

Girton Parish Council

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The next meeting of Girton Parish Council will be held via video conference on Tuesday 15th September, 2020, at 7.00 p.m.

Residents are invited to submit written statements on issues of concern to any Councillor or the Clerk for presentation at item 20/97.1, with video-conference details for the public open session available on request from the Clerk.

AGENDA

20/94 Welcome from the Chairman.

20/95 Apologies and Reasons for Absence.

20/96 Members' declarations for items on the agenda.

20/97 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

20/98 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th August, 2020.

20/99 To confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th August, 2020.

20/100 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

20/93 The Annual Governance and Accounting Return for 2019-20 has been approved by the internal auditor and forwarded to the external auditors.

20/101 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

1. To approve. that Girton Parish Council register for payment and collection of VAT.
2. To approve transfer of archived parish files from the Pavilion Loft to the County Archive and transfer of computers to staff homes for the duration of the building works..
3. To approve amendments to the AGAR submission.
4. To approve purchase and installation of a replacement Log Lift on 10 Acre Field.

5. To appoint a contractor for Pavilion cleaning until 31st August, 2021 (Details to be circulated).
6. To approve the removal of trees at Weavers Field.
7. To approve a contractor to crown lift trees at Mayfield. (Details to be circulated).
8. To approve a contractor for installation of bollards at the Pavilion car park. (Details to be circulated).
9. To agree a response to the public consultation on the North East Cambridge Area action plan.

20/102 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.

20/103 Correspondence (to be received)

20/104 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix A*)
2. Girton Town Charity Report

20/105 Items which the Council need to discuss at future meetings.

Susan Cumming (Parish Clerk)
9th September, 2020

APPENDIX A

Chairman's Report 9th September 2020

Following the AGAR approval at an Extraordinary meeting in August the Internal audit was completed and the documents submitted to external auditors in early September. The return is also posted on the Parish Website. Some misallocations were noted and are being corrected for approval at next week's meeting. However they do not make a material difference to the financial status of the accounts.

Matters are being progressed to submit our planning application for the Pavilion extension and we hope to complete this by the end of this week. Contact was made with a senior member of the Planning Department to explain the urgency of the application and undertakings have been made to allocate the project to an appropriate Officer with the time to give it immediate attention.

All will be aware of the successful relaying of the road surface from Wellbrook Way to New Road. Our thanks to County Councillor Lynda Harford for her help in getting this work completed. The speed humps have yet to be replaced but we are assured this will happen when the new 20mph zone is installed. Lynda is chasing for a date for this to be completed. The temporary cycle lanes will be unlikely to be re-instated and will be replaced with the 20mph roundels. This was explained to Lynda and me when we met with a

Highways Officer in August. The logic of this decision is far from clear as it seems the only thing that has changed since their original installation is government policy!

Gill, Mary, Susie and Laura have been very busy this month in developing risk assessments and protocols for the reopening of Pavilion facilities. I am sure all will join me in thanking them for their efforts to complete this formidable task.

This month I joined Girton Green Team to remove branches from trees and shrubs overhanging gardens in Weavers Field. Two trees have grown to a great height and need to be removed so we shall approve this course of action at our September meeting. Attempts to diagnose the problem with the play area see saw have been unsuccessful. The suppliers charge £200 + for call out and a similar figure for return to repair so we need to resolve this so that repair can be completed in one visit.

Discussions with the suppliers indicate that our Trim Trail Log Lift does not comply with latest safety regulations without modification,. Given its' age and state of disrepair a quotation for replacement is being obtained and will be brought to our meeting for approval.

The proposal to install planters along the footpath at the carpark was not agreed in August so we have identified suitable bollards which will be approved or not at the September meeting.

Regrettably minor acts of vandalism continue. Following damage to a set of football goalposts earlier in the summer, our new gel dispenser at the Pavilion play area was first of all damaged and following repair was then dumped in the waste bin. I also recently had cause to remonstrate with children who were climbing on a cricket cover putting it in serious danger of collapse.

Haydn Williams