

GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE of MEETING: GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING FULL COUNCIL
DATE & TIME: Wednesday 10th January at 7.30pm
VENUE: Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton

All Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of resolving Council Business to be transacted at the meeting, as set out below. Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council under the Public Participation item. Advance notice of questions and/or issues would be appreciated.

Members: 14 Vacancies: 1 Quorum: 5

Members: Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair) Cllr Betts, Cllr Brown, Cllr Clare, Cllr Crawley, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Lampe, Cllr Linton, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Reeves, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wright.

Mrs. Yvonne Murray – Clerk to Girton Parish Council
4th January 2024

AGENDA

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
23FC/147	Welcome from the Chair	
23FC/148	To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence	For Decision
23FC/149	To Co-opt new Members to Girton Parish Councillor	For Decision
23FC/150	To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations	To Note
23FC/151	Public Participation <i>To allow a total of 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting in relation to any matter on the agenda. Individual presentations to be limited to 5 minutes on any single issue</i>	15 Mins
23FC/152	To Receive Reports <i>(for information only)</i>	10 Mins
23FC/152.1	County Councillor	
23FC/152.2	District Councillors	
23FC/152.3	Girton Town Charity (No Report this month)	
23FC/152.4	Girton Neighbourhood Plan – No Report due to Christmas Break.	
23FC/152.5	Clerk's Report	
23FC/152.6	Chair's Report	
23FC/153	To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings: 13 th December 2023	For Decision
23FC/154	Matters arising from Previous Meetings <i>(for information only)</i>	For Information
23FC/154.1	Action List (See 23FC/143.2)	
23FC/154.2	Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items	

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23FC/155	To Receive update from GPC Committees & Working Groups <i>(For information only)</i>	To Note
23FC/155.1	Environment Committee – No report due to Christmas Break	
23FC/155.2	Local Nature Recovery Working Group	
23FC/155.3	Footpath Officer's Report (See Chair's Report)	
23FC/155.4	Water Management Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/155.5	Finance & Resource Management Committee	
23FC/155.6	HR Committee (to include CAPALC Report)	
23FC/155.7	Planning Committee (No Report This month)	
23FC/155.8	Sport & Recreation Committee – No report due to Christmas break	
23FC/155.9	Events Working Group	
23FC/155.10	Wellbrook Way Facilities Task & Finish Group	
23FC/155.11	Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group	
23FC/156	To Approve Finance and Resource Management	For Decision
23FC/157.1	To note payment of accounts under delegated approval	To Note
23FC/158.2	To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due	For Decision
23FC/159.3	To Receive a report from Facilities Manager on Amounts paid in	To Note
23FC/160	Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council	For Decision
23FC/160.1	Council to consider and approve GPC Clerk obtaining three quotes for a Master Planner to plan the Pavilion Refurbishment project with the aim of confirming specification and making a start on this project in 2024.	For Decision
23FC/160.2	Council to note following approval of 23FC/115.9 approved in 11 th October 2023 meeting that GPC Clerk will be obtaining quotes for legal advice. See October 2023 Approved Minutes: https://www.girton-cambis.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Girton-Parish-Council-@Full-Council-Approved-Minutes-11th-October-2023-at-7.30pm.pdf	To Note
23FC/160.3	Council to consider and approve recommended quote for Roof and Gully cleaning for Girton Recreation Ground Pavilion	For Decision
23FC/160.4	Council to consider and approve match funding of a maximum of £2,500 for the work to be carried out on Hibbert-Ware Garden.	For Decision
23FC/160.5	Council to consider and approve funding of £120.00 for replacement of outside Food Bank in St Vincent's Close run by Lighthouse Lantern Mental Health Training.	For Decision
23FC/160.6	Council to consider and approve CCC LHI Bid for 2024/2025 and to delegate completion of the documentation of this bid to Cllr Carney, Cllr Giles and GPC Clerk.	For Decision
23FC/160.7	Council to consider and approve Budget for Girton Parish Council	For Decision
23FC/160.8	Council to consider and approve charges for Recreation Users for 2024/2025.	For Decision
23FC/160.9	2024/2025 Precept: Council to approve precept request for 2024/2025	For Decision
23FC/160.10	Council to consider approval of an Extraordinary Meeting to further consider and approve the precept on 17 th January 2023 given the more specific budgetary process carried out for this year and the 11 th January meeting being held so quickly after the Christmas/New year break.	For Decision
23FC/161	To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Council. Communication concerning dog poo being put in post box in Thornton Road. [Cllr Muston]	To Note
23FC/162	To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda	For Decision

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	<i>This item is designed to ensure that Council can approve key items of communication from this meeting on Council Website, Facebook, and Twitter.</i>	
23FC/163	Date of next meeting(s): 14th February 2024 at 7.30pm	To Note

Guidance For Visitors to Girton Parish Council

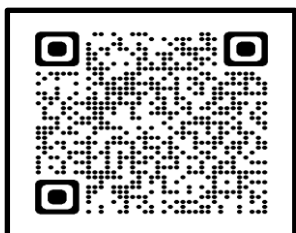
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NOTICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Parish Council Agenda

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Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting and any other Girton Parish Council public meeting. If you wish to raise a question or topic at the meeting it will help us if you contact the clerk, who will be pleased to explain the procedure. Clerk email: clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk. Members of the public may address the Council within an allotted time of **15 minutes** during Public Participation on the agenda.

Exclusion of Press and Public

The press and public are likely to be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972, exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended.

Items to be confirmed here/

First Aid

If you feel unwell or need first aid, please alert a member of staff.

Toilets

Public toilets are available on the ground floor of the Pavilion in the corridor through the double doors in the Community Hall. These include facilities for disabled people.

Recording of Business and Use of Mobile Phones

Girton Parish Council are open and transparent about how we make decisions. The Council may record public meetings. Recording, filming and photography at Council, Committee and other meetings is allowed where members of the public can attend, so long as proceedings at the meeting are not disrupted. Members of the public may not speak during Council proceedings. We also allow the use of social media during meetings to bring Council issues to the attention of a wider audience. To minimise disturbance to others attending the meeting, please switch your phone or other mobile device to silent/ vibrate mode.

Smoking

No one can smoke at any time within the Pavilion or at any Council meeting.

FULL COUNCIL

Five motions from councillors were debated at the Cambridgeshire County Council full council meeting on 12 December 2023. Four were passed, one was not.

1. Noting the crisis in adult social care caused by chronic Government underfunding to councils, and asking officers to be ready to take advantage of any future change in Government policies. (Passed)
2. Asking the council's Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee to consider actions to ensure a more diverse council. (Passed)
3. Expressing concern at the lack of availability of NHS dentistry, and committing to take action to address the problem. (Passed)
4. Complaining of confusion about highways consultations, and wanting to consult all who could potentially be affected by changes to the highway. (Not passed)
5. Welcoming options for more flexible working, and committing to promote these within the council and among local employers. (Passed)

STRATEGY RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE

Joint statement on 'Cambridge 2040' announcement

The Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, unveiled updated plans for the Government's 'Cambridge 2040' vision on Tuesday 19 December 2023. These include 'northwards' of 150,000 new homes around Cambridge as part of a major new expansion of the city.

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We note in the latest announcement that the number of new homes put forward by Rt Hon Michael Gove MP has come down from 250,000 to 150,000, but this is still substantially more than the over 50,000 homes we have identified as needed in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (to 2040)—a number which will already be incredibly challenging to bring forward. We are ambitious for high quality sustainable, green growth but can't stress enough how vital it is that Government supports us to tackle the issues that will otherwise act as roadblocks to sustainable growth.

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This includes prioritising sustainable public transport, community infrastructure such as schools and GPs, and water shortages in this region, which are putting our chalk streams under extreme pressure—an issue which the Greater Cambridge Planning Service warned in January 2023 could delay existing plans for housebuilding if not addressed by Government. We are still waiting for responses to these questions which would detail how Government proposes to support us in delivering a proposed 50,000 or so homes responsibly, let alone 150,000.

Clarity is also needed as to who is involved in the 'Cambridge Delivery Group', what it will do, and how it will be governed. Devolution works best when local politicians are empowered to lead and deliver sustainable development and we will continue to work hard to represent our residents and ensure that Cambridge and its surrounding villages grow in a sustainable and carefully planned way.

Since the initial announcement in summer 2023 about the Government's 'Cambridge 2040' plans, council leaders and officers have begun to explore the vision for Cambridge 2040 with Government officials.

Following a visit to Cambridge by the Secretary of State in November, leaders from Cambridgeshire County, Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District councils, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and local business wrote to urge Government to make a number of commitments—including water supply and transport— necessary to support sustainable growth in and around Cambridge.

£368,000 to help council respond to major projects

A successful bid to Government means an additional £368,000 to help the council respond to proposals for major infrastructure in Cambridgeshire.

The money will help support the council with the administration of Development Consent Orders (DCO) for schemes like East West Rail, the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet upgrade, and the Fenland Reservoir, as well as other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). £268,000 will bring in extra technical and specialist resource, and a further £100,000 will enable work across all these types of projects.

Consultation begins on budget proposals

Consultation is to begin on the council's proposals for its 2024/5 budget, in what is being called 'the toughest year to set a balanced council budget'.

The Government's one-year Local Government Financial Settlement announced last month does not compensate for the levels of demand and inflation that the council is faced with, particularly in areas such as children's social care, home to school transport and provision for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities. A fair funding review for local councils promised by the Government has never materialised. And all local authorities face significant financial uncertainties as a consequence, as I reported last month.

The council is looking to support vulnerable people and improve highways maintenance, while still seeking to bridge a remaining £2M gap—even with a proposed council tax rise of 4.99 % (2% for adult social care services, and 2.99 % for general services).

The Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee received and considered draft budget proposals at its meeting on Tuesday 19 December. The council's service committees will consider these at their various meetings in January. An online public survey has been launched and is open until Tuesday 16 January
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2024-5>

The Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee will make a final budget recommendation at its meeting on Tuesday 30 January for Full Council to debate on Tuesday 13 February.

The draft proposals have been shaped by views gathered in the council's first Quality of Life Survey conducted over the summer. They focus on sustaining social services, continuing to provide free school meal vouchers for eligible children during holidays, progressing the council's commitment to pay the real living wage to people providing adult social care, and prioritising highways and cycleways maintenance across the county.

Potential savings have been identified to help bridge the funding gap. These include:

- Moving to LED streetlights (£1M in energy savings each year)
- Rationalising office accommodation (£1.5M in the next three years)
- Reviewing the highest cost children's placement costs, and home to school transport routes (more than £2M)
- Driving down the amount of bad debt (£0.5M)
- Reviewing income from permits and parking charges (Just under £1M)

While these measures are unwelcome, they are not on the same scale as some councils (for example neighbouring Suffolk County Council is slashing 100% of its arts funding, and making significant cuts to the social care budget). The system really isn't sustainable but we are managing nonetheless to maintain stability in exceptional circumstances.

