

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th July, 2019 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton, at 7.00 p.m.

Residents in the parish were invited to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 19/72.1

Present: (Cllrs) Williams (Chairman), Buckler, Cockley, Dashwood, Godby, Griffin, Hickford, Kettle, Mitchell, Rodger, Thomason, Thorrold.

Cllr L Harford (Cambs County Council)

1 member of the public (until end of item 19/72.1)

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

19/69 Welcome from the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially County Councillor Harford and the member of the public.

19/70 Apologies and Reasons for Absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr de Lacey and District Councillor Bygott. The Clerk gave their reasons for absence.

19/71 Members' declarations for items on the agenda. None.

19/72 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:

1. Members of the Public. Mr A Hawkes of Girton Colts Football Club spoke to agenda item 19/75.1. The proposed wooden outside store could have planning and aesthetic issues and it might be better to consider a separate storage container. The Chairman explained that quotations are being sought for the replacement of the MUGA carpet and lighting and the works can hopefully be carried out by Autumn. Mr Hawkes thanked councillors for their support of Girton Colts. The Chairman thanked Mr Hawkes, who left the meeting at this point.
2. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*) Cllr Harford had no updates following her written report. The Chairman thanked Cllr Harford for her efforts in obtaining road planings. In turn, Cllr Harford thanked the Chairman and Cllr Hickford for their temporary repairs to the road between the car park and school. Cllr Harford will continue to talk to the County Council about a permanent repair. Cllr Harford spoke about a request for a zebra crossing near the Co-Op store. This would be difficult due to the number of driveway access points to the road. Road narrowing to allow easier crossing would be an option.
3. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*). Cllr Dashwood noted the lack of information regarding the proposed development in Michael's Close. The Chairman advised her to contact Cllr de Lacey and Girton Town Charity as a local resident.
4. Police Report. No report this month. The Neighbourhood Watch Executive meets on 17th July and Cllr Godby will report back at the next Council meeting.

19/73 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th June, 2019 (previously circulated). The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Kettle, approved with two abstentions, and signed by the Chairman.

19/74 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

19/64.1. The Annual Return was submitted to the external auditors.

The Chairman had been to see the internal auditor to discuss his audit and can report that there were no major concerns.

19/64.4 The Chairman has drafted a letter to Girton Town Charity regarding the bus shelter and will send this when finalised.

19/64.5 The Security Officer has been asked to carry out play area inspections. The Clerk will check that these are being undertaken.

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19/75 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

1. To approve Girton Colts' request for storage facilities at The Pavilion (*Appendix C*). The Council noted that this would reduce the area for changing. It was queried whether the Colts could have a container. The Chairman proposed to turn down the request but to consider a container, seconded by Cllr Cockley. Approved unanimously.
2. To approve the Council's application to the Local Highways Improvements Grant Scheme. Cllr Hickford proposed that last year's application for 20mph speed limit and variable speed signs be replicated. Seconded by Cllr Kettle and approved unanimously.
3. To approve Virgin Media proposals for siting equipment in Wellbrook Way (*Appendix D*). The revised application means the cabinets are less conspicuous, with two green pods moved to a site almost in the hedge/shrubs so less obtrusive. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hickford, and approved unanimously.
4. To approve a response to the proposed extension of the 40mph speed limit on the A1307 in Girton (*details previously circulated*). The Chairman proposed that the Council should approve the extension of the speed limit. Seconded by Cllr Cockley and approved unanimously.
5. To approve energy supply contract renewals for The Pavilion and Girton Bowls Green (*details to be circulated*). This item was deferred to a future meeting.

19/76 Finance and Resource Management

1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (*Appendix E*). The payments schedule had been checked before the meeting by Cllr Dashwood. Proposed by Cllr Dashwood, seconded by Cllr Buckler, and approved unanimously.
2. To note any significant variance from usual levels of monthly income/expenditure. None. Cllr Hickford and the Finance Committee will be developing a three-year budget.

19/77 Correspondence (to be received). None.

