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Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th April, 2019

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 19/37.1

Present: (Cllrs) Williams (Chairman), Buckler, Dashwood, Godby, Hickford, Kettle, Mitchell, Rodger, Thomason.

Cllr L Harford (Cambs County Council), Cllr T Bygott (SCDC) (until end of item 19/40.2)

1 member of the public

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

19/34 Welcome from the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially County Councillor Harford, District Councillor Bygott and the member of the public.

19/35 Apologies and Reasons for Absence. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Cockley, de Lacey, Griffin and Thorrold, and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence. The Chairman had been to see Cllr Griffin following his discharge from hospital after surgery, and reported that he was making good progress.

19/36 Members' declarations for items on the agenda. None.

19/37 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:

1. Members of the Public. The member of the public present did not wish to speak.
2. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*). Cllr Harford reported that the County Council owns the freehold of County Hall and is going to sell a leasehold to a future bidder. The bidding document is tightly worded and the preservation of the right of way is entrusted to the freeholder. Cllr Harford has written to officers regarding street lighting process changes. The Clinical Commissioning Group is responsible to NHS England looking after NHS interests locally. The County Council also commissions services and is responsible for care. The two authorities work together on Continuing Care and share some budgets. Regarding the road between the Car Park and the School, the first quotation has been received. Cllr Harford has spoken to County Estates who are responsible for maintenance of the road. Two more quotations are to come to the County Council. Cllr Harford will meet again with the officer and will ask when the work will be instructed to start. The Local Highways Officer has asked about the car park exit created – this is not relevant to the county council as this side of the road is owned by the PC. All agreed that the school should not be asked to contribute to the road maintenance cost. The Chairman thanked Cllr Harford for her report.
3. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*). Cllr Bygott spoke about the funding scheme which had been set up to help elite athletes in 2012 and has been discontinued by the new administration. The reports on A10 dualling between Cambridge and Ely and Cambridge Metro have shown they would have cost benefit ratio of 2:4.

A complaint has been received from The Brambles regarding a recycling lorry nearly running over the complainant's daughter. Parking issues in Eddington lead to parking in The Brambles and Thornton Road. This issue is included in our LHI list.

Street signs are an SCDC matter, and Cllr Bygott has asked for new signs for St Vincent's Close. Cllr Bygott would like to know if there are other signs which need replacing.

Cllr Bygott was asked how many had been helped by the elite athletes' grant, where grants of

up to £1,000 had been available. Cllr Harford thought it may have been about 60 for lesser amounts. Regarding the trees cut down at the side of the A14 for burying cables, there are plans to replant.

Further to Cllr de Lacey's report, the Chairman noted the comment that the reopening of The Avenue is of concern to Dry Drayton, but felt that Dry Drayton is not so much concerned as interested. He also noted Cllr de Lacey's recent charity concert as Chairman of SCDC and was surprised that Girton PC was not invited to attend

4. Police Report (*Appendix C*). Cllr Godby is to speak to PCSO Martin regarding Neighbourhood Watch. Litter including cream chargers has been left in Washpit Lane. The Chairman reassured Cllr Godby that the 'Next Door' app is not a scam, as had been feared by residents of Wellbrook Way.

19/38 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March, 2019 (previously circulated). The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Rodger, and approved with three abstentions.

19/39 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

19/26.3 The Road Safety and Connectivity public meeting was held on 26th March, and had been well-attended by residents.

19/26.4 The play equipment inspection will be undertaken at the end of April.

There have also been repairs undertaken to the play area surface at Wellbrook Way.

19/40 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

1. To review a proposal for Local Highways Improvements funding to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May, 2019 (*Appendix D*) The Chairman spoke to the table of options produced following the Road Safety and Connectivity public meeting held in March. Items including chevrons on the wall of the Cambridge Academy of English and improved safety at Girton Corner were discussed. A countdown to 30mph on Oakington Road could slow down traffic on that stretch. Items 6 & 7 are possible for next year's application plus item 3 looking into the feasibility of traffic islands. The Parish Council can have a rolling programme of improvements over coming years. There is the possibility that A14 Legacy Funding could be used for a crossing on Girton Road. The Council could ask at the Annual Parish Meeting whether a one-off precept rise could fund the crossing if necessary. Regarding the A14 Legacy Fund, 29 parishes adversely affected by the works have been approached for a share of the £1 million to be applied for, and the Chairman asked for ideas for 'big' proposals. Regarding smaller pots, the footway from the Pavilion to the guided busway could be improved. Planings need something to be done.

2. To approve that by-laws prohibiting use of vehicles and marquees on the Recreation Ground be suspended for Girton Feast events on 7th -14th July, 2019. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Godby and approved unanimously.

Cllr Bygott left the meeting at this point.

3. To approve an offer for redundant Parish Office IT equipment. Following a request for bids in the Girton Parish News, an offer of £10 had been received for the laptop. The Chairman proposed that this offer be accepted, seconded by Cllr Godby, and approved unanimously.

19/41 Finance and Resource Management

1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (*Appendix E*) The Payments Schedule had been checked before the meeting by Cllr Godby. Proposed by Cllr Godby, seconded by Cllr Buckler and approved with one abstention.

2. To receive end of year financial reports. Reserve Allocation has been discussed with the accountant. A new reserve for 'Community Improvements' is proposed, along with a timetable for the Annual Return being agreed and a revised Assets Register

19/42 Correspondence (to be received)

1. Letter of resignation from Girton Town Charity Trustee.

2. Letter regarding renewal of St John's Field lease. This is a rolling renewal and as such the

Chairman will see if the costs can be brought down.

19/43 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix F*). Received by the Council.
2. Girton Town Charity Report (*Appendix G*). Received by the Council.
3. Girton Youth Project. There was no report this month.
4. Footpaths Officer (*Appendix H*). The Chairman and Council thanked the Footpaths Officer for her continued work and thorough report.
5. Water Management Report. There was no report this month.

19/44 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting.

The Parish Council website will hopefully be ready to launch in June.

Parking on Northfield cuts visibility and PCSO Martin will be asked to look into this.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

APPENDIX A

Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report

March 2019 [For April Meetings]

At the March meeting *County Council* members approved the Chief Officer Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 and the Gender Pay Gap Report 2019. The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 requires councils to publish various details including those of employees paid £50,000pa or more, the 'pay multiple' [the ratio between the highest paid salary and the median salary of the authority's workforce] and vacancies [via the jobs portal]. Additionally for the second year they must publish Gender Pay Gap data on the Government portal. For the mathematicians: the Council's mean gender pay gap is 13% [same as last year] against a national public sector mean of 17.5%. The median is the same as the national figure at 19% [18% last year]. Following the publication of last year's data, the Council carried out a full review which provided overall positive evidence although higher earners within the Council are less likely to work part time.

Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2UAdUx3>

Following on a motion considered at a previous meeting of Council, unanimous approval was given to the draft Plastics Strategy that was presented. Two motions debated at March meeting sought to offer reassurance to the many Cambridge residents who had expressed concerns relating to the proposal to sell the leasehold of Shire Hall and its 6 acre site. The concerns relate to public access rights which are afforded under the Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Areas Act 1979. The motion put by the chairman of Commercial & Investment committee was passed. It confirmed that the Council recognises the importance of the mound and civil earthworks to both residents of, and visitors to the County and has as a consequence ensured that all bidders are clear that any proposal for the site's future use must provide enhancement of access to, and the public experience of these historic features. Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2uPIog4>

In a demonstration of the Council's commitment to improving access to its meetings for residents of all parts of the county, *Children & Young People* committee held its March meeting appropriately in March [the town]. Members received updates on the impact of the recent changes within children's social care services and the outcome of the Ofsted inspection of the Council's children's services which took place 07-18 January 2019. The unannounced inspection gave the Council an overall rating of 'requiring improvement' but this was mitigated by Inspectors' assessment that the impact of senior leaders is good. The report noted whole Council ownership of the change programme that it has embarked upon. It acknowledged that the Council had itself already identified the same areas for improvement as did the Inspectors and that Children & Young People committee had already responded with investment to implement changes and to boost staffing levels. Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2KeoAgT>

I was pleased to be asked to sub again for *Economy & Environment* [E&E] committee as its agenda considered the responses to consultations on the East West Rail route options and the

North East Cambridge Area Action Plan - issues and options 2. I voted in support of all the Council's recommendations on East West Rail except its preference for Option A, the route via Bedford South, Sandy and Bassingbourn. My preference would be for Option B which was supported by South Cambs District Council. Considering the response to the second consultation on issues and options, members were updated on matters that had progressed since the last consultation. These include the adoption of new local plans for SCambs and the City, delivery of Cambridge North station with its guided busway link and completion of the Ely to Cambridge transport study. The area has also been expanded to include the Cambridge Science Park on the other side of Histon Road. The success of the bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund for £227m to relocate the waste water treatment works at Milton was announced the day before the meeting and this now paves the way for the development to achieve the Area Action Plan's vision of: 'North East Cambridge - a thriving, low carbon place for innovative living and working; inherently walkable where everything is on your doorstep'. Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2XGoOQB>

In addition to approving the recommendations for funding of Local Highways Improvement bids, **Highways & Community Infrastructure** committee also approved the withdrawal of the Council's service which has historically managed the supply of energy for the street lights owned by District and Parish councils. This was supplied as part of the Council's own unmetered supply and therefore required a detailed inventory provided by Balfour Beatty to calculate the monthly bill for each organisation. Over the last few years a significant proportion of Parish councils have sought more cost effective energy solutions and many who still use the service are questioning whether it still provides best value for them. Both Fenland and SCambs district councils are also changing the way in which they manage the street lights they own. Balfour Beatty no longer maintains an inventory and parishes now have to undertake this themselves. Making changes to the inventory is not quite as straightforward as it may sound; I know that one of our parish clerks struggled to provide the technical information required to get a new installation added. Overall the demand for this service is declining and the complexities of managing it are increasing. Thus it will cease from October 2019. I have asked Officers how this is being communicated to parish councils and how the transition will be managed. Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2HbGvCT>

Health committee members congratulated representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group [CCG] on maintaining its target overspend of £35m. Asked whether the mild winter had assisted in achieving the target CCG Officers confirmed this to be the case but added that a significant amount of forward planning for the winter period and proactive management had allowed winter pressures to be better managed. It was confirmed that previous years' overspends would continue to be carried forward but the current £35m deficit would not be added to the cumulative deficit. Members also received an update on the General Practice Forward View. New National Operating Planning Guidance and General Practice contract changes due to come into effect in June will refocus the direction of GP services on the establishment of Primary Care Networks. [Separate briefing note to follow.] Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2FTTHcg>

I attended **Adults** committee to listen to an update report on use of the 'Hancock Monies' - the £2.395m of additional funding for 2018/19 which the Council allocated to fund additional domiciliary care and reablement capacity to address performance on delayed transfers of care. I also spent a day with the reablement service. There is no doubt that staff in the service are doing a good job but my observation is that they could be helped to achieve even better outcomes. My feedback to the committee chairman was well received and I will continue to pursue some of my thoughts with other colleagues. Agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2OTSKVi>

There was a long agenda for the joint meeting of **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Health & Wellbeing Boards** [H&WB] followed in the afternoon by a workshop to formulate a plan for how the two will work together in the future and what their raison d'être is. I am not a member of the H&WB but invariably attend its meetings and, thanks to the Cambridgeshire chairman, I was offered a place at the workshop. It was just a little dis-spiriting when, at the end of a long afternoon working on the task set, to have a presentation from the Director of Public Health outlining 'one we made earlier'. I guess it was good for our souls and the networking opportunities it offered were excellent. H&WB agenda pack: <https://bit.ly/2UjE08h>

Hot off the press as I write: the announcement by the Department for Education [DfE] that the Council has been named as a 'trailblazing authority' in the national roll out of an innovative

approach to children's social care. This comes with a share of £87m of DfE funding. Cambridgeshire will take a leading national role in supporting the Government's nationwide roll out of Family Safeguarding, an approach that improves outcomes for vulnerable children and young people through the work of multi-disciplinary teams.

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 April meetings or by email.

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APPENDIX B

i) Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey

On 15 March I attended a briefing for County and District members on our Minerals & Waste Local Plans, the Combined Authority's Local Transport Plan, and the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The CA and the GCP, despite overlapping membership, still seem to be working in separate silos except that the Mayor is trying to control the GCP's transport plans to ensure they allow for his Metro.

