

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th October, 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 18/118.2

Present: (Cllrs) H Williams (Chairman), Buckler, Cockley, Dashwood, de Lacey, Godby, Thorrold.
Cllr L Harford (Cambs County Council)

E Davy (North Patch Officer, South Cambs District Council) (until end of item 18/118.1)

1 member of the public

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

18/115 Welcome from the Chairman. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming, particularly Ms Davy of SCDC and the member of the public.

18/116 Apologies and Reasons for Absence. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Griffin, Hickford and Kettle, and from District Councillor Bygott, and the Chair man accepted their reasons for absence.

18/117 Members' declarations for items on the agenda. Cllr de Lacey declared an interest in item 18/121.1, as he is organising the event as Chairman of South Cambs District Council.

18/118 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:

1. Presentation from South Cambs District Council's North Patch Officer. Ms Davy introduced herself as the new North Patch Officer, taking over from Kirsten Donaldson. The model of patch working is to establish better relationships with parishes so they can be put in touch with the correct Officers. SCDC's grants committee is currently under review, with the re-launch of the Community Chest under slightly-amended criteria. Parish Councils are no longer eligible to apply for Community Chest grants, but not-for-profit groups can apply. The District Council is running three year service support grants eg with AgeUK and Care Network. The last set of grants was awarded in 2015. Other areas in which Patch Officers are involved include Assets of Community Value which gives a level of protection if an asset comes up for sale. They're also involved in Community Governance Reviews eg the size/number of parish councils. The Patch Officers can offer support and help with community engagement in Neighbourhood and Parish Plans. Other new initiatives in which they're involved include Timebanking and the Eddington Flag Parade, which Girton Glebe pupils took part in. If there are any projects which we think they could help with, please let Liz and Kirsten know. Feedback from Councillors included a request for more awareness of what areas grants cover with more advance notice. Regarding Assets of Community Value, there is a 5-year registration process and Liz promised to send more detail on the registration process. The Chairman thanked Ms Davy, who left at this point.

2. Members of the Public. The member of the public present at the meeting did not wish to speak.

3. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*) Cllr Harford reported that the decision for County Council employees to have three days unpaid leave at Christmas was being implemented and that staff contracts cover this. It was hoped that Cllr Harford would push the County Council to raise taxation rather than penalise staff. Cllr Harford agreed that the Localised Tax Scheme helps those who can't afford increases. A charge will be made for

requested second green bins for residents. Cllr Harford is hosting a drop-in village meeting at Girton Glebe School from 6.30pm on 10th January, 2019. This is to look at how we deal with some of the shortfalls there are (e.g. parking on verges, overhanging branches), and what people would like to see coming forward in Girton. Regarding the Waterbeach Incinerator application, the County Council will be a consultee on the environmental permit. The Chairman thanked Cllr Harford.

4. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) Cllr de Lacey reported that Stagecoach will continue to provide bus services to Papworth and Fenstanton. Arlington Manor Care Home opened on 16th October. Cllr de Lacey gave a key to abbreviations used in his report: RTPi is Royal Town Planning Institute, NPPF is National Planning Policy Framework and JDCC is Joint Development Control Committee. The winner of the SCDC Best Garden was Mr Herring of Dodford Lane, Girton.

5. Police Report (*Appendix C*). It was noted that there have been several incidences of opportunistic crime in the village over the past month, and that many crimes are from unsecured dwellings and vehicles. Several 'Ofo' cycles have been damaged and abandoned in Girton. Those who were advertising bicycles for sale, attached to lamp-posts, have been spoken to by the Chairman and have stopped doing so.

18/119 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th September, 2018 (previously circulated). In item 18/110.1, a full stop is needed after 'elected'. With this amendment, the Minutes were proposed as a true record by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Godby, and approved with two abstentions.

