GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE of MEETING:	GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING	FULL COUNCIL
DATE & TIME:	Wednesday 12 th July at 7.30pm
VENUE:	Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton

Members: 11 Vacancies: 4 Quorum: 5

MINUTES

Agenda	Item Description	Action/
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Meeting Star	ted at 19:35	
_	0]: Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair) Cllr Betts, Cllr Brown, Cllr Clare, Cllr Giles, Cll	r Hayat, Cllr
	arshall, Cllr Wright	
	ne Murray (GPC Clerk), Angie Vidler (Facilities Manager)	
	the Public: Six including Cllr Murphy (CCC), Cllr Stobart (SCDC), Cllr Garvie (SCDC)	
23FC/061	Welcome from the Chair	
23FC/062	To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence	Approved
	Cllr Williams has provided a blanket apology for not attending Council meetings.	
23FC/063	To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None	Noted
23FC/064	Council to Approve co-option of new Councillor/s.	Approved
	Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.	
	Debate Highlights:	
	Council approved the co-option of Leslie Lampe in her absence.	
23FC/065	Council to consider, review and approve HR Committee recommendation regarding whether Cllr Williams should remain on Council following non-attendance at council meetings for six months.	Approved
	Cllr Carney raised an amendment to the original motion noted on agenda due to CAPALC advice sought on recommendation from the HR Committee and received on 12 th July 2023. CAPALC are following up on some questions around Apologies with NALC Legal department.	
	Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.	

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	Amended Motion: Having sought and received CAPALC advice GPC Full Council to consider, review and approve HR Committee recommendation regarding whether Cllr Williams should	
	remain on Council following non-attendance at council meetings for six months. Going forward GPC to require apologies from all Councillors for each meeting they cannot attend to include Full Council and Committee meetings.	
	Debate Highlights: Following HR Recommendation to seek advice on whether Councillor Williams should	
	be disqualified under Section 85 of the LGA 1972. Cllr Carney stated this had been a complicated issue to fully understand.	
	As blanket approval for absence had been received from Cllr Williams the default disqualification under Section 85 does not apply. Cllr Carney highlighted the need for all Councillors going forward to send apologies for every meeting. This process was approved by Council in the amended motion above.	
	Council also discussed the need for more clarity about how an apology for not attending meetings could reasonably not be accepted and whether reasons for absence could always be fully disclosed. Council also discussed whether Councillors who did not attend meetings should influence the vote. It was confirmed this should not be the case following advice from CAPALC. However, anybody can provide information to be taken into account. More information is to be provided by CAPALC for Council's information.	
	GPC Clerk highlighted the need for GPC to work on a complete set of policies and procedures which had not been in place for Girton Parish Council historically.	
	She thanked the HR Committee, especially Cllr Muston and Cllr Carney for the significant work carried out in the 5 ^{th of} July HR Committee meeting and subsequently to ensure that this item was thoroughly investigated with the help of CAPALC/NALC.	
23FC/066	Public Participation	
	<u>Michael Bigg - Rector of St Andrew's Church</u> The Rector had come to highlight to GPC the future liability of GPC for the Churchyard at St Andrew's once it became Full and closes to burials. At that time the churchyard	
	maintenance will become the responsibility of Girton Parish Council. He estimated that this would become the case in 10-15 years and highlighted the need to plan ahead.	
	He added St Andrew's Churchyard is consecrated ground. Whilst burials take place it is tricky for e.g., humanist funerals which limits the options for Girton Residents. He asked Council to begin considering possible acquisition of land as soon as possible for a civil burial ground to give greater flexibility of where and how people could be buried. He looked forward to working together with GPC on this initiative.	
	Cllr Carney thanked the Rector for attending and noted that GPC was aware of this requirement, and it was on GPC's action list. He noted the Hotel Felix development included Section 106 money for increasing the burial capacity for Girton. He also noted the need to work with all faith groups on this initiative.	

