

Girton Parish Council

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Cambridge Road, Girton
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Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at Cotton Hall on Monday 22nd June 2009 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs Gordon (Chairman), Clift (Vice Chairman, GPC), Godby, Bullman, P Starling and George Thorpe. Action
In attendance: Robert Stone (Clerk).

Items

09/55 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

09/56 Apologies, and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs de Lacey and Martin, and Peter Seaber.

09/57 Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

None.

09/58 Public Participation session on Agenda items & matters of mutual interest

No members of the public were present.

09/59 Correspondence

Girton black squirrel logo	Preview of image received
Girton footpaths and Town End Close	Visit by CCC's Rights of Way Officer.

09/60 That the minutes of the Environment Committee meetings held on 8th April 2009 and 20th May be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Approved and signed by Cllr Gordon following adding Cllr Clift to the list of attendees on 8th April 2009.

09/61 Matters arising from minutes:

09/47 Drainage works on the Recreation Ground	Meeting to be arranged with Environment Agency in July 2009.
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09/62 To confirm co-opted members of the Environment Committee for 2009/10

Colin Carr, George Thorpe, and Peter Seaber were all confirmed as co-opted members. In addition the Committee decided to co-opt Martin Harnor subject to his agreement, and to co-opt Cllr Peter Starling when there were footpaths on the agenda.

Clerk – to check

09/63 To consider and agree a specification for the hedge to be planted at Smithy Green in autumn 2009.

It was agreed to plant a hawthorn rather than a mixed hedge. Cllr Clift agreed to make inquiries about local provision from Cambridgeshire County Council. (*Clerk – advice and offer of plants and planting received.*)

09/64 To consider and approve changes to the preview image of the Girton black squirrel logo.

It was felt that the preview image was almost a cartoon image rather than accurately portraying the silhouette of the squirrels we see in our gardens. Additional detail should be requested from the artist using the original photographs of black squirrels that were supplied to her. This included slightly reshaping the face, ears and tail; and adding an eye and claws.

Clerk to copy extract from minutes to the artist.

The final image would be used on our headed notepaper, and notice boards, and as a stencil to spray onto street furniture. It would be helpful if the stencil format could include the words Girton Parish Council. The size of the logo on the letterhead and stationary would be no more than 30mm high and should be as detailed as possible. The same image as a stencil could be reproduced as little as 50mm high or as much as 150mm and would be a strict silhouette which could not have an eye in it, also there can be no circle surrounding the image.

09/65 To receive a report on progress with the redesign of Girton village centre.

No progress has been made since April. Whilst the architect had a number of ideas he had requested that the Parish Council took a view on the continuing provision or otherwise of the recycling facilities in the recreation car park as this will determine the options open to him. At present parking spaces and pedestrian access are limited, and the recycling area is an eyesore. It was agreed to refer the issue to the next GPC meeting on 15th July 2009.

Clerk – to act to PC agenda

09/66 To receive a report on the assistance available to the village from the Northstowe Countryside Access Project.

Cllrs Gordon and Starling reported that Sarah Shepherd, Cambridgeshire County Council's Rights of Way Officer had visited Girton, had walked footpath 4 accompanied by Councillors and the Clerk and had made a number of helpful proposals for footpath works that her funding could support. These included replacing the hedge alongside the footpath at Town End Close, and fitting a new kissing gate; a one off exercise to cut back the overgrown hedge by St Vincents Close; and repair/replace fencing adjacent to university farm land.

09/67 To review the agreed specification for works to provide a replacement hedge on the Woody Green side of Town End Close following offer of assistance from the Northstowe Countryside Access Project.

It was agreed to seek guidance from Sarah Shepherd. (*Clerk – received and circulated.*)

09/68 To receive an update on the installation of water at Town End Close.

Cllr Clift reported that Cambridgeshire County Council had received and was processing Girton PC's application for a Street Works Licence. When this was received contact would be made with Cambridge Water, and our contractors, J&P Ltd to progress the works.

09/69 To receive an oral report on proposed roadside drain and grass verge works by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The Clerk reported that Matt Pickering of Cambridgeshire CC had recently visited the recreation car park to advise on drainage issues in the immediate vicinity. In so doing he had been alerted to verges that had been damaged by cars in Cambridge Road, and Thornton Road. These may be restored by the County Council in the autumn.

Mr Pickering also noted the need for a dropped kerb from the disabled ramp in the car park, and marked it as a pressing project this summer. He also viewed the poor state of the pavement adjacent to the open space by Mayfield Road.

The meeting ended at 9.43pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 27th July 2009.