

# Girton Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton, at 7.00 p.m.**

*Residents in the parish were invited to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 18/107.1*

**Present:** (Cllrs) H Williams (Chairman), Cockley, de Lacey, Godby, Griffin, Thorrold.  
Cllr T Bygott (South Cambs District Council)

**In attendance:** S Cumming (Clerk)

**18/104 Welcome from the Chairman.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman reported the recent death of Bert Collacott, a former Chairman of Girton Parish Council. Cllrs Godby and Bygott spoke of Mr Collacott's continued interest in working for the good of the village and his involvement with the building of the new Pavilion. The Clerk will represent the Parish Council at the funeral on 27<sup>th</sup> September. A minute's silence was observed in Mr Collacott's memory.

**18/105 Apologies and Reasons for Absence.** Apologies had been received from Cllrs Buckler, Dashwood, Hickford, Kettle and County Councillor L Harford, and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman sent all best wishes to Cllr Hickford for a speedy recovery following his recent hospitalisation.

**18/106 Members' declarations for items on the agenda** None.

### **18/107 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*) The Clerk will forward any questions arising from Cllr Harford's report.
3. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) Cllr Bygott spoke about the Local Plan for South Cambs. The Inspectors have taken about five years and have now found the plan "sound". Both Cambridge City and South Cambs are being inspected at the same time. Regarding affordable housing, developers are developing groups of housing of 9 dwellings so they don't have to provide affordable housing. Outline planning permission lasts indefinitely so large developers indulge in land banking awaiting the optimum economic circumstances for development. Cllr de Lacey reported that the Local Plan will need to be revised over the next few years. Together with the City Council, a new plan will be started. He was pleased to report in response to his initiative (as Chairman of SCDC) to promote Foodbanks as his designated charity, a foodbank collection point has been set up at the Co-Op. This is in addition to existing ones at the collection point at SCDC HQ and St Andrew's Church. He also commented on the difficulty in maintaining full quotas of parish councillors in some areas. Some Parish Councils are applying to reduce number of members. Parish Councils must think how to increase their profile.
4. Police Report (*Appendix C*) Two separate incidents of the same dog biting walkers in Millennium Wood have come to the notice of Neighbourhood Watch. These incidents are police matters and should be reported by the victims.

**18/108 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 (previously circulated).** Item 18/97 was amended to read "Cllr de Lacey said that he

was currently minded to oppose the application when the JDCC deliberates". With this amendment, the Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Thorrold, and approved with one abstention.

**18/109 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)**

18/99.1 Girton Parish Council's response has been forwarded to Cambs County Council regarding the waste incinerator application at Waterbeach. The Chairman reported that the application had since been considered and refused by the County Council, with the impact on nearby Denny Abbey and views extending to Ely Cathedral being the prime reason for refusal.

18/99.2 Works to the War Memorial will require planning permission as it is a listed monument. A free pre-application meeting can be arranged and it would then take 8 weeks for approval. The Chairman will find out in detail what's required following the pre-application meeting.

**18/110 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.**

1. To approve Committee Memberships for Girton Parish Council sub-committees (*Appendix D*). The Chairman proposed that the Clerk organise meetings of all Committees in the next month, at which Chairmen will be elected and Agendas will be circulated. Regarding the Emergency Plan, Dry Drayton Parish Council has developed a good example of how this can be achieved, which Girton could use as a template. Seconded by Cllr Griffin, and approved unanimously.

2. To approve a contractor for re-sanding of the Pavilion hall floor (*Appendix E*). The Chairman proposed that Roger Hyde Ltd undertake the works, seconded by Cllr Cockley. The work will come under the Pavilion Maintenance budget. Approved unanimously.

3. To approve the purchase of 8 additional chairs and two additional trestle tables for Girton Pavilion hall (*Appendix F*). It was requested that a sample chair be obtained but they are of the same design as the existing chairs. A third quotation was also to be sought and the cheapest quotation then accepted. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Thorrold, and approved unanimously.

4. To approve a contractor for a 3-year rolling hedging works contract at Girton Recreation Ground. This item was withdrawn as there is a year remaining on the existing contract.

5. To approve making a planning application to repair Girton War Memorial. A pre-application meeting will be organised with SCDC Officers, then the matter will be brought back to the Council at a subsequent meeting.

