

Girton Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 11th May 2022

Corinne Garvie

Girton District Councillor

The District Councillor represents Girton's interest at the South Cambs District Council. The District Council deals with the local Plan which is about the growths in population of South Cambridgeshire, street trading, licensing, planning, building control, environmental health and waste disposal and housing for its area.

Girton, Dry Drayton and Madingley are represented by two Councillors. Corinne Garvie became a Councillor last year and was re-elected in May. Dr Richard Stobart was elected a week ago as the other Councillor.

This Corinne's report of her first year

1. Attended presentations on Eddington and Darwin Green new plans and asked questions, mine and those of residents and communicated the answers to the individuals concerned.
2. As District Councillor I represent the Council on the Adults and Health scrutiny meetings, for example on integrated care. For the All-Autism Strategy I presented a report I had requested from the Gretton School.
3. I enabled the re-wilding group by proposing the person who could take it further to become the organiser. I introduced him to Pippa Heylings who is the Net Zero and Green leader on the council and Prospective Parliamentary Candidate lead on the Council. She was able to recommend people he needed to contact.
4. I visited some businesses to encourage them to view the Business Support site on the South Cambs website and to sign up for the Open for Business newsletter to hear about how they can grow their businesses. This is on-going.
5. I help with planning issues when there is a delay in planning consent and when disputed plans needed to go to the Planning Committee.
6. I have reported local flooding issues, blocked drains and many potholes and tree issues in Girton to the County Council Highways reporting site. The potholes have not been repaired as yet but are on the list.
7. I have a good, therefore productive, working relationship with the County Councillor.
8. I set up a reporting system in all villages where I can disseminate more urgent information, for example in Girton I send information to the Parish Clerk who puts in on the Girton Community Facebook page
9. I attended all South Cambs Council Meetings.
10. I have, during my first year, developed networks with Council Officials and my fellow Councillors to help me to work more effectively.
11. I have over the year been meeting residents to find out if they had any concerns with which I can help.
12. I worked with the County Council on the Oakington Road bridge project. Though it has mostly been her work.
13. I spoke to the manager of the Golf Course about informing members not to speed in the 20mph zone, after complaints from residents.
14. I enlarge the 20mph zones to make villages safer for cyclists and pedestrians. I am working with the Parish Council and the County Councillor to achieve this. I am also looking at how to provide support for families who take in Ukrainian refugees.

Cllr Garvie
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