18/120 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

18/79 The External Auditors have signed-off the completed Annual Return 2017-18. It was noted that the External Auditors had sent an interim report to fulfil their requirement to respond by 30th September, a subsequent signing-off of the accounts followed.

18/99.1 Notification has been received that the application for a waste to energy plant at Waterbeach has been rejected.

18/110.3 A third quotation was received for the Pavilion chairs and an order placed with the lowest priced company, as agreed.

18/112.1 A donation received for the Social Club Christmas Event in lieu of parish council donation will be forwarded to the Social Club.

18/121 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

1. To consider a request from South Cambs District Council for fireworks/beacon on Girton Recreation Ground on Sunday 11th November, 2018 as part of the 'Battle's Over' Remembrance event. Cllr de Lacey hopes to use the church for the beacon and fireworks, but would like permission to use the Recreation Ground if permission to use the church is not granted. Owners of thatched housing and animal-owners living close by are to be told about the event, which would be included on the Church's insurance. Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Cockley, and approved with one abstention.

2. To approve a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A donation of £75, as given last year, was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Godby. An amendment to raise this to a one-off payment of £100 to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, proposed by Cllr Buckler, seconded by Cllr Dashwood, was accepted and approved unanimously.

3. To consider a request from Club 55 for a contribution to the Over-55s Christmas Party on Wednesday 19th December, 2018 (*Appendix D*). The Chairman proposed to refund the hire fee for the Pavilion as a donation on the basis that Club 55 do not build up financial reserves. Seconded by Cllr Cockley and approved unanimously.

4. To consider Girton Parish Council's response to 'The coalition' of Parish Councils' Open Letter of Consensus to Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP regarding the Girton Interchange (*previously circulated*). Although the Chairman had attended Local Liaison Forum meetings where this was discussed some years ago, Girton Parish Council has not been formally approached about it. The Chairman proposed to write to the originators asking them to

incorporate Girton's concern that changes should not lead to more raised road sections which would cause increased air pollution and noise. It was also suggested that we should separately make our position known to Heidi Allen MP. . The Council was unanimously in favour of the Chairman writing the letter..

5. To agree a plan of action to meet our requirements to provide an emergency plan. The Chairman is prepared to look at this again, with Cllrs Godby and Cockley and co-opted members G Clare and L Taylor forming the sub-group.

6. To consider an invitation to work with Cambs County Council's Parish Energy Scheme on providing an electricity charging point for electric vehicles in the village (*details previously circulated*). Solar panels on the Pavilion roof have already been considered. Cllr Dashwood agreed to look at the websites listed. The timescale given is too short for a response.

18/122 Finance and Resource Management

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

18/123 Correspondence (to be received)

1. Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Application Consultation. A resident is to be approached to see if they are interested in leading Girton's Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Request for monkey bars on Mayfield Triangle. A request for residents' comments regarding this request is to be put in Girton Parish News.

18/124 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix F*) The Chairman spoke about the land at Duck End and whether the Parish Council should pursue claims to it. Cllr de Lacey reported that SCDC have prosecuted a resident who cut into TPO trees to put up a gate and the resident has been fined.
2. Girton Town Charity Report. No report this month.
3. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix G*). The Parish Council thanked the retiring GYP Leader for her efforts over the past years.
4. Footpaths Officer. No report this month.
5. Water Management Report. No report this month.

18/125 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting.

Several Councillors and residents are concerned about road sweepings and grass growing in gutters. A resident may be interested in road sweepings training.

