

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th February, 2017 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton, at 7.30 p.m.

Residents in the parish were invited to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 17/16.1

Present: (Cllrs) H Williams (Chairman), Buckler, Bygott, Dashwood, Godby, Griffin, Kettle, Taylor, Thorrold, Whittle.

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

- 17/13 Welcome from the Chairman** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman announced that Mrs J Scrine, a former Chair of the Parish Council, had died and the Council extended their condolences to Mrs Scrine's family. Mrs L Miller will represent the Parish Council at the funeral in Oxfordshire.
- 17/14 Apologies and reasons for absence** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs de Lacey and L Williams, and from County Councillor Harford, and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.
- 17/15 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** None.
- 17/16 Public Participation session on agenda items and 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 Harford is looking into the suspension of the bus stop at Cambridge Crematorium, with Stagecoach and Cambs Highways assessing health and safety aspects for buses stopping.
 3. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) Cllr Bygott commented that with the new bin-days change, it will be three weeks until the next black bin collection. He reported on the JDCC meeting held on 15th February, at which the signage for Sainsbury's on Huntingdon Road was approved for 18 months. It was questioned why the store was named on the signage, rather than just 'superstore'. The City Deal is coming under increasing criticism. Cllr Bygott suggests a system for combining train fares and bus fares, similar to London's Oyster Card. There have been large demonstrations regarding the threatened trees on Milton Road and St Neots Road. Cllr Bygott is working on an East West Rail Link from Ipswich and has the support of mayoral candidates and MPs. Cllr Bygott is meeting Cambridge Connect on 20th February regarding his plans to make the line £400m cheaper with platforms inside the tunnel. Cambridge could be the blueprint for saving Cross Rail Two. The Chairman wished Cllr Bygott well with his plans.
 4. Police Report (*Appendix C*) Residents on Church Lane and High Street have been pestered by a roofing repairer and told to ring the police on 101 if this happens again. The Police event at Wellbrook Way was sadly poorly attended as not advertised widely enough or sufficiently far in advance.
- 17/17 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th January, 2017.** The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Buckler, and approved unanimously.
- 17/18 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)**
17/07.1 Girton Parish Council's precept request has been submitted to South Cambs District Council.
Noted by the Council.

17/19 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

1. To approve a new fees structure for Pavilion and sports facilities users for the financial year 2017-18 (*Appendix D*). A 2% rise has been rounded up to the nearest 5p or 10p. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Whittle and approved unanimously.
2. To approve a contractor to replace the damaged post and rail fencing at Mayfield Triangle (*Appendix E*). Cllr Griffin proposed that Honeybees Fencing be contracted subject to confirmation that posts are to be concreted in. Seconded by Cllr Bygott. Approved unanimously.
3. To approve wider advertising of the post of Finance Officer. No applications for the post have been received. The County Council has a weekly email of jobs and Cllr Taylor agreed to enquire about this. The Chairman proposed that an advertisement be placed with CAPALC, seconded by Cllr Griffin and approved unanimously.
4. To approve parking awareness posters at designated locations in the village. The Chairman has received a resident's complaint regarding parking. Cllr L Williams and the Chairman had sent suggested posters to be put in the Post Office, public houses and Village Institute. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Godby. Approved with one vote against.
5. To approve placing a notice in the bus shelter by the Recreation Ground Car Park to ask for residents' views on its replacement. Girton Town Charity are holding a public meeting about the bus shelter on 10th March, and the Parish Council wish to consult the public beforehand. The Chairman is meeting with architect Tim Brading and GTC on 17th February. A notice asking for comments to be sent to the Parish Council will be put in the bus shelter. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bygott and approved with one vote against.
6. To approve a contractor to undertake maintenance of hedges at Girton Recreation Ground over a three-year rolling programme of works (*Appendix F*). The Groundsman has been consulted and is happy with Mark Drew's previous work. MD Contracting was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Bygott and approved unanimously.

17/20 Finance and Resource Management

1. To receive the payments schedule for the past month (*Appendix G*). The payments had previously been checked by Cllr Godby. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Griffin, and approved unanimously.

17/21 Correspondence (to be received)

17/22 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix H*)
2. Girton Town Charity. No report this month.
3. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix I*) Cllr Taylor is to ask GYP for a costed proposal for their graffiti wall.
4. Footpaths (*Appendix J*) The Footpaths Officer was thanked for her report. It was queried if road planings could be used on muddy footpaths.
5. Water Management. The sheet piling done very badly last May has now begun to fail. There has been no response from the Environment Agency regarding the decking at Fairway. Cllrs Whittle and Bygott are to arrange a meeting regarding the Oakington Road bridge.

