

## **Girton Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held via video conference on Tuesday 16th February, 2021, at 7.00 p.m.**

*Residents were invited to submit written statements on issues of concern to any Councillor or the Clerk for presentation at item 21/15.2, with video-conference details for the public open session available on request from the Clerk.*

**Present:** (Cllrs) Williams (Chairman), Buckler, Cockley, Dashwood, de Lacey, Griffin, Kettle, Mitchell, Rodger, Thorrold.

Cllr T Bygott (South Cambs District Council) (until end of item 21/18.2)

6 representatives of companies involved with developing a care home on the Hotel Felix site (until the end of item 21/15.1)

3 members of the public

**In attendance:** S Cumming (Clerk), L Lawrence (Assistant Clerk)

**21/12 Welcome from the Chairman.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly the members of the public and representatives of companies involved with developing a care home on the Hotel Felix site.

**21/13 Apologies and Reasons for Absence.** Apologies had been received from County Councillor Harford and the Chair of Girton Town Charity Trustees.

**21/14 Members' declarations for items on the agenda.** None.

#### **21/15 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:**

1. Presentation on the proposed conversion of Hotel Felix to a care home facility. Mr A Pancott, CEO of KYN Care Homes, and architect Ms M Magee spoke about the proposed development. The site will have sensory gardens, organic produce and be linked to dementia care at Addenbrookes. There will be 100 jobs for local people at this 80-bed dementia-led unit, and they are not looking for people with a care background. Although it had initially been hoped to retain the building, the requirements of the Care Quality Commission make it difficult to use the original building, eg variability of floor levels, size of rooms, need for wet rooms. Ms K Hanelly-Brown of Bidwells Heritage Team spoke of the history of the site, the original building dating from 1852 with a large extension in the 1970s (since demolished) with wings and infill added in 2002. The original building is on a different level to others and there is structural movement to the foundations. There would be enhanced screening from the road and a classical contemporary approach to the new-build.

In answer to questions from the floor, Mr Pancott spoke of a shortfall in dementia beds in Cambridge and

Bidwells explained that they have spent 12 months trying to retain the building which had not been compliant in terms of disability when an hotel. Councillors expressed regret that such an important building in our village is to be bulldozed, and queried whether the care home could not be built on the large Eddington site opposite. As the village already has a number of care homes, there is great pressure on our graveyard, and ameliorative measures could be that the organisation donates land to the church for a burial ground. Also there will be increased pressure on medical services in Girton.

The Chairman thanked the representatives, who left the meeting at this point.

2. Members of the Public. Written representations to be verbally presented by Councillors. A member of the public said that 'Neighbours of Eddington' had mentioned a care home being built and queried if the proposed development could go there.

3. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*) It was queried why Washpit Lane needs to be 18ft if it is not going to be an access road, and also how to make it so motorcyclists don't use it. The Chairman clarified that it is a cycle/pedestrian way with a wide equestrian verge. There was distress expressed that these works appear to be being done piecemeal. The original plan was to link the NMU to footpaths 4 & 5. The entrance of Washpit Lane needs to be designed so no motorised vehicles can use it as it is only meant to be a road to those travelling to the farm. The Chairman agreed to follow-up this issue with Cllr Harford.

**ACTION: HW/LH**

4. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) Cllr Bygott thanked Mr B Bromwich for lending his engineering file on Beck Brook for slides to show the Environment Agency - he is to have a conversation with Mr Bromwich about this. He also thanked Cllr Dashwood for her suggestion regarding the Victorian Society at the last meeting. He would like to run a campaign to save the Victorian building and asked those present to get in touch if they'd like to join. Like cutting down an ancient tree, demolishing the building would be cutting down something with a longer lifespan than one's own. There is a consultation on affordable housing until 23rd March and Doubling Nature Strategy at SCDC. The Chairman thanked Cllr Bygott for his report.

Cllr de Lacey had nothing to add to his written report. The Greater Cambridge Partnership disagrees with the Combined Authority on the best route, with the Partnership asking for an assessment of routes, currently at standstill. The Chairman thanked Cllr de Lacey for his report.

5. Police Report. There was no report this month.

**21/16 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th January, 2021** (previously circulated). The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Buckler and approved with one abstention.

