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**NOTICE of MEETING:** GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL  
**MEETING** Environment Committee  
**DATE & TIME:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm  
**VENUE:** Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton

**Members:** 7 + 2 Ex Officio      **Vacancies:** 3      **Quorum:** 3

**MINUTES**

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
<p><b>Members:</b> [4] Cllr Giles (Chair), Cllr Clare, Cllr Carney (Ex-Officio), Cllr Muston (Ex-Officio)  <b>Present:</b> Yvonne Murray (GPC Clerk)  <b>Members of the Public:</b> None</p>		
22/52	<b>Welcome from the Chair</b>	
22/53	<b>To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence</b> Cllr Hayat, Cllr Marshall	<b>Approved</b>
22/54	<b>To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</b>	
22/55	<b>Public Participation</b> No members of the public present	
22/56	<b>To Approve Minutes of Environment Committee: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>  <b>Approval:</b> Cllr Giles proposed. Cllr Carney seconded. Unanimous Approval.	<b>Approved</b>
22/57	<b>Committee to approve co-option of Local Nature Recovery Group members.</b>  <b>Approval:</b> Cllr Giles proposed. Cllr Carney seconded. Unanimous approval.  <b>Debate Highlights:</b> Cllr Giles confirmed Committee was asked to approve Keith Honnor, Chair of the Local Nature Recovery working group. Keith could not make this evening but had confirmed he wished to be co-opted.	<b>Approved</b>
22/58	<b>Matters arising from Previous Meetings (for information only)</b>  Cllr Clare read out the Mission Statement that had been delegated at previous meeting, as below: "The committee's overarching goal is to improve Girton's environment for all and to encourage sustainable practices wherever possible."	<b>Noted</b>
22/58.1	<b>Action List</b>  <b>Debate Highlights:</b> Committee reviewed Environment Action List in MS Planner. Committee noted that it would be useful to have Air Quality monitors that could be moved around the village.	<b>Noted</b>

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	Committee also noted the movement of the MVAS equipment, and that Cllr Carney had asked a question around Footpath 99/6 and had spoken to Jim Chisholm of the Chisholm trail.	
22/58.2	<b>Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items</b>	
22/59	<b>Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Committee</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
22/59.1	<b>Committee to review and note Environment Committee Budget</b>	<b>Noted</b>
22/59.2	<p><b>Committee to review and approve next steps on project list for 2023/2024 Budget for Environment, Green Group &amp; Local Nature Recovery Plan to focus this meeting on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tree Planting</b></li> <li>• <b>Benches</b></li> <li>• <b>20mph Scheme (with Cambridgeshire County Council)</b></li> <li>• <b>Priorities for next three months</b></li> <li>• <b>Procedure for review of Project List</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Note on Tree Planting: GPC has an offer of free trees from a local resident which may match the requirements that Cllr Clare confirmed. These trees need moving from Earith. Trees available: oak, wild cherry, rowan, grey willow, and field maple.</i></p> <p><b>Debate Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee agreed that immediate Tree Planting would be halted and that this Committee would come up with a plan for Tree Planting.</li> <li>• Committee discussed new benches and possible locations including Footpath No. 4, En route to Oakington, Dog Walking Routes</li> <li>• Committee discussed bench already funded to be a bench dedicated to George Thorpe to be situated at Town End Nature Reserve. Bench to be the same as those just positioned by Girton Neighbourhood Watch with a plaque.</li> <li>• Committee also discussed mending the existing benches as needed and making a plan to do so.</li> <li>• Committee agreed that a plan should be put together for new and existing benches throughout the village.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Hayat arrived at 19:35</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee discussed whether Men’s shed could help with mending the existing benches.</li> <li>• Committee noted that 20mph Survey had been published on evening of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Committee noted the need for the Dog bin at Woodland’s park to be replaced with a large green litter bin from SCDC.</li> <li>• Committee agreed the need for a plan for new and existing bins throughout the village.</li> </ul>	<b>Approved</b>
22/59.3	<p><b>Committee to consider LNR Public Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p><b>Debate Highlights:</b></p> <p>LNR Working Group were aiming to come up with some team projects. They hoped to have a list of actions to be carried out in residents’ gardens.</p>	<b>Noted</b>

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	<p>Cllr Giles confirmed all ideas were welcome.</p> <p>Cllr Giles confirmed that the Green Team was up and running. She also highlighted the request for volunteers who would put up Swift boxes.</p>	
22/59.4	<p><b>Committee to consider and recommend next steps on Village Planters Scheme</b></p> <p>This Item to be discussed in April Full Council.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
22/59.5	<p><b>Committee to approve quotes for Car Park Drainage</b></p> <p>Quotes had been obtained. This item to be discussed at Full Council.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
22/59.6	<p><b>Committee to review Mission, Vision and Terms of Reference</b></p> <p><u><b>Approval:</b></u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Giles seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u><b>Debate Highlights:</b></u></p> <p>Mission Statement Approved as below:  "The committee's overarching goal is to improve Girton's environment for all and to encourage sustainable practices wherever possible."</p>	<b>Approved</b>
22/60	<p><b>To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Committee.</b></p> <p>Correspondence confirmed from resident regarding Air Quality Monitoring in the village. Also discussed with South Cambridgeshire District Councillors present at Full Council.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
22/61	<p><b>To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda</b></p> <p><u><b>Approval:</b></u> <i>Cllr Giles proposed. Cllr Carney seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p>	<b>For Decision</b>
22/62	<p><b>Date of next meeting(s):</b> Tuesday 6th June 2023, 8pm.</p>	
<b>Meeting Ended: 19:57</b>		