17/23 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes

1. Environment Committee Meeting of 18th January, 2017
 2. Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting of 18th January, 2017
- Received by the Council.

17/24 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting

The removal and replacement of the bus shelter by the Recreation Ground Car Park. Grass verges are being obliterated by vehicles, and an item is to be put in Girton Parish News.
Cambridgeshire Highways are to be approached regarding deepening potholes.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

APPENDIX A

Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report to Parish Councils

February 2017

I have delayed writing February's report until after yesterday's meeting of the County Council so that I could report to you on the budget debate. You will recall that last year there was much political divergence such that the meeting lasted for the best part of 12 hours before marginal consensus was reached. This year we were better prepared for a long meeting and started 3 hours earlier than usual at 10.30am. Whilst consensus was arrived at more quickly than last year, within 6 hours this time, it was again extremely marginal. The opening position was the assumption that last year's 2% levy for Adult Social Care would be maintained. To this was added a number of proposals for amendment ranging from levying absolutely nothing to the other extreme of opting for the full amount that government would allow: 4.99% [1.99% on Council Tax plus 3% for Adult Social Care]. The final decision was to maintain the status quo and levy only the 2% for Adult Social Care as last year. However, one of the amendments [the one that finally succeeded] acknowledged the £932K funding gap in the 2017/18 budget and proposed to address this through the use of the Minimum Reserve Provision [MRP] - funding which otherwise would have been transferred to the Transformation Fund. This proposal also allows for the Council to address the concerns of residents and provide [a] the resource to work up a number of highways improvement schemes - particularly to deal with traffic pinch points and improve the quality of roads and footpaths and [b] invest in mental health services. In balancing the budget consideration has to be given to both ensuring the Council's ability to provide the services its residents expect and deserve and how much of that resource the Council can expect its residents to supply via taxation. The budget that the Council has now agreed takes both of these factors into account. I have tried over recent months to give you an awareness of the of the Council's Transformation Programme. There is no doubt that, having recognised the need to change the way it works, the Council has been striving to achieve this transformation. It is not something that can be achieved overnight and much work remains to be done but it has already made progress. It is already saving money by sharing a Chief Executive and, more recently, a Director of Children's, Young People's and Adults' Services. It has become evident that the benefits of sharing these role holders are not restricted to finance but also extend to a change of ethos. There is a greater sense of energy to achieve the change that will undoubtedly provide for better use of resources and, whilst much reliance is being placed on the Council's ability to transform to provide financial benefits, there is almost universal support from councillors for the overall improvements that the Transformation Programme is designed to provide. So, whilst there may have been evidence of divergence yesterday, generally the Council is united in the way it has chosen to respond to the challenges with which it is presented. This was evidenced through the contributions of many of the councillors to yesterday's debate.

For full details of the agenda, etc. please go to the council website, select "your council/council meetings/full schedule of upcoming meetings" and click on 14 February Council Meeting. Apologies but for some reason Bitlink refuses to create a short link. Further change will undoubtedly come through Devolution. The shadow Combined Authority [CA] Board met again on 31 January. Following the decision of the Leader of the County Council to stand down from his position as Chairman of the shadow CA Board, the Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council was appointed in that role. The Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council retains his role on the CA as Cabinet Member for Housing. The progress report that was presented to the meeting confirmed that the Order to form the CA would be signed by the Minister on 13 March 2017 and the CA will be fully constituted on 14 March 2017 with its first full meeting scheduled for 22nd March 2017. Appointment of the Returning Officer was made and the names of some of the members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee were also advised. Some Councils have still to ratify their nominees at their respective council meetings. Members of the CA Board were informed that the advert for a Scrutiny Officer is to be published imminently and that a workshop is planned for appointed Members in February

in order to enable scrutiny to commence when the CA is constituted formally in March. The Shadow Board also considered the process for the appointment of at least one independent person to the Audit and Governance Committee. It was noted that the other members of the committee would be appointed later by the CA and that the committee will provide the necessary checks and balances to the CA.

