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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st October 2009 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre

Present: Cllrs D de Lacey (Chairman), S Clift (Vice Chairman), J Ford-Smith (*until Item 09/127/ 7*), R Hiley (*from Item 09/124*), V Godby, J Thorrold, R Gordon, R Martin, B Bromwich, M Wilson, L Sparling, P Starling, M Taylor & C Starling.

Cllr J Reynolds (Cambridgeshire CC) and Cllr T Bygott (South Cambridgeshire DC).
Philip Hacker – carer for Cllr Ford-Smith

In attendance: R Stone (Clerk) and Mrs N Stone (RFO)

09/120 Welcome from the Chairman

Cllr de Lacey welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a warm welcome to Cllr Ford-Smith attending his first meeting after a period of poor health.

09/121 Apologies and reasons for absence

No apologies were received.

09/122 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

Cllrs Godby and Thorrold made a personal declaration about Item 09/123/5 in view of their role of the Steering Group for the Parish Plan.

09/123 Public Participation session on agenda items & matters of mutual interest

1. Members of the public – No members of the public wished to speak.
2. District Councillors' reports - Cllr de Lacey's report was circulated in advance. (See Appendix C.) Cllr Bygott warned that most local authorities including SCDC were having to impose cuts during this budget cycle. It is planned to cut £1.6m during 2010/11. This should not affect front line services.
3. County Councillor – John Reynold's responses to queries raised by the Council last month were circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting. (See Appendix F) Cllr de Lacey expressed disappointment regarding the delays due to lack of funding for a 30mph speed limit on the Huntingdon Road.
4. Police Report – PCSO Karen Mahoney's report was tabled. Only 5 crimes had been reported in Girton during the previous four weeks. This was down from 14 during the previous period. Cllr de Lacey raised a concern the fact that a recent e-cops report, about a crack down on motorists and cyclists without lights, was not circulated to Girton.
5. Parish Plan – Cllr de Lacey spoke to the report at Appendix E.

09/124 To confirm minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 16th September 2009

Prop: Cllr Gordon Sec: Cllr Ford-Smith

The Council approved the minutes. These were confirmed by the Chairman's signature. Cllr de Lacey explained that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 7th October 2009 would be submitted to the Council meeting in November.

09/125 Matters arising from minutes

09/109 Parking in Duck End/Woody Green	Advice from Highways to be passed to complainants
09/113/3 Complaints policy	Revised policy to come forward in November 2009
09/113/9 Future jobs fund	Applications made to CPALC

09/126 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council

- 1. To approve the proposal by Cambridgeshire County Council that a proposed 20mph trial be operated in Girton along Girton Road/Cambridge Road/High Street and sideroads thereof .**

Prop: Cllr de Lacey Sec: Cllr Taylor

The Chairman referred to the Cambridgeshire CC presentation and informal discussion at the September Parish Council meeting, and invited Councillors to formally debate the issues.

Councillors raised a number of concerns including:

- the trial being done without sufficient resources, only a few 20mph signs;
- possible detrimental affects such as buses not running to time;
- operating the 20mph limit on the busy main road through the village would not be viable, whereas a scheme limited to the side roads may work;
- if the speed limit on the Huntingdon Road had been reduced to 30mph the trial would have made more sense; and
- Department of Transport guidelines indicate that 20mph schemes work best when the current speed of traffic is 24mph or less.

Overall there was scepticism that merely placing 20mph signs on the village roads would have any effect. This is in part based on the 20mph voluntary limit by the school largely being ignored, lack of policing of speed limits, and the speed that cars approach Girton from Oakington, and from the north along the A14. This is often excessive and well over the existing 40 speed limit. New signs would not change motorists' behaviour.

The outcome was a majority vote against the motion to approve a 20mph trial in Girton with only 1 Councillor voting for the trial and 3 abstaining. **Action:** Clerk to notify Cambridgeshire CC

- 2. To approve expenditure of up to £4927 for Playdale's Cone Climber in the play area of the recreation ground. (See Appendix A) (Play Equipment reserve)**

Prop: Cllr Wilson Sec: Cllr Sparling

Cllr Wilson spoke in support of the motion explaining that the procurement method adopted by the Sports & Recreation committee was to not replace like with like when the monkey bars were removed. A variety of options were looked at and a list of climbing equipment produced. Two alternatives were on the final short list – an Hexagonal Climber at £2,850; and a Playdale Cone Climber at £4429 (1.8m), or £4927 (2.4m). Consultation with the children of Girton Glebe School produced a clear majority in favour of the Cone Climber. Checks of the available play surface had since revealed that only the 1.8m version was suitable for the available space. This was the recommendation of the S&R Committee.