Progress regarding the CCTV project will be brought to a subsequent meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

APPENDIX A

Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report September/October 2018

As the County Council starts to prepare its *Budget for 2019/2020* councillors have been made aware that increased demand for services this year has already increased the current year's budget gap to £5.2m and that it is forecast that there is an additional £20.7m to find for next year. Figures currently being used make pessimistic assumptions on the level of Government grant that the Council might receive for next year and the actual amount will not be known until the Chancellor's Autumn Statement [inappropriately named as the details are usually published just before Christmas!] The widening gap for the current year reflects the local impact of a national increase in demand for children's and adults' services and is based on assumptions about the level of Government grant that the Council might receive for next year. The predictions of increased

numbers that were made earlier in the year have already been exceeded. Whilst there are plans in place to manage the growing levels of demand, the nature of the changes to the way services are delivered means that it could be up to 3 years until the maximum benefits of investment currently being made are realised. Work is also continuing to increase and boost the income the Council makes from its commercial activities. It is forecast that an additional £4m will be realised this year and £10m next. However, at a recent meeting of members with service directors, I asked about the speed of this income generation. The company created by the Council seems currently only to be providing income derived from the charge that is made for the loan of funds. Some ambitious investment plans by the company have been curtailed by central government's restrictions on the use by councils of the money they can borrow at preferential rates from the Public Works Loan Board. However, the company benefits from having had transferred to it Council owned land with planning permissions in place and I am anxious to see these planning permissions enacted so that in addition to the rental revenue that may result, local people can also benefit from the homes that are so badly needed. You will have recently seen media reports that the Council is taking the option that contracts allow, to impose 3 days of unpaid leave over the Christmas/New Year period on all its staff earning more than £26,000 pa. The estimated saving is £900,000 which might otherwise have to be achieved by the loss of 40 jobs. The Council currently employs a total of 4,937 staff. Of that number around 3,100 will be excluded as they are below the salary threshold criterion. All essential Council services will be either unaffected by the closure or will be run by a reduced team. These include residential services, social care safeguarding [for both children and adults], hospital discharge teams, drug and alcohol support, coroner's services and registrars [for pre-booked events].

At the *Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee* [H&CI] meeting my concerns about the reduction in the number of people using the computers at libraries since the introduction of charges were echoed by many members. Against an original forecast that the charging structure would create income of £108,000 pa members were told that, for the first quarter just £4,000 had been generated and that there was no evidence that this would increase over time. The committee was told that it is believed that residents who have stopped using the facility now that it is no longer completely free were previously using the computers to access social media and to watch films. The objective of reducing this and ensuring that those who need to get access to search for jobs, claim benefits etc has some merit, if there is evidence to support this hypothesis. We are all though aware of the need to address social isolation and the concern is that those who are no longer coming to the library are now at risk of becoming more socially isolated. Whilst there was some support for abolishing the charge immediately the majority supported asking Officers to investigate this aspect further and bring an update report back to committee in 6 months.

At the same meeting H&CI members voted to approve the upgrade of speed monitoring cameras from wet film [which are now almost unsupportable] to digital. I took the opportunity to ask specifically about the camera on Huntingdon Road which is one of those that requires upgrade and was assured that further work will be undertaken to establish that its current location is still the most effective following changes to the road. I shall be pressing for it to be relocated from its current location, at the City end of Huntingdon Road, to one nearer Girton Road in order that some of the speeding and road safety issues that residents complain of are more effectively addressed.

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

In preparation for winter Highways Officers have reviewed the Council's gritting policy to reflect the new risk based code of practice published in October 2016 and implemented from 01 April 2018. To meet its statutory obligations with regard to winter road conditions the Council has a range of vehicles from JCBs to quad bikes and a specialist vehicle for the guided busway. Officers have been making preparations for winter throughout the summer. In addition to new gritters which have been ordered in time for November delivery costing anything up to £100k each, existing ones are returned to the factory where they are completely stripped down and then rebuilt. All the vehicles are fitted with tracking devices and front, rear and side cameras which are capable of capturing 10 minutes before and after any incident in which they are involved. Salt is also ordered during the summer when the price is lower, saving the Council about £17k. When spread its effect is generally considered to last for 24 hours although it can be longer lasting depending on weather conditions and these are monitored remotely through local weather stations. The Council also has cross

boundary agreements with neighbouring counties and is working continually to improve communications within this group and with the general public.