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	Michael Bigg - Chair of Cotton Hall	
	Cotton Hall Chair noted he was aware of GPC's discussion on increasing Food Trucks for	
	the village and would like to work together with GPC to provide that facility to the	
	village. He confirmed that the money raised from Food Trucks helps support Cotton	
	Hall. One of the Cotton Hall Trustees is to be co-opted onto the next Sport & Recreation	
	Committee.	
	Cotton Hall Chair confirmed that he supports the idea of more Food Trucks hosted by	
	GPC if done in a mutually beneficial way to a question raised by Cllr Linton.	
	Cllr Marshall highlighted the increased collaboration being discussed with many organisations throughout the village.	
23FC/067	To Receive Reports (for information only)	10 Mins
23FC/067.1	County Councillor	
	Cllr Murphy confirmed she had visited Huntington Road with CCC officers who now understood the problem with the junction layout. She confirmed the officers were now going to consider the options of improving the junction layout. One of the options is to phase the traffic lights differently.	
	Cllr Carney asked that the problems of the junction as a whole be considered not just southbound.	
	Cllr Linton asked for more information about the aims of the Decentralisation project. Cllr Murphy confirmed that one of the missions of CCC is to regard decentralisation as good in that it enables people to make decisions more locally and for services to be delivered more locally. She noted there were a number of pilot projects in which current decisions/services may be recommended to be made by different levels of government. Cllr Murphy to give more detail on this project in her next report.	
	https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/members-consider-further-ways-to- develop-services-with-and-for-communities	
23FC/067.2	District Councillors	
	Cllr Garvie confirmed:	
	1. There would be another public meeting about Aircraft noise. Details would be	
	included in July edition of Girton Parish News.	
	 She noted Pippa Heylings discussion on ITV Anglia Politics on July 13th. <u>https://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2023-07-14/hold-anglia-late-edition-july-2023</u> 	
	Cllr Stobart	
	1. Cllr Stobart noted that the Fly tipping incident had taken a little time to resolve as it was more complicated to clear than it seemed. A Grab lorry needed to be deployed. He confirmed that SCDC were looking into putting in place an SLA so that these incidents could be actioned well to help with residents' concerns.	

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	2. Cllr Stobart thanked GPC for their help with the Feast. SCDC had an excellent time listening to residents' concerns including East/West Rail and Making Connections proposal. He said it was great to be at Girton Feast and thanked	
	Connections proposal. He said it was great to be at Girton Feast and thanked GPC again for the support offered.	
	 Planning Training for GPC to be arranged for September to increase the expertise on GPC planning committee. Cllr Stobart has a date for the trip to Eddington from University of Cambridge 	
	Estates department and will confirm with GPC Clerk.5. A regular update on buses is going to be put in place as lots of residents still have questions. SCDC would like more ideas and more information on issues from Girton residents.	
	Cllr Hayat asked about the Mobile Food Hub at Duxford and Orchard Park.	
	 How can we get better at communicating their availability? Can a more local site be implemented for greater accessibility for Girton residents. 	
	Cllr Garvie noted:	
	 there is a plan to extend the number of sites. Clear data is needed about who most needs help, 	
	From his conversations with local schools Cllr Hayat understood that there are people in the village who need help. Cllr Stobart noted that more detailed questions needed to be ask about the impact of new Mobile Food hub locations. Cllr Carney asked if there was any data on deprivation that could be shared.	
	Discussion took place on feedback about bus services. Cllr Murphy confirmed there is a piece of work going on by the Combined Authority - The Strategic Bus Review. It is a challenge for Councillors with the many different bodies involved, how to find out what is actually going on. A question was asked around whether there was a specific plan on how to find out what the public needs in terms of buses. Cllr Murphy noted there is no specific plan as yet. Cllr Linton asked if there was any timeline for implementing the new bus service. Cllr Murphy noted the earliest any decision might be made to go ahead with franchising would be July 2024 but there may be challenges from Stagecoach.	
	https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news/review-highlights- opportunity-for-radical-reform-to-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-bus-	
23FC/067.3	network/ Girton Town Charity (No Report for this month)	
23FC/067.4	Clerk's Report	
	GPC Clerk highlighted the following items in her report:	
	- A Thank you to SCDC Single Shared Waste Service department who had on request ensured that all Girton Bins were emptied on Friday morning ahead of Girton Feast and had attended on the Monday to empty again following the Festivities. She highlighted the excellent service of this SCDC department always provides.	