19/78 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix F*). The Chairman thanked Cllr Harford for pursuing the random herbicide application in Thornton Road.
2. Girton Town Charity Report. No report this month.
3. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix G*). The Council were sorry to hear that numbers of attendees were down this past quarter and hoped that numbers will increase from the new school year onwards.
4. Footpaths Officer. No report this month.
5. Water Management Report (*Appendix H.*). The Chairman thanked Cllr Rodger for her report.
6. Website Group. Cllr Thomason reported that she had met with Mrs A Giles, Mr A Haylett and the Clerk to discuss the new website's progress. All the information has now been transferred to WordPress. Cllr Thomason would like to make the website more user-friendly before going live and will look at how easy it will be to upload items. She will give Councillors access before going live and provide commentary. The Chairman thanked Cllr Thomason for her report.

19/79 Items brought to the attention of the Council and/or for discussion at the next meeting.

There will be several items from the Sports & Recreation Committee to be brought to August's Parish Council Meeting. Task & Finish Group meetings for the Pavilion loft and MUGA projects will be held shortly.

A flower trough has been stolen from the floral kiosk, which is now being locked.

The sales banner on the Girton Road bridge should be reported to SCDC.

The legality of cars 'For Sale' in lay-bys was questioned as lay-bys are not meant for permanent parking.

There will shortly be a Committee Meeting for the group involved in setting-up the art kiosk.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

APPENDIX A

Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report

June/July 2019

There has been no meeting of full **Council** since my last report. The next meeting is on 23 July and the agenda will include among other matters, recommendations from the Constitution & Ethics Committee for some governance changes including the addition of a specific code for Councillors on the use of social media. Council will also be asked to comment on and approve the draft Plastics Strategy that it requested at its last meeting to be drafted at the earliest possible opportunity. You can view the agenda for this meeting at: <http://bit.ly/2LV0QOm>

I try to follow as closely as time and my limited technological understanding allows, the progress of the Council's investment in energy creation and battery storage projects. I am particularly impressed by the diligence and competence of this relatively small team in its detailed presentation of its proposals to the **Commercial & Investment** [C&I] committee. A very interesting report was presented to this committee at its meeting on 21 June outlining both the opportunity and risks of the battery storage market. Having joined the competitive market place for solar energy creation rather late in the day and suffering the initial setback of seeing the Government scheme to reward such effort being withdrawn very shortly after, the Council's careful progress here may well qualify it as a front runner this time. More detail for those wanting it at: <http://bit.ly/2XQ2Zgr>

Although I am not a member of **Communities & Partnerships** committee I was able to attend to listen to the first part of its July meeting which included a report on the County Council's approach to addressing housing and homelessness. Although the Council doesn't have a statutory responsibility for housing, as of October 2018 the Homelessness Reduction Act placed a new duty on all public sector agencies to refer individuals or families who may be at risk of homelessness to local housing authorities. The County Council does too have key statutory duties and responsibilities, the execution of which impact on the housing economy and local residents for whom it has a duty of care. These include older people and vulnerable adults [with learning, physical or mental disabilities], older people with care needs, young adults with learning or mental health difficulties and those leaving care, those who may be victims of domestic abuse or are drug/alcohol dependent as well as offenders/ex-offenders. It is, too responsible for public health of which housing is an important determinant. Thus the Council recognises that homelessness prevention is integral to its work and is now taking steps to work with Officers at the District Councils, the Combined Authority and the local area Housing Board to address it. An Officer working group has been set up. Progress is slow it seems but the committee was asked to agree its proposed key outcome: 'To play our part in contributing to the wider housing system in order to achieve better outcomes for Cambridgeshire citizens' as well as its four priorities and action plan. I had been pleased to see that recently the C&I committee had included social value as one of the criteria for assessing business proposals which I am fervently hoping will support the work now being done by the County Council on homelessness. As with everything, finance holds the key so I was pleased to see reference to the £100m housing element of the devolution deal. Sadly, following progress on the use of this funding through the **Combined Authority** [CA] does not provide reassurance. The report that was considered at its June meeting includes the following information: 14 schemes have been approved for funding by the CA, 2 schemes have been completed with 2 more schemes due to complete during summer 2019. Of the 777 units that this totals, construction on site of 122 has started and 13 units have been delivered. Notably there is no mention of how many of these are affordable. One of the criteria for use of the £100m was that it would provide 2,000 additional affordable homes.