**18/111 Finance and Resource Management**

1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (*Appendix G*). The Payments Schedule had been checked before the meeting by Cllr de Lacey. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr de Lacey, and approved unanimously.

2. To receive a finance and budget update. To be circulated at a later meeting.

**18/112 Correspondence (to be received)**

1. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Letter from Girton Social Club regarding a donation towards the Village Christmas Event on 7<sup>th</sup> December. This will be considered at the October meeting. A Parish Councillor generously offered to pay for the Christmas tree for this year's event in lieu of a donation from the Council.

2. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Appeal for volunteer collectors from Girton's Poppy Appeal Organiser

3. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: Request for GPC to fund PE kit at Gretton School. As pupils are not specifically from Girton, it is not appropriate for the Parish Council to support and doubtful whether GTC would be able to help either. The Clerk will write to the school to suggest they get in touch with the Education Authority.

**18/113 To receive reports**

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix H*). Regarding the car park works, the car park must be

available for 11<sup>th</sup> November. GTC Trustees have written with dates for the bus shelter and fence works, which are to begin on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with the bus shelter being demolished on 8<sup>th</sup> October. The handover date is 9<sup>th</sup> November.

2. Girton Town Charity Report. No report this month.
3. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix I*). The GYP staff were praised for organising their summer camps for local children and young people.
4. Timebank presentation report. Cllr Cockley reported on a Timebanking Presentation attended at SCDC HQ in August. Cllr Cockley is to write an item for Girton Parish News to gauge interest, and ask for people to get in touch with the Clerk if interested. It was queried whether there would be a problem safeguarding vulnerable people. The Chairman thanked Cllr Cockley for her report.
5. Footpaths Officer (*Appendix J*). The Footpaths Officer was thanked for her report. The Girton Green Team are helping to do work on footpaths.
6. Water Management Report. It was noted that the application for the borrow pit to be used as a flood attenuation pond has been withdrawn.

### **18/114 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting.**

The spinney next to Town End Close has been halved and may need to be investigated. Trading is also continuing at a property in Girton Road, and the Chairman has also contacted people selling bikes along Girton Road who have agreed to stop. The bus shelter at Mayfield Road needs replacing and this will be reported in Girton Parish News. Parking on Thornton Road remains a problem. Cones on Thornton Road at the Huntingdon Road end would be an obstruction to the highway and Cambs Highways and Cllr Harford should be asked about this

The meeting closed at 8.03pm

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report**

#### **August/September 2018**

Whilst there weren't many committee meetings during August there have been other things going on. Due to the resignation of another councillor I have gained a place on the *Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee* [H&CI] and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority. I am really pleased about the first and have taken the second on the basis that the committee might well cease to exist if its legal challenge to the Police & Crime Commissioner's bid to take it over is unsuccessful.

The agenda for my first meeting as a member of the H&CI committee includes items on Road Safety across Cambridgeshire and an update report on 'the package of improvements to the Library Service' which you may recall included charging for the use of computers in libraries. I'll report back to you on these next month. The minutes for the last meeting make interesting reading. There were questions asked by a member of the public about issues relating to the A14 upgrade and their impact on residents of Histon Road. The concerns are very similar to those expressed by residents of Huntingdon Road and relate to noise nuisance and speeding of HCVs. On the subject of the latter I have now succeeded in getting the last digital sign on the approach to Huntingdon Road reprogrammed to read '30 MPH AREA. PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPEED'. I have also asked for information about the numbers of vehicles displaced onto Huntingdon Road on those occasions when the A14 is closed and the number of those which are recorded as speeding. If this provides evidence of a substantial problem I can use it to ask the police to allocate some of their meagre resource to the occasional speed trap there. Disappointingly debate on the annual report on Highways maintenance performance doesn't appear to have raised any issues that we are not all already familiar with. The item on traffic signals and design that I flagged up in my last report was withdrawn from the agenda as Officers required more time. However this means that I shall be able to contribute when it is next

on the agenda.

