

# Girton Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th June, 2013 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton, at 7.30 p.m.**

To: Councillors de Lacey, Cockley, Bromwich, Clift, Garner, Godby, Gordon, Hiley, Noble, Simpson, Taylor, Thorrold, Westley and Williams.

*Residents in the parish were invited to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 13/77.1*

**Present:** Cllrs: Williams (Chairman), Clift, Cockley, Garner, Gordon, Hiley, Noble, Simpson, Taylor, Thorrold, Westley

Cllr T Bygott (SCDC) (until end of item 13/77.3), Cllr J Reynolds (CCC) (from item 13/81.1 to 13/82)

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

**13/74 Welcome from the Chairman** Cllr Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting in Cllr de Lacey's absence.

**13/75 Apologies and reasons for absence** Cllrs Bromwich, de Lacey, and Westley and PCSO Mani had sent apologies, and Cllr Reynolds apologised for his late arrival due to attendance at another meeting.

**13/76 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda**

**13/77 Public Participation session on agenda items & matters of mutual interest:**

1. Members of the Public. There were no members of the public present.
2. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*) This item was moved to later in the meeting.
3. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) There were no questions arising from Cllr de Lacey's report. Cllr Bygott spoke about the Local Plan. SCDC are in the process of developing the new Local Plan and the public consultation period will be from 19th July – 30th September. The travelling roadshow about the consultation will be at Bar Hill Village Hall on 29th July, and Histon and Impington Recreation Ground on 5th September. Two locations in Girton which were previously suggested for development have now been ruled unsuitable. The new Local Plan proposes to designate Girton as a 'minor rural centre'.

Cllr Bygott then spoke about the Community Right to Challenge. Under the Localism Act 2011, from June to July, local charities, voluntary bodies and town and parish councils can express interest to run SCDC activities.

Regarding Connecting Cambridgeshire broadband, it is not known when Girton will be added.

Cllr Bygott has a meeting with Roger Taylor of the NW Cambridge Development, in early July.

Members noted that the designation Minor Rural Centre involved a significant change in status. Cllr Bygott left the meeting at this point.

4. Police Report (E-Cops) (*Appendix C*) Cllr Williams has consulted PCSO Mani about street traders, who need to show identification and have a Pedlar's Certificate to trade. Regarding the spate of graffiti in the village, photographs of graffiti should be taken before it is removed as this may help the police to prosecute.

**13/78 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council's Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May, 2013** (previously circulated). The Minutes were proposed as a

true record of the meeting by Cllr Godby, seconded by Cllr Thorrold and approved with one abstention.

**13/79 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)**

13/61 SCDC have been notified of the vacancy on the Parish Council and the process put in train for appointing a new councillor.

13/68.9 A contractor to source and fit the Recreation Ground water pump has been appointed and hopes to complete the job within the next fortnight.

13/68.10 The Council's letter has been sent to the Chief Executive of SCDC regarding the outstanding sum owed by Taylor Wimpey.

13/69.4 The letter of appointment has been sent to the new Internal Auditor.

Noted by the Council.

The Council will send a letter of thanks to Professor Martin for his time as a parish councillor – his decision to step down is a real loss to the Council.

**13/80 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council**

1. To approve Committee Chairs for the Finance Committee, Planning and Resources Committee and Planning Committee.

Cllr Williams proposed Cllr Hiley be reappointed as Chair of the Finance Committee, seconded by Cllr Taylor, and approved unanimously.

Cllr Godby proposed Cllr Hiley be appointed as Chair of the Planning and Resources Committee, seconded by Cllr Thorrold, and approved with one abstention.

Cllr Williams proposed Cllr Taylor be reappointed as Chair of the Planning Committee, seconded by Cllr Noble and approved unanimously.

2. In the light of South Cambridgeshire District Council's decision to change the charging structure for trade waste collections from an annual fee to a per collection basis, to approve the reduction of trade waste collection from weekly to once a fortnight.

Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Godby. It was decided to ask if special one-off collections could be made for events like Girton Feast, and to ask how much this would cost. The item was postponed to the July meeting, when this information should be available.

3. To approve a fee of £50 to the Feast committee for all use of the Pavilion and Recreation Ground for various activities during Girton Feast Week

Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Simpson, and approved unanimously.

4. To approve the purchase and fitting of a security alarm to the double doors at the Recreation Ground Pavilion (*Appendix D*)

Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Noble. It was queried how this would prevent incidents in which the doors were left unlocked by hall users, compromising the security of the building. The Council would need quotations for the cost of supply and fitting, rather than just supply, before considering the purchase of such an alarm.