The Council approved the purchase of the 1.8m Playdale Cone Climber by unanimous vote.

3. To approve up to £800 for Christmas lights on the recreation ground car park. (S.137)
Prop: Cllr Clift Sec: Cllr de Lacey

Cllr Clift explained his proposal for a string of Christmas lights from the corner of the church wall to the Pavilion. Expenditure of £800 would include an external electrical point on the balcony which would be of benefit to future Feast Weeks. Councillors commented that Girton was one of the few villages not to have any Xmas lights and that they would improve the appearance of the village. It was agreed that whilst this was not a budgeted item for 2009/10 it could be put forward for next year's budget for 2010/11 subject to a risk assessment, and insurance cover being available. This was agreed by passing the following amending motion proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Hiley.

“To approve the investigation of Christmas lights on the recreation ground car park for inclusion in the budget for 2010/11.”

In the vote that followed a majority (8 for; 1 against and 1 abstention) voted in favour.

Action: Cllr Clift – risk assessment; RFO – budget; & Clerk – insurance check.

4. To approve up to £500 for clerical and printing costs for the Parish Plan.

Prop: Cllr de Lacey Sec: Cllr Martin

Cllr Thorrold explained that the cost of input was £1.60 per questionnaire. The Parish Plan had been a victim of its own success in that far more completed paper questionnaires had been received than anticipated. Paid data processors were more accurate than volunteers. As only 5 questionnaires could be processed per hour the exercise was taking longer than expected. Paying for professional assistance was the way forward.

The Council approved the motion with 14 voting for, and 1 abstention. **Action:** RFO

5. To approve a donation of £50 to the 2009 Poppy Appeal (S.137)

Prop: Cllr de Lacey Sec: Cllr P Starling Approved. Unanimous.

Action: RFO

6. To approve the adoption of BT's red telephone kiosk on the corner of Huntingdon Road, and Girton Road at a cost of £1.

Prop: Cllr de Lacey Sec: Cllr Godby

Councillors noted that the telephone box was empty and vandalised. Once it had lost its function it in effect became a piece of street art with ongoing maintenance costs. The motion fell.

Action: Clerk to notify BT

7. To confirm the arrangements for the circulation of documents agreed in July 2007

Prop: Cllr de Lacey Sec: Cllr Gordon

The Chairman reminded Council Members that it was agreed in July 2007 they would receive papers by email unless they notified the Clerk that they wished to receive paper copies.

(See copy of Council Item 07/127 at Appendix B). This had worked fairly well. Papers produced immediately prior to meetings would be tabled. New Members should be aware that they were entitled to one ream of paper and one black ink cartridge (or equivalent) up to a maximum value of £30 per year per year.

The Council confirmed these arrangements by majority vote (10 for, 2 against).

1. To approve payments from 16th September 2009 to 20th October 2009

Prop: Cllr de Lacey Sec: Cllr Gordon

Payments detailed at Appendix G were unanimously approved by the Council.

2. To approve the balance sheet from 1st April to 30th September 2009.

Prop: Cllr de Lacey Sec: Cllr Godby

The Chairman stated it was important to approve the balance sheet in so far as it provided a statement of current assets and reserves. For the purposes of setting the precept it was necessary to separate allocated reserves (e.g. play equipment and surfaces) from general reserves. These could not be allowed to become excessive.

The Council approved the balance sheet by unanimous vote. The Chairman signed and dated the tabled copy.

3. To receive the finance report from 1st April 2009 to 30th September 2009.

Councillors received the report and queried whether any large mismatches between expenditure and budget applied at the end of September. None were identified. Cllr Wilson advised that users of the Pavilion and recreation ground would be invoiced on a monthly basis from 2010/11. This would make it easier to spot discrepancies compared to the current 6 monthly and annual billing system.