Agenda pack and minutes: <https://bit.ly/2udaMrQ>

As a substitute member for **Economy & Environment Committee** I was called upon to attend the August meeting. There was one key decision relating to procurement of several Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority [CPCA] transport projects. The County Council will be acting on behalf of the CPCA and there were questions asked about the capacity of Officers to deal with this. Members were reassured that the work is being done by the same Officers who would have done the work when it was the responsibility of the County Council - so basically no change. I shall be challenging this through my membership of H&CI committee as I believe that resource is extremely stretched as evidenced by the number of approved LHI projects on which work is still outstanding.

Agenda pack and minutes: <https://bit.ly/2NujzBb>

Whilst the County **Planning Committee** didn't meet in August, there was more than enough reading to do in preparation for the two meetings that it will have in September. Both meetings are to consider applications that have a great deal of public interest. The first was held last Thursday. There were only 2 items on the agenda but, with the first item having 33 registered speakers, it was about 3.30pm by the time we had debated and voted on it [started at 10am]. Whilst the location of the application may not be of local interest, the proposal may be. It was for the construction of a heat and power plant comprising a biomass *energy from waste* facility with an additional facility for the treatment of waste water by evaporation. It was interesting to hear from the applicant that Brexit is prompting some waste handling firms to review their operation as opportunities for the export of some types of waste may be more limited in the future. The second item related to the restoration of the cement works at Barrington and was deferred at approaching 5.30pm for further information to be supplied by the applicant.

Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2x0i3gR>

The Council has recently learned that it is to be recognised for its support for the armed forces and their families. It will receive a silver award in the **Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme** at a special ceremony due to take place at Emmanuel College, Cambridge on Thursday 08 November 2018. The awards which were established in 2014 include bronze, silver and gold categories. The silver level is being awarded to the Council for its efforts to support the armed forces community through its employment of individuals with connections to the armed forces and for its support for reservists. The Council is also a lead signatory to the Cambridgeshire Armed Forces Community Covenant. The Covenant ensures that those who serve or have served, and their families are treated fairly within the community.

I hope you have all received notification of this year's **Conference for Cambridgeshire Local Councils** which will be taking place on Friday 23 November 2018 in Huntingdon. In response to feedback from those who attended last year's event and thanks to sponsorship from the CPCA, this year's conference will be a full day event [09.30 - 15.45]. The full programme has yet to be finalised but the event always provides great networking opportunities and there will be a number of stalls offering useful information and services to local councils. The event will be attended by the Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough who will talk about his ambitions for our rural villages and market towns. You can book a place or places at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/lcconference/> up to Friday, 09 November 2018 and joining instructions will be sent to all delegates one week prior to the event.

I hope you all had a good summer and what a summer it was with record breaking temperatures! And rumour has it that we may be in for a last gasp of warmth and sunshine this month and even [although more doubtfully] an Indian Summer. I have only recently learned that the term Indian Summer can only be used to describe warm, sunny weather in October/November.

I look forward to receiving any questions or comments that you have about the items in this report or any other matters either at your September meetings or by email.

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## APPENDIX B

### i) Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey 5. 9. 2018

It's been a busy month. As Chairman I have attended the presentation of a Queen's Award to a local business and made useful links with the business -- as a Council we are working on our links with business especially in the light of Brexit. I have also raised the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day (3 September). More excitingly, I was approached by two Councillors who told me that following my adoption of the Foodbank as a chairman's charity they had encouraged their local store to act as a collection centre. If they could do that, why shouldn't we all? So I wrote to all Councillors encouraging them to follow suit and there are now at least ten new collection points in various local shops (including our own Co-Op, whose manager also intends to co-opt others). The media picked up on the story and I hope we can keep it in the public eye. I also attended the funeral of one of our last RAF war heroes: Keith Jeevar was Flight Engineer in Lancasters in 625 and 170 Squadrons, and a delightful man to know. I hope to write a proper obituary after liaising with his family.

On 14 August the Scrutiny Committee had a presentation on Universal Credit. There is no hope that its advent will be delayed so we must work to make it the best we can. We also looked at a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the new town at Waterbeach, and were asked to make comments. My own are that the 'Vision' statement is great, full of phrases like 'A high quality environment'; 'well-designed buildings'; 'excellent infrastructure'; 'excellence in sustainable development'; 'making the best use of ... water'; securing radical reductions in carbon emissions'; 'Prioritisation of walking and cycling'. But these are never turned into concrete requirements, the language is always 'should' rather than 'shall'. Things like re-use of grey water, significant insulation of dwellings, pedestrian and then cycle priority, are not built-in; though 'traffic calming', which is generally very hostile to cyclists, is recommended. I asked for many changes; we'll see what happens as this SPD now goes to Cabinet.

The Civic Affairs Committee again looked at two requests from Parish Councils, one to decrease the number of Councillors as they have no hope of reaching the current requirement, and the other to increase as there is so much work to be done. None of my Parishes is up to full strength; we all expressed concern that in general Parish Councils struggle to find volunteers. What can be done? Answers on a postcard, please!

At long, long last we have received the Inspectors' report on our Local Plan, declaring it sound (after some modifications), and with a requirement to review. We in the opposition always thought it a bad plan, and the review will actually be the production, as soon as possible, of a new one. But at least in the interim we are at last free of destructive opportunistic applications going against our desire for well-thought-out development in the District.

I am being consulted on a major change to our Planning software. We are likely to move to that used by Cambridge City. If you have used that system (IDOX) and have any comments on it I would be grateful to know.

Finally, some residents have received a very worrying telephone scam. The caller is well-spoken and purports to be from Inland Revenue. The matter is extremely time-critical, requires you to call back a UK number and 'if we don't hear from you or from your solicitor, prepare to face the legal consequences'. Please if you receive any such call just hang up -- this is emphatically not how IR deals with the public.

Douglas de Lacey

## **ii) District Councillor's Report - Cllr Tom Bygott**

### **Local Plans found to be sound**

In March 2014, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council submitted their Local Plans to the Government Inspectors. These plans, which govern development and planning permission in our local area, propose 44,000 new jobs and 33,500 new homes by 2031.

The development strategy for the Greater Cambridge area was given approval by independently appointed Government Planning Inspectors after they reviewed the two Local Plans. The Inspectors have written to the two Councils with their final reports following examinations that have taken over four years. The examinations, much of which were undertaken jointly, included reviewing evidence supplied by the two Councils, representations of objection and support made during public consultations, site visits and a series of hearings.

The Plans are not adopted by the Councils until they are debated and confirmed at respective Full Council meetings being held at the end of September and mid-October. However, the Councils receiving the Inspectors' reports means significant weight can be attributed to the Local Plans in decision making. This will help to alleviate the risk that unsuitable and unwanted developments can succeed on appeal after having been rejected in our local planning processes.

Although the plans are of great concern to residents in and near Cambourne and Waterbeach, where major new developments are planned, our local villages are having something of a respite, with only continuation of previously agreed schemes:

- Continued development at Northstowe – around 10,000 homes
- Continued building of homes in existing growth sites on the edge of Cambridge (Southern Fringe, Cambridge East, Darwin Green and Eddington)
- Confirmation by the Inspectors that the Councils' Green Belt evidence is robust and that no additional sites, beyond the limited sites proposed by the Councils, need to be allocated for development in the Green Belt.

The South Cambridgeshire Local Plan will have been presented to a Cabinet meeting in late September before a final decision on adoption is made at a Council meeting on Thursday 27 September. The Cambridge Local Plan will be discussed at a Policy and Transport Scrutiny Committee meeting on Tuesday 2 October before a final decision on adoption is made at a Council meeting on Thursday 18 October.

Given how slow and cumbersome the approval of these plans has been, there is provision for the process to start over again straight away with a commitment to an early review of the Local Plans. This was already a commitment of both Councils as part of signing up to the City Deal agreement. The review would commence in 2019 with submission for examination in 2022.

The Inspectors' full report, along with details of the Local Plan examinations, can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/scdclocplanexam>

### **South Cambridgeshire bin collections during the hot weather**

I would like to thank the refuse collection team who have worked incredibly hard throughout this summer's heatwave period. There are more than 150 frontline bin collection staff with each crew emptying up to 1,300 bins each day. On average each refuse collector will walk around 12 miles per shift. If you combine this with often moving heavy bins from kerbside to refuse truck the job really does make for hard work, especially during a heatwave. The District Council provided staff with sunscreen and bottled water to keep staff hydrated and protected from the sun.

As the weather starts to become more autumnal and we brace ourselves for the next eight months of wind, cold and rain, spare a thought for our refuse collectors who work so hard for us without complaining. Try to place your bins where they can be accessed easily and safely, and check their surroundings for anything that might cause accidents.

### **SCDC in the top three for council tax collections**

I would also like to thank residents, businesses and revenues staff after the authority secured another top table position in the Council Tax collection league. For the last financial year, the authority came third out of 326 Councils for collecting Council Tax on-time. It collected 99.3% of the expected funds in the last 12 months, an almost identical figure to the previous year.

Overall, £107 million in Council Tax was due to be collected by the Council on behalf of itself, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner's office, Fire Authority and

parish councils. The data also shows that Business Rate collection in South Cambridgeshire achieved a high-scoring position, with the Council coming 25th in this category out of the 326 authorities. This was for collecting 99.4% of Business Rates on-time – again, a very similar figure to last year. Councillors are thanking residents and businesses for paying their bills on time and encouraging anyone having difficulties making payments to contact the Council early for support and advice before debts begin to accumulate.

CLlr Tom Bygott [cllr@bygott.net](mailto:cllr@bygott.net) 07765 475 513

### **APPENDIX C**

#### **Police Report – August to September 2018**

No crimes reported this month.

### **APPENDIX D**

#### **Committee Membership of Girton Parish Council 2018-19**

##### Councillors

J Buckler: Planning, Sports & Recreation, Finance Planning & Resources, Human Resources

G Cockley: Planning, Sports & Rec, Finance P & R, HR, Emergency Plan

J Dashwood: Planning, Environment, Finance P & R, HR

D de Lacey: Planning, Environment, Finance P & R, Emergency Plan, Car Park, IT & Website

V Godby: Planning, Sports & Rec, Finance P & R, Emergency Plan

A Griffin: Planning, Sports & Rec, Environment, Finance P & R, HR, Emergency Plan, Car Park, IT

R Hickford: Planning, Environment, Finance P & R

A Kettle: Planning, Finance P & R

J Thorrold: Planning, Sports & Rec, Environment, Finance P & R

B Townshend: Planning, Sports & Rec, Environment, Finance P & R

H Williams: Planning, Sports & Rec, Environment, Finance P & R, Emergency Plan, Car Park, IT

L Williams: Planning, Sports & Rec, Finance P & R, IT & Website

##### Co-Optees

G Clare: Emergency Plan

C Garvie: Environment

L Miller: Sports & Rec

G Thorpe: Environment

C Wilson: Sports & Rec

### **APPENDIX E**

#### **Floor Refurbishment for Girton Pavilion Hall**

##### **1) Roger Hyde Ltd**

##### **Main Hall Quotation Project Ref: 18-214**

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<b>Floor Type</b>	Junckers Beech
<b>Floor Sizes</b>	107sq.metres (8.7m x 13.03m)
<b>Total Coats of Sealant Required</b>	1 coat of Junckers Base Prime followed by 3 coats of Junckers 2 pack HP Commercial Seal
<b>Scope of Works</b>	Due to general wear and lack of floor finish, we recommend thorough sanding and resealing of the surface to protect the floor and provide an easily maintainable finish. We will undertake progressive and professional drum sanding from 36 grit and 50 grit to 80/120 grit, with a further rotary sand

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ensuring a fine finish. The edges will be sanded to the same grit. We will then vacuum and tac mop the entire floor area to get rid of any dust residue and finally apply 1 coat of Base Prime, followed by 3 coats of Junckers 2 pack HP commercial Sport

**Duration of Works**

The works will take 3-4 days, please allow 1-2 days for the sealant to cure.

**Access/Logistics**

Parking onsite  
 Dispose black bag waste into skip onsite  
 Floor to be clear  
 Access to be confirmed

**Sand and Seal**

**£ 1,980**

We do offer a clean and seal service at a cost of £1100, however due to heavy wear areas with ingrained dirt the surface will not look much improved. We therefore recommend a sand and reseal.

We have provided in our quote including the attached cleaning and maintenance details to improve and prolong the surface together with a clean and seal top up every 2-4 years to avoid costly/downtime with sanding and reducing the life of the floor.