ADULTS & HEALTH

Covid isn't over

Covid is far from over – and anyone reading this will probably know several people currently with it, or flu or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Our EU neighbours now seem to be able to purchase over-the-counter or online

multi- tests which test for covid, flu, and RSV on a single test cassette. It's not clear why we can't have this but we have put a question to our Director of Public Health to understand what the hold-up is in making these available in the UK and look forward to the response.

Preventing falls

Falls and related injuries are a common and significant problem for older adults and a major public health issue. Falls are a major cause of disability and injury- related death in people aged 75 and over, and have a large impact on quality of life—and as our population ages, this will become even more of an issue.

Around one in three people over 65 years old and half of those over 80 experience a fall at least once a year. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in 2022/23, there were 2,699 emergency admissions due to falls and 1,015 admissions due to a hip fracture. The estimated combined total cost of these hospital admissions was £16.3M, an increase of over £1.9M on the previous year. These costs do not include wider health and social care costs such as primary care, ambulance, or adult social care costs.

Cambridgeshire County Council's Adults and Health Committee has endorsed a three-year Falls Prevention Strategy and detailed delivery plan, working with a multi-agency Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Falls Prevention Strategy Group.

The strategy includes a number of interventions that have been shown to be effective at preventing some falls and fractures, and its intended outcome is a reduction in the rate of hip fracture admissions, and an improvement to the quality of life of older adults who experience a fall or fracture.

COSMIC

Supermarket voucher scheme continues in Christmas holiday

The council's supermarket voucher scheme continued to operate in the Christmas school holiday for all eligible families in Cambridgeshire. The scheme will run until the February 2024 half term, using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work & Pensions topped up with additional funding provided by the council.

Over 20,000 vouchers were claimed in the October half term alone. Over 70% of families said the vouchers had helped them cope with the rising cost of living. More than half said the scheme had reduced the need for them to seek other sources of support in the school holidays such as food banks.

Total spend in the October half term week was £317,000, with this expected to more than double to £660,000 in the two-week Christmas holiday. In addition to the holiday voucher scheme, there is further support available in response to the cost of living <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living>

Libraries offer a helping hand to stay connected this winter

A successful pilot scheme offering free mobile SIM cards to those unable to afford internet access is now available in eleven of Cambridgeshire's libraries, including Ely. Cambridgeshire Libraries have signed up to the National Databank, an initiative run by Good Things Foundation which provides free mobile SIM cards to anyone over the age of 18 who is on a low income. The SIM cards are donated to the National Databank by Virgin Media, O2, Vodafone and Three.

They are then supplied to members of the National Digital Inclusion Network, including the eleven Cambridgeshire libraries, to be passed on to those in need of data.

Life-saving defibrillators installed at thirteen council sites

Life-saving automated external defibrillators have been installed at thirteen county council offices for use by local communities as well as county council staff and visitors. The venues include Noble House in Ely, off Angel Drove. The council purchased the units, but all installations were carried out free of charge by the county council's maintenance contractor GSH as part of their commitment to support social value in Cambridgeshire.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

Network Rail signs up to County Council biodiversity site

Network Rail is the first investor in the council's pioneering biodiversity and habitat restoration scheme at Lower Valley Farm in Fulbourn. Arable land is being transformed into a one-of-a-kind 345-acre biodiversity net gain site.

Council land there will be used to replace habitat lost due to construction of the new Cambridge South railway station at Cambridge Biomedical Campus. From January 2024, legislation comes into effect requiring new developments in England to not only provide for nature lost as part of works but to achieve a minimum biodiversity net gain of 10%. As part of the Cambridge South Infrastructure Enhancement scheme, Network Rail has purchased 65 biodiversity units at the Fulbourn site to create an environmental legacy that will complement their creation of Hobson's Park on the Campus.

The Lower Valley Biodiversity Site is part of the council's commitment to a greener Cambridgeshire and helps tackle the ongoing country-wide nature crisis. It also supports the council's aim to become a net zero county by 2045, five years ahead of national targets.

Change to access at Royston and Thriplow recycling centres

Cambridgeshire residents now need to apply for a digital permit to use Royston Household Recycling Centre in Hertfordshire. The change comes following the announcement last year that Hertfordshire County Council would be adopting a policy restricting access to non-residents at Hertfordshire's network of sixteen recycling centres.

However, the county council has reached an agreement with Hertfordshire County Council that enables continued cross-border access to Royston Household Recycling Centre for Cambridgeshire residents living close to the county boundary, whilst allowing Hertfordshire residents access to Thriplow Household Recycling Centre in South Cambridgeshire.

Resident-only policies are becoming increasingly common across the region and indeed the country, with many neighbouring counties having had this policy in place for some time.

Sunnica further delay

A decision on the Sunnica application for a large solar farm spanning East Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk has already been postponed from September to December. It has now been postponed again, to Thursday 7 March. This may mean no decision this side of a General Election.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

Electric vehicle charging

An estimated 10,000 public electric vehicle charge point sockets will be needed across Cambridgeshire by 2030, as motorists choose electric vehicles over more polluting petrol and diesel cars. The sale of new petrol and diesel cars is set to be banned by government from 2035.

Using up to £5M in Local Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funding, the council is working with the Combined Authority on how to meet this need, with fewer than 500 public charge points currently installed. Officers will develop a plan informed by technical mapping and seek public engagement to find suitable charge point locations. They will report back to the Highways and Transport committee in March, prior to a decision by the Environment and Green Investment Committee later in 2024.

Civil parking enforcement starts in South Cambridgeshire

New Civil Parking Enforcement powers are now in effect across South Cambridgeshire following a decision by Government. Drivers are now far more likely to receive a fine for parking incorrectly where there are restrictions, such as on single or double yellow lines.

Meanwhile on the Combined Authority

Despite the Code of Conduct complaint against Mayor Nik Johnson having been resolved, the leaders of East Cambridgeshire and Fenland district councils are continuing to make accusations against the Mayor which are not based on any information which is in the public domain. It has been reported that Mayor Johnson is now initiating a Code of Conduct complaint against Cllr Anna Bailey over her behaviour in this matter. The broader issue is whether there is sufficient confidence in the new governance arrangements to give Government the grounds to reinstate funding, which will benefit the region. The signs are looking positive for this, and improvement efforts continue.

Cllr Edna Murphy
County Councillor for the Bar Hill division

District Councillors' Report for Girton Parish Council January 2024

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Cllr Richard Stobart 07950 934793, cllr.stobart@scambs.gov.uk

On behalf of South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) we would like to wish Councillors a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Resource for Community Safety

Please take a look at SCDC's suite of resources to help Parish Councils respond to local issues, including inconsiderate parking, fly tipping, online safety, how to make reports to police, how to safely charge an e-bike/e-scooter battery, and more: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-safety/community-safety-resources/>.

Please also check SCDC's partners at the charity, *Change, Grow, Live* who offer harm reduction advice, and support contact details for those using drugs or alcohol, <https://www.changegrowlive.org/>.

Combined Authority (CPCA), Transport and Buses

The Combined Authority adopted the new Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) at the end of November 2023. For more details,, please check the page: <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/what-we-deliver/transport/local-transport-plan/>. We recommend you take a look at the local strategy for Greater Cambridge which is referenced on the site and is a downloadable.

The adoption of the LTCP unlocks a series of actions, one of which is the consultation on bus services which you'll find at <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/better-buses/#questionnaire>.

If you'd like to offer an opinion on the CPCA's strategy and budget, please take a look at:

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/yoursayyourfuture/>.

Corporate Peer Review of SCDC

The Peer Review took place in the first week of November and the review results clearly state that the council is in a strong financial position and is a well-managed organisation with an enviable record of delivery - exemplified by being the district with the highest number of visas issued under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. The 4 Day Week trial is helping the council to retain and recruit planners needed to respond to the Government's own vision for this area in terms of growth.

Supermarket vouchers continue

The supermarket voucher scheme will continue to operate for all eligible families in Cambridgeshire with Cambridgeshire County Council running the scheme until the February 2024 half term using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work & Pensions and additional funding provided by the Council. Eligible families get a £15 voucher via email or text to be used at a choice of ten supermarkets. The voucher scheme has been a huge success since it was introduced and appreciated keenly by families struggling in the current financial climate. A survey revealed that over seventy per cent of families said the vouchers had helped them cope with the rising cost of living.

Climate scorecard

Campaigning organisation Climate Emergency UK once again published a 'scorecard' for each County Council to measure how each was responding to climate change. Cambridgeshire was ranked fifth, with a gold star for our work on decarbonising buildings and heating. We scored lower than average on biodiversity, and on waste reduction and food. This was expected, given that Cambridgeshire is the most biodiversity-deprived county, and that the Waterbeach waste facility is out of action while the council and its contractor Thalia seek to resolve compliance issues. <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/scoring/county/>

Joint statement from local leaders and the Combined Authority Mayor on Cambridge 2040 announcement

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Supporting sustainable growth in Cambridgeshire

Following a visit to Cambridge by the Secretary of State in November, leaders from Cambridgeshire County, Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District councils, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and local business wrote to urge Government to support sustainable growth in Cambridgeshire. This commitment would involve:

- **Water scarcity:** Resolving the area’s water supply challenges – including through a commitment to enhancing new supply options, significantly better management of demand and investment in resilience of our rivers and the local environment.
- **Cambridge South East Transport (CSET):** Providing £162 million to support a Transport & Works Act application for a scheme that would link the city centre to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and the southern cluster including Babraham.
- **Transport infrastructure:** Supporting the Greater Cambridge City Deal and Partnership transport programme which provides a deliverable solution for current growth and a scalable solution to support expanded growth ambitions with future public transport solutions.
- **Local Planning:** Supporting the Local Planning Authorities to become a pilot for a new form of plan making and allowing Greater Cambridge to have an up-to-date long term development strategy in place as soon as possible.
- **More genuinely affordable housing:** Providing support via Homes England for councils to implement a bespoke housing strategy to tackle the affordability crisis for essential key workers and the specific needs for homes in globally significant sciences and deep tech sectors across Greater Cambridge – in addition to local partners’ ongoing work to provide more affordable homes.
- **Match population growth with health and social care investment:** Providing funding for a detailed plan to enhance and improve the facilities at the Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUH), along with further enhancements to primary and community based care services and wider health and social care integration, to enable a truly preventative approach within Greater Cambridge.
- **Support specific sites to come forward:** Notably the relocation of the Anglian Water sewage treatment works in North East Cambridge and the relocation of Marshalls to Cranfield to unlock development at Cambridge East.

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) update

Notices of parking illegally will be issued until the end of January. These do not have a fine attached. From 1 February 2024, Cambridgeshire County Council's Civil Parking Enforcement Officers will issue penalty charge notices which include a fine for parking on restrictions such as double yellow lines. Notices will be issued from 1 February which will mean a fine of between £50 and £70, depending on the severity of the offence. For more information visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cpe

Benefits are expected to include increased compliance with parking restrictions which in turn would improve traffic flow, road safety and lead to a reduction in obstructive and dangerous parking. It will also support economic growth in the district

SCDC Finances

The latest audit is being signed off at a time when the vast majority of council are lagging behind on audits due to issues with the capacity of the auditors local authorities are now required to use.