5. That the Council empowers the chairs of the Wellbrook Way Development Committee and the Bowling Green Committee in consultation with the Town Charity's architect, the bowls green contractor and the services suppliers, to make the decision on how services should be brought into the point of service at Wellbrook Way, and instruct the providers accordingly.

Proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Thorrold. Approved with one abstention.

6. That Girton Parish Council give a donation of £50 from Section 137 monies, towards the Girton Feast 2013 (*Appendix E*) Proposed by Cllr Noble, seconded by Cllr Godby.

Cllr Taylor proposed an amended motion that 'Girton Parish Council supports the activities of Girton Feast but feel a request for money should be made at a later date when accounts are completed'. The amended motion was seconded by Cllr Gordon and approved with one abstention.-

Cllr Reynolds joined the meeting at this point.

**13/81 Finance and Resource Management**

1. To approve payments for the previous month

Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Garner. Approved with one abstention.

2. To approve the balance sheet (*Appendix F*)

Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Godby. Approved with one abstention.  
3. To receive the Finance Report from 1st April 2013 to date (*Appendix G*)  
Received by the Council.  
4. To receive and approve the Annual Return (*previously circulated, plus correspondence item 13/82.6*)  
Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Garner. Approved unanimously.

**13/82 Correspondence (to be received)**

1. 20 May: Correspondence regarding speeding motorists and traffic calming
  2. 21 May: Correspondence about footpaths on Girton Road
  3. 24 May: Concerns about speeding traffic on Girton Road
  4. 24 May: Correspondence regarding RTPI displays at bus-stops
  5. 25 May: Correspondence regarding possible cycle path and footpath linking Darwin Green with Wellbrook Way.
  6. 30 May: Correspondence regarding submission of Annual Return to External Auditor
  7. 1 June: CPRE Cambs and Peterborough Annual Report 2012-13
  8. 4 June: Correspondence about overhanging foliage on footpath from Woody Green
  9. 10 June: Change of address for CPALC Office
  10. 11 June: Correspondence about planters, and footpaths on Girton Road
- Received by the Council. Regarding the 20 mph speed limit question, it was suggested that a motion could be brought at a subsequent meeting for the police to undertake surveys at different points in the village.

**13/77.2 County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*)**

Cllr Reynolds has been asked about a 20 mph speed limit in Girton, and there would be objections from bus companies. Regarding enforcement of 30 mph speed limit on Huntingdon Road, there is a police survey for three months and Cllr Reynolds has written to the bus companies to see if this has an impact on speeding, and has spoken to the police about enforcement action to be taken on speeding motorists. Cllr Reynolds also spoke of some parishes having speed limit reminder signs on dustbins. SCDC street lights are not being changed but all County Council lights will be changed – the works on Huntingdon Road will take another month to complete. The Parish Council will be given chance to meet with the contractors prior to lighting works being carried out in Girton.

Cllr Reynolds left the meeting at this point.

**13/83 To receive reports**

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix H*). There were no questions raised on receipt of Cllr de Lacey's report.
2. Girton Town Charity. The Trustees are holding the annual strategy meeting in July, and will be looking at the WI Hall site as a possible site for almshouses. There has been a steady rise in requests for help with financial problems. Regarding the new community building, outline planning permission is being sought. The footprint of the building will be entirely on the land offered to the community by SCDC.
3. Girton Youth Project. There are lots of activities lined up for the summer holiday period.
4. Footpaths. No report this month.
5. Bowling Green Committee. Steady progress is being made with the construction of the bowls green, and it will be good to get the Bowls Club Committee going with the inaugural meeting on 20th July. The Committee are eager to involve the Bowls Club in maintenance, to reduce dependency on parish funds. It is hoped that bowling may be able to take place by the end of the year.
6. Wellbrook Way Development Committee. Amendments have been made to the Bowls Green drawings.

**13/84 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes**

1. Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting of 8th April, 2013 (previously circulated)
  2. Planning Committee Meetings of 15th May and 6th June (previously circulated)
- Received by the Council.

**13/85 Matters raised by Members (for information only)**

Girton Town Charity will check with lawyers regarding the 30cm ransom strip at Wellbrook Way.

A hedge on Oakington Road is overgrowing the footpath and the owner should be contacted.

Concern was expressed regarding the provision of community facilities being on the city side and issues with schooling on the NW Cambridge and Darwin Green developments. The Council needs to urge SCDC officers to stand up for Girton and Histon & Impington in negotiations.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm