

# Girton Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council Planning and Resources Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1 November 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton.**

*Members of the public are invited to attend and may speak at Item 11/04*

**Present:** Cllrs: J Garner (Chairman), G Cockley, D de Lacey, R Gordon, C Noble, M Taylor, J Thorrold

**In attendance:** S Cumming (Clerk), N Stone (RFO)

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

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs R Hiley and S Clift.

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

None

### **11/04 Members of the Public**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

### **11/05 To Approve the Minutes of the Planning and Resource Committee Meeting held on**

**1 November, 2010**

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Garner, seconded by Cllr Cockley, approved unanimously and signed and dated by the Chairman.

### **11/06 Discussion on potential high level projects within the Parish**

#### **1. Identify projects**

Potential projects within the village were identified as follows.

- a) Picnic Tables and brick-built barbeque to be provided on the Recreation Ground
- b) Reconstruction of the historic centre of Girton
- c) Footpath between St Andrew's Church and the bus shelter
- d) Community Orchard
- e) Community Building at Wellbrook Way
- f) Youth space at Girton Pavilion
- g) Community shop at the PO site in Dodford Lane

#### **2. Highlight reasons for why the project is needed**

- a) Picnic tables and a brick-built barbeque on the Recreation Ground have been requested by several families. It was proposed to forward this proposal to the Sports and Recreation Committee.
- b) Plans and designs can be brought to the next meeting from when the centre of the village was looked at before. The project could then be put out to tender.
- c) A footpath between the church and the bus shelter would allow children to get to the Recreation Ground without having to walk through the car park. Need to look at the

feasibility and legislation for putting in a footpath. The footpath could go ahead independently of looking at the front of the Recreation Ground, and provisional planning for the footpath could be investigated.

d) A community orchard would teach children about growing, the natural cycle, and would provide food for wildlife. The fruit could be picked and distributed to the old people's homes. Histon Parish Council is researching community orchards, and Natalie Stone has been on a course about community orchards. Cllr Taylor and Natalie Stone will look into this issue.

e) There is need for a community building at Wellbrook Way. If the loft conversion at the Pavilion proves unfeasible for the Girton Youth Project, there could be a possibility of the youth space being at Wellbrook Way.

f) The Girton Youth Project needs a dedicated space for their activities, and investigations are being made into the possibility of converting the loft space at the Pavilion for this purpose. The feasibility study for the project will take approximately 2-3 months, and if this proves positive grants towards the work could then be looked at. The Town Charity could also be approached regarding funding.

g) There was concern that if the Post Office goes to The George, there will be no shopping facilities for residents at the Oakington side of the village. There are planning issues, in that it is not easy to change usage from a shop (A1) into something else, although perhaps a small financial company could take it over. To run it as a community shop would probably only work if it was the last shop in the village.

### **3. Highlight reasons against the project continuing**

#### **11/07 Matters raised by Members**

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.