But both seem to be offering us a large slice of sky-oriented pie for the far future with little in between. However, the CA has agreed to take a long hard look at options for the A10. Meanwhile the new local road between the A428 and the Dry Drayton crossroad has opened, and seems surprisingly congested. The Avenue has also been reopened; I'm aware that's a matter of concern to both Dry Drayton and Maddingley.

The JDCC had a briefing on odour as a precursor to any applications which may come in for redevelopment of the Cambridge Northern Fringe. Since the Government has now approved funding to move the sewage works some members questioned the point, but it will be a long time before the move (no-one has yet begun to think seriously about an alternative site) and applications must be decided on what is, not what might be in the future. The issues are very technical, and in the Chairman's briefing session I persuaded officers to produce a glossary of terms which I think saved us all a great deal of time at the meeting. It is interesting that the device for determining the acceptability or not of a pong remains the human nose. As well as accepting the odour report, we approved another large section of the University site, blocks of flats down by the P&R for a total of 186 units.

It is customary for the Council Chairman to host a reception. This year, in a break with tradition, I invited my choir, Choir2000, to allow me to present a charity concert and they enthusiastically agreed. Although the attendance was smaller than I would have liked, the evening of Handel extracts (Messiah and Water Music) was rapturously received and raised over 1000 for charity. And since the choir refused to accept any payment the overheads were very small; so many thanks indeed to Choir2000.

The next day (19 March) I attended the High Sheriff's awards to community groups at what he dubbed his end of term party. Although the moneys he had raised put mine into the shade, he was able to work on a far larger canvas; and was able to support a range of good causes. The one which most caught my eye was Power2Inspire, led by John Willis who despite having no legs and only half an arm has taken part in all the Olympic sports and spends his time encouraging schoolchildren to realise that, whatever they may think their disadvantages are, they too can succeed. I've asked the Glebe Head if he is interested.

Scrutiny received a further dismal report on our ICT service as we examined its business plan, but with assurances that we are working on the problems. We also assessed the business plans for our other shared services. We assessed our Homelessness Strategy and approved it for Cabinet consideration, being told that we have a team working with clients in danger of eviction after moving to Universal Credit. On a happier note we also approved for Cabinet a proposal to work with the City to resettle up to 5 Syrian refugee families, after assurances that the impact on our own housing needs would be negligible (these are likely to be larger families than we normally help and we have adequate large properties). After that, and three-and-a-half hours after starting, we decided to call it a day leaving a Vision and Ambition paper for another time.

After 10 months in office the Leader gave members a full briefing on the current Administration's priorities and method of working. Consultants have been employed to help understand where we are and our options (and the Opposition has been vocal in objecting to the cost). The Council has 4 main goals: Growing local

businesses and economies; Housing that is affordable for everyone to live in; Being green to our core; and Being a modern and caring Council. Now we have to turn the rhetoric into action. At a time when we have lost several senior officers, we have an opportunity to revise the way we work and explore new ways of satisfying internal and external demands, using our combined skillsets more wisely, and also working out how we can raise funding to replace diminishing Government grants. My own role in this as Chairman, I think, is to encourage a sense of community within the Council to ease the problems of recruitment and retention by making our officers feel more valued and more a significant part of the team. They already tend to be highly motivated; we need to learn to encourage and channel that.

One of the advantages of our new mode of scrutiny with its mammoth meetings is that Cabinet is much more efficient. It accepted our recommendations in a blessedly short meeting. And I was able to cancel April's Full Council for lack of business.

We have just been informed that there is now a new service for claimants for Universal Credit, run by Citizens' Advice and sponsored by the Government. citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/universal-credit gives the details.

And you may have seen a report in the Cambridge News expressing shock and horror that we might crush cans before recycling them. It appears to have been taken from the Mirror, reporting on a story from the USA, and has no relevance to Cambridge. I'm assured by Amey that the worst that could happen is that it might take a little longer for the can to reach the right spot; but it also reduces the number of extra trips from Girton to Waterbeach to empty the trucks. So Keep Crushing! Much more useful is for us to ensure that the cans are clean before they enter the blue bin.

