

# Girton Parish Council

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## Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 9 August 2006

**Present:** M Wilson (Chairman), D de Lacey (Vice-Chairman), E Bullman (also District), V Godby, P Starling, J Mayfield, R Hodgkinson, A Meek, M Taylor, J Ford-Smith, S Tutt, M Moore, H Bracey (Clerk)

Cllr Reynolds, County from item 68 to 69. 1 member of the public.

### **06/62. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Gordon and Cllr Hiley and accepted by the Chairman.

### **06/63. Members' declarations of interests**

Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest in item 06/68.3

### **06/64. Open Session for Public**

As Cllr Reynolds arrived late, this item was deferred to after item 06/68. Cllr Meek prop to suspend Standing Orders, sec Cllr Moore carried *nem con*. Cllr Reynolds gave his report and answered questions on battery recycling and Girton Corner.

### **06/65. Standing Orders reinstated**

Standing Orders reinstated prop Cllr Moore, sec Cllr Tutt carried *nem con*.

### **06/66. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 28 June 2006**

Approved and signed by Chairman. Cllr Moore prop, sec Cllr Tutt, carried *nem con*.

### **06/67. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none.

### **06/68. Planning**

#### Planning Applications

1. Extension and garage at 11 Mayfield Road, Girton for Mr Speed S/1377/06/F. No objections.
2. Extension at 15 Duck End, Girton for Mr & Mrs Howlett S/1385/06/F. No objections.
3. Extensions (amended design) at 13 Northfield, Girton for Mr & Mrs Ameer S/1356/06/F. No objections.
4. Play Area (LEAP) to serve residential development at land off Wellbrook Way, Girton for George Wimpey South Midlands Ltd S/1352/06/RM. Objection:
  - (a) The shape is not suitable for active play.
  - (b) The equipment being suggested is very limited and unsuitable for the range of ages of children who would use it.
  - (c) On several occasions, Girton Parish Council have asked for discussion on this area. We do not feel able to accept this application until this takes place.
  - (d) The developers need to make disability statements about the equipment and access to the area.Also, the Parish Council would like to consider this area and the Community Land area as one and design the layout to enhance both uses.
5. Phase 2 development for 72 dwellings and play area at land off Wellbrook Way for George Wimpey and Girton Town Charity S/1437/06/RM. Objection:
  - (a) The community land area is not suitable for the use which has been proposed as the pumping station does not allow the bowling green to be placed at the most suitable location.

- (b) The Community Land area and the area for the LEAP should be considered as one area and developed for the benefit of both uses.
  - (c) The Parish Council would like to impose a Grampian Condition as follows: the Council strongly request that the developer provides an access route for cycles and pedestrians at the south/east end of the site (into Thornton Rd/Thornton Way near to the shops)
    - (i) to encourage cycling and walking by cutting up to a mile off journeys from the site to the city centre
    - (ii) to increase integration of site with existing village and
    - (iii) to encourage use of local shops. The Council would recommend refusal unless this condition can be satisfied.
  - (d) Plans are not drawn to current building regulations and there is no evidence that they will build to building regulations. The Parish Council cannot see how they can design them to meet life-term standards and we would like the developers to quote on what standard they are building to.
  - (e) The Council requests a carbon footprint report before approval is granted as the Parish Council is seeking to limit the environmental impact of new building.
6. General purpose agricultural building at Manor Farm, Girton for Mr & Mrs Dawson S/1818/05/F. Objection: improper use of public right of way.
  7. Erection of sports pavilion adj to Grande College and Water Tower, Girton College, Huntingdon Road, Girton for Girton College S/1019/06/F. No objections.

Planning Applications (for information only)

1. Extension at 1 Cambridge Road, Girton for Miss M Timms S/2231/05/F
2. Extensions at 125 High Street, Girton for Mr & Mrs Byrne S/1142/06/F

**06/69. Minutes of the Budget Committee meeting held on 31 July 2006**

The Minutes were tabled and received by the Council.

**06/70. Appointment of a Vice-Chairman with responsibilities for finance**

No volunteers or nominations received.

**06/71. Membership of the Budget Committee**

Cllr Wilson proposed to reconstitute the membership as follows: Vice-Chairman (finance); 1 member of the Recreation Ground Committee; 1 member of the Open Spaces Committee; 2 other members; Clerk to be in attendance. The item was taken together with 06/72.

**06/72. Remit of the Budget Committee**

The Council were asked to agree the remit of Budget Committee as proposed below:

1. To receive, comment on, and make recommendations to the full Council on financial planning proposals prepared by sub-committees including the Finance Committee or adhoc groups of the Council.
2. To produce a proposal for the annual budget and hence for the annual precept by considering:
  - a) the budgeted and actual spending by the Council in the previous years;
  - b) any new expenses which need to be included in the following year's budget;
  - c) any expenses which no longer need to be included;
  - d) the annual rate of inflation;
  - e) the previous precepts and rates of increase of the precept;
  - f) precepts being set by other parishes in the district;
  - g) any other relevant information.
3. To present the proposed budget and precept to the full Council for consideration and for a final decision. (A range of options might be presented – for example giving percentage increases at, below and above the current rate of inflation.)

Cllr Meek prop, sec Cllr Taylor. Voted 11 in favour, 1 abstention.