Arrangements to engage an Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations to the CA for the remuneration of the elected Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough were also discussed. The Board resolved to instruct the interim Monitoring Officer to convene an Independent Remuneration Panel taken from independent members across the geography of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Full details: bit.ly/2lK9gf3

More locally please be assured that I am continuing to deal with issues that have been brought to my attention and particularly with regard to the concerns raised in respect of the following:

Safety of access to the University Primary School

Cessation of 95 bus service and the inadequacy of the alternative

Suspension of the bus stop at Cambridge Crematorium

I will update you as progress is made in respect of these matters.

As always I welcome your questions and comments on the foregoing and any other local or strategic matter in which you have an interest.

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APPENDIX B

i) Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey

13. 2. 2017

You will have noticed that our waste bin collection service has been reorganised. We have combined with the City to produce a service which should be more efficient and save the Councils £200K pa. No doubt there will be teething problems but please bear with us, and report to me any problems you have.

The rubbish bin at the Girton Corner bus shelter should have been replaced months ago and I was surprised to discover that this has still not happened. I am hoping that by the time you read this it will have been. County officers are also working on moving the old shelter at Thornton Road to opposite the allotments and I have asked for this to be speeded up.

Our concern to control unwanted applications from developers has been dealt another blow: the Inspector has overruled our refusal of a 55 dwelling development in Over. Once again our failure to demonstrate a 5 year housing supply is the key issue, and this can only encourage other speculative developers. Our political leaders seem incapable of taking any lead in grasping this nettle: it is in developers' interests to keep the supply down and use government targets as a tool to gain more approvals.

You may have seen a press release announcing the appointment of a new Chief Executive for the City Deal. This follows a highly critical report on the structure and functioning of the Deal. Our Independent Group remains entirely unrepresented in the City Deal organisation, but the report now amply justifies my concerns. It highlights a large number of problems including in particular the need for more robust governance and a lack of vision. It is scathing about the Deal's project management. Now it is in the open it will be critical to assess the Board's response.

Meanwhile I have written to the Vice-Chairman of the City Deal Board, objecting to the suggestion that a Workplace Levy scheme should include the southern part of Girton. My objection is now firmly in the documentation.

The chairman of the licensing committee has written to all Members concerning media claims that taxi drivers with serious convictions, including murderers and sex offenders, have been granted licences by South Cambs DC. He wishes to assure us that 'There is absolutely no truth in these claims'.

I have been approached by a company making a TV show for the BBC looking into repairing beloved and interesting possessions for people who would like to see them restored to their original working order. In particular they would like to feature items which have a community value. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

Douglas de Lacey

ii) District Councillor's Report – Cllr Tom Bygott

Bin Collection dates are changing

Girton's bin collection day is moving to Thursday.

The last regular Tuesday collection will be on Tuesday 21 February 2017 for the blue bin and paper caddy.

The blue and green bins and the paper caddy will be collected on Thursday 2nd March, and the black bin on Thursday 9th March. They will then alternate each Thursday.

Bin dates are always published in the centre spread of the South Cambs magazine – it's a good idea to cut this section out and attach it to your kitchen wall or fridge.

Information can also be found at any time on the Council's website at

www.scambs.gov.uk/binsearch.

The reason that this change is being made is that we now have a shared waste collection service between South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. This means that areas on either side of the District-City boundary can share the same collection round. The changes will allow the refuse lorries to travel approximately 20,000 fewer miles per year saving money and reducing traffic and emissions. It will also save £700,000 over three years. Cambridge City's recycling service is also slowly being brought up to the high standard set by the District, although the City Council hasn't yet caught up with our separate paper collection.

SCDC again votes against a Congestion Charge

Councillors in South Cambridgeshire have reaffirmed that a congestion charge is not the answer to solve transport problems in and around Cambridge.

A motion backed by councillors at a Full Council meeting of SCDC saw the authority reiterate its opposition to a congestion charge, on grounds that it would selectively penalise those residents in South Cambridgeshire who currently have no realistic alternative to using the car. I voted against a charge and spoke about the parking chaos it would do in Girton as the boundary would likely cut the village in half. I am also opposed to the idea that village residents should be charged for not using public transport while the quality of our transport is so poor.

The City Deal make more mistakes

Last year there were major public protests against plans to cut all the trees down along Histon and Milton Roads for bus lanes, and also against the unpopular guided busway to Cambourne. In November, the City Deal announced that it had invested, or some might say wasted, £50,000 into research for a "bullet bus".

