

# Girton Parish Council

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The Pavilion  
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Cambridge Road, Girton

## Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

at 7.00 p.m. at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton

*Members of the public were invited to attend and to speak at Item 14/173*

**Present:** Cllrs: de Lacey (Chairman), Gordon, Harrington, Noble (from end of item 14/173), Whittle.  
Ms C Frost (Savills) (until end of item 14/176.1)  
4 members of the public (until end of item 14/176.1)

**In attendance:** S Cumming (Clerk), C Pollock (RFO) (from end of item 14/173)

**14/170 Welcome from the Committee Chairman.** The Committee Chairman had sent apologies for absence. Cllr de Lacey was proposed as Chairman for the meeting by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Whittle, and approved unanimously. Cllr de Lacey welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the members of the public and the representative from Savills. The Savills representative was invited to speak for up to three minutes, with representations from the public to be a maximum of six minutes long in total.

**14/171 Apologies and Reasons for Absence.** Cllrs M Taylor, Barnes, Bygott, Garner and Williams, and Mr H Field had sent apologies, and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.

**14/172 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda.** Cllr de Lacey declared an interest in item 14/181.3 as a resident of Woodlands Park, and Cllrs de Lacey and Gordon declared interests in item 14/183.1 as members of Girton Allotments Society.

### **14/173 Open session for members of the public.**

Ms C Frost spoke on behalf of Anglia Ruskin University, regarding agenda item 14/176.1. Anglia Ruskin University is undertaking major developments in the city centre and wants the sports ground to be available to the public too. Regarding floodlights, an update has been submitted. The lighting will be in excess of 30m from Thornton Close. The lighting will be a maximum of 1400 candelas which is below Environmental Zone recommendations. The layout of the planned application has been maximised to be of least trouble to Thornton Close. Landscaping will in-fill gaps. There will be modern, high quality all-weather pitches. The application is supported by the Football Association, Sport England and English Hockey. There will be no adverse impacts on residential amenities. The landscaping strategy is to be agreed as a condition, and it could be requested that the proposed landscaping be brought back to the Parish Council.

Mr T Montgomery spoke about noise issues with application 14/176.1 The amended plans are for larger illuminated plots, plus the noise impact of football matches will be large. Currently, the noise disturbance from football matches affects children going to sleep, and increased usage will exacerbate the noise problem, with people leaving late into the night. Regarding floodlighting, the speaker disagreed with the Environment Zone category, as this is a village not a suburban area.

Dr R Bujdoso noted that the amended application increases the size of pitches and does not suggest placing these next to the Felix Hotel Car Park or on the south of the field, where there is already light pollution.

Questions were raised regarding stray balls coming into gardens in Thornton Close. Ms Frost responded that Anglia Ruskin University could potentially put up netting to stop stray balls, and the landscaping could mitigate this. Noise and lighting could be conditioned, with a 9-10pm curfew for pitches and a later curfew for the pavilion. There would not be room to move the rugby pitches to the south side. The pavilion is to be in close proximity to the pitches.

**14/174 That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 be approved** (previously circulated). There was only one member present who had also been at the 11<sup>th</sup> September meeting, so this item was deferred to the next Planning Committee Meeting.

**14/175 Matters arising from Minutes (for information only).** None.

#### **14/176 Planning Applications (for recommendation).**

1. S/1372/14/FL (Amended Application) Demolition of the existing pavilion and development of a new sports pavilion, two fenced and flood lit artificial turf pitches, car, coach and cycle parking and associated landscaping and access improvements at Howe Close Sports Ground, Huntingdon Road, Girton.

Applicant: Anglia Ruskin University.

Lighting issues having been addressed, the issue of noise has now been highlighted with the amended application. There is no inalienable right to quiet, although the laws of nuisance can be invoked if really necessary eg children being woken, use of foul language. Following a tied vote, the Chairman's casting vote refused the application. Should the District Council approve the application, the Parish Council requests that landscaping measures be brought back for the Council's approval, and also the Noise Condition.