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS) is reporting that its spending is close to budget - whereas this time last year it was £250,000 over. This is due almost entirely to the savings made through the four day week trial. GCSPS has recruited into a significant number of planning roles which had been notoriously difficult to fill and had been staffed (at high cost) by agency workers.

Shared Prosperity Fund

SCDC will receive over £1M from the Government's "Shared Prosperity" scheme to allocate as grants to business and community schemes. SCDC is working on the value of the grant awards and the overall objectives to be addressed.

And finally a report on the 2023 Christmas Market:

Christmas market attracts crowds to Cambourne!

Crowds enjoyed a serving of festive cheer when they snapped up the seasonal spirit at SCDC's Christmas Market. Around 70 stallholders offered 1,500 visitors the chance to browse the bustling bazaar of goodies for sale in the popular event at Cambourne Village College Performance Hall and neighbouring gymnasium on Sunday 12. Among the winter wonderland of stalls were locally crafted gifts, holiday treats, and festive décor as well as a selection of delicious food from around the world thanks to mobile caterers outside the venue, serving street food as well as hot and cold festive refreshments.

Cllr Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Economic Development, said: "Once again our Christmas Market was a resounding success enjoyed by hundreds of visitors. It was wonderful to see the local talent and entrepreneurial spirit from a wide variety of traders showcasing their goods for free. It's not only a perfect chance to bring the community together but also an opportunity to support the growth of our local businesses and economies. Seeing the buzz in the room, it felt like more than a market; it was a testament to the collaborative spirit that makes our District truly special and highlights the important role that local businesses play in our high streets and communities."

Corinne Garvie

Richard Stobart

4th January 2024

Girton Parish Council

Clerk's report January 2024

Happy New Year to Council and to all Girton Residents as we aim for another year of continuous improvement for Girton Parish Council.

Setting Girton's Precept

January is the month that all Parish Councils set their budgets and submit their request for local funding in the form of a precept request. In the case of Girton Parish Council this request is made to South Cambridgeshire District Council. We would invite you to attend our January Full Council on Wednesday 10th January to learn more about our 2024/2025 budget. We have had a very busy November/December and early January with our Committees and working groups reviewing and confirming new 3-year plans which will give us and therefore all of your more oversight of GPC's plans going forward.

The information regarding the precept request is to be presented in January Full Council. Given the fact this meeting is so close to the Christmas break and that a more detailed budget has been presented this year there is an option for Council to come back one week later to an Extraordinary Meeting to further consider the precept request before the deadline of 31st January and to ensure full discussions are had with our Recreation Ground Users.

We will also be sharing the results of the Precept Survey to support the precept request at this meeting. Some of the comments around what Girton Parish Council is doing well and what we can do better are already provided in the Events Committee report in this Agenda Pack.

New GPC Ranger

Our New GPC Ranger began his tasks before Christmas and has extended the scope of Girton Parish Council's staff team to work across the village outside the Recreation Ground. Work carried out so far is a fix of Mayfield Road Bus Shelter vandalised last summer, mending of Redgate Road fence and completing all the work that was identified as part of the Fire Assessment carried out by Council in 2023.

Work planned for January is to ensure that maintenance of all our Playgrounds are carried out including the trim trail and improvement of our regular weekly and monthly reviews of the Playground. As the weather gets better there are also projects planned to maintain our pavilion and the Basketball pitch which was identified as needing a make-over by Girton Parish Council.

Christmas Fayre

GPC was delighted to work alongside William Collyn Community Centre and Cake's by Lexis to present Girton Christmas Fayre at the WCCC. The Parish Council team took questions from residents and also ran the raffle which raised £500 for the Hibbert-Ware Garden Crowd-Funding and Kayla's Rainbow Fund. £250.00 has now been provided to both these organisations.

The Fayre was pleased to welcome, support and promote many local organisations and businesses to increase recognition for many of the great initiatives present in Girton. We hope this is the first of many community events in the village.

And finally as announced in December.

Bringing the Parish Council to you

I am sure you will be delighted to know that our Events Committee, led by Cllr Stuart Marshall is putting together a list of organisations in Girton that we would very much like to come and visit and understand more of what matters to you and how we might support the work you are doing in the village. We would also like to give you updates on all the plans of Girton Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Plan led by Andrew Muston and the rationale for some of the decisions made by Council. We will be in touch to try and find dates that will fit with you and your organisations.

Yvonne Murray
GPC Clerk

Girton Parish Council: Chair's report January 2024

Cllr Daniel Carney

A Happy New Year to all, I hope that everyone was able to have an enjoyable festive season. I was pleased to see that the Winter Fayre at the William Collyn Centre seemed to be a great success, with an excellent turnout. It was also great that the issue of electrical safety for the festoon lights was addressed and that they could be added to the Pavilion.

The main work I have been carrying out since my last report is writing a report to support the next proposal for an LHI bid to be submitted later this month.

Aside from this, as approved in December's Full Council meeting, I have contacted Dan Cranshaw, the Project Manager of the Girton Road crossing scheme, to inform him of the outcome of the motion in said meeting. Cllrs Williams' request by email for costings of other schemes was also put forward. Construction of this project is due to begin later this month, which will involve a number of overnight closures of Girton Road. Hopefully disruption will be minimised as this is not during the daytime, but introducing a long-called for crossing is highly important and will hopefully be worth the small period of inconvenience.

I have also been in correspondence with CCC regarding the Oakington Road speed limit reduction scheme. I am concerned that Girton PC are not being kept up to date and informed about progress of the scheme. It appears that Oakington & Westwick PC have been notified that their approval will be sought but no such approval is currently being sought from Girton. As Girton PC will be part funding this scheme I will insist that Girton is consulted.

GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE of MEETING: **GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL**
MEETING **FULL COUNCIL**
DATE & TIME: **Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm**
VENUE: **Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton**

Members: 13 Vacancies: 2 Quorum: 5

MINUTES

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
<p>Members: [8] Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair), Cllr Betts, Cllr Clare, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Reeves. Present: GPC Clerk (Yvonne Murray), Facilities Manager (Angie Vidler) Members of the Public: Nine (including Cllr Garvie, Cllr Stobart (SCDC), Cllr Murphy (CCC), A Muston (Neighbourhood Plan lead), Keith Honnor (Chair of LNRP))</p>		
23FC/133	<p>Welcome from the Chair Cllr Carney welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted with sadness the recent death of a previous Parish Council Chairman Ray Gordon and the significant work Ray had carried out for the village. Girton Parish Council then held a minute's silence for Ray.</p>	
23FC/134	<p>To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence Cllr Brown, Cllr Lampe, Cllr Linton, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wright. Apologies are noted but not approved.</p>	Noted
23FC/135	<p>To Co-opt new Members to Girton Parish Councillor Approval: <i>Cllr Carney approved. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i> Introduction George Crawley of Darwin Green wished to be co-opted to Girton Parish Council. He noted that he lived in Darwin Green and was the sixth resident to join the DG Community. He had been living there for four years to the day. He noted that all Councillors were welcome to join the Darwin Green WhatsApp Group. He confirmed that the DG Community were very community minded and were reaching out online to collaborate on community and social issues. Cllr Carney noted that anyone within a 3-mile radius of Girton was eligible to join a Parish Council and that George lived within that 3-mile radius.</p>	Approved
23FC/136	<p>To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None.</p>	Noted
23FC/137	<p>Public Participation Keith Honnor, Chair of LNRP Group</p>	Noted

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	<p>Keith noted that Local Nature Recovery Plan Group (LNRP) was a working sub-group. The group had produced a paper on the Hope CIC proposal. The paper was presented on screen for GPC to review.</p> <p>Keith noted that the area on which Hope CIC was proposed to inhabit was Scrub land. Scrub land being areas of general vegetation dominated by bushes e.g. Hawthorn and Blackthorn. Scrub land encourages a particular set of birds, animals, insects that use that habitat increasingly due to decreasing areas of Scrub. The area in question is should Girton lose the largest area of Scrub left in the parish. If lost virtually none left.</p> <p>There are a number of species that Scrubland protects Keith noted 450 species nationally that scrub holds and most of those are threatened in some form or other. Whilst acknowledging and commending the Hope CIC and its biodiversity approach Keith noted that removing scrubland at this point will further remove biodiversity for Girton.</p> <p>Keith noted that there was a lot to commend in Hope CIC initiative and the LNRP group view is it is the right project but likely in the wrong area.</p> <p>Keith noted he wished to finish with a couple of points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keith noted habitats can be threatened by something as positive and useful as the Hope CIC project. The state of nature report says 1 in 6 species are currently at risk of extinction. This has gone up from 1 in 10 species at risk in the previous SON report produced only four years earlier. https://stateofnature.org.uk 2. Nature does not die with a bang; it disappears with a whimper. To employ another cliché, what we are witnessing now with our wildlife is death by a thousand cuts. And the question we have to ask ourselves is what right we have to deny the next generation and the generation after that of the wildlife we have now - we have lost so much already. <p>Andrew Muston, Neighbourhood Plan Lead. Andrew echoed LNRP view on the green aspect of the land in question. He also wished to highlight in addition to the green points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The important need for more space for Sport & Recreation facilities in Girton. • Girton residents request interconnectivity between villages for Active Travel. This piece of land was part of an area that could provide a cycle link to other villages: Histon & Impington via the NIAB Bridge and the proposed new Country park. <p>The Neighbourhood Plans wishes residents to consider and be aware of possible land uses that may be more critical for Girton.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that he was willing to encourage and take any questions in this public participation session if participants felt they would be useful.</p>	
23FC/138	To Receive Reports <i>(for information only)</i>	10 Mins
23FC/138.1	County Councillor	