09/128 Correspondence received (circulated at the meeting)

Andrew Lansley MP	Requesting a copy of GPC's response on SCDC's Local Development Framework Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan
Nathan Smith, Abbeyfield Developments	Promise to discuss partnership arrangements when contractors are selected in February 2010.
Resident proposing a play sculpture on Girton Recreation Ground	To be discussed by S&R Committee
Complaint by user of recreation ground concerning behaviour of Parish Chairman	Response by Vice Chairman
Complaint by user of Girton muga	Response by Chairman of Sports & Recreation Committee
SCDC invitation to Voluntary Sector Fayre on 26 November 2009	Attendee(s) to be decided
Andrew Lansley MP	Correspondence on rural broadband. Clerk responded by email that Girton has good broadband speeds.
David Howarth MP to Parish Chairman	Acknowledgement on receipt of letter about noise pollution on A14.
Letter by Clerk to Headmaster of Girton Glebe School	To raise issue of school children moving rusty metal sheets onto the recreation ground as cycle ramps
Brian Stinton of Cambridgeshire CC	To request that GPC takes formal decision on 20mph speed limit in proposed Girton
Application for trading consent in GPC car park	Response from Clerk, and email to Councillors
Andrew Lansley MP	Attaching copy correspondence from Parliamentary Secretary of State on Gypsies and Travellers.
BT Payphones	Invitation to adopt telephone kiosk
Letter by Clerk to Greg Harlock, CEO of	On behalf of Girton Parish Council raising concerns

South Cambridgeshire DC	about SCDC's policies on Gypsies & Travellers.
Correspondence by resident on lighting and speeding of lorries and buses.	Response by Parish Chairman.

The Chairman advised that Andrew Lansley had been sent a copy of the Council's response to SCDC's Local Development Framework Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan.

Correspondence on the A14 would also be copied to David Howarth MP who had expressed an interest in developments.

Details of SCDC's invitation to parish councils to attend the Voluntary Sector Fayre on 26 November would be sent to Councillors. **Action:** Clerk

09/129 To receive reports:

- i) Chairman's Report – This had been circulated in advance. (*Appendix D*) The Chairman drew attention to the massive burden of reading and responding to the A14 draft Orders. These plus numerous supporting documents were available on disk. Copies were available should Members wish to contribute to this exercise.
- ii) Girton Town Charity – no report.
- iii) Girton Youth Works - no report
- iv) Fields in Trust - Cllr Wilson advised that a number of recommendations put to the July meeting had been noted rather than approved. These would be progressed following Council approval. **Action:** Clerk to add to GPC agenda for November 2009.
- v) Footpaths and Rights of Way – Cllr P Starling reported that he had attended a P3 Footpath Officer meeting at Longstanton Village Hall. Discussions included footpaths on the west and east side of the A14 and how they would be affected by the proposed A14 works. Details of all the proposals were available on the A14 Draft Orders DVD. The footbridge over the A14 at Girton (Footpath 4) would be moved 20 yards.

Sarah Shepherd, Cambridgeshire CC's Rights of Way Officer, had recently arranged for clearance works adjacent to Town End Close and Footpath 4. The view had now opened up, and maintenance should be easier in future.

09/130 To receive unconfirmed Committee minutes for the Planning, Sports & Recreation, and Environment Committees (if available)

Unconfirmed minutes of the Planning and Environment Meetings of 21st September and 12th October were received by the Council. The minutes of the S&R meeting of 14th October would be circulated when available.

09/131 Matters raised by Councillors including items for the next Agenda.

Cllr C Starling requested that a decision be taken on Feast Week, and grant funding, in the near future. **Action:** Clerk to add to GPC agenda for November 2009.

Cllr de Lacey said he had been sent police posters stating “No Trick or Treat here”. These were available should Councillors wished to have copies.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Item 09/126/2 Approval of new play equipment for the recreation ground

The Sports & Recreation Committee discussed a short list of pieces of replacement play equipment at its meeting of 9th June 2009. It was agreed that this should be aimed at the 6+ age range, that the budget should be approximately £4000, and that prior to making a final decision that pupils of Girton Glebe School should be consulted on their choice of equipment in line with current good practice.

Two alternatives went forward to the headmaster of Girton Glebe School shortly before the end of the summer term. These were:

- (a) Fenland Leisure Products Hexagonal Climber at £2,850; and
- (b) Playdale Cone Climber at £4429 (1.8m) and £4927 (2.4m).