**2. Art of Clean**

Wood Floors		
Description	Sand & Oil	Sand & Lacquer
Pavillion hall	£2,371.83	£2,949.75
<b>Final Price</b>	<b>£2,371.83</b>	<b>£2,949.75</b>

The above quote includes VAT

**3. Revive Floor Sanding Co Ltd**

With regard to pricing, the price for the project, which will include all sanding, sealing and materials would be as follows:

**Option 1**

Bona Traffic HD or Marldon Ceramaxx – full commercial lacquer 3 coat system (ultra matt / matt / silk matt)

£2650 + vat

**Option 2**

Additional 4<sup>th</sup> coat of lacquer

£380 + vat

*Bona Novia or Marldon Ceruno are the lacquers we use for most projects and are usually considered strong enough for all domestic wear.*

*Bona Traffic HD or Marldon Ceramaxx are the latest generation commercial lacquers. These are two pack products that only last a few hours once mixed. They are at the top end of the lacquer market with regard to strength and durability.*

NB: Awaiting quotations for clean and seal services from Art of Clean Ltd and Revive Floor Sanding

Co Ltd, to be forwarded on receipt.

## **APPENDIX F**

### **Quotations received for folding chairs and trestle tables for the Pavilion Hall**

#### **1) Macoi Ltd**

Dear Linda Miller

We can offer the following on your below request:

2no Y/CO87 - Pack of 4x Comfort steel grey folding chairs with plastic back and upholstered seat (see attached for available seat pad colours) @ £150.00 each

2no C/AB2 - Contour folding table 1830 x 685 x 700mm in any standard finish (see attached for available colours) @ £105.00 each

Total = £510.00 including delivery but excluding VAT

Unfortunately the previous order was placed on Malcolm Andrew and as I no longer have access to that system I am unable to confirm the colours.

However I would suggest 'GP64 Snow Grit' for the tables and 'Resistance FL830' for the seat pad are most similar to your existing items.

The lead time is approx 3 weeks from receipt of order.

Please let me know if you have any further queries.

Many Thanks

Paul Miller

Account Manager

## **APPENDIX G**

### **Payments Schedule for September 2018 (circulated separately)**

## **APPENDIX H**

### **Chairman's Report**

#### **11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Further investigation of the car park drainage options has indicated that the work can be done within our agreed cost estimates and a draft contract with Mead Construction for the PC elements of the car park/drainage/footpath work has now been signed by both parties. Mead plan to start work on the drainage ahead of the beginning of the Regent Construction footpath work set to begin in early October. We await confirmation of dates when use of the car park will be restricted.

As agreed at our last meeting a detailed response to the Waterbeach Incinerator planning application was drafted and submitted to Cambs County Council. Recently we learnt that an Officers report recommending approval was issued last week before the closing date for comments! This coupled with the recent approval of an incinerator in Warboys does not give us much hope of a good outcome to this process.

Further quotations have been received for refurbishment of the base of the Village War Memorial.

However a chance discovery during an online search found that in 2015 our memorial was listed as being of "Historic Interest". This means that it is unlikely that we can do anything to it without going through a planning application process which is not going to be speedy. The prospect of completing the renovation before next November is remote therefore.

All the responses to our request for ideas to improve cycling between Oakington and Girton through to Cambridge have been forwarded to County Officers. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged between all interested parties to progress these including improved routes to the guided bus way and

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Histon and Impington.

Following our request that the proposed new borrow pit to be dug near Girton Interchange should be retained to provide flood attenuation for the village, we learn that the application has been withdrawn. Apparently this is due to it no longer being needed.

**Haydn Williams**

## APPENDIX I

### **Summary of Girton Youth Project Report – August 2018**

This summer we ran not one but two residential trips, both through P.G.L but in two different locations with two very different groups of young people.

The first trip was to Osmington Bay in Weymouth with 8 attendees from our older Thursday cohort. What an absolute joy they were, apart from waking them up in the morning the trip went perfectly. Everyone participating in all activities; the climbing wall, archery, kayaking, ambush, rip-stix and many more.

Because the group are older we did take one afternoon off of timetable and went into Weymouth city centre to chill out on the beach, play in the arcades and have dinner, a well-deserved break from canteen food.

It was a pleasure watching young people be young people, without the stress of school, home, social media, technology, just laughing and enjoying their friends. Some members of the group that went to Weymouth have been supporting Youth Club since they were old enough to attend, now being 15 and 16 years old, it is great to be part of a project that allows you to introduce activities and create safe environments for these young people to develop and grow.