<http://tinyurl.com/bulletbus>

This would involve fitting the existing guided busway with a laser guidance system to allow buses to travel up to 120mph. Unless they are also planning to fence the busway off and close all its level crossings, this has the potential to be absolutely lethal. Trams can run at that speed because they use electricity, but buses use outdated diesel engines that are not designed to travel that fast without loud noise, harsh vibration and extremely poor fuel economy.

The bullet bus is also designed to solve the wrong problem. Buses can travel from Oakington to the Science Park in seven minutes, but take almost forever to get into Drummer Street or the Station. It is the use of buses in the city centre, caught up with all the traffic, that is the problem. Recent research proving the link between diesel engines and Alzheimer's Disease <http://tinyurl.com/dieselalz> makes the switch to electric forms of transport even more urgent.

Cllr Tom Bygott

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APPENDIX C

Police Report for January/February 2017

Date occurred: 16/01/2017 19:00 - 17/01/2017 10:30

Location: Girton College, Huntingdon Road

Description: Unknown offenders have stolen a gents Giant pedal cycle from offence location.

On the 25th of January approx. 11:10hrs, a theft from a dwelling took place in High Street, Girton. Whilst suspect was carrying out work in the property, he has entered a bedroom without permission and taken £100 in cash.

Date Occurred: 12/02/2017 between 10:20 and 12:15

Location: Manor Farm, Girton

Description: Unknown offender/s have smashed passenger near side vehicle window and taken a bag from within.

APPENDIX D

GIRTON FACILITY FEES FOR 2017/2018

	2016/17	2017/18
<u>Hall</u>		
Bridge Clubs	41.50	42.30
Tang Soo Do, Bobtail Toddler Group, Yoga Class, Fitness Class, Pilates, Slimming per hour	14.75	15.00
Classes, Table Tennis, Youth Club, Children's parties, Meetings, Functions per hour	19.20	19.60
Ballet Class per hour	32.00	32.65
Barre Class	14.75	15.00
Girton Glebe School	14.90	15.20
External/Commercial per hour	25.50	25.75
Exclusive use of Rec. and Pavilion per half day Peak	190.00	195.00
Exclusive use of Rec. and Pavilion per half day Off-peak	155.00	160.00
Exclusive use of Rec. and Pavilion per half day Peak Youth event	92.15	94.00
Exclusive use of Rec. and Pavilion per half day Off-peak Youth event	69.20	70.60
Exclusive use of Rec. and Pavilion per half day External/Commercial	270.00	275.00
Storage cupboard per month x1	3.70	3.80
Storage cupboard per month x2	7.10	7.60
Storage cupboard per month x3	10.35	11.40

PITCHES

	2016/17	2017/18
<u>Football</u>		
Girton Senior Mens and all Ladies Teams	34.85	35.55

Girton Colts (12 to 17)	17.40	17.75
Girton Colts (8 to 11)	9.35	9.55
Girton Glebe School	9.35	9.55
All external	45.00	46.00

Cricket

Girton Senior afternoon	71.45	73.00
Girton Senior evening	35.85	36.50
Girton Junior afternoon/evening	35.85	36.60
External afternoon	94.50	96.40
External evening	47.25	48.20

MUGA

Girton Colts (12 to 17)	15.30	15.60
Girton Colts (8 to 11)	8.85	9.00
Girton Glebe School	8.80	9.00
Girton Seniors 5 a side, Cambridge Rangers (Ladies)	25.80	26.30
Histon Hornets under 11's	15.70	16.00
Histon Hornets under 15's	20.20	20.60
External peak	37.90	38.70
External off peak	24.80	25.30

2016/17 **2017/18**

10 Acre Field

Histon FC Training per session	33.00	33.70
Histon FC per match	45.00	46.00

Tennis

Tennis Club annual Fee including occasional use of MUGA	20.65	21.00
Tennis Club, donation for use of MUGA	0	?
Tennis Club use of room @ 12 x 2.85	33.60	34.20
Cambridge Academy of English annual fee	775.00	800.00
Girton Glebe School	7.30	7.45
YMCA per hour	14.60	14.90
Adult per hour Peak	13.65	13.90
Adult per hour off peak	7.10	7.25
External/Commercial	26.70	27.30

Netball

All use per hour	13.50	13.90
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APPENDIX E

Quotations received for replacement knee-high post and rail fencing at Mayfield Triangle

Dirk Russell £1550 (no VAT)

Lee Honeybourne £1169

APPENDIX F

Quotations received for three year contract for hedge cutting at Girton Recreation Ground

Mark Drew, MD Contracting - £695 per annum

CGM - £300 per day rate

Another contractor had been approached but chose not to quote.