Agenda pack for Communities & Partnerships: <http://bit.ly/2Gdydbw>

Agenda pack for Combined Authority: <http://bit.ly/2ShMGaQ>

Health Committee's agenda included a late scrutiny item. Following the deferral by the Clinical Commissioning Group [CCG] of considering proposals to cut grants to a list of voluntary sector organisations, the Chairman had asked that it send representatives to attend and report to committee. Whilst it is quite obvious that the CCG has got to make some difficult decisions in order to meet the saving of more than £32m that it has to make, there seems to be a lack of joined up thinking in what it is doing overall. With the introduction of new GP contracts at the beginning of July that require practices to work together in new primary care networks to provide an increased range of services, local voluntary sector organisations would seem to be crucial to support that endeavour. The decision will be considered again on 16 July and, having taken into account further evidence from affected organisations, it would seem that there may be some changes to the original proposals. Full agenda pack: <http://bit.ly/2YddZJa>

Highways & Infrastructure committee received the Road Casualty Data Annual Report which included a health warning that despite generally positive outcomes of recent changes to the data collection process, the information is still dependent on the quality of the information entered by the reporting Officer. The positive impacts are improved efficiency of recording, timeliness and, ultimately, consistency of the data. However there was a further acknowledgement that the 2016-2019 data set will be adversely affected by the changes. Very appropriately the new system is called CRASH! An interesting point was made that it is estimated that only 1 in 10 accidents is

ultimately, consistency of the data. However there was a further acknowledgement that the 2016-2019 data set will be adversely affected by the changes. Very appropriately the new system is called CRASH! An interesting point was made that it is estimated that only 1 in 10 accidents is actually reported. During consideration of the standing item on finance and performance Officers were asked to investigate the feasibility of extending the exemption for use of a concessionary bus pass before 09.30. It currently only applies to those with a sight disability. It was suggested that this should be extended to others with disabilities and who are in employment. Officers explained that it is up to the CA to set the rules but that they would pursue the request with that organisation.

Agenda pack: <http://bit.ly/2SlwjtZ>

Safety on the **Cambridgeshire Guided Busway** [CGB] continues to be reviewed as a priority for the County Council. It carries out regular inspections and assessments on all the roads, footpaths and cycleways for which it is responsible and the CGB is no different. Following the incident at King's Hedges Road, Officers have been assessing all the crossing points along the busway to increase awareness and promote safety. As a result extra advisory signs have been installed at the crossing points along the route. These additional signs are blue and state 'Busway Look Both Ways' to remind cyclists and pedestrians to stop and look for buses before crossing the busway. Since the busway opened in 2011 the area along the route has changed and evolved. There are increasing numbers of people and cyclists as the number of houses and businesses expands. The Council has also reduced the speed of buses as they approach the crossing point at Fen Drayton Lakes from 30mph to 20mph. These latest enhancements follow the additional signage and guard rail installed previously on the busway at King's Hedges Road.

The **Police & Crime Commissioner** has announced that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are set to receive nearly £400,000 additional funding to support projects to prevent young people from getting involved in knife crime. The money has been awarded following a successful bid for Home Office Funding in partnership with Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Youth Offending Service. The £384,431 grant will fund a team of specialist workers who will support young people with complex needs who are at significant risk of criminal exploitation and youth violence.

I have recently supported several requests for jetting of drains and it has been confirmed that County Highways no longer have a proactive schedule for this activity. Gully cleansing is now carried out on a reactive basis. The Council takes action where ponding is reported 2 hours after a rainfall event. Please do report this as usual on the website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

May I also please remind you that the deadline for making LHI applications is 04 August 2019.

Regrettably Officers have confirmed that in the interests of fairness and consistency, no extensions of time will be granted this year.

I look forward to receiving any questions or comments that you have about the items in this report or any other matters either at your July meetings or by email.

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APPENDIX B

Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey

On 10 June I was given an update on the Eddington development. Phase 1 is all-but complete though some parcels will still need detailed planning permission. The University will then discuss the next step. I again raised the question of the Girton boundary signs, and am told that the Project Director will discuss with Highways.

The other University has just welcomed a new Vice Chancellor and I was invited to meet him at a dinner in London. I discovered that Anglia Ruskin is keen to be involved with local government and local business; since I am also keen to establish links with businesses in the District this began what I hope will be a fruitful dialogue.

19 June was the first JDCC of the civic year, and I have been elected Chairman. None of the other business was of particular relevance to Girton.

Four years ago I helped to establish what we call the Design Enabling Panel, a group of senior architects who freely give their time to consider significant planning applications at the pre-app stage, and make recommendations to the developer. It has run very well, and on 27 June I joined them in discussion with the developers of three projects: a small estate of some 25 dwellings, a hotel to replace the Hub on the Science Park, and the contentious development in Michael's Close. They liked both revised proposals for Michael's Close; but then they had liked the rejected proposal too. They still felt there was room for improvement and the architect (Mole) was happy to consider their views.