Jamie has edited a video that will be shown to GTC, as a thank you for funding the club and the support it provides the young people in the village, but for those of you that are not part of GTC the video will also be available to view on our Facebook page and Website.

The Second trip was to Caythorpe Court with 11 members of our Monday cohort and what a different experience that was in comparison to the Osmington Bay trip. This was the first residential trip for our Monday group in the history of GYP, we were stepping into the unknown; as it turns out those under the age of 11 can survive on three hours a night sleep.....a shame the staff couldn't!

Apart from the lack of sleep, banning phones, and sugar after 6pm the trip was brilliant. For some this was their first ever trip away from home, with our younger attendees being only 8. It was a steep learning curve in turn taking, compromise and caring for others, supporting others when they are a little scared at an activity or a little homesick, being aware of yourself and the impact your actions has on those around you, creating new friendships, learning new skills and above all having fun.

We did: fairly successful raft building, kayaking, giant swing, fencing, archery, rock climbing, campfire, singing, aeroball, football, a huge game of capture the flag, team games, sensory trail so much in one weekend. Again a video is being edited by Jamie, this too will be available to view both on our face book page and website.

Both residential trips provided us with a fantastic experience of which all who were able to attend are very grateful for being given the opportunity.

This summer has been amazing, the staff have worked incredibly hard long hours, parents have really supported the club and been thankful for the support we give to their young people.

## APPENDIX J

### **Footpaths Officer's Report**

	<b>footpaths 9.18</b>				
o:	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Action</b>
	E of Manor Farm Road	320	Tarmac and Grass	No close vegetation. Partly through set aside area which farmer had mown. Clear path. Direct route to Histon.No access to cycles. Popular with dog walkers	Path was clear of vegetation
	Connects Church Lane with High Street	150	Tarmac	Going from Church Lane, there were overhanging hedge branches the hedges looked better maintained and the path was clear	I think Douglas de Lacey is keeping this path clear
	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 .I was told that buggy users at Gretton Court liked to use this path as a short cut to the Co-op	Clearing brambles from path and seat
	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 .	None needed
)	Runs along SE Parish boundary connecting FP48 with FP to Histon	200	90m gravel then earth	It is clear of overhanging brambles. After the turn to the left after the tennis courts, there is a small path on the right. It looks used.	Do we look after other unmarked footpaths? Cut back overhanging briars
1	Connects with Huntingdon Rd A1307 with Bandon Road	23	Tarmac	Adequate surface .No vegetation over hanging the path.	No action
2	Connects St Margarets Road with Thornton Road	90	Tarmac	This path is in a bad state. Overhanging ivy from two gardens is blocking the path and on the other side a quick growing shrub is also blocking the path. I also noticed that a short horn Sumac tree had taken hold. I will remove this fast growing tree, scourge of Girton. (I cut down one growing under the bus stop seat!)	I cut back the creeper on the St Margarets side, the ivy and some of the shrub so there is a way through. I did not do more because some garden escapes were flowering at the Thornton Rd side
3	Connects Thornton Close with FP 10/48	200	Gravel and earth	This path had been cleared last summer and there is no vegetation impinging on the path	No action needed at present. Footpath is clear for walkers and cyclists
4	Connects Dodford lane with Northfield	80	Tarmac	This has been kept clear of hedging at the Dodford Road end this year but I will continue to monitor it	No maintenance was needed this summer
3	Runs along SE Parish	480	Tarmac	A clear path	No action

Boundary between A1307 and FP10				
To Rear of Abbeyfield running parallel to Welbrooke Way		Sand and gravel then grass	At the furthest end there is a grassed area. Is the Parish responsible for the paths which have been made into the trees and shrubs ?	Cut back some brambles and a little of the willow at the Arlington Lodge end
Track at back of Recreation ground		Grass path	Goes to Impington. Popular with dog walkers. A clear path	No action needed
Bunkers Hill/ the Ridgeway		Tarmac path	This track goes to Eddington. The area which the Ridgeway crosses is waste ground at the moment. I get requests to cut back over hanging briars and vegetation	This summer I have cut back vegetation twice