**21/17 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)**

21/07.1 The precept request has been confirmed by South Cambs District Council

21/07.2 The Chairman met with the County Council LHI Panel on 8th February, to discuss the application.

21/07.3 Members of the public have volunteered for the litter picking scheme, following the end of restrictions.

21/07.4 The Chairman has contacted Mr Clift regarding the Council's decision.

21/07.5 The developers have been invited to speak at GPC's February meeting.

21/07.6 The Vice-Chair of the Rewilding Committee met with a volunteer to discuss marking out a wildflower area, on 10th February.

Noted by the Council.

### **21/18 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.**

1. To respond to the survey of sites for consideration in the Cambridge Local Plan. Cllr de Lacey explained that this is the Council's chance to give information to officers who are weeding out 6/7 sites suggested. There is lots of concern regarding site 40610 and the Council needs a group to look at this. There are other sites, particularly St John's Field, where local residents may comment on flooding, with need to talk to residents in Fairway. A small committee needs to speak on behalf of the Council because a response is needed before the next Parish Council meeting - Cllrs de Lacey, Williams, Dashwood and Thorrold volunteered for this group. There are concerns about the golf course practice ground, land between the two pubs, and land behind the Language School. Local knowledge is to be backed by statistics. Cllr de Lacey proposed that the group be established and votes on behalf of the Parish Council, seconded by the Chairman, and approved unanimously.

**ACTION DdL/HW/JD/JH**

2. To consider tenders for the grass verge cutting contract (details circulated). The Chairman proposed Brookfield, seconded by Cllr Buckler, and approved with one abstention. Cllr Bygott left the meeting at this point.
3. To consider tenders for the Recreation Ground grass cutting contract (details circulated). The Chairman proposed AJ King, seconded by Cllr Kettle, and approved unanimously with the proviso that this is a quotation not an estimate.
4. To consider proposals for changes to the BT telephony contract to a cloud-based system (*Appendix C*). The item was not discussed as direct comparison is needed with other providers.

**ACTION SC**

5. To formally thank a resident for voluntarily cleaning and maintaining Weavers Field Play Area. The Chairman has personally thanked- the resident for this public-spirited action but prosed this should be formally followed with a letter from the Council Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr de Lacey and approved unanimously.

**ACTION SC**

6. To approve actions to lobby for a pedestrian cycle link between Wellbrook Way and Thornton Road as requested by a parishioner. (Details circulated). Four landowners are involved and one does not give permissive use for the bridging of a ditch which would allow for this link. However, he will lose land to Darwin Green 2 & 3 development. It was proposed to approach Ms M Whitehead, who had previously been involved as an agent for the Darwin Green project, about reviewing the idea of a link.

**ACTION DdL**

### **21/19 Finance and Resource Management**

1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (*Appendix D*). The Clerk explained that billing for cleaning expenses was for work undertaken before the latest lockdown, similarly the expenditure on hygiene products. The payments schedule was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Rodger and approved unanimously.
2. To note any significant variance from usual levels of monthly income/expenditure. None.

### **21/20 Correspondence (to be received)**

Several correspondence items had been circulated since publication of the agenda. Regarding the Bowls Club feasibility on building a clubhouse, they should be asked to speak to Girton Town Charity regarding a separate entrance to the William Collyn Community Centre.

**ACTION HW**

### **21/21 To receive reports**

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix E*) Work on the cycleway on Oakington Road will get street lighting from the A14 Legacy Fund.
2. Girton Town Charity Report (*Appendix F*)
3. Water Management Report. Cllr Rodger reported that all is fine at the moment.
4. Pavilion Refurbishment Report. Cllr Cockley spoke of the need to support the project and get maximum backing from the public, with the need to garner the best ideas from people in the village. Part of the brief is that the building is energy efficient.
5. Dog Walking Signage Report. Mr B Cockley was thanked for his input with symbols on the signage. Parker Noble have provided the most cost effective quotation and it was agreed to go ahead.

**ACTION GC**

### **21/22 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting.**

Payments data is to be presented as a spreadsheet.