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	<p>Cllr Murphy noted she was slightly surprised to see the motion regarding Hope CIC on the Agenda. She felt that there may be some misunderstanding of CCC's role in this initiative as if it were some joint ventures with CCC or some sort of engagement that CCC had behind the scenes.</p> <p>She wished GPC to please dispel this motion. The letting of the land to Hope CIC was simply a commercial letting. CCC owns the land, and it is simply seeking to commercially let the land to Hope CIC.</p> <p>CCC and County Farms is interested in leasing land to is because the new CCC administration now recognises the social value of all the activities of the council. This letting is supporting social value to the community. CCC are now looking at the triple bottom line. Cllr Murphy reinforced the fact that there have been no political discussions and so CCC do not get a committee involved. Having said that CCC Councillors are supportive of this project.</p> <p><u>Meaning of Triple Bottom line:</u> <i>The triple bottom line is a business concept that states firms should commit to measuring their social and environmental impact—in addition to their financial performance—rather than solely focusing on generating profit, or the standard “bottom line.”</i></p> <p>Cllr Murphy noted that the role of the Parish role is very welcome and note that Hope CIC would value GPC's support.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that Manor Farm road bridle path and Huntingdon Road wand. He noted these initiatives are both happening but was not sure when? Cllr Murphy confirmed that was correct. He asked what could GPC do to make people more aware of CCC schemes?</p> <p>He believed that the decision made on Huntingdon Road wand to go ahead. Cllr Murphy noted she was awaiting final details. As far as Manor Farm Road, a grant had been given some time ago, so CCC was committed. Cllr Carney asked about wands would there be some engagement with GPC on the intricacies of that scheme. Cllr Murphy to engage with GPC and also to communicate in Girton Parish News.</p> <p>Cllr Hayat thanked Cllr Murphy for her assistance on a local pothole. He noted that there were a number of potholes on Girton High Street. He was surprised that workman seemed to miss the largest potholes altogether. They then came out to revisit and again missed other potholes around it. He noted a cone that had been put into another big pothole. He was very unsure about CCC policy for Highways maintenance.</p> <p>Cllr Muston noted the large pothole in Thornton road that had been mended. There was another large pothole forming. Cllr Muston is waiting for very bad accidents, especially where cyclists were not aware of the potholes. This was especially important with the dark nights at this time of year.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted CCC reporting tool which people were encouraged to use.</p>	

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	<p>GPC Clerk noted that she and Cllr Murphy were spending significant time meeting and talking with the Local Highways officer. Could there be a role for Parish Council Clerks to reduce the amount of time Local Highways Officers spent communicating with the public so they can get on with the job.</p>	
23FC/138.2	<p>District Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Stobart gave an update on items that were either too late or not included in the standard SCDC report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girton Neighbourhood Plan Team had held a useful meeting with Lizzie wood and Guy Wilson from SCDC who came to talk about Girton’s progress with the neighbourhood plan. Cllr Stobart noted that this meeting was a useful exchange. He noted the potential for a master plan covering Girton, DG and Eddington and beyond. It was Important that we work across local government tiers on that initiative and interact with planners, DC and CCC. He would like to get as many people involved as we can. • Business team at SCDC invited Cllr Stobart to a meeting with Jack’s Gelato at Manor Farm. This company will start producing ice-cream in Spring 2024. There were questions around why there was not sales from that location. Cllr Stobart noticed the terrific amount of parking at Gretton School. Also, noted the amount of traffic at school opening/closing times. • For the Hope CIC initiative Cllr Stobart noted that both SCDC and CCC supportive of project. We see no particular planning issues. There is no change of use as the land is already designated as Agricultural. He felt the use by Hope CIC is quite benign. • NP team is turning and Housing survey is turning up a need for more smaller homes in Girton. One of the mechanisms that might be explored is ‘Rural exception sites’. They do not normally come under the Local Plan. Such plots of land may be available for smaller development. There may be a benevolent landowner who might offer land under market price. Housing association. Offer professionals who cannot afford local prices. Cllr Stobart noted that Dovehouse Court and other properties are available for older folk. He believed Girton needed stuff for younger folk. He asked if GPC like to engage in such discussions? <i>Rural exception sites meaning: Sites located on the edge of rural settlements and are usually small in size. They are not allocated within the local authority’s adopted development plan and would not normally be consented for residential development but are considered for/approved to deliver affordable housing.</i> • Cllr Garvie noted that Girton Road will close on 8th January for ducting and associated work. Cllr Carney asked her to send further info to Clerk. The Temporary Traffic order provided by Cllr Garvey noted: It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 20:00hrs and 06:00hrs 8 January to 15 March 2024. This will be posted on Girton Village Community website and social media by GPC Clerk. 	
23FC/138.3	Girton Town Charity (No Report this month)	
23FC/138.4	Girton Neighbourhood Plan – Andrew Muston asked if Cambridgeshire Acre Housing Survey had been completed. GPC Clerk to check and report back.	Noted
23FC/138.5	Clerk’s Report – GPC Clerk highlighted the importance of the budget references in her report.	Noted
23FC/138.6	Chair’s Report	Noted

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	<p>Cllr Carney noted he had attended the Bowls Club AGM on Thursday. There had been discussion on the new facilities to be implemented in Wellbrook Way. The AGM had received good attendance. The Bowls Club asked why it had taken time to implement and Cllr Carney noted the items that were holding up the delivery. He also noted that these facilities would be delivered for the wider Community.</p>	
23FC/139	<p>To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings: 8th November 2023</p> <p>Approved: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Giles seconded. Two Abstentions.</i></p>	Approved
23FC/140	Matters arising from Previous Meetings <i>(for information only)</i>	For Information
23FC/140.1	Action List (See 23FC/143.2)	
23FC/140.2	Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items	
23FC/141	To Receive update from GPC Committees & Working Groups <i>(For information only)</i>	To Note
23FC/141.1	Environment Committee	
23FC/141.2	Local Nature Recovery Working Group	
23FC/141.3	Footpath Officer's Report (See Chair's Report)	
23FC/141.4	Water Management Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/141.5	Finance & Resource Management Committee	
23FC/141.6	<p>HR Committee (to include CAPALC Report)</p> <p>Cllr Muston highlighted that she and the GPC Clerk had requested support from HR Specialists at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) in engaging a temporary Parish Ranger for six months.</p> <p>CAPALC had confirmed that this temporary 6-month position did not have to be advertised. It appeared a sensible course of action to continue with a contractor who had satisfactorily worked with Council and who was available so they could hit the ground running.</p> <p>The HR Committee confirmed they would review the role and the responsibilities to see if it brought value for money and value for the village to continue it as a permanent engagement. GPC Clerk would monitor savings on work with this role in place on GPC.</p> <p>If GPC believe the role does bring value, then it would be advertised externally in four months. The current temporary holder of the role is aware of this.</p> <p>Cllr Hayat noted that by contracting work externally there may be VAT implications that may not be reclaimed. He also noted that this person would do a multitude of tasks proactively which may be more expensive when using contractors. By only addressing specific tasks then the bigger picture may not be addressed.</p>	Noted
23FC/141.7	Planning Committee (No Report This month)	
23FC/141.8	Sport & Recreation Committee	
23FC/141.9	<p>Events Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Marshall highlighted:</p>	Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He and the GPC Clerk had worked with the people who had put up the Christmas lights who highlighted some of the lights put outside the Pavilion using current outside electrical boxes may be dangerous. • GPC had considered the environmental effects of lights. • He noted that do improve the lights this year, it may be quite expensive to purchase them last minute. • He would work with the Histon team and the Events committee to look at increased lights for next year. He noted that he had been advised that there were offers on Christmas lights in August. • He had communicated with Michael Bigg and Wendy Ripley about lights for the Cotton Hall. <p>Cllr Hayat noted the lights at Histon & Impington were lovely.</p> <p>GPC Clerk thanked the LNRP Group for their advice on environmentally friendly placement of lights and would be putting up their notice on Social media.</p>	
23FC/141.10	<p>Wellbrook Way Facilities Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Council noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a delay due to application for the Certificate of Lawfulness with Greater Cambridgeshire Planning. • The aim is to complete Toilets and Club House for 2024/2025 season. • Cllr Carney noted that Girton Bowls Club are applying to participate in a higher-level league. • Opinion is that needs for the toilets is not a necessity. Further information is needed as to whether the higher league insist on toilets being available. • Girton Bowls Club now has a president. 	
23FC/141.11	<p>Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted that a planning meeting of this group did not happen in the new year. There is to be a meeting of this group early in the new year.</p>	Noted
23FC/142	To Approve Finance and Resource Management	For Decision
23FC/142.1	To note payment of accounts under delegated approval	Noted
23FC/142.2	To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due	Approved
23FC/142.3	<p>To Receive a report from Facilities Manager on Amounts paid in</p> <p>Cllr Hayat asked who the Grass-cutting contributions came from. Facilities Manager confirmed received from St Andrew's Church.</p>	Noted
23FC/143	Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council	For Decision
23FC/143.1	<p>Council to consider and approve support for Cambridgeshire County Council's initiative to lease land at the bottom of Girton Recreation Ground to Hope CIC and requests that it be consulted on all future schemes to be carried out by CCC at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion 2:</u> Council to note CCC intention to lease land to Hope CIC and request that GPC continue to be included in the conversations.</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> Cllr Giles proposed. Cllr Clare seconded. One Abstention.</p>	Approved Amended Motion 2

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	<p>Cllr Carney noted that Cllr Giles had an LNRP hat on. Cllr Giles noted she believed it was a pragmatic amendment.</p> <p><i>Amended Motion 1: Council to consider and approve support for Cambridgeshire County Council's leasing land at the bottom of Girton Recreation Ground to Hope CIC. GPC also requests that it be consulted on all local schemes to be carried out by CCC at the earliest opportunity.</i></p> <p><i>Note the above motion was raised by Cllr Carney but not proposed or seconded.</i></p> <p>Cllr Carney suggested Amended Motion 1 due to the comments made earlier by Cllr Murphy.</p> <p>Cllr Carney stated he wished to frame what the Council was about to frame what was to be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He noted that he believed that everyone was supportive of the aims and objectives of Hope CIC. • Take it as read that the principle of a development of a community farm is one that everyone supported. <p>He noted that he believed the question on which Council needed to focus is whether Council wished to offer support for Hope CIC to launch a farm on the site at the back of Girton Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that this was the only site that had been offered to Hope CIC by County Farm. It just so happens; this land is in Girton. The question is whether the Council wished to support the farm at this site and whether GPC felt this scheme would be a success or not.</p> <p>Cllr Clare asked what sort of support is Council being asked to provide? Cllr Carney noted GPC were only being asked out of courtesy by Hope CIC. They had requested support from the community and part of that is GPC. GPC is not part of the decision-making. It is up to Cambridgeshire County Farms as to whether the land should be leased to Hope CIC. Cllr Stobart noted earlier that there is no change of use. This land is already designated agricultural land. Cllr Carney asked whether GPC would give the project our blessing or not.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted he was at Council to represent the village. As the members of the village had not been consulted, he did not feel he could confirm what was in their best interests. Cllr Marshall confirmed that he fully endorsed what HOPE CIC set out to achieve.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall also noted that it would have been useful if GPC had known that CCC was offering the land for lease. GPC could then consider whether it might be useful for them. He noted that leasing the land had been spoken way back when he first joined council.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted this was probably already decided and so his support seemed somewhat pointless, and he was unable to confirm to the village whether it was in the best interests of village or not. Cllr Carney asked Cllr Marshall whether he wished to make a further amendment to the motion. Cllr Marshall noted that he</p>	