The **Health Committee** had no decision items on the agenda for its September meeting but in its scrutiny role received a verbal update from the Interim Accountable Officer for the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Sustainability and Transformation Programme; recently appointed to this role, he is also the CEO at Addenbrookes. It would seem that the programme has not been progressing particularly well as its effectiveness ranking in the national 4-tier assessment structure has seen it slip from tier 2 to tier 3. Delayed transfers of care remain one of the biggest challenges and the reduction in numbers for a short period in the spring had been achieved only through unsustainable levels of senior management focus. Agenda pack and minutes: <https://bit.ly/2Pkp5nJ>

The **Greater Cambridge Partnership** [GCP] held a workshop in September for both Executive Board and Assembly members to discuss the work programme for the year ahead. The first gateway review which is required to assure government that the initial tranche of £100m has been well spent will happen in 2019. Government assurance in this respect is a box that has to be ticked before the second tranche of £200m is released. The Executive Board is due to meet on 11 October. Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2pIVCsl> The item: 'A428 Cambourne to Cambridge Public Transport Scheme' has been deferred until the meetings of the Assembly in November and the Board in December. This is to allow completion of detailed technical work by the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority's consultants aimed at ensuring the scheme meets alignment requirements with the Mayor's CAM network proposals as well as other criteria such as cost, deliverability and timing. Members of the GCP are due to meet with the Mayor in October to hear the outcome of the Combined Authority's review.

The County Council's **Planning Committee** refused permission for the Amey-Cespa proposal for a waste to energy plant on its Waterbeach site on the grounds of its adverse impact on the heritage asset [Denny Abbey] and the open countryside; committee's majority [7-1] view was that this harm was not outweighed by the potential benefits. Whilst the decision has been met with relief by the many objectors, it is almost certain that the applicant will appeal and those of a different view have been quick to point out that the cost of any such appeal. Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2PjdXHW> 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 9. 10. 2018

At the start of the month we were given a briefing on the details of the Local Plan, now adopted and in force. We had to accept a number of major modifications, most of which we ourselves had proposed as the Inspectors' concerns became more evident, but none of the developers' proposals to add more sites were accepted. For us this means that the St John's fields in Girton remain in the Green Belt. We shall almost immediately begin work on the Plan's successor; we also need to take account of rapidly-changing government regulations. For a time I hoped that the new NPPF would scupper the proposal to bring the NIAB site's playing fields right up to our village envelope, but later changes make that more difficult. I shall fight it as hard as I can.

The Government has also changed the definition of the travelling communities (Gypsies and Irish travellers) which were regarded as separate races. The changes mean we are not obliged to create as many sites as previously thought, but it is clear that there are not enough, and communities are taking desperate measures to prevent encampments. The Conservatives argue we should try to get draconian powers to evict; the LibDems argue we need to provide more spaces so that trespass is not necessary.

The various changes in the NPPF were the subject of a briefing before the JDCC on 12 September. It

claims to support sustainable development, but the RTPI are sceptical. The NPPF lists in order of priority the criteria for judging planning applications. The previous number one was a strong economy; now it is just building enough houses. That will clearly have an impact on the quality -- of the houses and the environment.

The JDCC looked at an application relating to the development of the 'Wing' development north of Newmarket Road. I expressed concerns, echoed by other members, that the transport hierarchy, which places the private car at the bottom and pedestrians and cyclists towards the top, had been ignored in the road layouts. We were assured that later modifications could be made if necessary, and that these would not depend (as so often) on a count of KSI statistics (Killed and Seriously Injured). And with that we had to be content.

It was my pleasure on 14 September to present prizes in the Tenants' Best Kept Gardens competition; particularly as one prizewinner is a Girton resident. The competition encourages a sense of pride in home, and in a difficult year there were some wonderful entries.