2. S/2137/14/FL Construction of a temporary haul road to serve the development of Darwin Green One.

Applicant: Mr M Sperrin, BEC and the North West Consortium

Approved unanimously.

3. S/1781/14/CC Change of use of agricultural field to school field with associated fencing at Glebe County Primary School, Cambridge Road, Girton. Applicant: Cambridgeshire County Council

Approved unanimously.

4. C/11/033/44 Application to carry out tree works subject to a TPO at Girton College. Applicant: Mr R Bramley, Girton College.

Approved unanimously.

5. 14/1410/REM (Cambridge City Council) Construction of public square with hard surfaced pedestrian and cycle areas, access road, disabled and service bay parking, soft landscaping, drainage and utilities pursuant to outline approval 07/003/OUT at Darwin Green One, Cambridge.

Approved unanimously.

6. S/2035/14/FL Single storey rear extension at 174 Wellbrook Way, Girton. Applicants: Mr & Mrs R Burt. Approved unanimously.

7. S/2144/14/FL Construction of first-floor extension at 14 Thornton Way, Girton. Applicant: Mr R Carey  
Approved unanimously.

#### **14/177 Notification of Approved Planning Applications – Subject to conditions.**

1. S/1447/14/RM Reserved Matters for 70 residential units, including 49 market units and 21 key worker units, access roads (including cycle and pedestrian routes), cycle parking, car parking, landscaping, utilities and associated ancillary structures at Lot 4, Phase 1 of North-West Cambridge development.

Applicant: University of Cambridge

2. S/1993/14/PD Demolition of derelict and redundant buildings at Field Station Buildings, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. Applicants: Chancellor, Masters & Scholars, University of Cambridge

3. S/1131/14/RM Reserved Matters submission (appearance, landscaping, layout, access and scale) for 'primary roads and dedicated busway' pertaining to outline planning application for Phase 1 of Northstowe comprising up to 1,500 dwellings; a primary school; a mixed-use local centre (including a community building, and provision for non-residential institutions, financial and professional services, shops, cafes and restaurants, drinking establishments and hot food take-aways); leisure, community, residential institutions, cultural, health and employment provision (business, general industry and storage & distribution) including a household recycling centre; formal and informal recreational space and landscaped areas; and infrastructure works including site re-profiling and associated drainage works, foul and surface water pumping stations, two flood attenuation ponds on land east of Hattons Road; and associated works including the demolition of existing buildings and structures. On land south of Longstanton Park & Ride and adjacent to B1050 at Station Road, Longstanton and Hatton's Road, Longstanton. Applicant: Mr A Lawson, Gallagher Longstanton Ltd.

Noted by the Committee.

**14/178 Notification of Refused Planning Applications.** None.

**14/179 Notification of Withdrawn Planning Applications.** None.

**14/180 Notification of Non-Material Amendments to Planning Applications.** None.

#### **14/181 Certificates of Lawful Proposed Use or Development.**

1. S/2139/14/LD Lawful Development Certificate for proposed outbuilding at 19 Thornton Road, Girton. Applicant: Mr D Mackay (for information only)

2. S/2138/14/LD Lawful Development Certificate for proposed rear and side dormer and velux windows at 54 Thornton Road, Girton. Applicant: Ms C Tutt (for information only)

3. S/2199/14/LD Lawful Development Certificate for proposed external wall insulation at 40 Woodlands Park, Girton. Applicant: Mr M Collier (for information only)  
Noted by the Committee.

**14/182 Enforcement cases since last Planning Committee Meeting** An enforcement case was tabled by the Clerk.

**14/183 To give initial consideration to any planning applications received before 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.**  
C/11/17/033/18 Application to undertake tree works on trees subject to a tree preservation order at Girton Allotments site, Cambridge Road, Girton. Applicant: Girton Allotments Society.

The meeting closed at 7.36 p.m.