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	 A Thank you to all of the team for helping out on Girton Feast Day. Chris Wilson our Groundsman gave an excellent speech to Girton Colts on Teamwork. She noted the Thanks and gifts given to our Groundsman by the Colts for his consistent maintenance of Girton Recreation Ground and highlighted what a great ambassador he was for Girton Parish Council. She also noted that for the first time on the Council agenda she was beginning to include items that were recommended by Committees. This shows that our committees are now really up and running and working as teams to deliver well thought through solutions more quickly. 	
	No questions for GPC Clerk.	
23FC/067.5	Chair's Report	
	GPC Chair noted from his report the meeting with Cllr Murphy regarding bridleways 99/5. 99/6 and 99/4. He would make the meeting notes available as soon as possible.	
	No questions for GPC Chair.	
23FC/068	To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings: 14 th June 2023	Approved
	<u>Approval</u>: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous approval of amended minutes.	
	An amendment was noted to draft minutes of 14 th June 2023 and read out by GPC Clerk for Councillors to consider:	
	"Cllr Marshall gave a public apology to Full Council and Cllr Williams for the way he conducted himself during some of the early meetings. However, he felt unable to apologise for mentioning what he regarded as issues of behaviour which have, historically, affected a number of Council members. As a result, Cllr Marshall suggested an amendment to the original motion"	
23FC/069	Matters arising from Previous Meetings (for information only) - None.	Noted
23FC/069.1	Action List (To be shown at meeting)	
	GPC Clerk confirmed a full Action list was now in draft and would be brought for review in August Full Council	
	Cllr Carney noted that there were many projects on the list that had been approved and these lists would be distributed to Committees to review and prioritise as soon as possible.	
23FC/069.2	Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items	
23FC/070	To Receive update from GPC Committees & Working Groups (For information only)	Noted
23FC/070.1	Environment Committee	
	Cllr Giles confirmed she had arranged to attend Girton Glebe to begin running Green fingers club. She asked for volunteers to help out with the club which would take place on Monday lunchtimes.	

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	Cllr Marshall asked if there was anything GPC could do to help. Cllr Giles replied more volunteers are needed for Green Team, more non-councillors could be co- opted onto Environment Committee and of course people were needed to fill the Councillor vacancies.	
	[Action]: GPC Clerk to advertise volunteer roles on social media.	
23FC/070.2	Local Nature Recovery Working Group	
	Cllr Carney asked about Management of Town End Close. Volunteers are needed to help with raking of recently mown grass.	
	Cllr Muston noted the last event at Town End close was very enjoyable and noted the new bench in place funded by GPC.	
	Discussion took place about holding more events to open up what we have in Girton and to highlight what Girton has on Offer.	
	Cllr Giles noted that there would be another Open Day (part of Open Cambridge) held at Town End close nature reserve on 11 th September.	
	[Action]: Council to make our green spaces more widely known.	
23FC/070.3	Footpath Officer's Report (No Report this month)	
	Cllr Carney noted that he and Cllr Marshall had trimmed back some hedging near Town End Close nature reserve. He asked if anyone else could join. Tools can be provided.	
23FC/070.4	Water Management Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/070.5	Finance & Resource Management Committee	
	 Cllr Muston noted: New visuals for Finance Operations had been included in the Agenda pack for consideration which now included trends. Thanks to the Clerk/RFO for delivering the AGAR on time and for everything she has done. 	
	 The time that such tasks take and stated that she felt understanding and reporting Council finances were in a much better state but there was still more to do. Aspiration to be Gold Star council by 2024. Importance of putting policies in place for Financial Management. 	
	Cllr Hayat highlighted the need to check the new visuals. GPC Clerk confirmed that explanations of changes month on month should be brought to Full Council under this report.	
	Cllr Carney noted that Full Council was now in receipt of more and more data of better and better quality from Finance/RFO.	
23FC/070.6	HR Committee	

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	Cllr Muston would like to Thank the HR Committee for the meeting of 5 th July. She felt the work carried out has got Full Council to where they are today.	
	She confirmed the call with CAPALC had been detailed and taken over an hour on the morning of 12 th July. Council had to meet when CAPALC was available. She stated that she felt that Council was now operating in an Open, Transparent and fair way.	
	She stressed the need to get all Council policies in place which had not been done before and the size the task to get us on track had been significant.	
	GPC Clerk highlighted risk to Council business when behavioural issues took place and the need to work as a team to be efficient. GPC Clerk to review all the policies that CAPALC had confirmed they would send.	
	Cllr Muston stated that Council should consider employing independent legal support for specialist HR and land matters.	
	She also stated that was why GPC had signed up to the Civility and Respect pledge as the entire sector is looking at improving behaviour and teamwork. She gave examples of many posts on Councillors Corner group on Facebook.	
	GPC Clerk noted her thanks to CAPALC who had escalated our questions to NALC specialist team.	
23FC/070.7	CAPALC Report (See HR Report)	
23FC/070.8	Planning Committee (No report this month)	
23FC/070.9	Sport & Recreation Committee	
	Cllr Hayat had nothing to add to his report. There were no questions.	
23FC/070.10	Events Working Group (Verbal update on Girton Feast to be given at end of meeting. See 23FC/072.8)	
23FC/070.11	Bowls Club Working Group (No report this month) Work due to begin post 12 th June on GBC Chair's return from holiday, GBC to provide dates asap.	
23FC/070.12	Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group	
	Cllr Marshall (Chair of Group) noted this project was an ongoing process and that data would be brought to August Full Council.	
23FC/071	To Approve Finance and Resource Management	For Decision
23FC/071.1	To note payment of accounts under delegated approval	Noted
23FC/071.2	To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due	Approved
	Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Clare seconded. Unanimous Approval.	

