

Girton Parish Council

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The next meeting of Girton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20th July, 2021, at 7.00 p.m. at St Vincent's Close Community Centre

Residents are invited to attend the meeting and to speak in the public open session at item 21/72.1

AGENDA

21/69 Welcome from the Chairman

21/70 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

21/71 Members declarations for items on the agenda

21/72 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:

1. Members of the Public.
2. County Councillor's Report
3. District Councillors' Reports
4. Police Report

21/73 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th June, 2021.

21/74 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only) and review of action points

21/64.3 The Church has been informed of the Council's decision regarding churchyard cutting.

21/75 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

1. To approve the 2020-21 Parish Council Accounts for submission to the internal auditor (to be circulated).
2. To co-opt new councillors to Girton Parish Council.
3. To approve the provision of office space during the Pavilion refurbishment works.
4. To approve a quotation for rainbow climbing frame repairs
5. To approve the development of a Local Highways Improvements Application for double-yellow lines at Thornton Road, St Margaret's Road and Weavers Field.
6. To formally thank and congratulate Girton Village Celebrations committee on a very successful weekend of Girton Feast festivities.
7. To review Parish Council employee matters (members of the public and employees excluded)

21/76 Finance and Resource Management

1. To approve the payments schedule to date this month (to be circulated).
2. To note any significant variance from usual levels of monthly income/expenditure.

21/77 Correspondence (to be received)**21/78 To receive reports**

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix A*)
2. Girton Town Charity Report
3. Water Management Report
4. Pavilion Refurbishment Report

21/79 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting.

Susan Cumming (Parish Clerk)

14th July, 2021

APPENDIX A
Chairman's Report

14th July 2021

The Pavilion refurbishment project continues to progress. The selected contractors were given a tour of the site and Tender documents have been developed and issued and are to be returned by the end of July. A two stage process has been decided upon with the selected contractor providing detailed design before commencement of site works. This is now likely to be delayed until October but the possibility of scheduling internal works to commence earlier than this is being pursued. A decision on alternative Office space during the building period will be discussed at our July meeting. Following the resignation of Shahila Mitchel from the Council we shall be seeking a further volunteer to join our task group. Following a complete breakdown in communication with a candidate accountant/book keeper to complete our Annual Return a second candidate was engaged but quickly withdrew due to lack of familiarity with our software. Three local Accountancy Companies who are able to do the work were identified and asked to quote. In agreement with the vice chair and Clerk, Streets Accountants based in Wellbrook Way were selected. After several false starts a copy of our accounts was transferred to the Office lap top and delivered to Streets who are currently working on the AGAR. We have obtained a one month extension on the deadline for this submission.

Staying with financial matters the transfer of our bank account to on-line banking seems fraught with difficulties relating to security matters. We are waiting for Unity Trust to contact signatories to set up authorisation procedures. This has been promised for this week.

Following a complaint about the quality of the grass management at the back of Abbeyfields our contractor was asked to revisit to tidy it up. This led to a separate complaint from a Wellbrook Way resident that we are destroying a wild habitat! Rewilding is clearly the thing of the moment but not to everyone's taste.

Further correspondence has been received requesting a road crossing on Huntingdon Road at Thornton Road junction. This appears to be an attempt to revive well-rehearsed arguments which were rejected by Highways at the time of the opening of Eddington School.

Haydn Williams