

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th August, 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 17/96.1

Present: (Cllrs) H Williams (Chairman), Buckler, Bygott, Dashwood, de Lacey, Godby, Griffin, Whittle, L Williams.

Cllr L Harford (Cambs County Council)

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

17/93 Welcome from the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17/94 Apologies and reasons for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Kettle, Taylor and Thorold and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence. The Clerk agreed to enquire about Cllr Taylor's health.

17/95 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda. Cllr Bygott declared a personal interest as the former landlord of the financial contractor.

17/96 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. Cllr Harford gave a verbal report highlighting the consultation on Children's Centres. Girton is served by the centre at Histon, recommendations for which are that most services will continue through outreach and a small part of the Histon Centre to be retained for administration. Cllr Harford is concerned how much outreach goes on in Girton and that a good level needs to be maintained. Cllr Harford reported that the government has given additional funding for pot-holes, which could be up to £1.4m. Cllr Harford has spoken to the Local Highways Officer highlighting that road-surface improvements to the rest of Girton Road are scheduled for next year and the speed tables should be given attention. Cllr Harford has reduced the number of committees on which she serves to focus on what's important in her division this year. Resurfacing of Bandon Road is to be put forward for next year's budget. The cost-effectiveness of the dropped kerb on Oakington Road requested by a resident has been questioned.

3. District Councillors' Reports. Cllr Bygott spoke about issues in Bandon Road. He's heard back from the Enforcement Officer and SCDC are going to press for an enforcement notice following broken conditions of the planning application for deliveries' times and complaints regarding the siting of the Site Office and toilet. It was queried whether the developer should pay a contribution towards the resurfacing of Bandon Road. This shouldn't be done until the building works have finished. The Bandon Road drains are going to be jetted to ascertain the extent of the collapse, with works commencing on 21st August. Cllr Bygott is to consult regarding the change of use for a garage being used as accommodation in Girton Road.

Cllr de Lacey had accompanied the Enforcement Officer to Bandon Road. The developers have ordered a proper sign. Cllr de Lacey will chase for enforcement on the caravan on Histon Road which has been there six months or so.

4.. Police Report (*Appendix A*) There has been a spate of burglaries in the village. A resident burgled in daylight has suggested that it is safer to have a car parked in the drive.

17/97 Finance and Resource Management

1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (*Appendix B*) The payments schedule was approved unanimously.

17/98 To receive reports

1. Chairman's report. The position with the Finance Contractor is still unclear and more detail and clarity is needed on the invoices submitted.
2. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix C*) Received by the Council.
3. Footpaths (*Appendix D*) Dovehouse Close is almost impossible to walk past because of overgrown hedges. Woodland Trust may be able to help with the query regarding the track at the back of Churchfield Court.

17/99 Items for future meetings

There has been a complaint about gravel in the Wellbrook Way play area. A weekly survey of play areas is needed.

The GTC Sensory Garden will open on 4th September.

Anonymous messages are not helpful for us, and this should be mentioned in the Girton Parish News.

Neighbour disputes in Wellbrook Way have led to a diary of events being kept by residents.

Manor Farm tenancy is changing hands and may lead to a change of use.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

**APPENDIX A
Police Report for July/August 2017**

CF0409860717

THEFT (Girton Road, Girton)

17/07/2017 20:30 - 18/07/2017 19:00

Polytunnel located at allotments has been entered and old Mountfield lawn mower stolen from inside.

CF0422700717

BURGLARY BUSINESS (Wellbrook Way, Girton)

22/07/2017 17:50 - 22/07/2017 17:57

Offenders have entered building site and stolen power tools.

CF0444240817

BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL (Thornton Close, Girton)

03/08/2017 08:30 - 03/08/2017 19:00

Offenders have climbed side gate into side footpath to rear garden. The side fixed pane window to ground floor toilet smashed, and entry gained, items taken.

CF0444370817

BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL (Thornton Close, Girton)

03/08/2017 20:50 - 03/08/2017 20:50

Offenders have gained entry via rear kitchen window, untidy search carried out.