**ACTION SC**

Thanks were expressed for the mending of the electronic bus stop sign.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report Girton Parish Council - 16 February 2021 meeting**

Budget News The County Council held its annual budget meeting on 09 February. I am very pleased that the budget allocations that I had worked to promote, were included within the approved budget. Of all the services that the county council is responsible for, there is one that touches absolutely every resident, whether they walk, cycle, drive, are conveyed through the good offices of someone else or receive delivery of goods and services. That service is Highways. There may be other services that, of necessity command bigger budgets, but every pound of the Highways budget is spent on delivering a service that is used in some way by all Cambridgeshire's residents. I am pleased to confirm that to augment the current footpath budget of £1.3m, an additional £20m has been allocated for footpath maintenance over the next five years. 50% of this will be spent on surface treatments with the other 50% being allocated for more radical work such as resurfacing and reconstruction. £2.73m additional funding has been approved for additional measures to prevent flooding and improve local biodiversity. This will include rapid gully clearing at all known risk sites and better verge maintenance on rural roads, some advance information about which I have previously reported in the hope that these proposals would be funded. £6.97m has

been allocated for improvements to the B1050 Shelfords Road, Willingham. The condition of this busy route, one of only a limited number of river crossings, and a main commuter route from the fens to Cambridge, has been a cause for concern for some years. Despite significant work being regularly undertaken to keep it safe and serviceable, its historic construction, destabilised by poor ground conditions, dictates the necessity for a full reconstruction to prevent what otherwise would be its ultimate closure. These additional investments and closure of a predicted budget gap of £9.6m in the 2021/22 budget are facilitated through releasing an immediate £4.115m in revenue, by pausing further topup allocations to the council's Transformation Fund from its Minimum Revenue Provision [MRP]. Redeployment of £3.67m already allocated to the Transformation Fund closes the remaining gap and supports the council's objective of keeping any council tax rise as low as possible. Council tax for the next year has been set at 1.99% plus a 1% Adult Social Care precept. This 2.99% in total equates to an additional £40.59pa on a Band D council tax bill [78p per week]. County Council Covid Hub The council's hub is now back up to full capacity in response to the current lockdown. It has contacted over 32,000 shielding residents, offering a wide range of support to them, including provision of food and essential supplies, and help with shopping and household chores. There is also a befriending service to reduce isolation or anxiety and volunteers use phone, email and text to check in regularly on those in the shielding group. The county council has been working in partnership with the British Red Cross to provide food parcels. Each one is sufficient to last for seven days. Hygiene and play packs have been delivered through the council's Children's Services to more than 2,500 vulnerable families. Support, mostly financial, has also been made available for those who are self-isolating, and links have been made through the district councils, to the excellent local community support groups to ensure that there is access to food and other essential supplies. The council is delivering the government's Winter Support Scheme, and provided 40,000 food vouchers to eligible families to help support them over the Christmas holiday period. The same offer will be made during the February half-term in addition to the direct allocation from schools of school meals vouchers. The council has also provided help for around 2,500 households with things like heating and water bills and other essential supplies. As the county moves into the recovery phase there will be many challenges. The additional support and resilience provided by parish councils and community groups will be vital to help that recovery. The county council's continuing shift of services to a more localised approach under the banner of Cambridgeshire Local will support engagement and allow all organisations to focus on local priorities. A local introductory event is planned shortly and I do hope you will attend to find out more.

Vaccination Programme Contrary to earlier advice anyone aged over 70 who has not yet been vaccinated is now being urged to contact the NHS to book an appointment. The easiest way to arrange this is through the national booking system: [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination). The system allows patients to choose a time slot and location that suits them. Anyone unable to book online can call 119 free of charge, anytime between 7am and 11pm, seven days a week. If a suitable and convenient slot is not available people can also call their GP practice. Almost every resident and member of staff in care homes across Cambridgeshire has now either been given their first vaccination or had it offered to them. The small exception to this is a handful of homes where it is currently not possible due to there being a Covid-19 outbreak. Vaccinations will be offered at these sites once that situation is resolved. Covid Testing The roll-out in Cambridgeshire of rapid community Covid-19 testing, using lateral flow tests, started with the opening of the first centre at Cambourne Hub on 03 February. These rapid tests are for people without Covid-19 symptoms [asymptomatic]. Using a new kind of technology, these tests do not require a laboratory for processing. Most people should be staying at home at the moment and limiting all contact