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We have had a presentation on the Local Transport Plan. The presenters were young and enthusiastic, but I found it profoundly depressing. There was a lot of talk about there being no safe level of particulates in the air, about making roads safer and with lower emissions, and about the transport hierarchy. But nothing about increased atmospheric monitoring (we still don't measure PM1, the smallest particulates), and when I suggested a simple means of providing safer roads with fewer emissions and a decrease in carbon-based fuels, with the bonus of less noise pollution

-- by reducing maximum speeds to 50mph -- I was met with mere polite interest. On the transport hierarchy I referred them to the Warrington Cycle Campaign's Cycle Facility of the Month. They did at least write furiously so maybe something will come of it, but in general I felt their solutions were tinkering around the edges.

However, the County has announced plans to make the current 40mph limit on Huntingdon Road north of the College permanent, which I regard as a great step forward. I hope the Parish Council will strongly approve. If only they would do the same for the equivalent stretch of the new A14 right up to Bar Hill: that is the major cause of noise pollution for Girton.

On Sunday 30 I joined Girton College for their 150th birthday celebration, when a blue plaque -- the first in South Cambridgeshire -- was unveiled to celebrate the pioneering work of Emily Davies and Barbara Bodichon.

On 4 July a brief Council meeting formally appointed our new Chief Executive, and I am pleased that I was very involved in the process. Liz Watts has an outstanding CV both nationally and internationally and I look forward to welcoming her to South Cambs at the end of the summer.

Following that we had a presentation on Exception Sites. These are sites which would not normally be allowed development but if the housing is all affordable (with some small qualifications here) we can approve it. I'd like to see some of these in Girton.

We have taken the first step in designing the new Local Plan. It is a pity that there were a significant number of absentee Councillors, as it is we Members who ultimately have to take the hard decisions. The workshop was very well run and an excellent start.

On 29 and 30 July the District council is running a consultation on our taxi licensing policy: two identical sessions 10.30--3.30.

The County has informed me of the closure of Whitehouse Lane from the Felix Hotel to where it meets the footpath from Thornton Close; from 16 September to 31 January 2020. This is to upgrade this stretch to a full cycle path, though I have no specific details. The diversion is back to Huntingdon Road, along Thornton Road, and Thornton Close and down the footpath there.

Please remember the Foodbank over the school holidays

Douglas de Lacey

APPENDIX C

Letter from Girton Colts Football Club

Dear Parish Council

There are a number of items I would like to bring up with the council, for your attention and possible approval please.

1.Changing room storage for Girton Colts

I have attached images of I believe changing room 1, which is the first room on the left as you enter from the main corridor. I would like to propose that the alcove area of this changing room is converted to a cupboard. We would store our equipment in this space and give access to all of our managers so they can access during training and match days.

The space will require the bench to be shortened, which you can see in the attached sketch. I don't have official quotes for this work, however I would guess between £350-£600?

I cant guarantee that the colour of the board would exactly match the walls. Construction out of mdf most likely or plywood, then painted. I would propose for Girton Colts to raise this money and we will pay for the conversion. If approved I will submit further details on materials to be used for final approval before work begins. Unless of course the parish would like to pay or offer assistance :0)

PROPOSAL: construction of an internal stoorage space for Girton Colts in Changing room 1?

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The external storage I think should be for all Girton sports clubs that use the rec/ pavilion and perhaps there is an annual fee for rental of the space or something. Being next to the building it would be more secure than between the tennis court/muga as it would be covered by the security system. This solution would resolve storage of the cricket equipment in the loft space and would also be useful for the netball and mens football clubs too. I would also imagine the language school may also rent out one too?

3.Muga surface

The MUGA surface needs urgent update. I believe this is with the sports committee, but I would like to take this opportunity to express how urgent it is as it is causing injuries to our players. There is a multi surface at Impington rec which looks perfect and is also used by their tennis club too.

4.Muga lighting

Because of a growing club we getting tight on available time slots on the MUGA. The lighting for the MUGA I believe is possibly going to be updated. When this is updated, can an additional allowance be taken into consideration to light the mens pitch in front on the MUGA please? By adding a couple of lights to this area, it will enable us to hold practice on the grass as well as the muga at the same time if necessary. We are happy to pay additional rental if necessary.