Douglas de Lacey

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

Funding axed for young athletes

A South Cambridgeshire grants scheme for aspiring young athletes has been shut down. The awards scheme, offering small grants to individuals out of a yearly £10,000 pot, came on the back of an initiative launched nationally by Lord Sebastian Coe, the gold medal winning runner who steered the 2012 London Olympics to success. South Cambridgeshire District Council was one of many areas that heeded the call to build on the sporting legacy of the Olympics, and its Elite Athletes Scheme was launched. The new administration in charge at South Cambridgeshire has decided to close the scheme.

Cllr Mark Howell, representing Caxton and Papworth, who originally launched the scheme said, "It appears from this decision that the Liberal Democrats have turned their backs on any of our young people who aspired to sporting excellence."

Over the years the scheme has helped young people in sports as varied as diving, power lifting and clay shooting. The small grants were intended to help with items of kit or travel to training venues.

Cllr Peter Topping, representing Thriplow and Whittlesford, a keen rower and cyclist said "this scheme was intended to help young people with the potential for the highest levels of sporting excellence. The scheme was aimed at young athletes from the villages that make up South Cambs.

We wanted young people to aim high and be their best. It's a shame that the Liberal Democrats don't value this local legacy from the pride and achievement that was the 2012 London Olympics."

Since becoming your councillor, my policy has consistently been to support sporting facilities for all ages, which is why I have long supported the Girton Bowls Club and the proposed Olympic Swimming Pool on the West Cambridge site. If we cut back funding on sport, and that results in a drop in fitness levels and activity within the general population, we will end up spending far more in the long term on health care and treating the many chronic illnesses for which inactivity is a key cause.

The A10 and the Cambridge Metro both take a step forward

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, led by Mayor James Palmer, has taken a step forward on two major projects to improve transport in the region, these are the dualling of the A10 between Ely and Cambridge, and the Cambridge Metro.

Improving the A10 corridor between Ely and Cambridge is one of the Combined Authority's priority schemes. It is seen as having a crucial role to play in better connecting the economies of Fenland and Greater Cambridge. More than 18,000 vehicles use the corridor daily, with capacity issues resulting in significant delays which is restricting growth. The corridor carries the highest level of north-south traffic flows in the county, and journeys over the 16-mile route can take over 45 minutes.

Development in the A10 Cambridge to Ely corridor has been forecast to generate up to 17,000 new homes and 14,000 new jobs, with further development anticipated in the East Cambridgeshire part of the corridor, including Ely.

The Combined Authority Board has approved a study, called a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC), to look at potential routes for the dualling. A number of routes would be identified to consider which would offer best value for money and meet the objectives of the project. It will also look at other smaller projects that could improve traffic flows in the shorter term.

Meanwhile, the report examining the feasibility of a metro system for Greater Cambridge and the wider region (another SOBC) has found a 'compelling case' for the project. Both the economic and strategic cases for the Cambridge Autonomous Metro (CAM) are described as particularly compelling. It found up to 100,000 jobs and 60,000 new homes could result from the CAM. Based on both conservative and upper estimates of the CAM's potential, the economic benefits would outweigh costs by two to four times. The 'benefit-cost ratio' (BCR) figure of the CAM would be considered as offering very high value for money by the Department for Transport's assessment standards. This also compares favourably for other major transport infrastructure projects like Crossrail 1 and 2, which each have a BCR of just under 2, or the Northern Line Extension whose BCR is 3.

The Combined Authority is inviting local business groups and other stakeholders to also contribute to the costs of taking the project forward. This would include the development of a detailed funding strategy and a programme of stakeholder engagement, completing in February 2020. Construction could start as early as 2021 with the City Deal-funded projects, with the core metro infrastructure anticipated to be built between 2023 and 2029.

Replacement of single use plastics

Last summer, the Council debated a motion on ways to reduce the incidence of single use plastics, which I was very happy to support. There are many ways in which we as a community can help to end this waste and the environmental destruction it causes. Some very simple things we can do include buying a reusable water bottle that can be filled up at taps or water coolers at work, taking a reusable coffee cup when we go to buy coffee, or buying a reusable straw - many supermarkets now stock washable stainless steel straws.