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	Cllr Carney noted that GBC items were a separate item on the Agenda and would be approved separately.	
	GPC Clerk noted GBC items were included separately because in 2022 there had been a delay and debate about whether the GBC contribution and other payments should be made so she wished to make sure Council had the opportunity to consider and further debate if needed.	
	Cllr Hayat asked if the Street Light payments were now up to date. GPC Clerk confirmed that was the case.	
	All payments were approved with the exception of GBC payment which would be dealt with under Agenda Item 23FC/072.3.	
23FC/071.3	To Receive a report from Facilities Manager on Amounts paid in	Noted
	GPC Facilities Manager noted that sponsorship of Village Planters in 2023 had covered the costs of the planting this year. Last year GPC voted to cover costs which were not covered by sponsorship. See Minutes of 10 th May meeting. Agenda Item 23FC/020.9.	
23FC/072	Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council	For Decision
23FC/072.1	Council to approve order of items on Full Council Agenda to place 'Business Decisions' first on Full Council Agenda going forward. (Verbal update) This item was deferred to give GPC Clerk time to discuss with our District and County Councillors.	Deferred
23FC/072.2	Committee to approve Finance Committee recommendation to accept Streets £500.00 fee for reclaiming VAT on MUGA maintenance in 2019 under new guidelines. Deadline for claim September 2023	Approved
	Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Brown seconded. Unanimous Approval.	
	Cllr Carney stated that VAT discussions had been an on-going issue for GPC. In the past money had been lost. He noted that Streets had confirmed the new guidelines allowed Girton Parish Council to add to their VAT 126 claim any money spent on the MUGA or the Car Park.	
	Streets had been through the accounts and confirmed that there was unclaimed VAT from the MUGA from 2019. There is a 4-year window for claims under the new guidelines which ended in September 2023.	
	Cllr Carney stated he believed that the £500 paid to our accountants is a risk mitigation action given the amount of money paid back and the historic amount lost.	
	GPC Clerk noted that Streets had raised to her that GPC could of course submit the claim regarding the MUGA independently, but it may be best practice to continue to submit VAT claims using their advice as had historically been the case.	

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23FC/072.3	Council to approve Finance Committee recommendation for £500 Annual donation and £500 request for fix to Irrigation System from Girton Bowls Club	Approved
	Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.	
	Item 23FC/072.4 was taken ahead of this item.	
	<u>Amended Motion:</u> Council to approve Finance Committee recommendation for £500 Maintenance Contribution and £500 request for fix to Irrigation System from Girton Bowls Club	
	Cllr Carney noted:	
	 this money was paid under an agreement from a previous Council as Bowling Green belongs to GPC. He noted that this agreement is not necessarily fully documented. All maintenance of the bowling green is done by GBC volunteers. 	
	 Maintenance of all GPC sporting facilities cost money, are subsidised by GPC precept, and run at a loss with the exception of GBC which runs at zero. In addition to the maintenance GBC pay for materials and required equipment. 	
	Cllr Marshall asked if the maintenance contribution should be limited to £500? Cllr Carney noted that the approval was for this year only and could be changed if appropriate.	
	GPC Clerk noted that the Sports & Recreation Committee has a piece of work to complete on Terms & Conditions/Charges and the contributions to all Sports clubs would be reviewed.	
23FC/072.4	Council to approve re-wording of annual contribution to Girton Bowls Club from 'Annual donation' to 'Maintenance Contribution'.	Approved
	Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.	
	This item was taken ahead of item 23FC/072.3	
	Cllr Carney noted that the wording 'Maintenance Contribution' described more specifically the amount paid to Girton Bowls Club.	
	GPC Clerk confirmed she had checked with Girton Bowls Club, and they were happy with the change of wording.	
23FC/072.5	Council to consider whether to write to the developer and/or Planning department regarding the result of the inquiry focusing on the lack of Health Provision to support a care home on the Hotel Felix site.	Approved
	Approval: Cllr Muston proposed. Cllr Carney seconded. Unanimous Approval.	
	Amended Motion: Council to delegate to Cllr Muston and GPC Clerk the task of writing a letter to appropriate bodies regarding the result of the inquiry to	