5.Muga signage

We would like to put a sign on the muga fence as a H&S sign asking that only players and team staff enter the MUGA during training sessions. This would be A4 or A3 size and will be fixed to the fence near the gate to the MUGA. We will brand it up as Girton Colts, so our users know its aimed at them. Girton Colts will pay for this. **PROPOSAL: a Girton colts sign on MUGA fence?**

6.Car park exit road

The holes in this road are very large and damaging home and visitor cars after matches.

7.Recreation signage

Would it be possible to have a map of the whole site at the car park? This would allow visitors from away teams to locate where they need to be. We could also have some sort of wipe or blackboard next to it, so that the days matches can be marked up.

8.Clear definition of Girton boundary

As a club we are feeling a lot of pressure from Eddington and University of Cambridge Primary School. We have a lot of children from the village attend the new school as from September 19 they will be starting their own football club. We have already lost 5 players to their first team, which will be U9 in September and my fear is that new teams forming will continue to remove our village football players.

There are a number of things we are implementing to make sure we stay the number 1 choice, but I think one way the parish council could help, would be to reintroduce the Girton sign on Huntingdon road and possibly Eddington Avenue too. This would be a reminder to all those that live between A14 and Huntingdon road that they leave and enter Girton every day and should increase awareness of our village.

9.New Notice board

Following on from the Girton sign, another tool, would be to introduce a new Girton noticeboard that is used for just Girton clubs/residents. This could be situated on the corner of Huntingdon Road and Thornton Road and will be in clear view of all parents and children travelling to and from school every day. Again emphasising our village.

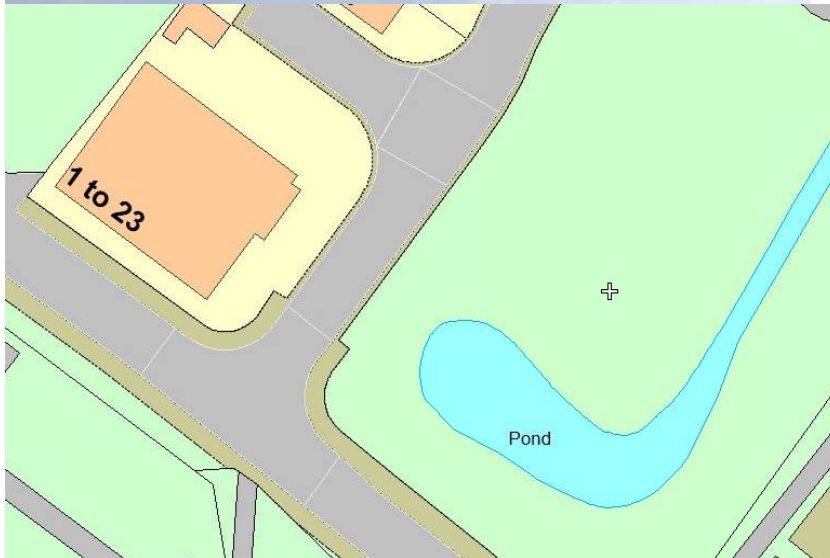
That's probably enough for now :0)

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting on 16th, but I am happy to meet before or after to discuss.

All the best
Andrew Hawkes
Chairman

APPENDIX D





Cabinet - MCAB Size A

Dimensions:

Width - 1123mm

Height - 400mm

Depth - 1293mm

APPENDIX E
Payments Schedule – July 2019
(circulated separately)

APPENDIX F

Chairman's Report
10th July 2019

Submission of our three grant applications to the A14 Legacy Fund was acknowledged with a promise of a response towards the end of June. At time of writing nothing further has been heard, which the committee is disappointed to hear. The committee has been informed that the fund will be closed for applications from 1st October 2019.

Submission of our three grant applications to the A14 Legacy Fund was acknowledged with a promise of a response towards the end of June. At time of writing nothing further has been heard, which the pessimist in me suggests means that we have not been successful. We shall need to approve an application for a highways improvement grant at this month's meeting and this will likely be along the lines of the one which we held over from last year.

We have undertaken a more detailed review of the possibilities for installation of a lift in the Pavilion and the water gets ever murkier. To make proper use of the loft space as a meeting room would require a separate stair access to avoid the need to enter through the parish office. A builder has advised that there will be fire safety problems with adding an entrance to the current stairs but we need to confirm this with the proper authority. An alternative would be to build an external staircase on the back of the building but this would lead to additional roof modifications and possible planning issues.