with anyone they don't live with, but it is acknowledged that there are large numbers of people across Cambridgeshire who have to leave home to go to work. This is the group that this testing is particularly targeted at. Around one in three people who are infected with Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Broadening testing to identify key workers showing no symptoms will mean finding positive cases more quickly, which helps break chain of transmission. Workplace testing will also be offered to organisations that have a large, site based workforce. Funding for this came from a successful £1.4m bid to the Department for Health & Social Care and covers a six weeks pilot with the potential for extension. Tests are offered at no cost to the public and the process of taking a test takes on average 15 minutes from arrival to departure. Each site will be open 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday. To book a test, people need to visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting). People who have Covid-19 symptoms will not be tested at the rapid testing sites and they should book a test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119. However, it is not the testing that will reduce rates of transmission, but what people who are tested then go on to do. If people don't isolate after a positive result [and this is now a legal requirement] this won't help reduce the spread of the virus. To encourage people to do so, support is available. More information at:

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/selfisolationsupport](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/selfisolationsupport)

Wellbeing Loneliness is a continuing concern. Simple things like waving to a neighbour in the street, having a socially distanced chat, or making a phone call to someone, are just some of the ways we can all help to tackle loneliness during lockdown. The council's #50000reasons campaign was launched to encourage people to make contact with neighbours and friends. The name of the campaign comes from statistics that suggest that as many as 50,000 people who live alone across Cambridgeshire are at risk of experiencing loneliness. Isolation through lockdown restrictions can lead to people reflecting negatively on their lives putting them at risk of further ill health and suicidal feelings. Against that background small gestures can make a big difference. For more information:

<https://www.bewellcambridgeshire.co.uk/resources-and-campaigns/50-000-reasons>

Education Despite central government investment which has led to around 4,500 laptops being distributed to children in need, research shows there are around 8,000 children and young people across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough who are being severely disadvantaged because they do not have access to the IT equipment or broadband they need. The education service has set itself a target to secure sufficient funding to ensure that every child and young person in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has both the equipment and access to broadband that they need to maintain continuity of their learning and education at home. To date £130,000 has been secured specifically to support maintained schools through increasing the number of laptops available to children in the two authorities. This is sufficient to purchase 400 Windows laptops and cover the distribution costs. A business case is in preparation for grant funding of another £130,000 from one of the COVID grant allocations managed by Public Health. A Peterborough company has already pledged a £100,000 donation to Peterborough schools and made a commitment to match fund donations from other businesses. A partnership has been established with the Youth Panel, Cambridge Digital Partnership, Cambridge 2030 and the Library Service for a campaign, Digital Drive Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which includes setting up a collection and distribution network for anyone wishing to donate used Windows laptops to schools. All donated laptops will be collected by the Library Service and delivered to the Youth Panel which will remove and destroy all hard drives [and data] and refurbish laptops so that they are in good working order. They will then be given to schools across the county for distribution to the children and young people who need them. This initiative launched on 06 February. Every library in Cambridgeshire is being set up with a simple drop box located in the entrance

which can be accessed during the published opening times: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library> Anyone wishing to donate their old laptop[s] to a named school, or school serving a particular area, will be asked to include this information when they take it to one of the collection points. The service is also working to create an online system whereby businesses, other public bodies and individuals can make a financial donation in a fast, secure way. A dedicated enquiries inbox has been set up to manage any enquiries: [LaptopsForChildren@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:LaptopsForChildren@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). Other local charities and organisations that specialise in the recycling/reformatting of old laptops are also engaged in this initiative. A communications and engagement plan will aim to raise awareness of the initiative, share FAQs and key information, and direct the target audience to donate.

