

Girton Parish Council

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The next meeting of Girton Parish Council will be held via video conference on Tuesday 19th May, 2020, at 7.00 p.m.

For security this meeting will be closed to the public but residents are invited to submit written statements on issues of concern to any Councillor or the Clerk for presentation at item 20/48.1

AGENDA

20/45 Welcome from the Chairman.

20/46 Apologies and Reasons for Absence.

20/47 Members' declarations for items on the agenda.

20/48 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:

1. Members of the Public. Written representations to be verbally presented by Councillors
2. County Councillor's Report
3. District Councillors' Reports
4. Police Report (*Appendix A*).

20/49 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st April, 2020.

20/50 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

20/51 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

1. In light of the cancellation of the AGM, approval of the continued appointment of current Chairman/Vice Chair/Committee Chairs and honorary officers for a further 12 months.
2. Delegation of decision to fund delivery of future editions of Girton Parish News to Chairman or Vice-Chair and one other Councillor in consultation with the Clerk.
3. Approval of a draft Local Highways Improvements application (details to be circulated).
4. Approval of a draft Cambs County Council Communities Capital Fund application (details to be circulated).
5. To approve posting of Annual Reports on the village website.

20/52 Finance and Resource Management

1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (to be circulated).

2. To note any significant variance from usual levels of monthly income/expenditure.
3. To receive a financial report for the financial year ending 5th April, 2020.

20/53 Correspondence (to be received)

20/54 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix B*)
2. Girton Town Charity Report
3. Annual Reports and Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting

20/55 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting.

Susan Cumming (Parish Clerk)

13th May, 2020

APPENDIX A
Police Report - May 2020

Motorists warned to be vigilant following break-ins

We are urging motorists across South Cambridge to be vigilant following a number of handbag thefts from vehicles over the past month.

A total of 22 vehicles were broken into between 19 April and 12 May including incidents in Stapleford, Sawston, Duxford, Great Shelford, Haslingfield, Grantchester, Swavesey, Milton, Oakington and Fen Drayton.

In the majority of cases purses, wallets and handbags have been targeted and in some instances the thieves have gone on to use the victims' bank cards in shops.

We're focusing our patrols in these areas but would urge all motorists to make sure their cars are locked and double checked when left unattended as we're seeing incidents when windows are left open and doors unlocked.

Also ensure all valuables, such as handbags, wallets, mobile phones and tools are removed from the vehicle.

Call 101 or go [online](#) to report any suspicious behaviour in your area.

Sergeant Emma Hilson

South Cambs Neighbourhood Team

APPENDIX B

Chairman's Report

13th May 2020

I would like to begin by again offering sincere thanks to all involved with the 'Helping Girton' response to the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent lockdown. We are particularly grateful for the efforts of Susie and Shahila who are the main points of contact for the help network in the village. They have more recently been joined by Julie in the development of a voucher scheme to provide emergency essentials to those in need. The scheme will initially be for vouchers for use at the Co-op but can be extended to other local supermarkets too.

As outlined last month some 600 leaflets were delivered to households identified by South Cambs. as being potentially vulnerable. These requested recipients to positively respond indicating that their needs were or were not being supported. The response has been extensive. Additionally we took the decision in our weekly conference calls with South Cambs. to underwrite the cost of professional distribution of the Parish News in early May together with an explanatory leaflet. All Councillors should be in receipt of a

copy. We need to decide circumstances which should prompt the PC to pay for any future edition deliveries.

We have received a request from the tennis club to allow use of the tennis courts by members. We have requested a detailed protocol for safe management of their use together with a risk assessment. Of particular concern is the potential knock on effect on adherence with non-use of the play area equipment. The Bowls Club have developed similar plans and following my questioning of the wisdom of such action in view of the age demographic of their membership, they are seeking clarification of advice from Bowls England. Again a risk assessment to include the effect on the nearby play area has been requested. Costings for the first plan for expansion of the pavilion building with relocation of the Office to the ground floor were prohibitively high, even allowing for the expected overestimation. A revised plan which provides an extended hall with the Office moving down stairs and some changing rooms moving in the other direction is now being costed and is expected to be more affordable. To this end a draft submission to the County Council Communities Capital Fund has been prepared and discussed with County Councillors Harford and Hickford. They both advise that we need to show community support and how the plans will give benefit to the disadvantaged of the village. All users of the Pavilion facilities have been written to asking for feedback on the benefits of the changes and any ideas for further improvements. I have also requested input on potential uses by disability groups from former Parish Councillor Mark Taylor who is the Cambridge City Access Officer. If possible an updated draft will be presented at this month's meeting.

No response has been received to my request for clarification of A14 legacy Fund project funding. A draft application for this year's LHI grant which is for a road width restriction and pedestrian crossing near the Co-op will be presented for review at this month's meeting.

A further incident of fly tipping, this time along the new non-motorised user road adjacent to the A14, was reported to South Cambs. This has thankfully been removed.

It is sad to report that we heard this month that the Cambridge Academy of English has closed its doors for good and the building has been sold. More news on this is expected shortly.

Haydn Williams