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	<p>felt he could not make a decision as he did not have sufficient information from the village.</p> <p>Cllr Carney asked GPC Clerk if it would be okay to note the motion rather than decide given Cllr Marshall's comments above. GPC Clerk confirmed that it was possible just to note that Hope CIC project had been brought to their attention and they had chosen to defer any decision.</p> <p>Cllr Hayat asked if GPC support or lack of support is going to make any difference? Has the decision has been made already to lease the land? If yes, from his perspective it would be better to be involved as opposed to being a by-stander.</p> <p>The GPC Clerk asked if Cllr Hayat wished to ask if the decision had been made. Cllr Hayat confirmed that he did.</p> <p><i>Cllr Carney suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr Murphy and Hope CICCo to speak.</i></p> <p>Cllr Murphy confirmed that as far as she was aware a decision had not been made. The parties were in negotiation and until final papers are signed it is not concluded. No one is aware of any papers being signed.</p> <p>A representative from Hope CIC confirmed they are in discussions with CCC.</p> <p>Cllr Hayat noted that the original discussion was for a 1-year lease.</p> <p>Hope CIC indicated that CCC would now consider a 5-year lease with Hope CIC. Nothing has been finalized yet.</p> <p><i>Cllr Carney reinstated Standing Orders.</i></p> <p>Cllr Giles wished to make an amendment. She noted that this discussion was unpleasant for all and wanted to make sure the resolution works for everyone involved.</p> <p><u><i>Amended Motion 2: Council to note CCC intention to lease land to Hope CIC and request that GPC continue to be included in the conversations.</i></u></p> <p>Approval: Cllr Giles proposed. Cllr Clare seconded. One Abstention. See beginning of the agenda item.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that Cllr Giles had an LNRP hat on. Cllr Giles noted she believed it was a pragmatic amendment.</p> <p>Cllr Carney then tried to reframe the motion. Cllr Clare confirmed he did not hear the text confirmed by Cllr Carney. GPC Clerk confirmed the text from Cllr Giles. Cllr Carney noted asked for a proposer and seconder for this motion which was duly given.</p> <p>Following points then noted by Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How unpleasant the conversation may be for Hope CIC • GPC puzzled that CCC had not reached out to them regarding use of land. • GPC questioned how this project would impact the village. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for GPC to write to CCC and County Council farms to request that it be consulted on all local schemes to be carried out in the village at the earliest opportunity. • Residents to be consulted in future. <p>Cllr Muston noted that the village needed to be consulted on this project, so they were aware. She did not believe that the village were aware. Cllr Muston noted there was a whole raft of things to be considered. If GPC were not to be consulted now, would they be listened to on planning issues.</p> <p>Cllr Reeves asked if GPC may have an interest in this land were we the right people to speak to and opine on the Hope CIC initiative. The council noted this was a good point.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that GPC had thought about leasing this land. No firm plans had been made.</p> <p>GPC Clerk noted need to bring the discussion to a close. Amended Motion 2 was read out again by GPC Clerk. She noted the need for direct questions about what Hope CIC leasing would look like and that GPC and residents would be included in all conversations going forward.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that this motion was complicated and highlighted ongoing issues and opportunities to work with different tiers of Government.</p>	
23FC/143.2	<p>Council to consider and confirm meeting dates with Recreation Users to review charges for next year.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> GPC Clerk, Facilities Manager and Councillor to meet with Recreation Users to review charges for next year.</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Clare seconded. One Abstention.</p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u></p> <p>Cllr Carney noted how useful it would be to compare charges for different Recreation Users across Parish Councils.</p> <p>Cllr Hayat asked if these charges would be reviewed by the Sport & Recreation Committee with all users as that worked well in terms of coming up with a recommendation last year.</p> <p>GPC Clerk noted the importance to Sports Clubs of getting this exercise completed as quickly as possible and noted that each Club may wish to discuss separately first and then bring for recommendation at Sport & Recreation or decision at Full Council as a priority.</p>	Approved
23FC/143.3	<p>Council to consider and approve draft Budget for Girton Parish Council (at this point in time) prior to precept setting in January Full Council (Information to be presented at Full Council)</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Betts seconded. One Abstention.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> Council to consider and approve draft Budget for Girton Parish Council in principle (at this point in time) prior to precept setting in January Full Council (Information to be presented at Full Council).</p>	Approved

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	<p><u>Debate Highlights:</u></p> <p>GPC Clerk presented an overview of the budget to Council. Noting the three categories approved by the Finance Committee earlier in the year: Mandatory, Asset Management and New Projects.</p> <p>She requested that the Council consider whether they agreed the process at this point in time and to be sure to ask any questions they may have.</p> <p>She noted that the Finance Committee had been through the details of setting the budget in detail and recommended this initiative and methodology to Council.</p> <p>She also highlighted the precept survey currently being completed by Girton Residents and the Budget Themes for 2024/2025 to be approved as part of this Agenda Item.</p> <p>She noted 2 x Potential New Projects: Bowling Green Club House & Toilet Block (Approved) and the need to move forward on the Pavilion Refurbishment project possibly with the assistance of a Master Planner.</p> <p>She asked for approval of direction of the process at this point in time. Cllr Carney then summarized the process under item 23FC/143.5 which would be a rolling continuous process and add to the openness and transparency that Cllr Muston had continually highlighted.</p> <p>Cllr Muston noted the amount of work undertaken by the GPC Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Clare noted that this was a tremendous piece of work and a great step forward.</p> <p>Cllr Carney agreed and noted that going forward if this process is continued it should make life easier for everyone.</p>	
23FC/143.4	<p>Council to consider and approve list of priority tasks for new Parish Ranger engaged by the Council on 6th December 2023 to start in new year. (Information to be presented at Full Council)</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that this item was not an issue that needed a Council decision. It was an Operational process to be overseen by the Staff Team. All agreed.</p>	Noted
23FC/143.5	<p>Council to consider and approve in principle process to implement process to increase oversight of Council workload for Council and Girton Residents. (Information to be presented at Full Council)</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that this process fed back into Agenda Item 23FC/143.3 and was essentially approved under 23FC/143.3. This item is a work in progress and noted and agreed progress to date. See approval under 23FC/143.3.</p>	Noted
23FC/143.6	<p>Council to consider and approve support for Cambridgeshire County Council's project 5020551, <i>Girton Road Parallel Crossing</i>, and requests that it be consulted on all future schemes to be carried out by CCC at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Giles seconded. Two Abstentions.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights</u></p> <p>Cllr Carney hoped that everyone had a chance to read the report and noted that this initiative was to some extent a done deal. GPC had been consulted too late in the process of decision-making.</p> <p>GPC had been asked to give feedback but may not make any difference. Cllr Carney felt GPC had four options in considering this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPC in favour of as it is. • GPC in favour but suggest small tweaks. 	Approved

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPC in favour but suggest major changes (he noted that there is no opportunity for major changes. • GPC do not approve. <p>Cllr Carney noted that the final sentence asked that GPC be included in future.</p> <p>Changes to scheme suggested below by Cllr Carney:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butterfly cycle stands improved to proper cycle stands. • Ensure road carriageway kept as narrow as possible to support 20mph scheme. Encourage cars to slow down when they enter area of 20mph scheme. <p>Cllr Marshall asked if this was a plan with a view in mind to make changes to Girton College entrance. Cllr Carney believed that this scheme is not anywhere near to the proposed initiative. It was not on the map presented to Council. He noted it was a good point made by Cllr Marshall.</p> <p>Cllr Reeves noted a concern that when coming up Huntington Road turning into Girton Road he often saw cars driving in the cycle lane and wondered if there was any possibility that the road and cycle lane could be slightly segregated. Cars were undertaking the road by driving in the cycle lane to make the turn into Girton Road.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted where the cycle lane ceased. Cllr Marshall confirmed he had the same concerns. The fact that the bus lane and cycle lane just stop at the junction was dangerous. Could this area be revisited? Cllr Reeves asked if perhaps a single bollard be placed at the end of the cycle lane?</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted a discussion was needed with Cllr Murphy to see if the suggestions of Council tied up with what she had been trying to push through.</p>	
23FC/143.7	<p>Council to consider and approve opening of trade accounts at Travis Perkins and B&Q Trade Centre to enable Parish Ranger and Groundsman to order items for maintenance and asset management in line with approved budget.</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. One Abstention.</i></p>	Approved
23FC/144	<p>To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GPC Clerk noted recently received correspondence from members of the public regarding progress on S106 provision/Freedom of Information Request regarding extension of burial provision in Girton. Cllr Carney noted the lifetime of S106 provision noted in correspondence. 2. Cllr Clare noted the poor condition of the path into ten-acre field due to the significant amounts of rain. He noted that dog walkers were cutting across the cricket nets. He asked if the Parish Ranger or Groundsman could do some work to fix this issue? GPC Clerk to discuss with Parish Ranger and Groundsman. 	Noted
23FC/145	<p>To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. 1 Abstention.</i></p>	Approved

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
	<i>This item is designed to ensure that Council can approve key items of communication from this meeting on Council Website, Facebook, and Twitter.</i>	
23FC/146	Date of next meeting(s): 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm	Noted
Meeting Ended: 21:13		

Local Nature Recovery Plan Working Group report for Girton Parish Council – January 2024

A short report as (understandably) limited activity due to the seasonal holiday.

Membership and TORS

These are due for annual review at our January group meeting. Any proposed changes will be reported back to Council.

Budget

A draft budget for 24/25 has been produced, and will be available for discussion at the January PC meeting(?)

Hibbert-Ware Memorial Garden

Work in line with the project plan is proceeding. A scarifier was hired to loosen and remove some grass as a first step towards creating a wildflower meadow. Yellow Rattle seed has been scattered over the scarified areas to further weaken existing grass roots.

The project was a beneficiary of the raffle at the Girton Xmas Fayre on Dec 13th. The raffle raised £250 for the project. We are grateful to Girton Parish Council, William Collyn Centre, and Lexi's Cakes for the donation.

Text for the Interpretation Board is now with the British Trust for Ornithology for review. They will be collaborating with us on the design for the Board.

Fundraising from the 'Just Giving' page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nature-ingirton> has raised £850 to date. We are also in the process of making at least one grant funding application. A further push on fundraising with leaflet drops etc. is to be made in the New Year.

Events and News

We fed back our views on the proposals for a Hope CIC farm on land behind Girton Glebe School at December's Council meeting. We have offered to work with Hope CIC to mitigate any loss of wildlife as and when the plans proceed.

We attended the Xmas Fayre, and our stall generated a lot of interest during what was universally acknowledged as a successful community event.

Keith Honnor

(Chair, Local Nature Recovery Plan Group)

HR Committee January 2024

Happy New Year and Welcome to new Councillor George Crawley and Kevin Jacobs our Parish Ranger who have both already done a great deal to support the work of Girton Parish Council.

One thing that is abundantly clear to me is that there are many people in our community who support Girton in various guises and all are very busy people, so that finding time to meet and discuss what we are all doing and where we could help ease the burden is not an easy thing. I hope that during the next few months, we can rectify this through informal gatherings and the initiative of the Events Committee, to meet with organisations and businesses in Girton, especially those which may be able to offer more insight into roles we all undertake.

Looking through documents sent to support local government, I believe that the HR Committee should be providing support to all employees and Councillors. I have been rereading the Good Employer Guide and for the next HR Committee meeting hope to have some suggestions in place. In the October 2023 report, I highlighted what we as a Council agreed to abide by. We are striving to fulfil these obligations.