We received a request from the Girton Feast Committee to effect some repairs to the 'school road' before Feast weekend. Cllr. Harford has gained an offer of road 'planings' to fill the large ruts in the road but there are problems in agreeing where they might be delivered. There seems to be a problem with placement on the school side of the road and we do not want to have part of the car park taken out of use for a very busy weekend. It is hoped a solution can be found to allow some repair work to be carried out in time.

Virgin Media have revised their proposals for siting equipment on PC land at Wellbrook Way and we will approve any changes at our next meeting. GTC have also requested a meeting to review the Wellbrook Way land transfer to them from the PC. This appears to be held up with our solicitor.

The complaint about excessive use of herbicide along footway edges in the Thorntons has been directed to the County Council who have provided a 'straight bat' rebuttal. Thanks to Cllr. Harford for chasing this up. We also received a complaint about cycle access to cottages affected by the A14 upgrade work. I referred this to Cllr. Harford who has kindly followed up.

Following approval at our last meeting the Annual Return has been submitted for audit and placed on-line. I reviewed the internal auditor's report with him and he was satisfied with my draft responses which we also approved last month and these have also been submitted to the auditors.

Haydn Williams

APPENDIX G

Summary of Girton Youth Project Quarterly Report: April – June 2019

It appears that we have had a slight decline in numbers over the past quarter. However, I am confident that this will turn around after the summer holidays and we will see some new members join us when the young people return to school. We will encourage our current young people to bring their friends along that live in Girton and, also, directly promote youth group in the local schools. It is a real shame that our Thursday group haven't jumped on board our summer activity ideas and PGL trip, but we appreciate that some of them are now getting summer jobs which we encourage. Therefore, we will, most likely, focus summer activities on the Monday group. There will be some trips that are open to both of our groups so we will not be excluding anyone.

Summary of Key Actions / Milestones which need to be achieved in the next quarter

- * Finalise and run a successful menu of activities for summer
- * Run a successful and enjoyable residential trip
- * Participate in Girton's feast day
- * Boost numbers in both cohorts
- * Continue building partnerships with schools.

Frances Roach

APPENDIX H

Water Management Report – July 2019

I met with Professor Robin Irvine, Richard Taylor (Environment Agency) and Jenny Gough (Environment Agency) on 27 June.

We walked along the golf course side of Beck Brook, and identified a couple of gardens with structures that have potential to cause problems during times of flood. The Environment Agency will approach the householders. We observed the relocated deck at No 27 Fairway. Our only concern was that it currently stands on bare earth which would be in danger of washing away in heavy rain. But as with all river banks, they are the responsibility of the

Agency will approach the householders. We observed the relocated deck at No 27 Fairway. Our only concern was that it currently stands on bare earth which would be in danger of washing away in heavy rain. But as with all river banks, they are the responsibility of the owner (riparian) and any bank slippage will have to be made good by the owner. It is hoped that during the summer plants will grow there, whose roots will help to stabilise the ground. The Environment Agency asked us to remind residents via the Parish Council of the need to talk to them if anyone wishes to do work near a watercourse (within 8 metres of top of bank). Their email address is PSO-Brampton@environment-agency.gov.uk.

We then walked along the golf practice ground. Having seen the course of the brook, particularly where the bank used to exist, the Environment Agency representatives will consider ways to mitigate against flooding in the future, as far as is possible and viable.

We looked at the Oakington Road Bridge, where some minor instability was noted. As I walk that way several times a week I will watch the bridge carefully for any changes. It is thought to be sufficiently stable for the immediate future. The Environment Agency has passed our concerns on to the County Highways team and the bridge parapet will be inspected again.

We walked alongside the brook in the Histon direction. I was able to point out a small length of the piling which was sloping towards the brook. Due to a large amount of vegetation it was not possible to see the instability of the land behind the piling, which I know is there from having observed it during the winter months. It was felt that the vegetation would not seriously hamper the flow of water during a flood.

Richard Taylor is leaving the Environment Agency shortly, and Professor Irvine and I will need to build a good relationship with his replacement. Jenny Gough is happy to act as our contact.

As we have had very little rainfall over the past month, there have been no flood management problems.

Cllr Mary Rodger
10 July, 2019.