APPENDIX G
Payments Schedule for February 2017

Girton Parish Council

2017-02-01

Current Account 61498334 /

General Parish Expenses

Date	Chq No	Payee	Expense Description	Net	VAT	Cheque Total
15/02/17	104393	CMR Wilson	Salary	£896.52		£896.52
15/02/17	104394	Linda Miller	Salary	£683.61		£683.61
15/02/17	104395	Norman Lewell	Salary	£241.46		£241.46
15/02/17	104396	Susan Cumming	Salary	£997.23		£997.23
15/02/17	104397	HMRC	Income Tax and National Insurance	£380.32		£380.32
15/02/17	104398	Linda Miller	Expenses: stamps, wall planner, envelopes	£27.68		£27.68
15/02/17	104399	CMR Wilson	Expenses: Ironmongery, petrol, roller chain	£105.56		£105.56
15/02/17	104400	Cambridgeshire County Council	Street Lighting Energy for Girton Parish Council	£1,232.61		£1,232.61
15/02/17	104401	PAC Electrical Services Ltd (t/a PA Collacott & Co)	Electrical inspection at Girton Pavilion	£315.00	£63.00	£378.00
15/02/17	104402	Mythic Beasts Ltd	Web hosting services for Parish Office	£17.88	£3.58	£21.46
15/02/17	104403	CGM Group East Anglia Ltd	Vertidrainage at Girton Recreation Ground	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
15/02/17	104404	John Pollard & Son Site and Maintenance Services	Supply and fitting of metal CCTV bracket	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00
15/02/17	104405	Avocet Cleaning Services Ltd	Pavilion cleaning services	£457.00	£91.40	£548.40
15/02/17	104406	Altrad Beaver 84 Ltd	Fencing hire at Wellbrook Way	£215.16	£43.04	£258.20
15/02/17	104407	Cromwell Fire Ltd	Fire Extinguishers Service Charge	£97.82	£19.56	£117.38
15/02/17	104408	A to Z Educational Supplies	Mophead and bucket	£15.24	£3.05	£18.29
15/02/17	104409	Cotton Hall Foundation	Meeting room hire 09/01/17	£12.50		£12.50
15/02/17	104410	British Gas	Electricity charges for Pavilion	£2,611.42	£522.28	£3,128.05
15/02/17	104411	British Gas	Electricity charges for Bowls Green	£41.99	£2.06	£44.05
15/02/17	104412	British Telecommunications plc	Broadband services at Pavilion	£250.80	£130.80	£381.60
15/02/17	104413	British Telecommunications plc	Telephone services at Pavilion			£519.91
						£10,442.83

APPENDIX H
Chairman's Report
9th February 2017

Following a useful lead from Cllr Godby, our Clerk has contacted an accountant who has agreed to work on our accounts in readiness for year end. No further interest in the vacant FO position has been notified but given that, as I write, the February edition of GPN has not yet appeared this is maybe not too surprising. We will need to consider advertising the position more widely.

Following a complaint about an incident of parking in Dodford Lane blocking access by a large delivery vehicle, it seems we have a choice between covering the village in unsightly yellow lines at considerable cost, or perhaps pursuing a program of user education. I propose that we develop suitable posters for display in publicly accessible premises where visitors may be the offenders. These could also be displayed on the streets too. A draft of a possible design will be circulated for discussion at our February meeting.

The Girton Town Charity is publishing a report on their plans for the churchyard boundary and bus shelter in February's GPN. Unfortunately this was not shared with us before submission so I was not able to have it clarified that the PC has not yet agreed to the movement and replacement of the shelter and will not do so until the village has had an opportunity to give its view.

Discussions with our architect on the detailed specification of the new car park, has thrown up more questions and a further meeting with GTC is being arranged to finalise details.

Lengthy correspondence with The Bowls Club who wish to amend our agreement on maintenance of the Bowls Green to bring in a third party contractor, continues. After discussion with our grounds man it is not at all clear to me why we should agree to this and am resisting any such change.

Our solicitor reports no progress on the transfer of the Wellbrook Way green space from the PC to GTC and has promised to chase it up.

I recently attended a feedback session on the consultation process relating to the A14 upgrade planning process. This was held by a researcher from UCL who is writing a report on consultation effectiveness

of large engineering projects. While it was meant to be attended by all interested parties I was the only Parish Councillor there along with two representatives of cycling/travel improvement groups and a resident of Buckden! Our tale of a totally deaf Highways England was mirrored by all present and I hope this comes through clearly in their report.

