

# Girton Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council Planning Committee held on Monday 26th March, 2012 at 7.00 p.m. at the Cotton Hall, Girton.

*Members of the public were invited to attend and to speak at Item 12/38*

**Present:** Cllrs: Taylor (Chairman), Bromwich, Cockley, de Lacey, Gordon, Thorrold  
2 members of the public  
**In attendance:** S Cumming (Clerk)

- 12/35 Welcome by Committee Chairman** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the two members of the public.
- 12/36 Apologies for absence** Cllr Westley had sent his apologies, and the Chairman accepted his reasons for absence.
- 12/37 Members' declarations of interest for items on agenda** Cllr de Lacey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 12/41.1 as he is a contiguous neighbour, and Cllr Bromwich declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 12/41.2 as he is married to the applicant and has been a planning consultant on the project.
- 12/38 Open session for the Public**  
Cllr de Lacey noted the extent of development at 12/41.1 and the removal of any front to back access.  
The applicant for 12/41.2 spoke about Girton Baptist Church windows. The existing windows are 152 years old, and following lengthy conversations with the Conservation Officer the replacement windows will be metal, small-paned windows of the same design. There are health and safety grounds to making the vent flat, and a possible contractor is being negotiated with to get particular venting. The replacement windows will have double-glazed panes so the electricity bill will be less and the building will be more welcoming. One of the existing windows will be kept at the side lobby. The contractors cannot take out the windows whole, so it will not be possible to preserve them. The church is not a listed building, but is of historical interest – hence the need for planning permission.  
The applicant for 12/41.3 spoke about the planning application for Beck Brook Farm House. A new application has been submitted, to knock-through into three stables. Permission is being requested to move one wall across inside Beck Brook Farm House with six windows to be put in. The building's footing would not be changed. The applicant has family reasons for wanting to live in the village. If the application was granted, the Equestrian Centre would then have 20 stables.
- 12/39 That the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 8th March, 2012 be approved** Cllr de Lacey wished to add the word 'None' at the end of item 12/34 and when this was agreed the Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 12/40 Matters arising from minutes** None.
- 12/41 Planning Applications (for recommendation)**
- 1. S/0387/12/FL Extensions at 10 Woodlands Park, Girton. Applicants: Mr & Mrs N Hayat**  
Cllr de Lacey left the meeting for this item. Councillors have known other houses with no access to the back of the house from the front. Approved with one abstention.
  - 2. S/0491/12/FL Replacement Windows at Girton Baptist Church, 103 High Street, Girton. Applicant: Mrs C Bromwich** Cllr Bromwich left the meeting for this item. Approved unanimously.

**3. S/0467/12/FL Extension and conversion of existing attached stables to form additional residential accommodation including new windows and doors, at Beck Brook Farm House, Beck Brook Equestrian Centre, Oakington Road, Girton. Applicant: Mrs V Brown**

It was noted that this is on greenbelt land and planning law is designed to prevent creeping development. Exceptional circumstances should be needed to approve the application. Approved, with four votes in favour and one against.

- 12/42 Notification of Approved Planning Applications – Subject to conditions** None.
- 12/43 Notification of Refused Planning Applications** None.
- 12/44 Notification of Non-Material Amendments to Planning Applications** None.
- 12/45 Certificates of Proposed Lawful Use or Development** None.
- 12/46 Enforcement cases since last Planning Committee Meeting** None.
- 12/47 To give initial consideration to any planning applications received before 20th March, 2012.**

**1. S/0584/12/FL 3 Rooflights at 2A Dodford Lane, Girton. Applicant: Mrs S Humphrey**

Councillors noted that this dwelling was built in the garden of a house in High Street and one of the conditions of the original planning application being granted was that there were 'no windows..except expressly authorised', hence the addition of these three roof lights would need planning agreement. The rooflights could make overlooking more problematic. Obscured glass could be specified. It was unanimously agreed to consult neighbours before discussing the application again.

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.