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	highlight the lack of Health Provision to support a care home on the Hotel Felix site.	
	See Agenda Item 23FC/049 Public Participation from June Minutes.	
	Council discussed the capacity of GP provision and the fact that the three GP surgeries near to this proposed development are not taking any more patients. The facilities at Darwin Green and Eddington are for a different younger demographic. This Agenda item was to consider whether GPC should write to the developer and planning department to confirm that they felt the capacity of local GP surgeries had been overlooked and to request some kind of provision for this to be included.	
	Council discussed additional organisations who it may be useful to consult and getting endorsement from Cambridge Primary Care Patient Group (CPCPG) and/or organisations to be copied into the letter including Huntingdon Road Surgery, Healthwatch, and local pharmacies. Council felt inclusion of these organisations could add weight to GPC letter.	
	Cllr Hayat asked if the proposed care home would provide their own internal health provision. Councillors felt GP Surgeries would still be needed and this care home would need to have an agreement with a GP Surgery. Council asked if any of the GP Surgeries had been approached by the developer? Cllr Clare noted that the NHS Trust would be ultimately responsible.	
	Cllr Carney noted a possible request for further Section 106 money from the developers may be needed to fund additional GP capacity.	
	Cllr Muston noted she had attended the Arlington Manor networking event and learnt more about Care Home arrangements. She felt that attending such events was another way of getting involved in the community.	
	Cllr Linton asked for more details from Cllr Carney on the younger demographic responsibilities of the Eddington and Darwin Green GP Surgeries. Cllr Carney noted that these communities being largely for younger demographic, the available healthcare was based on the needs of the area. This retirement home has no plan in place for 80 people with complex health needs.	
23FC/072.6	Council to approve logo for Girton Parish Council	Approved
	Logo designs included in the Agenda pack were on show at our Full Council meeting on Wednesday 12 th July. They were also on show at Girton Feast on 8 th July. Thank you to all the entrants.	
	The winner was declared as: Alicia Travieso.	
	Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Clare seconded. Unanimous Approval.	
	Cllr Marshall thanked GPC Clerk and Facilities Manager for facilitating this competition. He liked the fact that GPC were encouraging young people to consider Girton Parish Council work and thanked all the participants. Council noted that the	

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	winning design was a favourite from feedback of visitors to the GPC Stall at Girton Feast	
	Cllr Muston stated she had been asked to judge other competitions and she felt that this agenda item was to endorse the views of Chris Gooch who had given his time and professional opinion for free to judge this competition.	
	Council thanked Chris Gooch for his time on this project.	
23FC/072.7	Council to note the recommendations of Finance Committee to Budget process for remainder of 2023/2024 and 2024/2025	Noted
	Councillors were asked to note the draft Finance Committee Minutes from 5 th July meeting included in this Agenda pack. More details about the Budget process to follow.	
23FC/072.8	Council to note activities at Girton Feast on Saturday 8 th July.	Noted
	Cllr Carney thanked everyone who had helped at the Feast, which he felt had been a successful and enjoyable day.	
	Cllr Marshall noted a Feast quiz had taken place at the George on Tuesday 11 th July. Michelle, landlady of the George had kindly agreed all the proceeds from the quiz would go to support Feast Funds. He noted the winning team also donated their prize money to Feast Funds.	
23FC/073	To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Council.	Noted
	Email received from member of the public regarding the proposal by Michael Gove to make Cambridge the new tech hub/ 'Silicon Valley' pointing to an article in the Sunday times. Council noted that this item was one to be taken into account in the Neighbourhood Plan.	
	Cllr Carney had received a phone call noting a claim from a resident that the deed for houses in Thornton Road limited the size of hedgerows and complaining that many hedgerows exceeded the height allowed. The resident was also upset about the volume of on-road parking in Thornton Road including on the verges.	
	Cllr Marshall had received a query/complaint about the Concrete Island near Wellbrook Way which now did not have a bollard. Cllr Carney confirmed this was on Cambridgeshire County Council list.	
	 Cllr Muston pointed out two comments received at the GPC Feast Stall 1. The gates to the recreation ground had loose springs. 2. There is a drop in step from the path to the gate. 3. The kissing gate at the Recreation Ground was still broken. 	
23FC/074	To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda This item is designed to ensure that Council can approve key items of communication from this meeting on Council Website, Facebook, and Twitter.	Approved

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	Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.	
	Communication of meeting delegated to the Clerk.	
23FC/075	Date of next meeting(s): 9 th August 2023 at 7.30pm	Noted
Meeting Ended: 21:42		