

# Girton Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting 7pm Tuesday 4th January 2011 Held in the Cotton Hall, Girton

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chairman), Martin, Ash, Bromwich, Cockley, Garner, de Lacey

### Items

#### **11/01 Welcome by the Chairman**

Cllr Taylor welcomed members of the committee to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year. He also asked members to reflect for a few moments on the recent death of Cllr James Ford-Smith who had, in the past, been a member of the planning committee.

#### **11/02 Apologies for absence**

Non received

#### **11/03 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda**

Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in application S/2155/10 the Provision of 5 flats at Mayfield Road – he was a near neighbour.

#### **11/04 Open Session for the Public**

Mr Greaney applicant in planning application S/1848/10 spoke at length concerning his disappointment with the comments of the meeting when his application was previously discussed. He was unhappy about the fact that the committee thought that there were errors within the application documents. The documents had been provided by SCDC and from Land Registry and had been completed correctly. In his view there was no change to the vehicular access, He thought that no-one would be able to see the new house which was simply a small residence and that comments from neighbours about extra traffic were unfounded. Trees situated nearby would not be affected.

#### **11/05 That the minutes of the meeting on 30th November 2010 be approved**

The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Taylor on behalf of the Committee.

#### **11/06 Matters arising from the minutes**

None.

#### **11/07 Planning Applications (for recommendation)**

1. **S/1628/10** Two story extension and single story extension 20 Bandon Road, Girton Mr Fernandez.  
Approved unanimously no comments

*Action: Clerk informed SCDC via planning website*

2. **S/1951/10** Erection of single story dwelling and creation of vehicle access and parking. This was a revised design at 3 Cherry Bounds Road, Girton - Mrs Athena Polydorou.  
After some discussion the committee were of the opinion that the vehicular access and other parking problems would be a traffic hazard. This is an explicit breach of condition 14 to the previous planning application. In a vote 4 councillors were against the application and 3 abstained.  
Refused – on traffic grounds

*Action: Clerk informed Daniel Smith SCDC by email*

3. **S/2067/10** Erection of dwelling 37 Church Lane, Girton – Mr & Mrs D Matthews  
This matter had already been decided by SCDC and there was no further discussion on the matter.

*Action: Clerk no action*

4. **S/2155/10** Erection of 5 flats following the demolition of existing building 11 Mayfield Road, Girton – Mr David Hargrave, Lon-ist.  
The committee considered this matter carefully taking note that there had been a number of attempts to develop this property. Five flats in this location would undoubtedly cause parking and other traffic problems and the committee felt that this was not acceptable. The committee had received a number of letters from residents who were also against this development. In a vote 6 councillors were against and 1 abstained.  
Refused - on traffic grounds.

*Action: Clerk informed SCDC via planning website*

5. **S/1848/10** Erection of dwelling – 17 St Margarets Road, Girton Mr & Mrs Greaney - Amendment to plans.  
The committee took into account all the details outlined by Mr Greaney at 11/04 above. They were concerned that inaccuracies in the Design and Access Statement, although minor, had been made and they considered that there may be other more serious errors that had not come to light. They noted the hostile concerns of neighbours. In a vote 2 members were against this application and 5 abstained.  
In the light of these concerns the application was – Refused.

*Action: Clerk informed SCDC via planning website*

6. **C/11/17/033/26** Application to undertake works on trees situated within a Tree Preservation Order – 143 Girton Road, Girton Dr Roy Cattell .  
The committee heard that it was necessary to trim the trees to improve pedestrian and vehicular visibility on the street in that area.  
Approved – unanimously

*Action: Clerk informed SCDC R.C.Richardson Trees and Landscape officer by post*

#### **11/08 Notifications of Approved Planning Applications**

The committee noted that:

- 1) S/1523/10 Detached Garden Room – 10 Bandon Road, Girton
- 2) S/1562/10 Ground Floor Extension to the rear of house 34 St Margarets Road, Girton had been approved by SCDC

#### **11/09 Notification of Refused Planning Applications**

None received

#### **11/10 To give initial consideration to any planning applications received between 20th December 2010 and 4th January 2011.**

The committee discussed the area of land belonging to South Cambs District Council which was situated off Wellbrook Way, Girton together with the area opposite being administered by Savilles. SCDC asked if there were any concerns that the Parish Council wished to express concerning these areas of land . The committee noted that there is already inadequate open space in the Wellbrook development and expressed concern that the Savilles land offered no extra public space, something which was already at a premium on this estate. The committee noted that rapid growth in birth rates especially in estates such this means that educational provision need to be carefully considered. Consideration should be given to the proximity of the main open space, where a bowling green may eventually be built, as the western plot actually borders it.

The plans for the Eastern plot looked inadequate when considering vehicle parking and the problems it may cause to admission by emergency, rubbish collection and other large vehicles.

*Action: Clerk informed Jenny Clark SCDC by email.*

**The meeting closed at 7.40pm.**