When consulted at the beginning of the autumn term the school children voted for the cone climber by 2 to 1. They were not asked about the height of the Climber but it seems likely they would prefer the challenge of the 2.4m play equipment rather than the smaller 1.8m equivalent. Pictures of both will be tabled at the meeting.

Appendix B

07/127 That all Councillors inform the Clerk whether they require correspondence, including agendas and minutes, to be emailed directly to them or to have copies delivered to their address. Councillors who opt for email correspondence may receive up to one ream of paper and one black ink cartridge (or equivalent) up to a maximum value of £30 per year per year to ensure they can print out any necessary documents. It is the responsibility of each Councillor to inform the Clerk of their preference, and the details of ink cartridge required. The default position will be that documents will be emailed.

Appendix C

SCDC September report to Parish Council

The Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) discussed our approach to reducing energy use both within SCDC and in businesses which we believe could also save significant amounts of energy if approached aright. It is a pity that some in SCDC think we are "doing our bit" by moving to biofuel-driven tractors, when Professor David MacKay has emonstrated, by doing the sums, that "one conclusion is clear: "biofuels can't add up -- at least, not in countries like Britain". Climate change is too important for gesture politics. I am pleased that by and large the CCWG is aware of this. The Group's Sustainable Energy project moves ahead with a conference at the end of October to encourage more parishes to come on board; Girton is already there.

Girton resident Professor David MacKay's book "Sustainable Energy -- without the hot air" is remarkable: witty and gripping, yet being a serious analysis of the claims made for renewable energy sources. You can read it on-line or download it free at <http://www.withouthotair.com/> or if you prefer buy it on paper. Congratulations to David on his appointment as Chief Scientific Advisor to the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

The Joint Development Control Committee is responsible for the planning of all Cambridge fringes, and on 21 September there was a meeting with the planners of the Glebe Farm site (to the south of the City) to discuss their early drafts. It was disappointing to be told that a few roofs would have Solar PV panels -- only a few because "we don't have to" do any more. It is clear that developers are not yet aware of the benefits of ecological building. It is also of great concern that we are being told that developers are trying to re-negotiate Section 106 agreements (which provide money for community benefit) and the proportion of affordable housing to be provided.

I was pleased to be invited to meet the leaders of the University team responsible for planning NW Cambridge at the end of September. We talked for an hour and a half and they impressed on me their interest in consulting the local community. We discussed the needs and concerns I have picked up so far, particularly from those along Huntingdon Road, together with my own. It was a disappointment that the enthusiasm seemed to wane when we moved to the possibility of making this development a zero-carbon one and I asked about plans for sustainable energy generation. I hope the University can be persuaded to make this a truly cutting-edge development in this area. The conversations will continue, and I would be very grateful if villagers would contact me with any issues you may have over this development.

With both Parish Council and SCDC hats on I prepared responses to the Gypsy and Traveller consultations. I hope that I have represented the various views I have heard from members of the Village; my own major concern is that if we are to provide sites for travellers they must be safe and healthy sites which can provide the needs of their residents, and I do not believe that is possible in either NW Cambridge or NIAB. We now await the next step of the consultation as officers assess the various responses.

Council met on 24 September with a very thin agenda. There were a large number of questions mainly about our financial state for which there were no very satisfactory answers. We approved (we had no option) the Inspector's Report and proposals for NW Cambridge. The only motion was a LibDem proposal that we review all sheltered housing services. After a confused and confusing debate we agreed to postpone the issue to next meeting having spent a very long time getting precisely nowhere.

Douglas de Lacey

Appendix D

Chairman's Report

It is clear that after months of delays Wimpey now wish to settle all the outstanding Wellbrook issues as soon as possible. Various members of the Council have met representatives from Wimpey and SCDC officers and we are close to finalising the financial issues, while details of repairs to paths and replacement of some planting are now agreed. The Wellbrook Committee will soon meet to take over the oversight of implementation.

The A14 Draft Orders are now published. Hard copy of some of the basic documents have been lodged in the Parish Office and an Environmental Assessment is available on DVD of which the Parish Council has obtained three copies. I expect soon to receive a second DVD with all the rest of the documentation and maps. There is significant compulsory purchase in Girton and the environmental impact will need detailed study.