Local Matters I have responded to a few requests for clarification about the road closure in place at Washpit Lane. The application to close the road stated: "The historic carriageway for Washpit Road is in situ, albeit significantly overgrown due to decades of little use. Works involve clearing the site to a total width of 6m, planing existing surface, laying of new surface and the creation of a 3m grass equestrian verge. Works also include new signage and bollards." It states that the affected location is the section that is closed [has been for some time] to vehicular traffic under a permanent traffic regulation order and is normally open only to non-motorised traffic. I understand that some concerns have been raised that the work being done will result in it being opened again to vehicular traffic. No such application has been made. The application stated that there is no suitable diversion during the closure for cyclists and equestrians and that therefore "works may be able to grant access on an ad-hoc basis" during their duration. However, the order that was subsequently issued by Cambridgeshire County Council Highways permitting officer makes no mention of this and I understand that, for reasons of health and safety, access is not being permitted. A good deal of concern has been expressed to me by residents in all the villages in Bar Hill division about the lack of sufficient trees to mitigate road noise following completion of the A14C2H project. Within the terms of the Development Consent Order, Highways England made a commitment to maintain all vegetation that was planted in connection with the scheme. That commitment continues for a period of five years after construction to allow it to fully mature. HE has also advised that the initial maintenance period is covered by its contractor and any tree that doesn't survive will be replanted. At the end of November, 2020 HE confirmed that a recent inspection had identified all areas where this had happened and stated its intention to plant replacements. On 21 January a Girton resident emailed me to say she was 'overjoyed to see many hundreds if not thousands of trees' had been planted the previous day. It is clear that these little plants will take a good many years to mature and provide the screening that so many residents want to see. I believe that all the villages in Bar Hill division might agree to get together and supplement what has been planted with some more mature specimens. However, I have been reliably informed that a previous approach to HE about the possibility of local intervention, was met with a negative response on the grounds of health and safety. That doesn't mean that I am not willing to make a new approach to HE. Girton Parish Councillors and some residents have already expressed a wish to progress this and I will follow up this month with the other parish councils in the division. I look forward to seeing you all at your meeting. Please do contact me at any time with any questions or comments either by email or phone.

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**APPENDIX B**  
**District Councillor's Report by Cllr Douglas de Lacey**

The major item of Cabinet on 18 January was the annual Authority Monitoring Report which covers Greater Cambridge (ie Cambridge and South Cambs) and mainly covers planning issues. The Local Plan is on course and our construction of new homes matches expectations. However the report is for the year April 2019 to March 2020; the effect covid-19 may have had is therefore not visible.

Cabinet also met on 3 February, with an agenda largely focused on financial issues to inform the setting of the 2021-2022 budget (at about £10M). It will be no surprise that covid-19 has greatly affected our spending in 2020 and will continue to do so in 2021, but officers believe the budget proposals are robust and the risks clearly understood. One aim is to support residents and businesses through the pandemic despite financial pressures.

Many of these finance issues had been considered by the Scrutiny Committee on 19 January, which received two proposed amendments to the budget (our Constitution forbids significant amendments to the budget unless they have first been considered by Scrutiny). One was for a new Welfare officer with a specific remit to help residents to access DWP financial support, and one for a new Planning Enforcement Officer. The former was accepted by the Lead Cabinet Member and will be automatically included; the latter will be debated by full Council.

The four Group Leaders also met on 19 January; a major item here was the status of the forthcoming elections for County Members, the Mayor and the PCC. Unless they are postponed I intend to resign in March to enable the seat to be contested at the same time. Anyone like to stand? Do let me know!

On 27 January I attended the (on-line) Excellence Awards ceremony, and presented the trophy for the best team. I was delighted that the whole Council had been nominated for this, and the judges gave this nomination the 'Highly Commended' award. This provided me with an opportunity again to congratulate officers on all they are doing for us. Our CEO noted that she often has to ring round at 8am asking for a handful of volunteers for various tasks, and the Officers always rise to the challenge. The award itself went to the Business Support and Development Team; a team only set up in June but which has done enormous work in helping our businesses access all the help we can possibly give them to survive the crisis of covid-19.

As Cambourne grows so does the controversy over the Cambourne-to-Cambridge travel link, which has left the Combined Authority (the mayor) and the Greater Cambridge Partnership (more-or-less, the councils) at loggerheads and stalemate. Now the latter has commissioned an independent audit of the project. The first task will be to prepare a statement of the key constraints and assumptions which underpin the selection of the preferred route. Local representative groups can then submit their representations on the constraints and assumptions. I shall keep you posted.

On 3 February I asked that our flag be flown at half-mast in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore, who achieved so much in encouraging the nation to stick together in lockdown.