Although I am a member of our Scrutiny Committee, which is no longer the dead letter it had become under the previous administration, it insists on having meetings which clash with my Parish Council commitments, and I am afraid those come first for me. Do you agree?

On 19 September the Council arranged a mock Planning meeting as a training session, and I was asked if I would play the local member in a controversial application. I laughed when I received the papers; the first was a letter from the local member and I realised I had written it two years ago, with reference to ARU's application for its sports pavilion.

Our officers had changed many details and added some nice complications, and the whole morning was well worth-while, especially for members new to planning issues.

I try to attend Cabinet meetings, as they are having to discuss some very difficult issues which sometimes require me to override Councillors' right to challenge a decision ('call it in' for further assessment). Sometimes this is because of tight deadlines of the Government's making, sometimes because of commercial confidentiality. I do not do this lightly as I passionately believe in holding the administration to account. Our administration is also struggling with the way the Combined Authority is conducting its business: you may have seen that our CEO added her name to a letter sent to the CA very critical of its activities.

On 27 September before the Council meeting we had a long Police briefing to help us understand how the police currently work. They titled part of it 'Behind Closed Doors', noting that increasingly crimes such as drug dealing and slavery, as well as cyber crime, are not performed on the streets but in private, and the traditional 'Bobby on the beat' model is inapplicable here. I have a number of questions about our policing but unfortunately had to leave before the question time to prepare for the Council meeting.

That meeting was one of the most difficult I have had to chair. Items on the agenda included adoption of the Local Plan, a new scheme of remuneration for Councillors, and Brexit. All of these were controversial and at times tempers ran high. At 6.20pm as I closed the meeting I felt pretty drained; it was nice to be told by members from both sides that they appreciated what I had done to keep order.

The next day was the Macmillan coffee morning and the Vice-Chairman and I awarded prizes for the best cakes provided. I offered a light-hearted review of my own early baking experiences (aged 7) when, having poured the mixture into the cake tins, I discovered the Aga was out and all I had was a Primus stove; and I hope a good time was had by all.

The high point of the month was certainly the High Sheriff's Judiciary service on 7 October. We -- that is, civic leaders, academics, visiting Sheriffs, Her Majesty's judiciary, the High Sheriff, the Lord Lieutenant and divers ecclesiastics -- processed from Trinity College to Great St Mary's Church for a service of matins (Stanford in C major, Bernard Rose, and Parry 'I was glad' complete with the Vivats). The Bishop of Ely preached, noting the fact that Cambridge and Cambridgeshire represent one of the most divided communities in the United Kingdom, and that justices have a duty to maintain justice and compassion; in

the words of the lesson from Amos 5, to 'let judgement run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream'. Working to alleviate those divisions, and to bring a just society for all, is surely also our job in the Councils at all levels.

Finally I note that I have been informed of improved services on the Busway, and increased services (early, late and on Sundays) of the U bus.

And news just in: unless the County acts quickly, the X3 and Busway C routes are to be cancelled from November 10. This would leave Papworth Everard and Fenstanton without any bus service at all.

Douglas de Lacey

ii) District Councillor's Report - Cllr Tom Bygott

South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Local Plans adopted

Last month I reported that the Government Inspectors had declared "sound" the Local Plans that the two neighbouring Councils had submitted in March 2014. These plans, which govern development and planning permission in our local area, propose 44,000 new jobs and 33,500 new homes by 2031. At September's District Council meeting, the Local Plan for the District was formally adopted. It now becomes the document through which the District will judge planning applications for the next few years.

I voted in favour of the plan because I do not believe that it will adversely affect the character of Girton, Dry Drayton or Madingley. The fact that a plan is formally in place does however reduce the risk that inappropriate developments could be approved on appeal, with the developer citing the lack of a Local Plan as the reason why their development should be accepted, against the wishes of both local residents and the Council.