The Joint Action Group will be meeting at Orchard Park on 22 October to look at pollution and the A14, with Dr Steve Dorling from UEA and Susan Walford, Health Protection Team Leader at SCDC and lead Officer on the Cambridgeshire Air Quality Action Plan at the Council. We also hope that Julian Hunt FRS, (Lord Hunt), one of the country's leading authorities on climate modelling and the environment, will be able to attend at the invitation of Brampton PC

JAG will meet again on 26th November at Cottenham Village College to look at the problems caused by HCV through our villages. Though less relevant to Girton than to many it is still significant.

Appendix E

Parish Plan Report

The Parish Plan Committee is still entering the data from the paper responses into a computer database. Because of the great number of responses this is a greater task than first envisaged, and some of the volunteer data entry has not passed the tests of accuracy required. The Committee is therefore seeking extra funding to complete this work, so that they can continue to the task of analysing the responses.

Douglas de Lacey

Appendix F

The response to questions from the last Parish Council.

S106 Deferrals

The process on s106 deferrals has been agreed to deal with developers who have signed s106 agreements but for reasons, principally viability, now claim not to be able to pay them. The assessment process that is undertaken looks at the financial impact and community impact of such potential deferrals and such deferrals are only recommended when it can be demonstrated that there would be no such impacts. The ultimate decision is made by Cabinet and it is for Cabinet, if desired, to reject the recommendations. To date, Cabinet has not accepted all of the recommendations put forward. Interest is paid by developers to the County for the deferrals. The process is not one that would affect Northstowe as the agreement for that development has not yet been negotiated.

Housing Consultation

"All Parish Councils were notified of the of the RSS consultation event on 10th September, in addition to the wider publicity. [We did have difficulty in getting up to date contact details for a few Parishes and I will check whether or not Girton was one of those.] There is still plenty of time for the Parish to complete the online questionnaire or write in. Additionally it would be open to the Parish to attend and ask a question at the CReSSP meeting on 13th November if they so wish, giving at least a couple of days notice."

CDRP

Set out below is the response to the chairman of the South Cambridgeshire District Council Scrutiny and Overview Committee. Attached is the report to O&S.

17 September 2009

Update from CDRP to Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Thank you for the invitation to the meeting on Thursday 3 September 2009. As a Partnership we welcome scrutiny of our work and are constantly looking at ways in which we can make South Cambridgeshire an even safer place than it is currently.

Rick Hylton (CDRP Vice Chair) and I both felt that due to time constraints we were unable to give the panel an in depth insight as we or the committee would have liked on some of the queries made. Therefore this report provides some further detail and clarifications of some of the questions raised to Rick and myself at the meeting.

Funding

This year the CDRP received £90,120 through the County Local Area Agreement, following a top slice of funds towards county Domestic Violence and Prolific and Priority Offender work.

Additionally the CDRP started the year with £35,480 in its Pooled Fund, which partners contribute to provide additional opportunities for projects that will benefit the District. Typically the Pooled Fund is £18,000 per annum, made up of contributions of £4,500 each from the District Council, County Council, Police and Fire & Rescue Service. In the last couple of years the Pooled Fund had carried over some under spend, essentially due to a lack of emerging projects that the CDRP considered would contribute towards its priorities, resulting in the larger allocation for 2009-10.

However, this year suggestions for suitable projects exceeded the funds available, it was agreed to allocate all of the funds. All of the funding decisions made were based on how they could contribute to the CDRP priorities in the Rolling Plan that Scrutiny provided input to last November.

It is helpful for me to point out that both posts funded by the Partnership (the CDRP ASB Caseworker and CDRP Partnership Support Officer) have been reduced to part-time posts in this financial year, although the savings will not be fully apparent until next year, due to maternity leave and maternity cover payments to be paid this year.

The attached pages show funding allocation for 2008-9 and 2009-10.

Domestic Violence

The Committee requested indication of whether reports of repeat incidents reports had increased or decreased. This is the first year that data was gathered by the Police; in future it should be possible to show a direction of travel.

Vehicle Crime

The committee requested some clarification regarding overall direction of travel of vehicle crime. Recent Vehicle Crime figures are shown below. The 2008-9 CDRP targets were to reduce each type of vehicle crime to below 2006-7 levels. The target was achieved for Theft OF motor vehicle, but Theft FROM motor vehicles rose by just 2 crimes.