CF0444590817

BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL (Thornton Close, Girton)

02/08/2017 12:00 - 03/08/2017 21:30

Rear ground floor window smashed and patio door opened, search made, jewellery taken.

CF0453560817

BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL (Girton Road, Girton)

08/08/2017 10:30 - 08/08/2017 11:00

The perpetrators have smashed the glass of the kitchen window to gain entry to the address. They have conducted an untidy search of the address and taken cash.

APPENDIX B: Payments Schedule for August 2017 (separate document)

**APPENDIX C
Summary of Girton Youth Project Report for July 2017**

Again this month has been blessed with good weather, meaning that we have diverted a little from the 'what's on' schedule, as a team we feel whilst it is important to implement structure equally we should be flexible to meet the needs of the young people based on what they are likely to enjoy the most.

Man hunt remains a popular choice in the summer months, we have changed the rules slightly to avoid people being bored of playing (however, it does seem to be the choice of the masses) and added flags and time limits on each game. As we are really well staffed at this current time we have also offered other outdoor games such as football and ultimate Frisbee to be played simultaneously.

Thursday group had been a little disjointed this month, (as explained in the additional box) staff have spent a long time in talks with the young people about future plans, school and projects that we can help facilitate or support with. We did have an impromptu poker evening to end the school year off, where we offered light snacks, this was a great time for all of us staff and young people alike to reflect on the past year and looking forward to what is next.

At the beginning of the month Youth club took part at the Girton feast, we had six volunteers that will be attending the sailing trip come down on an extremely hot day and wash cars for the price of £3, whilst we may have only washed 17 cars this effort linked to our usually sweets and drinks stall, Henna and sumo suits, we raised around £250 which will be out towards our summer activity budget. It was great to see the young people help not only with the car washing and running of the stall, but also giving up their time the following day to help clean up the Rec. We are encouraging the young people at the youth project to respect their village and the opportunities that the village offer them.

APPENDIX D

Footpaths Officer's Report – July 2017

FP No	Location	Length	Type	Remarks	Action	Next Review
1	E of Manor Farm Rd	320	Tarmac & grass	No close vegetation. Partly through set aside area which farmer had mown. Clear path. Direct route to impington. No access to cycles. Popular with dog walkers.		Bernard Townsend to look after this
2	W of Oakington Rd	30		Unable to find		
3	Connects Church Lane with High St	150	Tarmac	Clear path		Autumn
4	Connects Woody Green with A1307	1300	Tarmac	Brambles have to be cut back regularly. Motorway footbridge was clear. Metal seat also needs to be cleared of brambles regularly.		Monthly during Summer
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 the side.		Once more in Summer
10	Runs along SE parish boundary connecting FP48 with FP to Impington	200	90m gravel then earth	Dry so no problems for cyclists nor walkers. Brambles need cutting back occasionally.	Needs gravel for when muddy in Winter	End of Summer
11	Connects Huntingdon Rd	23	Tarmac	Adequate surface. No intruding vegetation.		Autumn

	A1307 with Bandon Rd				
12	Connects St Margaret's Rd with Thornton Rd	90	Tarmac	Rather intrusive shrub at Thornton Rd end but beautiful so not cut back!	End of Summer
13	Connects Thornton Close with FP10/48	200	Gravel & earth	No intrusive vegetation, clear for walkers and cyclists.	End of Summer
14	Connects Dodford Lane with Northfield	80	Tarmac	I cut back the elder tree growing in hedge at Dodford Lane end. Householder remarked that verges had been cleared and wondered who had done it.	Once more in Summer
48	Runs along SE parish boundary between A1307 & FP10	480	Tarmac	A clear path	Once more in Summer
	To rear of Abbeyfield		Sand & gravel	Weeping willow at start of path needs cutting back and vegetation close to path had been cut.	Once more in Summer

Footpaths 25.07.17: Summary

No problems. Helpful to have Bernard Townsend to look after the far end of the village. Does the track across the field at the back of Churchfield belong to the parish?

Corinne Garvie