Narrowing of the A428

Highways England is currently building an overpass at the Girton Interchange, as part of the A14 upgrade, to carry A14 traffic over the A428. To save money, they have decided to reduce the A428 at this point from four lanes to two. For generations to come, this overpass will be a major bottleneck in the national road network. Although the A428 currently has less traffic on this section than most dual carriageways, Bourn Airfield, Tempsford and other major developments will be built along this road in the coming years. The dualling of the A428 between Caxton Gibbet and the Black Cat Roundabout will make this route one of the most important national routes; a major artery linking Anglia with the West Country and Wales via Oxford and Milton Keynes. Eventually, it will be necessary to reinstate the missing lanes, and this could be at vastly greater expense.

One of the greatest problems in our society is short term thinking. Major strategic mistakes are often made with little thought of the future. During the 1980s, British Rail narrowed the railway between Littleport and King's Lynn to a single track to save maintenance costs. These small savings have led to thirty years of problems and untold commuter frustration, and it now has to be put right, at a cost vastly greater than the original savings. There are countless other examples of similar "penny-wise, pound-foolish" mistakes, and it is distressing to think that the organisations to which we entrust important decisions about the future have learnt little or nothing from their experiences over the past few decades.

Our villages, being next to the A14 and A428, are greatly impacted by noise and pollution from those two roads, yet we ourselves benefit very little from their presence. So, why should we care if the A428 becomes a bottleneck?

Increased rat-running through Dry Drayton is one reason. Another is that fuel efficiency for most (non-hybrid) vehicles is heavily affected by congestion. Stationary vehicles emit exhaust fumes while they are waiting, and pollution rises sharply, along with noise, as vehicles accelerate on the other side of the blockage.

If you would like to write to Highways England on this subject, it can be done via:

A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Project Team

Highways England

National Traffic Operations Centre

3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park
Birmingham B32 1AF

How to report overhanging trees or hedges

At this time of the year, especially if we have had a nice summer and a long growing season, overhanging trees or hedges can become a problem if they haven't been cut.

The County Council, has a responsibility to maintain the grass verges along the majority of Cambridgeshire's roads which they do through their grass cutting programme during the summer months. However, the majority of overhanging hedges or bushes belong to private individuals and other landowners, and there is no public body which regularly cuts them.

County officers can go out and inspect reports of overhanging bushes or trees to see if they are a danger to the public, especially if pedestrians are forced to walk out into the road, or signs are obstructed for motorists. They try to work with the landowner, and occasionally with parish councils, and usually are successful in convincing the landowner to do the work.

Reporting an overhanging bush or tree is easy to do, using the same tool that is used for reporting potholes and other highway problems: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>. It also shows whether a report has been made and what the status of it is.

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APPENDIX C

Police Report for September/October 2018

Girton – St Margaret's Road

Between 08/09/2018 05:00 to 20/09/2018 13:20 Front and rear index plates were torn off a Volkswagen Polo and stolen. Crime Ref 35/31488/18

Girton - Thornton Road

Between 22/09/2018 22:00 to 23/09/2018 09:00 offender has entered victim's garden and entered the unlocked vehicle, rummaged around and left the doors open - nothing was stolen. Offender stole a Viking mountain bicycle with wicker basket on the front from the garden. Crime Ref 35/32148/18

Girton - Wellbrook Way

25/09/2018 18:00 to 29/09/2018 10:30

Several plant pots at the front of the house have been smashed and overnight on the 28/09/2018 - 29/09/2018 the rear tyres of informant's van have been slashed.