However, looking at vehicle crime overall in the last two years, all vehicle crime has fallen to below 2006-7 levels in both 2007-8 and 2008-9. The target for 2009-10 is to reduce to below 2008-9 levels.

	2006-7	2007-8	2008-9	2009-10 April to July	2009-10 Projected
Theft FROM	801	742	803	208	624
Theft OF	213	234	194	65	195
Total			1014	976	997
				273	819

ASB Caseworker

The committee also raised some concerns regarding the CDRP ASB Caseworker post, commenting that 16 cases appeared to be quite low. To provide some context, the work of the ASB caseworker focuses on the more complicated cases, and will often involve building relationships with individuals with a view to making positive changes in their lives and to the communities that they live in. In addition the Caseworker also inputs and advise to cases that other partners (including SCDC Housing) are handling. All of these actions take considerable time, and there is no quick fix. Finally, please note that unfortunately the ASB caseworker has been on extended sick leave for the last few months, so this has had some impact on the work.

CDRP ASB Information Event

The CDRP has traditionally held an annual conference at the Marshall's venue. This year the CDRP has changed the format slightly and instead is hosting an Anti-Social Behaviour information event in

the Council Chamber on Tuesday 29 September starting at 7pm and ending at 8.30pm. Invitations have been sent out to Parish Councils, District Councillors and County Councillors with a ward in the District. Committee members commented that they had not received notification, but I can confirm that Neil Weston emailed the initial invitation to all councillors on 23 July 2009

Future Work planned

Over the next few months, the CDRP has to conduct its annual Strategic Assessment, where it looks at a wide range of data provided by partners to help set its priorities for the next year, which will then be put into the refreshed Rolling Plan, which will be published in April.

Positive working relationship with Scrutiny

Finally I must raise the concerns that both Rick and I shared following this meeting in terms of some of the challenge that was made. As you will be aware the CDRP is a statutory Partnership, aiming to add value to the work of the constabulary. It is in no way a replacement for the constabulary and therefore some of the questions directly relating to police activity, we feel, were not appropriate for a scrutiny of the Partnership's performance. It should be remembered that the committee's role is not to scrutinise the work of the constabulary - as this would be merely duplicating the work of the Police Authority - but the work of the Partnership, particularly how it is working towards the national public perception target of increasing confidence in the way that the Police and District Council deal with anti-social behaviour and crime issues.

As a Partnership we are working hard to ensure partner accountability to the success of the Partnership and appreciate there are a number of areas already identified by ourselves and supported by the committee's views in which we need to strengthen moving forward. We would welcome any further thoughts and suggestions that members of the Scrutiny Panel may have in terms of making the Partnership more focussed.

As you will be aware the Partnership is a statutory body, and as such it is essential we engage all partners in order to ensure we can continue the work of making South Cambridgeshire a safer and stronger community. I believe that the Scrutiny Committee can play a key role in challenging the Partnership moving forward.

I am very well aware that it is a very confusing landscape, with recent changes in legislation providing the opportunity for Scrutiny committees to look at the work and performance of CDRPs. Members may find it helpful to read the Home Office publication "Guidance for the Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Matters" which provides an excellent starting point for background information.

With this in mind, Rick Hylton and I would like to offer an informal briefing session for some, or all, of the committee members on the functions of the CDRP, helping to identify helpful lines of enquiry and recommendations that will be of value to both the scrutiny committee and the CDRP.

Cllr John Reynolds
Chairman
South Cambridgeshire CDRP
17 September 2009

Huntingdon Road / 20 MPH

Regard to the consultation on the Huntingdon Road measures, we will undertake consultation, as

supported by the AJCs, as and when funding is available to deliver the project but at present this is not the case. The costs have escalated and we face further budget reductions this year. As and when we have funding in place will undertake consultations which will involve the parish council but I would not expect this to move forward this financial year.

Officers will be updating city based members and other South Cambs based members on this delay in due course.

With regard to the 20mph trials, consultation is planned from mid-November onwards and we await the formal decision from the parish council on whether it wishes to participate in this consultation. Melbourn PC have been lined up as a replacement site if required.