Formal staff appraisals have, unfortunately, been delayed again but they have ongoing weekly meetings which are currently acting as mini appraisals and then once the precept is complete, the formal appraisals will draw together all that has been discussed. Useful discussions have already taken place on staff progression and will be explored to see how these will be of benefit to all Girton residents.

Again, I would like to remind you that there is a feedback form available on request for residents to make relevant comments, if they so wish, on the performance of Girton Parish Council. Please tell us what we are doing well in addition to times where we may, for genuine reasons, have fallen short of expectations. Please also see the Events Committee Report where comments from the public are already available.

In line with helping everyone to appreciate the role of a Parish Councillor, here are the expectations:

Local councils are made up of a number of councillors who meet regularly to make decisions on the work and direction of the council. Councillors collectively decide and prioritise the nature of the activities that their council will undertake, including determining the annual precept (tax) and how facilities and services will be provided. They have collective responsibility for ensuring that the council is adequately resourced to deliver the facilities and services it has agreed to provide. They also have collective responsibility for ensuring that the council's financial management is sound.

A local councillor is expected to:

Attend and participate at council meetings

Raise matters to be duly considered and decided at council meetings

Represent their council externally

It is important to remember that the job of the council is to represent the interests of the whole community. Understanding the needs of different groups in the community (such as young and elderly people) is an important part of the role of councillor. Occasionally there will be a conflict of interest requiring sensitive judgement; for example, dog owners, parents of young children and walkers might disagree about use of the village green owned by the council. Making difficult decisions, in an open and reasoned way, is something that local councils need to do well although some councillors who, for example, represent a ward may also choose to represent the interests of individual residents, this activity is independent of the council.

Councillors should:

Attend meetings when summoned to do so

Consider, in advance of the meeting, the agenda and any related documents

Take part in meetings and consider all the relevant facts and issues on matters which require a decision, including the views of others expressed at the meeting

Take part in voting and respect decisions made by the majority of those present and voting

Represent the whole electorate, and not just those who voted for them.

If you would like to get involved with supporting the Girton community, then please do come along to the GPC meetings and find out more. We do value your input and you do get the opportunity to meet your local councillors.

To be co-opted on to Girton Parish Council you need to fulfil the following:

Eligibility

To qualify a person must, on the day of co-option, be a British subject or citizen of the European Union or Ireland and attained the age of 18 years AND

- On that day and thereafter continues to be a local government elector for the area of the authority; OR
- Has during the whole 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area; OR
- Has their principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in the area; OR
- Has during the twelve months has resided in that area; OR
- During the whole 12 months has resided within the parish or within 3 miles of it.

Disqualification from being co-opted as a member is set out in the Local Government Act 1972, Section 80.

You may have noticed that individual Councillors are being highlighted in the Girton Village Community group on Facebook. You can always find out more on <https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk> and select Councillors

Ann Muston – HR Committee Chair

Girton Parish Council: Events Committee

January 2024

Unfortunately a meeting of the Events Committee was not possible in early December due to competing priorities.

The Clerk will send round a Google Survey with dates for consideration for meeting before Full Council on 10th January.

The Events Committee is looking to compile a list of local organisations that Council representatives can collaborate with on GPC plans for 2024 to discuss, consider and answer questions on these priorities. This seems especially important as this year, for the first time Girton Residents were asked for their views on setting the precept. Also, there may be opportunities to enlist their help using their newsletters for future surveys.

We are also in the process of completing a survey regarding the Local Highways Bid for 2024.

GPC are asking a lot more of our residents who likely have not been asked for this level of collaboration. So for more Councillors and staff to get out into the community, asking and answering questions could be really helpful in gaining trust and understanding.

It is worth noting that in the responses to the question in the precept survey: What is Girton Parish Council doing well? The overwhelming majority of responses noted Communication was improving.

See link to responses from the Precept Survey and the SWOT Survey for the category of Local Government: <https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/.../2024/01/GPC-Survey.pdf>.

It is one aim of the Events Committee to facilitate a growth of collaboration and encourage as many residents as possible to become involved in GPC activities.

Girton Parish Council: Wellbrook Way Working Group

January 2024

Girton Parish Council has been working with Girton Bowls Team to ensure that all information requested by our Planning Officer at Greater Cambridgeshire Planning has all the information needed for the 2 x application for Certificate of Lawfulness for new facilities at Girton Bowling Green.

The aim is for these plans to go for decision week beginning 8th January 2023. Plans are now on the Portal and all information requested has been provided.

Once the decision is approved then Girton Parish Council will submit the order for these facilities and begin work on the Heads of Terms with Girton Bowls Club for use of these facilities.

Yvonne Murray
GPC Clerk

Girton Parish Council: Pavilion Refurbishment Working Group Report

January 2024

As per the Events Committee this working group was unable to meet in December 2023 due to other priorities.

It may seem that this project has stalled and is not proceeding as quickly as it should. However it is the aim that Pavilion Refurbishment project will be a top priority for GPC in 2024.

We have on the Full Council agenda, a request for our staff team to obtain quotes from Master Planners to assist with this project and the wider issues of relocating facilities and potentially increasing the amount of land we use for the provision of sport, recreation and active travel for Girton.

We have to bear in mind that any increase in the amount of visitors and users of our facilities will bring an increased requirement for parking of cars and of other vehicles. (Bicycles, scooters, electric vehicles, etc.)

The refurbishment of the pavilion is a key component of our Sport and Recreational facilities and it is important that whatever work is done. It delivers good value for money and is sustainable for the foreseeable future.

Girton Parish Council

Bills to pay – December 2023/January 2024

Payment Type	Contact Name	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Gross	VAT	Net	Description
For Approval	ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION LTD	37968	11/01/2024	1,370.00	0.00	1,370.00	Table Tennis Table
For Approval	Purple Flowers Gardens & Mosiacs	231218BJ PC	18/12/2023	771.93	0.00	771.93	Design for Hibbert-Ware
For Approval	Streets Whitmarsh Sterland LLP	SWS-0108852	29/12/2023	114.00	19.00	95.00	Accountancy Support
To Note	A to Z Supplies	30088367	18/12/2023	129.55	21.59	107.96	Toilet Roll & Hand Towel
To Note	Amazon	026-7576985-2148343	19/12/2023	11.98	0.00	11.98	Lights/Light Starters
To Note	Amazon	INV-GB-128440621-2023-31142	18/12/2023	33.16	5.52	27.64	Light Bulbs
To Note	Angie Vidler	Keys Parish Ranger	19/12/2023	40.50	0.00	40.50	Keys for Parish Ranger
To Note	Avocet	18286	29/12/2023	548.40	91.40	457.00	Cleaning 12/2023
To Note	BB Building & Gardening services	BB Building	13/12/2023	5,200.00	0.00	5,200.00	Groundworks Table Tennis Table
To Note	British Gas	812895432	21/12/2023	1,337.40	222.90	1,114.50	Electricity - Pavilion
To Note	British Gas Lit	6474923	30/12/2023	29.45	1.40	28.05	Electricity - Bowling Green
To Note	EE Ltd	V02177707683	18/12/2023	12.49	2.08	10.41	Groundsman Mobile
To Note	EverFlow Ltd	2742063	15/12/2023	63.42	0.00	63.42	Water - Bowling Green
To Note	EverFlow Ltd	2742062	15/12/2023	146.28	0.00	146.28	Water - Pavilion
To Note	EverFlow Ltd	2742061	15/12/2023	40.50	0.00	40.50	Water - Nature Reserve
To Note	Keith Honnor	BR1232638	11/12/2023	216.96	36.16	180.80	LNRP Hire Lawn Scarifier
To Note	Keith Honnor	1E+11	11/12/2023	59.48	9.91	49.57	LNRP Yellow Rattle Seed
To Note	KSF Home & Garden Services	151223	15/12/2023	400.00	0.00	400.00	Parish Ranger Work
To Note	Microsoft	E0400Q72KX	27/12/2023	113.40	18.90	94.50	MS365 Basic
To Note	Paul Laston Garden Services	2471	12/12/2023	1,008.00	168.00	840.00	Green Space Maintenance - Village
To Note	Paul Laston Garden Services	2470	12/12/2023	1,170.00	195.00	975.00	Green Space Maintenance - Wellbrook Way
To Note	Yvonne Murray	DS-ASE-INV-GB-2023-540009056	14/12/2023	59.99	10.00	49.99	Christmas Lights - Pavilion
To Note	Zoom: GB373142903	INV232444487	21/12/2023	15.59	2.60	12.99	Zoom
To Note	Aggregate Payroll	Salaries & Expenses - Jan 2024	11/01/2024	4,958.09	7.50	4,950.59	Payroll

GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

Income Report December 2023

Football Pitches	£849.35
MUGA	£1,186.35
Pavilion Hall	£629.00
Recreation Ground	£231.00
Tennis Courts	£66.00
<u>Total Turnover</u>	<u>£2,961.70</u>

Committee		Full Council
Name of project		MASTER PLANNING – OBTAINING QUOTES
Primary Reason for project		In order for all requirements to be captured and appropriate considerations to be made for the Pavilion Refurbishment and use of the land and facilities on Girton Recreation Ground it is proposed to obtain quotes from Master Planners to ensure that the project is fully scoped and all issues taken into account. These quotes to be brought forward to February Full Council meeting if possible. Latest March
Description of project		GPC Clerk will work to obtain the quotes working with all Committees via the Committee Chairs to ensure that the scope of work can be considered with the Master Planners. Scope to be considered: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pavilion Refurbishment 2. Maintenance and continuous improvement of GPC facilities 3. Identification of required quick wins 4. Identification of budget for all requirements 5. Ensure that Residents requirements and those of Recreation Ground users are taken into account 6. Future proofing GPC Facilities to aim to meet required capacity. 7. Consideration of need for use of land for burial and other facilities going forward. 8. Possible consideration of Active travel possibilities 9. Health & Safety 10. Capacity Survey 11. Topological Survey 12. Biodiversity Net Gain
Capital sum requested		No money required for this project. It will just take time from the Clerk working with Committee Chairs.
Ongoing revenue (if any) per year		N/A
Ongoing costs per year		N/A
Is the project consistent with the four principles in the Neighbourhood Plan? If so, how?	Digital village	Yes
	Sustainable community	Yes
	Diverse & Inclusive	Yes
	Heritage & design	Yes
Status of Project		Request to be presented to Full Council in February or March 2024
Other comments/information		
Clerk to committee		
Chair of committee		
Vice Chair to committee		