Following last month's presentation by SCDC on Neighbourhood Planning we now have 4 or possibly 5 volunteers to work on this. I have approached GTC to ask if they would like to be represented and if anyone has ideas on other groups who should have a voice please bring them forward. No Parish Councillors have yet volunteered, but I think it would be good to have at least one councillor in the group. Any offers?

Haydn Williams

APPENDIX I

Summary of Girton Youth Project Report – January 2017

January has been a consistent month regarding numbers of attendance, with lots of regular members attending in both groups.

Mondays sessions have differed quite significantly in the games we have been playing compared to the previous month, where more of the members have decided to stay indoors, leaving the die hard outdoorsmen to carry on outside introducing a few new games, and twists on the main ones.

Indoors has seen a lot of hide and seek, IT and sardines with the dark rooms, and many of the groups of friends having been messing around and socialising doing their own games with whatever is around them.

Meanwhile outdoors we have been trying to experiment with different variations of games each week, on the most popular ones such as man hunt, like using the dark to change the way the kids employ tactics, by changing chasing to lighting up with torches, and using set zones of the outdoor areas to have different rules and make the hiding more difficult, due to less total players. The members who have been keen to go outside have been putting forward a lot of fresh ideas for games, and because of the smaller groups, these games are really easy to get into and play properly with some great opportunities for teamwork and strategy! I think we might have found a new favourite with some of the outdoors groups, with 'Ghosts', where they're all on edge trying to find the volunteers in one spot before running for safety, but the volunteers are often too good at hiding and we get blamed for not giving up their position!

We haven't managed to make it out onto the field a great deal with the Thursday groups, with cold weather and chilled out teenagers often preferring to stay indoors and get creative with anything we can find to make a game or a laugh. We setup a small 'winter olympics' challenge where small teams went head to head in lots of different unique games and challenges that no one had played before! It was great fun and even managed to break out the competitive spirit of some using just some balloons. I hope we can carry this on occasionally with new challenges each time and find the ones that really go down well. During the evenings there has also been a lot of big multiplayer games in the xbox and wii room, breaking out old classic games and teaming up. With spring approaching and the days getting longer the Frisbee field will soon be knocking on the door!

APPENDIX J

Footpaths Officer's Report – Winter 2017

FP No	Location	Length (m)	Type	Remarks	Action	Next Review
1	E of Manor Farm	320	Tarmac and grass	No close vegetation. Partly through set aside area which farmer had mown. Clear path. Direct route to Impington. No access to cyclists. Popular with dog walkers.		6 mths
2	W of Oakington Rd	30		Unable to find		
3	Connects Church Lane with High St	150	Tarmac	Clear path		Spring
4	Connects Woody Green with A1307	1300	Tarmac	No maintenance need but brambles are likely to grow again in the spring. Motorway footbridge was clear. Woody Green end of path has been cleared by contractors. Popular with dog walkers. Can be cycled.		Spring

5	Connects underpass of M11 with A1307	420	Concrete	Path clear of vegetation. Wranglers path has not existed for a long time. Underpass always has puddles but can be skirted by keeping to sides. The path is rippled concrete but care needs to be taken in icy weather.		Spring
7	Connects The Avenue with the base of A14 embankment	400	Path across field of wheat	Path was clear across wheatfield.		Spring
8	Connects Little Shrubs with The Avenue	980	Path through fields of oil seed rape	No work needed		Spring
10	Runs along SE Parish boundary connecting FP48 with FP to Impington	200	90m gravel then earth	Was cut back by contractors. It is very muddy and so hazardous for the cyclists who use it.	Needs gravel. One path had had gravel laid by probation service. Can this be done again?	Spring
11	Connects with Huntingdon Rd A1307 with Bandon Road	23	Tarmac	Adequate surface. No intruding vegetation.		Spring
12	Connects St Margaret's Rd with Thornton Rd	90	Tarmac	Only a little trimming needed.		Spring

Girton Footpaths – 08/02/17

Summary: Areas greatly improved by contractors

Area of concern: Track from end of road which goes past Hotel Felix and NIAB. Short path with vegetation both sides. This is used by cyclists and dog walkers. It is very muddy in winter.

Question: Is the Parish responsible for the path that goes along the river towards Histon from the bridge in Oakington Road? It is on the edge of the parish boundary.

Corinne Garvie