Crime Ref 35/33716/18

Girton - Thornton Close

Between 05/10/2018 17:00 to 06/10/2018 10:00 Offender/s entered insecure vehicle and stole Oakley sunglasses, a sleeping bag, and a bag containing clothes for charity. Crime Ref 35/35449/18

Girton - Thornton Road

09/10/18. A Honda civic was entered with no signs of forced entry, messy search conducted, and a black Dell Latitude laptop was stolen. Crime Ref 35/36028/18

Girton – Dodford Lane

12/10/18. Just after 10pm a house in Dodford Lane has been entered. It appears the offenders were disturbed. It is unclear at this time what has been taken but some items have been left near the property. Crime Ref 35/36891/18

APPENDIX D
Letter from Club 55 regarding Christmas Lunch

Dear Councillors,

Club 55 – Girton – Annual Christmas Party

Once again Club 55 – Girton intends to hold a Christmas party for our members and the over 55s of the village. Our aim is to allow people to come along to the party at low cost to them and at the same time use the party to raise money for Charity. Last year we raised over £250 for ACT (Addenbrookes Charitable Trust) and we intend to try and raise at least that amount again this year for them.

Over the last two years your donations have allowed us to use the Pavilion at no cost to Club 55 and indirectly to help Addenbrookes Hospital which is a potential benefit to everyone in the village. I feel sure you will have heard about the success of our parties.

May I ask that you please allow a donation again this year large enough to cover the cost of the hire of the Pavilion on the 19th December 2018 from 12md to 3.30pm for our party?

Yours sincerely

Sam Clift Club 55 – Girton

APPENDIX E
Girton Parish Council Payments Schedule for October 2018
(circulated separately)

APPENDIX F

Chairman's Report
11th October 2018

The work on the GTC aspects of the car park/footpath/fence/bus shelter work has begun and has been scheduled to be completed by November 7th. I requested that the work be staggered, as agreed, so that no more than half the car parking spaces be taken up at any time and that the bus shelter be out of use for a minimum possible period. This was dismissed out of hand by Northmores. The contractors have proceeded to work at both ends of the car park and have taken the bus shelter out of use at least one week earlier than necessary. There was clearly little point in our involvement in the meetings held to plan the work.

Investigation of the background to the tree works reported to be underway adjacent to No. 1 Duck End reveals that the property has been the subject of a subsidence claim which has been attributed to roots from the neighbouring trees. The Insurance Company has undertaken detailed investigation and being unable to identify the owner of the land in question have proceeded to remove trees within several metres of the boundary. (They did not approach the PC in seeking to identify ownership). After requests from both Cllr de Lacey and myself we have had sight of their report which purports to support tree removal as the only remedy. It is unclear why an alternative barrier to spread of roots would not have been equally as effective.

After a somewhat confusing communication from our external auditors stating that they were unable to complete the audit of our annual return, we then received sign off of the return some three days later. The only item cited to require action is the updating of the asset register which was already suggested by the internal auditor in his submitted report. This is in hand with our accountants.

We have recently been notified indirectly of the open letter from the 'coalition of Parish Councils' concerning changing the Girton Interchange to allow four way movements linking to the A428. This is yet another example of Girton being left out of matters which directly affect it. About 2 years ago I expressed my concerns at a meeting of this group that such a change should not add to noise pollution

in the village. Again our opinions have been ignored.

Those of you who have stayed with me to this point will identify a rather depressing theme to matters reported. The PC seems not to be heard in many quarters. It really does make one begin to question the value of our activity!

Haydn Williams

APPENDIX G

Summary of Girton Youth Project Report for September 2018

This month has been all change and we have said goodbye to Matilda and Daisy who are heading off to university, they will remain on role as sessional workers. Kyle has left us focus on his career as a very talented tattoo artist, I am sure you are with me in wishing them the best of luck in the future. Although I am sure it will not be too long until we see them again, no one can keep away.

I have also stepped down as project manager, due to personal reasons, however, have agreed to stay on as interim manager until the YMCA has appointed a new person in place. The interviews took place on the 1st of October.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank GTC for their continued support, for the project and for me specifically in this role. I have been part of GYP since July 2010, it is a project that I will always be proud to have been part of, having watched some of the young people grow into adulthood and having had the honour of working alongside them, it has been a very unique and rewarding experience I shall hold dearly for a long time.

Rachel Rason