### **06/73. New Finance Committee**

Following a debate Cllr Starling proposed to establish a new Finance Committee to be constituted of the following persons: Cllr Hiley, Cllr Ford-Smith and Cllr Mayfield. Sec Cllr Moore. Voted 9 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

### **06/74. Remit of the Finance Committee**

The Council were asked to agree the remit of the Finance Committee as proposed below:

1. To monitor the spending of the Council compared with its budget.
2. To perform any other tasks related to the Council's finances which are requested and authorised by the Council, including advice on investment of reserves.
3. To undertake financial risk assessments.
4. To advise on agenda items which entail spending.
5. To advise the Budget Committee as appropriate.

Cllr Godby proposed an amendment that Councillors should not serve on both the Budget and Finance Committee. Cllr Starling sec. Voted 4 in favour, 6 against, 2 abstentions. Amendment not carried. Cllr Meek then prop to agree the remit as above, sec Cllr Tutt. Voted 10 in favour, 2 abstentions.

### **06/75. Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2006**

Cllr Starling queried the Weaver's Field prepayment which he thought had already been spent. Clerk to discuss with M Woodisse. Cllr de Lacey prop to accept the Annual Return, sec Cllr Moore, carried *nem con*.

### **06/76. Reports from Parish Councillors**

1. Cllr Godby reported that the weeds were bad at the Huntingdon Road/Girton Corner area. Clerk to report to Highways.
2. Cllr Starling reported he had difficulty with his SCDC bus pass which had not been accepted by bus drivers leaving the City but was accepted by drivers returning to the City. Clerk to report the inconsistency to Cllr Reynolds.
3. Cllr Moore reported that the verges at Washpit Lane were very overgrown and dumping of rubbish particularly bad. Clerk to report to Highways.

### **06/77. Reports from Other Groups**

1. **Girton Town Charity** Cllr Hiley was not present but had supplied the following report.
  - a) The Town Charity has finalized its grant of £0.5m to the Cotton Hall Foundation. The grant was approved by the Charity Commission and is subject to some major conditions. 1) There is a legal charge against the Cotton Hall for 25 years which tapers from 100% of the £0.5m at the end of year 1 to zero at the end of year 25. 2) The Cotton Hall Foundation must send an updated business plan and review its changes every year until the end of the 25 year period. 3) The Cotton Hall Foundation Trustees must fully insure and maintain the hall. Breach of any of these conditions in principle allows GTC to appoint a receiver though it would be hoped that the Cotton Hall Foundation react early if they saw a problem arising. In addition to the grant, GTC has made available a loan of up to £50k for two years to bridge the gap, if any, between the end of the works and the success of the fund-raising.
  - b) The GTC website has been registered and should be ready for internal testing in the next month. The address will be [www.girtontowncharity.co.uk](http://www.girtontowncharity.co.uk).
  - c) The land swap with SCDC of the area behind the houses at 78-88 Girton Road is under consideration again by SCDC. The PC will be consulted on its view of the proposal. The aim would be to give SCDC plots for 4 houses on the land retained by GTC at the south end of the site.
  - d) A grant was made to help with the cost of apparatus for the start of a new children's gym club from the beginning of September.
2. **Youth Works** Cllr Meek reported that they were still looking for supervision supervisors and could not operate without them.

3. **Footpaths and Rights of Way** Cllr Starling reported he was still looking into the possibility of accessing the Histon footpath from the Recreation Ground.

#### 06/78. Correspondence

1. SCDC – Advice to District & parish members in relation to Code of Conduct
2. SCDC – Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Policy
3. CALC – Meeting August 24<sup>th</sup> 2006
4. CALC – Grants available for training
5. Highways Agency – Stakeholder News
6. CCC – Proposed revisions to Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England  
Publication of Panel Report
7. CCC – Trading Standards News letter
8. Natural East – Summer Newsletter
9. Cambs ACRE – Briefing Newsletter
10. Margaret Morrison – noise emanating from Recreation Ground car park

#### 06/79. Payments

Payments	GPC 9 August '06				
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
1011758	CALC	In-house training	251.95		251.95
1759	Cambridgeshire County Council	Hire of Girton Glebe hall for APM	60.00		60.00
1760	The Poppy Appeal	Donation towards Remembrance Day Ceremony	30.00		30.00
1761	Girton Youth Works	Work cleaning Woody Green footpath and Hibbert-Ware garden	88.00		88.00
			429.95	-	429.95

Payments	GRC 9 August '06				
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
300494	Norman Lewell	Security/maintenance officer fees	259.00		259.00
495	Stuart Turnock	Cleaner's fees	240.00		240.00
496	Scott Morley	Litter picker's fees	75.00		75.00
497	Cambridge Master Locksmiths	Replacement lock to door at Pavilion	141.47	21.07	120.40
498	Algar Signcraft Services (Cambridge) Ltd	Supply and fix to signs to MUGA	185.65	27.65	158.00
499	Algar Signcraft Services (Cambridge) Ltd	Supply self-adhesive vinyl sign	5.29	0.79	4.50
500	A to Z Supplies	Pavilion supplies	65.20	9.71	55.49
501	John Gaunt Pump Supplies Ltd	Repairs to booster pump	716.75	106.75	610.00
502	Steve Tyrell	Fertiliser for cricket square	31.34		31.34
			1,719.70	165.97	1,553.73

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Moore, carried *nem con*.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.