Guided Busway Ticketing

Ticketing policy has been clear from the start. Our aim has always been to have a multi-operator ticketing system which could be used on any company's bus, but it has always been the case that this would be in addition to operator's selling their own tickets. Competition legislation is quite clear on this point. Operators agreeing ticketing prices with one another is collusion and illegal. Multi-operator ticketing can only sit as a layer on top of operator's own ticketing.

Devising a workable system that deals with the variety of different journeys possible on the busway and allocates ticketing revenue to the operators has proved complex and challenging. A number of options around paper based ticketing were considered but none met all the necessary requirements and we have therefore opted to develop a smartcard solution. This has involved developing smartcards beyond anything that has previously been done, in particular the allocation of revenue to several commercial operators. Oyster does not need to do this. The system also has to be compliant with the national ITSO interoperability standard, this involves a rigorous checking and approvals process. Again Oyster does not comply with this standard. Developing this technology and gaining the necessary approvals has taken the supplier longer than they had anticipated, however the ticket machines are already installed at the stops, the back office system is in place and all of both Whippet and Stagecoaches buses, not just the guided buses, have been fitted with smartcard readers.

We aim to get the multi-operator smartcards in place as soon as possible after the opening of the busway but until all approvals are in place it would be unwise to commit to a date.

In the interim the ticket machines will sell a range of tickets for each operator. The timetable information and the real time information at the stops will make it easy for passengers to know which company's buses are running where and when and make their selections accordingly. Off the busway in Huntingdon, St Ives and Cambridge passengers will still buy their tickets from the driver.

John Reynolds

Appendix G

Payment s	21-Oct-09	Combined PC/Rec payments			
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
2384	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator Wages - m6	560.50		560.50
2385	Natalie Stone	Principal Finance Officer Wages - m6	209.36		209.36

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2386	Robert A Stone	Parish Clerk Wages - m6	912.84		912.84
2387	Norman F Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer Fee	229.64		229.64
2388	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance- m6	512.07		512.07
2389	Moore Stephens	Audit fee	644.00	84.00	560.00
2390	Cambridge Water Company	Balance payable Town End Close water supply	491.19	189.90	301.29
2391	Stephen Tyrrell	Work on cricket square - Aug & Sept	125.00		125.00
2392	J & P Plant Ltd	Grass verge cutting	230.00	30.00	200.00
2393	Printout	Photocopying	32.50		32.50
2394	NCC (Cambridge) Ltd	Cleaning 17th Aug -11th Sept &14th Sept-9th Oct	920.00	120.00	800.00
2395	Cambridgeshire Acre	Payroll Charges Jul - Sept	60.00	7.83	52.17
2396	Paul Laston Garden Services	Work on Smithy Green	450.00		450.00
2397	Peter T. Round	Grounds maintenance Sept 09 & Open space	749.74	97.79	651.95
2398	Ray Gordon	Councillors Expenses	23.29		23.29
2399	The Poppy Appeal	Donation	50.00		50.00
2400	Binder Loams	Cricket Pitch Dressing	225.62	29.43	196.19
2401	J Wells	Repairs Trim Trail & Weavers Field Play Eq	167.00		167.00
2402	Algar Signcraft Services (Cambridge) Ltd	Signs	43.47	5.67	37.80
2403	Cambridge Sports Surfaces	MUGA maintenance	690.00	90.00	600.00
2404	Legionella Control Services Ltd	Water testing at Pavilion	310.50	40.50	270.00
2405	E-on	Electricity charges 15 Jul-10 Oct	893.99	116.61	777.38
2406	A to Z Supplies	Pavilion Supplies	75.50	9.85	65.65
2407	CMR Wilson	Work on Recreation Ground	710.00		710.00
2408	Cotton Hall Foundation	Room hire	30.00		30.00
2409	Robert A Stone	Expenses - replacement printer, paint, etc	218.87		218.87
2410	Tamla Sparkes	Litter Picking	75.00		75.00
2411	Linda Miller	Expenses	39.88		39.88
			9,679.96	821.58	8,858.38

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2412	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator Wages - m7	560.70		560.7
2413	Natalie Stone	Principal Finance Officer Wages - m7	209.36		209.36
2414	Norman F Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer Fee	229.64		229.64
2415	Robert A Stone	Parish Clerk Wages - m7	912.84		912.84
2416	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI	511.87		511.87