Cllr Tom Bygott

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APPENDIX C

Police Report: March/April 2019

Girton

I have now planned a **Neighbourhood Watch Workshop** at the Parish Council Offices Pavilion Hall, 66 Cambridge Road, Girton. CB3 0FH on Thursday 9th May from 18:30-20:00 hrs. If you are interested in the area that you live in and reducing opportunist crime and want to know more about Neighbourhood Watch, how to become a member or co-ordinator and what it is all about then please come along. All residents of Girton are welcome. This event is also for current NHW members.

I visited and spoke to the Head at Gretton School to introduce myself and talk about how we can work together, future visits, fetes and school talks.

Follow up visit from last month. I carried out a revisit to the house of an elderly gent who has a hoarding problem. This is a property which has a high risk of a fire starting within the house.

I held my **Crime Prevention event** at Abbeyfield, Wellbrook Way, Girton on Tuesday 19th March. We

had a steady flow of customers who had various concerns which were addressed and attendees purchased some of the security products. I would like to thank everyone that came out to see me.

APPENDIX D

Proposals for Local Highways Improvement Projects

	Proposal	Funded by	Priority	Timeframe
1	Road Crossing near Co-op	County Council pot of A14 Heritage Fund?	High	Make application in 2019
2	Improved safety at Girton Corner	Various to include University and Highways	High	Under review
3	Speed restriction on Oakington Road -Countdown to 30mph limit	LHI Grant	Medium	2021
4	Parking restriction at Huntingdon Road end of Thornton Road.	LHI Grant	Medium	2020
5	Parking restriction at Girton Road end of Thornton Road.	LHI Grant	Medium/low	2021
6	20 mph Zone Dodford Lane to Hicks Lane	LHI Grant	High	2019
7	Moveable speed monitoring signs	LHI Grant	High	2019
8	Improved signage at Language School corner	LHI Grant or PC	High	2019
9	Speed reduction by traffic islands at road centres	LHI Grant	Medium	2020
10	Extended 20mph zone	LHI Grant	Medium	2020/21
11	Repair of footpath at Duck End	SCDC (or CCC!) repair budget	High	Immediate request
12	Repair of footpaths throughout village	CCC or SCDC repair budgets	High	Ongoing request
13	Pot holed road repairs Bandon Road	CCC repair budget	High	Immediate request
14	Street Lighting along Oakington Road	Highways	Medium	Unknown*
15	Improved Equine NMU routes	LHI Grant?	Medium	Unknown [#]
16	Improved cycle route to Histon and Impington	Unknown	Medium	Unknown [®]

* Historically contentious issue which requires clarification from Highways

[#] Equine community to be requested to provide specific detail of routes they would like to see improved for horse use with realistic proposals for development

[®] Provision of a safe cycle link from the Recreation ground or the Oakington Road bridge to the Busway is likely to be prohibitively expensive. Previously such proposals have foundered on 'over urbanisation of the green belt' objections.

We understand that there are funds allotted from the A14 Heritage fund to improve footpaths 4 and 5 to provide an improved NMU route from Duck End to the other side of the upgraded A14. We should be consulted on this later in 2019. The cycleway from Oakington to Girton is also being upgraded with funds from the Northstowe development and the A14 Heritage fund. The timing of the proposed cycle/walking route from Wellbrook Way to Darwin Green is unknown but is linked to the latter development timetable.

Haydn Williams

APPENDIX E
Payments Schedule for April 2019 (circulated separately)

APPENDIX F

Chairman's Report
10th April 2019

The remedial work on the car park tarmac and rail fence is now complete. The problem surrounding the drain at the main road edge arose from work left unfinished by Regent. Mead completed it as a favour and have reworked to a better standard but are unsure as to whether it actually should have been down to Highways. We await reassurance on the warranty period for the whole of the new surface

As resolved at last month's meeting, I have begun the process of listing The Old Crown as an asset of community value. Hopefully the urgency of this is somewhat attenuated by the news that it is to reopen under new management after Easter. I have also written to GTC in reference to the complaints received about the lack of shelter afforded by the new bus shelter at the Church Lane stop.

The GTC Community Hall building contractors have at last repaired the playground fence at Wellbrook Way. The quality of the work is not up to standard however and I have asked GTC to expedite remedial action.