Committee		Full Council
Name of project		PAVILION ROOF CLEAN
Primary Reason for project		The pavilion roof and gutters need a deep clean. The roof is covered in moss. The gutter cleaning is overdue.
Description of project		Full roof scrape (Hand removal of moss) 1 - Clearing off all moss from the roof tiles using our specially designed scraper blades. Treatment applied. 2 - All gutters cleared using a professional grade gutter vacuum. 3 - The clean-up: All fascia, soffits, gutters washed down. All waste bagged up and take away from site. 4 - Full professional window clean of all windows, frames, sills and doors.
Capital sum requested		£2,592.00 (£648.00 deposit required to begin. Outstanding due on completion) This quote is from Aldous cleaning services. 2 other quotes were provided by: JR Cleaning - £2,800.00 Affordable Roofing - £3,200.00 ALL PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF VAT
Ongoing revenue (if any) per year		
Ongoing costs per year		Cleaning of guttering needs to be done annually.
Is the project consistent with the four principles in the Neighbourhood Plan? If so, how?	Digital village	N/A
	Sustainable community	Yes
	Diverse & Inclusive	Yes
	Heritage & design	Yes
Status of Project		Request to be presented to Full Council on 10 th January 2024
Other comments/information		
Clerk to committee		
Chair of committee		
Vice Chair to committee		

Committee	Environment
Name of project	Hibbert Ware garden match funding
Primary reason for project	To revamp the Hibbert Ware Memorial Garden as a showcase for wildlife-friendly gardening and increase awareness of Alice Hibbert-Ware's work in the village
Description of project	The Local Nature Recovery Planning group want to make the Hibbert Ware garden a showcase for wildlife gardening around the village and also to highlight the history of Alice Hibbert Ware. We have set up a crowd funding page and it has been suggested that the Parish Council could increase support for the appeal by match funding donations up to a set amount. South Cambridgeshire District Council sees the merits and importance of this kind of bottom-up funding and encourages Parish Councils to match fund in this way.
Capital sum requested	Either the crowd funding total at the end of March 2023 or capped at £2500 if the funding total has reached more than that amount.
Ongoing revenue (if any) per year	None
Ongoing costs per year	None, similar requests may be made for future projects but each will be considered on their own merits.
Status of project	
Other comments/information	See further information Crowd Funding page
Clerk to Committee	
Chair of Committee	Alison Giles
Vice Chair to Committee	

Link to Crowdfunding appeal:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nature-in-girton>

Crowdfunding appeal: Hibbert-Ware Memorial Garden

We have exciting plans for the Hibbert-Ware Garden (opposite St Andrew's Church) but we need Girton's help to realise them. Alice Hibbert-Ware was an inspirational naturalist and teacher who lived in our village for the last 13 years of her life between 1931 and 1944. Such was the esteem that Alice was held in that the Parish Council together with Girton College and others set about raising funds for a garden in her memory which opened in 1948.



We wish to refresh the Garden, so it remains true to its original dedication while showcasing wildlife gardening during the climate emergency. It will :

- Host a greater variety of plants that will lead to increased diversity of wildlife
- Make the garden more accessible so it can be enjoyed by more residents of Girton
- Act as an exemplar for wildlife friendly approaches to gardening
- Create more awareness about Alice Hibbert-Ware and her amazing work

But we need your help. Initially we need to raise find to kick start the project. We have a 'Just Giving' page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nature-in-girton> Any amount you can spare will help. Funds raised will go towards trees and plants, tools, bird and bat boxes, and plant hire.

We also need people in the village to grow and supply plants, and to help with digging and planting over the winter months. If interested, please email alison.giles@girton-pc.gov.uk to find out more.

Committee	Full Council
Name of project	Grant Request for replacement of Listening Lantern Food Hunt
Primary reason for project	The Listening Lantern Food Hunt has been in place at St. Vincent's Close since July 2022 and updates have been included in Girton Parish News. This Food hut has been well used and is now in need of repair. The Food hut has been well used
Description of project	<p>Girton Parish Council to fund replacement of the Food Hut to the cost of up to £120.00 with work to be carried out by Girton Parish Ranger.</p> <p>This Food Bank has been used well since it was formed and has brought people together at the Food Bank.</p> <p>The Scouts have just written to GPC to confirm they are going to collect Food for the Food bank in the next couple of months. Juliet who is running the foodbank is going to speak to the Scouts about the benefits it is bringing to some of our residents.</p>
Capital sum requested	£120.00 plus time from Parish Ranger.
Ongoing revenue (if any) per year	N/A
Ongoing costs per year	Requests for extending a Foodbank scheme may be considered by GPC but these will be considered on their own merits.
Status of project	
Other comments/information	
Clerk to Committee	
Chair of Committee	
Vice Chair to Committee	

Further information on the Foodbank

[GPN August 2022 \(girton-cambs.org.uk\)](http://girton-cambs.org.uk)



The Listening Lantern Food Hut

Listening Lantern opened a food hut at the end of July 2022. The cost-of-living crisis is impacting many

people, this is my way of supporting others. Anyone and everyone are welcome to come and take, FOR FREE, the canned goods on offer – no vouchers needed, no explanation required. Feeding oneself and one's family is a struggle for many. The map in the image



indicates where the hut is located, allowing for discrete collection.

Since sharing this idea on social media, I have been heartened by the response and the contributions. This is so kind and is welcomed with the

following parameters: only canned goods at this point, goods cannot be stored beyond the hut so please only replenish if there's room.

Signposting

www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/ is a tool which can help find a food bank near you.

Local authorities in England are required to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities for children who receive income-related free school meals. Find out more at *Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme 2022 - Learn Together* (cambslearntogether.co.uk)

Mental Health First Aid and Suicide First Aid

From September onwards, I will be offering enhanced packages of both MHFA and SFA training, to fully equip people to support others. This runs alongside ongoing free network and support sessions for trainees, so that they themselves are supported.

Juliet Adlouné, a longstanding Girton resident, is a fully qualified and accredited Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor and Suicide First Aid Associate Tutor experienced in delivering the full suite of MHFA and SFA courses and committed to supporting mental health within her local community.

Contact her via:

www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadlouné
or mhfa.julietadlouné@gmail.com



TWO pieces of good news for the [Listening Lantern Mental Health Training FOODHUT](#)...

Today I will be having a discussion to see if/how [Girton Parish Council](#) can support the rebuild of the weathered and well-used foodhut.

And later this month, Cambridge 10th [Girton] Scouts Group have offered to collect goods for the foodhut.

When different members of a community collaborate, the small part which each one plays can result in great things which make a big difference.

The Foodhut contains tins/jars [with occasional packets and fresh food] for anyone to collect at anytime, no questions asked, no explanation needed.

Good afternoon

We would like to advise the Girton Parish that the Cambridge 10th (Girton) Beaver and Cub will be collecting food for the Listening Lantern.

We have distributed leaflets last night outlining what is needed. We intend to collect any contributions from the community on the 11th of January.

I have attached a letter from the Listening Lantern outlining their approval for this community project.

Please let me know if any additional information needs to be provided.

Kind regards

Shantal

(073 8561 4828)

<scouts food collection letter.docx>



23 St Vincent's Close

Girton

Cambridge CB30PB

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in support of Cambridge 10th [Girton] Scouts in their application for a licence to collect food [tins/jars] for the Listening Lantern Foodhut, run locally, independently and not for profit in the village of Girton. The Foodhut is open 24/7 and available for anyone to access and use free of charge, no questions asked,

Juliet Adloune

Girton Parish Council LHI Application – January 2024

Cllr Daniel Carney

Introduction

This document puts together the details for an application to Cambridgeshire County Council's Local Highways Initiative (LHI) scheme, for a round closing in January 2024. In it, the case for a scheme to introduce double yellow lines (DYL) at a number of road junctions in Girton is set out.

A previous, very similar, application was made by GPC in September 2021. This application scored 3.5 when assessed by CCC Highways but the cutoff was 3.6 and the application was not successful. This document uses text from the original application.

Such a scheme was also under consideration for an application in January 2023, but a joint application with Oakington & Westwick PC for lowering the speed limit on Oakington Road was made instead.

Issue

Over many years, residents have been concerned about a number of junctions between side roads and main roads in Girton. Key issues are those of space and visibility for all road users (motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, etc.) which are made worse by cars parking too close to, and on, these junctions.

The junctions that have been noted as being of particular issue are:

- Thornton Road & Huntingdon Road
- Thornton Road & Girton Road
- St Margaret's Road & Girton Road
- Weaver's Field & Girton Road



The volume of traffic has increased gradually over recent years, as people go through Girton to access Eddington and West Cambridge. Both ends of Thornton Road are busy junctions, sometimes made worse by rat-running, and need to have good visibility. The Weaver's Field junction is directly opposite the Co-Op, and is very busy throughout the opening hours of the shop. Despite the parking bay and car park, many motorists park their vehicles on this junction making both passing and pulling out hazardous for all categories of road user. These junctions, along with that of St Margaret's Road, all join the main road through the village, which is very well used by cyclists, and at points where poor visibility compromises the safety of this cycling route.

Rule 243 of the Highway Code states “**DO NOT** stop or park:.....opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.....” Note that wording “do not” indicates that this is advisory, not a mandatory legal requirement, but it relates to safety. The introduction of DYs at these junctions should clarify exactly where parking must not occur and improve safety and allows for this also to be enforceable if necessary.

An additional issue noted for junctions that could benefit from DYs is that of High Street and Cambridge Road. DYs are already in place here, but parking right up to the limit of the markings on High Street results in a very narrow stretch of road at a junction on a bend in the main road. As well as affecting visibility it is common for larger vehicles to mount the pavement on the east side of the road to pass the row of parked vehicles.



Safety

The junction of Huntingdon Road and Thornton Road has seen a number of reported traffic incidents, including one fatal one. Whilst we do not have access to the specifics of all of these incidents and what measures could have prevented or lessened, any opportunity to make this junction safer should be considered seriously.



Residents have complained about safety of the junctions at both ends of Thornton Road, with poor visibility being hazardous for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists alike. In particular, the Girton Road end is on the inside of a bend, limiting visibility, and parked cars make it very difficult to cross or pull out safely.

A potentially serious collision where an elderly cyclist who was thrown to the ground by an unsighted emerging vehicle has been reported at the end of Weavers Field.

Issues with the narrowing of High Street from parked cars have resulted in dangerous manoeuvres from lorries, reversing back onto the main road, and motorists driving onto the footway is very hazardous to pedestrians.

Sustainable transport

CCC ask that any application include consideration of the impact on usage of public and active transport. It is intended that, by improving safety at all the junctions in this scheme, residents feel safer and more confident to travel by bike and will then be more likely to cycle to and from Girton.

Support Public feedback

At a public meeting addressing road safety and traffic measures, held in March 2019, the measures at Thornton Road, St Maragaret’s Road and Weaver’s Field were highly favoured by attendees. Improvement in road safety near the Co-op Store was highest rated and the need for parking restrictions at road junctions at the Cambridge end of the village closely followed. Residents of Thornton Road, St Margaret’s Road and Weavers Field have written to the Parish Council on a regular basis requesting that these issues be addressed.

