council's Legal Officer should transgressions occur. Approved unanimously.
  2. To approve a donation of £65 to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.  
Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Cockley. The Parish Council are to present a wreath at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 11th November, and the Chairman hoped councillors would attend the civic ceremony. The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks to a resident who wishes to remain anonymous for rebuilding the memorial base and Cllr Williams for subsequently cleaning and waterproofing the memorial. Approved unanimously.
  3. To approve Cllrs Clift and Cockley as bank signatories on the Parish Council bank accounts.  
Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Godby. Approved unanimously.
  4. To approve an increase in the size of the Planning Committee to fifteen, with meetings as before held on an ad-hoc basis.  
Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Cockley. It was suggested that those who plan to be at meetings notify the Clerk on receipt of the agenda, and similarly send their apologies if they are not able to attend. Approved unanimously.
  5. To agree to the suspension of Parish Byelaws as necessary, and at the sole discretion of the Groundsman, to permit the holding of a Dog Show and the provision of recreation facilities on the Recreation Ground as part of the Girton Feast. The Groundsman is instructed that the arrangements shall ensure that any area where dogs may go on to the playing surfaces shall be covered so that faeces cannot get on to the grass.  
Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Godby. Cllr Noble explained that a tarpaulin would be unacceptable for insurance reasons. Cllr Cockley proposed an amendment that 'the Groundsman is instructed that the Dog Show be held on St John's Field', seconded by Cllr Clift. The amendment was approved with 10 votes in favour, 2 against, and no abstentions. It was noted that the Health and Safety Officer will be consulted prior to holding the Dog Show on St John's Field. The amended motion was approved with 8 votes in favour and 1 against.
- 12/123 Finance and Resource Management**
1. To approve payments for the previous month.  
Proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Thorrold, and approved with two abstentions.
  2. To approve the balance sheet (*Appendix E*)  
Proposed by Cllr Godby, seconded by Cllr Williams, and approved with one abstention.
  3. To receive the Finance Report from 1st April 2012 to date (*Appendix F*)  
Received by the Council.
- 12/124 Correspondence (to be received)**
1. 24 Sept 2012: Correspondence about NW Cambridge plans
  2. 25 Sept 2012: Correspondence about Girton Feast Week committee
  3. 25 Sept 2012: Correspondence about land at Wellbrook Way
  4. 26 Sept 2012: Correspondence re. Northstowe Phase 1 Outline Planning Application
  5. 1 Oct 2012: Parish Council response to Health and Wellbeing Survey
  6. 2 Oct 2012: Parish Council response to Strategic Housing Implementation Plan
  7. 2 Oct 2012: Parish Council response to Grants and Partnership Funding survey
  8. 3 Oct 2012: Correspondence re. annual maintenance contract for CCTV coverage
  9. 4 Oct 2012: Correspondence about Citi 6 bus services in Girton
  10. 5 Oct 2012: Correspondence about fly-tipping in Washpit Lane, Girton
  11. 6 Oct 2012: Correspondence about road-surfacing at Wellbrook Way
- Received by the Council. Regarding item 12/124.9, the Chairman noted that since the agenda was

published, the new bus timetable has been issued, but doesn't affect the Citi 6 service. Stagecoach is to be contacted regarding this issue.

**12/125 To receive reports**

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix G*). The Chairman reported that a request has been received from Cambridgeshire County Council for volunteer-gritters, training to be given in late October. The Chairman has not yet received a replies to his letters to Andrew Lansley MP about the Girton floods.
2. Girton Town Charity. There was nothing to report this month.
3. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix H*).
4. Footpaths. There was nothing to report this month.
5. Bowling Green Committee. Cllr Taylor is to follow up. Cllrs de Lacey and Gordon are to meet with contractors for Taylor-Wimpey who have currently appropriated part of the land for a works compound.
6. Wellbrook Way Development Committee. Requests for new members of Neighbourhood Watch in the area have been circulated.
7. Over-55s activities in Girton. An informal meeting has been held, and more work needs to be done before coming back to the Council.
8. North West Cambridge Community Engagement Meeting. The meetings are to be held every 2-3 months, with a range of officers from Cambridge City, County and South Cambs District Councils. The model of management of open spaces is of concern, and more consideration of the use of Girton's facilities during the early and later stages is needed.

**12/126 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes**

1. Planning Committee Meetings of 26th September and 11th October, 2012 (previously circulated) Received by the Council.

**12/127 Matters raised by Members (for information only)**

Earlier this year Cllr Gordon grew-on some hedging plants which are now ready, and Councillors' help would be appreciated for the planting of replacement hedging in St John's Field, in late November. The Girton Christmas Carol Evening will be held on Friday 14th December, to which all friends and families are invited.

Cllr Godby's term of office as trustee of the Village Institute ends in December, so her re-election should be an agenda item next month.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.