The public meeting on Highways improvements held on March 26th was reasonably well attended and Cllrs. Harford, Hickford, de Lacey and I will be bringing a draft proposal for the next steps to our meeting on the 16th.

Lynda Harford, Douglas de Lacey and I attended a meeting with representatives of Madingley and Dry Drayton PCs and a Highways Officer to consider Madingley's urgent request to abort the reopening of The Avenue. All but Madingley were in agreement that the road system should be monitored for traffic flows only when all local road connections are opened and the upgraded A14 in use.

We heard extremely belatedly of a meeting organised by the A14 'Legacy Fund' for affected parishes to request funding for improvements to road safety needed as a result of the upgrade works. Fortunately, Cllr. Harford was able to attend and represent our position, (for which many thanks, Lynda). I am assured that we can arrange a further meeting if we so wish.

I am pleased to report that Andy is now at home following his heart surgery and looking forward to a full recovery which will take a number of months.

Haydn Williams

APPENDIX G

Girton Town Charity Report – April 2019

Enhancing the quality of leisure time for young people in Girton

From painting to ping pong and drama to dodge ball, Girton's young people have access to a wide range of activities run by the Youth Project, funded by Girton Town Charity through the YMCA. Youth Leader Frances Roach explains how the Project brings together groups and promotes a sense of community to encourage pride in the neighbourhood.

Community connections

Girton Youth Project has provided community-based leisure and learning opportunities for the young people of Girton since 2006. As Youth Workers, we also keep in touch with schools and other services to offer support. Children currently attend from Gretton School and links with Girton Glebe include working with groups of primary children to create playground

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murals, make bird boxes and animation. There's a team of full-time staff, sessional workers and volunteers trained in youth participation and some of the ex-Youth Project attendees have now become volunteers and volunteers regularly move on to paid posts. The Youth Group is held on Mondays and Thursdays at Cotton Hall where sessions are divided into age bands with around 20 people on average attending each group.

Seasonal activities

During the Winter months, the focus is on indoor games and activities such as Xbox, pool, ping pong, dodge ball, henna painting, nail painting, jewellery making and cooking, whereas in the Summer it's outdoors using the Recreation Ground and woods for ball games and adventure games. There are also workshops and outings; recent trips have included the London Dungeons, Go Karting, Climbing Wall and Adventure Parks.

Positive impact

Participants and parents are very positive about the impact of the Youth Project and this feedback is echoed by GTC Trustee Jenny Knights. She says: "The Youth Project has made a huge difference to the quality of leisure time for young people in Girton. Our Youth Leaders work tirelessly to create an environment where young people meet friends, share experiences and feel safe. It is a credit that they can engage with young people of all ages and that some choose to stay on, volunteer and even become paid workers. GTC is delighted to support this project and is proud of its success."

For more information on the Girton Youth Project: www.facebook.com/girtonyouthproject and www.ymcatrinitygroup.org.uk

	Parish footpaths 29.3.19				
5	Location	Length	Type	Remarks	Action
	E of Manor Farm Road	320	Tarmac and Grass	No close vegetation. Partly through set aside area which farmer had mown. Clear path. Popular with dog walkers	None needed
	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	None needed
	Connects Woody Green with A1307	1300	Tarmac	Motorway footbridge was clear. Metal seat was clear of brambles be cleared of brambles regularly No Brambles over hanging path	None needed
	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
0	Runs along SE Parish boundary connecting FP48 with FP to Histon	200	90m gravel then earth	It is clear of overhanging brambles.	None needed
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 poor state but better than last year. Overhanging ivy from two gardens was affecting the path	I cut back the ivy
3	Connects Thornton Close with FP 10/48	200	New tarmac	This path had been cleared and freshly tarmacked, I assume as part of the Darwin Green development	No action needed
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 Boundary between A1307 and FP10	480	Tarmac	A clear path	No action
	To Rear of Abbeyfield running parallel to Welbrooke Way		Sand and gravel then grass	No brambles affecting the path	No action needed
	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 Path is clear if vegetation	No action needed at prese

Summary

Overall the paths are all looking good at the moment. I think that villagers are clearly the paths near them.

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