Douglas de Lacey



**APPENDIX C**  
**Review of Parish Office telephony**

I have reviewed your BT account and come up with a new package for you, which will offer improved functionality along with a cost reduction of £76.72 per month as follows:

- Provision of Superfast fibre broadband connection with 4G Assure backup where in the event of an issue with the fixed-line Openreach broadband connection your traffic will automatically failover on to the EE 4G network to ensure you can continue working as normal. This will be installed in to the new location in your building.
- Provision of BT Cloud Voice phone system which offers a full suite of business features and functionality – auto-attendant menu system, voicemail, call controls (hold, transfer, divert etc), time-scheduling etc. As discussed this comes with a soft-phone app which can be installed on mobiles, laptops, tablets etc and allows you to be part of the phone system from anywhere.
- 2 of the VVX250 colour-screen phones provided, as attached. As discussed these need to be connected back to your broadband router either via a loose lead if in close proximity to the router, or via CAT5 network cabling. Please note the phone and your PC can share the same cabling outlet.
- Existing numbers retained and Unlimited calls to UK landlines and mobiles included in fixed monthly costs.

Please see below comparison of current and proposed monthly costs:

Product	Current Monthly	Proposed Monthly
01223 472181 - FLC	£53.19	£0.00
01223 472182 - FLC	£30.20	£0.00
Calls	£27.43	£0.00
Broadband	£83.10	£0.00
Superfast Broadband	£0.00	£42.45
Cloud Voice	£0.00	£74.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>£193.92</b>	<b>£117.20</b>
<b><u>Monthly cost saving of £76.72, one-off initial cost of £353.42</u></b>		

I hope that this makes for good reading. Please let me know if you would like to move forward with this or if you have any queries?

Kind regards,

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**Voice & Data Specialist**

BT Local Business  
Home Counties North

**APPENDIX D**  
**Payments Schedule for Girton Parish Council - February 2021**  
(circulated separately)

**APPENDIX E**

**Chairman's Report**  
**10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Reassurances have been received on the meaning of clauses in the proposed contract with the County Council, for provision of the grant towards the Pavilion refurbishment and extension. Responses to our invitation for expressions of interest in the position of Project manager are being received.... slowly! When this appointment is made we shall hopefully be able to provide an accurate project schedule to accompany the contract.

A full page notice about the project submitted to GPN did not appear so we are placing a copy on all notice boards with direction to the web site for full details. We will resubmit for the March issue.

The problem of locating bollards along the car park path without disturbing the fence foundation beams has led us to reconsider the use of wheel stop concrete beams attached to the car park surface as an alternative.

The closure of Washpit Lane to cyclists and walkers has caused some dismay in the village and is contrary to our expectation that passage would be allowed with possible delays. Cllr. Harford is investigating.

Yet another vehicle incident at the junction of High Street and Cambridge Road has caused further damage to the resident's wall. This time the un-gritted road seems to have contributed.

The feasibility study on our LHI application for a crossing near the Co-op was received. This ruled that the proposed road narrowing with a reduction in layby parking space would lead to congestion so an alternative of provision of informal crossings at the raised table at Pepys Way and near the A14 bridge with double yellow line parking restriction at Weavers Field Junction, has been proposed. Following discussion with Cllr Harford, I requested that a build out be positioned on or near the bridge but it is

unlikely to be possible for technical reasons. The requested submission to the LHI panel included this option for further consideration however and was presented to the Panel meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Work on the much heralded improvement to the cycle/pedestrian way along Oakington road is to begin in March. It has also been confirmed that our request to the A14 Legacy Fund for finance of the installation of street lighting from Manor Farm Road to the 40mph limit sign has been approved and the groundwork for this will be completed at the same time. Cllr Harford is investigating whether the County can take on responsibility for the lights. The possibility of a speed reduction build out at the Beck Brook bridge to allow a wider path at this point is also being explored.

**Haydn Williams**

## **APPENDIX F**

### **Girton Town Charity Update**

Thank you for the invitation to your Parish Council meeting this evening. Unfortunately this is an occasion when Trustees also have their monthly meeting so I will be unable to attend.

If there are any specific questions for GTC then do let me know.

For information, expressions of interest in becoming a Trustee continue to be received but none have progressed beyond informal discussions with Trustees.

- One decided they wanted the freedom to be able to travel and spend time with family once lockdown enables.
- One could not commit to time required but offered themselves in an advisory capacity
- One was sent job description and Charity Commission Essential Trustee information but has not responded to invitation for informal chat
- Two more recent expressions of interest following informal conversations waiting to hear back