In December 2023 to January 2024 a public consultation was made regarding a number of road safety schemes. A total of 64 responses were received. A number of schemes were presented and respondents were asked to rate them from 1-5, low to high. Results as follows:

Scheme	Mean response	Modal response (most common)
Thornton Rd/Girton Rd DYL	3.63	5
Thornton Rd/Huntingdon Rd DYL	3.75	5
St Margaret’s Rd/Girton Rd DYL	3.27	3

High St/Cambridge Rd DYL extension	3.61	5
Refresh 20mph marking on Pepys Way	3.17	3
Weaver's Field/Girton Rd add bollards around junction	3.78	5
Road crossing by Co-Op	3.97	5

Unfortunately, DYL at Weaver's Field/Girton Rd was not included here. All those that are included show broadly positive feedback to the schemes. The highest mean score is for a road crossing by the Co-Op. GPC has previously applied for an LHI scheme (in 2020) for road narrowing with a pedestrian crossing at this point, but this was rejected. Addition of bollards at the Weaver's Field/Girton Rd junction was very well received. This scheme could be considered instead of, or in addition to, the DYL scheme. Personal recommendation is to look at in more detail and pursue this as a future, separate LHI application.

In additional comments made as part of this consultation, several respondents also requested extension of DYL northwards along High Street, on one side of the road, at least to The George, in order to address issues of safety and congestion from cars parked on both sides of the road here.

County Councillor

CCC require the support of the area's County Councillor to approve an LHI scheme. Cllr Murphy supported the previous, similar application, and strongly supports this application.

Costs

CCC lists the estimated cost of painting a set of DYLs as £4,000. This has been interpreted as a cost for each junction in this proposal, therefore a maximum of £20,000. Bollard costs are listed as being £1,700 per bollard, resulting in a total cost for those of £10,200.

If successful, GPC is obliged to fund a minimum of 10% of the total cost. CCC has previously looked favourably, and given preference to, schemes where applicants cover greater proportions of the cost. With a clearer budgeting process now in place, and with a goal to reduce GPC's general reserves, a contribution greater than this should be possible and can be well planned for. Note that the S106 money made available from the Northstowe development which is partly earmarked for the Oakington Road scheme cannot be used here as that fund is specifically "traffic calming" measures, and it has been determined that DYL schemes do not fall under this definition.

Risks

Implementation risks

- Solving the problem of parking at these junctions could result in car parking being pushed down each of the roads, making passage of these roads more difficult.
 - No technical advice received on this point
- Installing parking restrictions with yellow lines requires a long legal process which involves consulting people and businesses in the surrounding area. This makes double yellow lines a potentially expensive measure.
 - From CCC guidance for LHI applications
- May not be the most effective safety measures – crossings, etc. could be more successful.
 - Are better approaches feasible?

Application risks

- Very similar scheme has already been unsuccessful.
- Not including bollards misses out on better supported scheme.
 - Including bollards would risk a confusing-looking application.
- Almost all previous successful LHI applications in recent years have been for speed reduction measures.

CCC Policy

A key part of CCC's policy on Residential Parking Schemes is noted here:

2.3. Restrictions on parking, such as yellow lines, should not be used as a way of meeting other strategic objectives. The introduction of single or double yellow lines will only be considered in residential areas where:

- Services and / or emergency vehicles cannot gain access to a road due to parked vehicles.
- **There are significant road safety issues arising due to the location of parked vehicles.**
- Significant traffic delays and/or congestion is occurring due to the parked vehicles during peak traffic flow periods.

Whilst this policy relates to Resident Parking Schemes, it is likely that this more broadly reflects thinking at CCC, and hence these are the issues that must be focussed on in any application. Issues regarding known complaints of some of these areas being used as "Park & Ride" spots for getting into Cambridge are likely to be rejected by this process and should be addressed by other means. The significant safety issues arising from the location of parked vehicles, which should be the priority anyway, ought to remain the focus of the application.

Summary and recommendation

Adding DYLS to the junctions of Thornton Road & Huntingdon Road, Thornton Road & Girton Road, St Margaret's Road & Girton Road, Weaver's Field & Girton Road, and extending southwards on High St will significantly improve the safety of these junctions. These junctions have known and reported serious safety issues and addressing them should make the village more hospitable to active travel in particular. Such measures have demonstrated strong support from residents when views have been tested on more than one occasion.

Adding bollards to the scheme risks adding confusion to this application and should instead be considered for the next round of LHI applications. The application should only focus on safety issues and not cover issues of inconvenience from extended parking. Offering to contribute 25% (£5,000) of the total cost keeps the scheme affordable, and hopefully favourable to CCC.

Appendix

Application questions

The following list of questions are those asked in the online application form. It is intended that text from this report be used to answer said questions:

- How does your application address a known safety issue?
- How does your application contribute positively to sustainable transport, public transport, & health?
- Does your application have demonstrable local support?
- How will your requested changes result in localised environmental improvements?
- Have your requested improvements been shared with and approved by the respective County member(s) for the area?
- Has an informal consultation been undertaken for your proposed scheme, and does it have the support of the local residents and stakeholders that would be directly affected by it?
- Please confirm that you understand that your financial contribution should not be reliant on any subsequent requests by your (the applicant) to third parties to secure all of, or a proportion of the agreed funding allocation?
- What is the maximum budget you are able to contribute towards your requested improvements?

Source materials

- Girton Parish Council LHI application, September 2021
<https://girtonparish.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/Environment/EcVanSpgs3JKgBgKUK1MmlABjgoBiAjOqfhv9kma3ihAvw?e=a9ByK6>
- Cambridgeshire County Council map (Accidents 2017-22 layer)
<https://maps.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>
- Cambridgeshire County Council Resident Parking Scheme Policy
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/parking-services/resident-parking-schemes/resident-parking-scheme-policy>
- The Highway Code
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

Girton Parish Council Recreation Ground Charges

Recreation Use/User	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Consideration for 2024 Raise				
												2024	2024	2024	2024	
											10% Raise (Rounding)	5%	7%	5%	7%	
Cricket Pitch - senior afternoon	£67.25	£69.00	£70.75	£71.45	£73.00	£75.20	£77.50	£79.80	£79.80	£79.80	£87.80	£92.19	£98.34	£4.39	£6.15	
Cricket Pitch - Senior evening	£33.50	£34.50	£35.50	£35.85	£36.50	£37.60	£38.75	£39.90	£39.90	£39.90	£43.90	£46.10	£49.17	£2.20	£3.07	
Cricket Pitch - Junior afternoon/evening	£33.50	£34.50	£35.50	£35.85	£36.50	£37.70	£38.90	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£44.00	£46.20	£49.28	£2.20	£3.08	
Cricket Pitch - External afternoon	£88.75	£91.25	£93.50	£94.50	£96.40	£99.40	£102.40	£105.40	£105.40	£105.40	£115.95	£121.75	£129.86	£5.80	£8.12	
Cricket Pitch - External evening	£44.25	£45.50	£46.65	£47.25	£48.20	£49.70	£51.20	£52.70	£52.70	£52.70	£57.95	£60.85	£64.90	£2.90	£4.06	
Football Pitch 11v11 MENS	£41.75	£43.00	£44.00	£45.00	£46.00	£47.50	£48.95	£50.40	£50.40	£50.40	£55.45	£58.22	£62.10	£2.77	£3.88	
Football Pitch 11v11 WOMENS/GUFC/ARU	£32.50	£33.50	£34.50	£34.85	£35.55	£36.65	£37.75	£38.85	£38.85	£38.85	£42.75	£44.89	£47.88	£2.14	£2.99	
Football Pitch (JUNIORS 12-17)	£16.25	£16.75	£17.20	£17.40	£17.75	£18.30	£18.85	£19.40	£19.40	£19.40	£21.35	£22.42	£23.91	£1.07	£1.49	
Football Pitch (YOUTH 7-11)	£8.75	£9.00	£9.25	£9.35	£9.55	£9.85	£10.15	£10.45	£10.45	£10.45	£11.50	£12.08	£12.88	£0.58	£0.81	
MUGA	£35.50	£36.50	£37.00	£37.90	£38.70	£39.90	£38.50	£39.60	£39.60	£39.60	£43.55	£45.73	£48.78	£2.18	£3.05	
MUGA (Youth)	£8.25	£8.50	£8.75	£8.85	£9.00	£9.30	£9.60	£9.90	£9.90	£9.90	£11.00	£11.55	£12.32	£0.55	£0.77	
MUGA (Juniors)	£14.25	£14.75	£15.10	£15.30	£15.60	£16.10	£16.60	£17.00	£17.00	£17.00	£18.70	£19.64	£20.94	£0.94	£1.31	
MUGA (Girton Dads)	£24.00	£24.75	£25.50	£25.80	£26.80	£26.10	£20.60	£21.20	£21.20	£21.20	£23.30	£24.47	£26.10	£1.17	£1.63	
MUGA (Womens)	£35.25	£36.25	£37.00	£37.40	£37.40	£37.40	£28.40	£29.20	£29.20	£29.20	£32.00	£33.60	£35.84	£1.60	£2.24	
Tennis Court (public/school use) PEAK	£12.75	£13.00	£13.40	£13.65	£13.90	£14.40	£14.90	£15.30	£15.30	£15.30	£16.50	£17.33	£18.48	£0.83	£1.16	
Tennis Court (public/school use) OFF-PEAK	£6.50	£6.75	£6.95	£7.10	£7.25	£7.50	£7.70	£7.90	£7.90	£7.90	£8.70	£9.14	£9.74	£0.44	£0.61	
Tennis Club Annual Fee	£1,936.50	£1,936.50	£2,000.00	£2,065.00	£2,106.00	£2,170.00	£2,235.00	£2,302.00	£2,302.00	£2,302.00	£2,532.00	£2,658.60	£2,835.84	£126.60	£177.24	
Tennis Club Storage Fee	£39.00	£27.00	£32.00	£33.60	£34.20	£35.40	£36.60	£39.00	£39.00	£39.00	£43.00	£45.15	£48.16	£2.15	£3.01	
Tennis Club MUGA Donation	INC	NEG	NEG	NEG	NEG	NEG	NEG	NEG	NEG	£250.00	£300.00	£300.00	£315.00	£336.00	£15.00	£21.00
Netball	£13.00	£13.50	£13.75	£14.00	£14.50	£14.90	£14.90	£15.30	£15.30	£15.30	£16.50	£17.33	£18.48	£0.83	£1.16	
Hall (off peak/regular user)	£13.75	£14.25	£14.50	£14.75	£15.00	£15.50	£16.00	£16.50	£16.50	£16.50	£18.50	£19.43	£20.72	£0.93	£1.30	
Hall (peak/one off)	£18.00	£18.50	£18.95	£19.20	£19.60	£20.20	£20.80	£21.50	£21.50	£21.50	£23.50	£24.68	£26.32	£1.18	£1.65	
Storage Cupboard (per month)	£3.25	£3.50	£3.60	£3.70	£3.80	£3.80	£4.10	£4.20	£4.20	£4.20	£4.65	£4.88	£5.21	£0.23	£0.33	
Rec	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£11.50	£11.50	£11.50	£13.00	£13.65	£14.56	£0.65	£0.91	