

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**

Members: 14 Vacancies: 1 Quorum: 5

MINUTES

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
Members: [Eight] Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair), Cllr Crawley, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Lampe, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Reeves. Present: Yvonne Murray (GPC Clerk), Angie Vidler (Facilities Manager) Members of Public: Six (including Cllr Garvie)		
23FC/147	Welcome from the Chair	
23FC/148	To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence Apologies: Cllr Williams, Cllr Brown, Cllr Clare, Cllr Betts, Cllr Wright, Cllr Linton Cllr Muston highlighted the Noted Apologies as confirmed by August Full Council.	Noted
23FC/149	To Co-opt new Members to Girton Parish Councillor	Not Applicable
23FC/150	To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – No declarations received.	Noted
23FC/151	Public Participation – <i>No members of the public wished to speak.</i>	
23FC/152	To Receive Reports (<i>for information only</i>)	10 Mins
23FC/152.1	<p>County Councillor - Nothing to add.</p> <p>Cllr Murphy noted the following:</p> <p>Levelling Up. Cllr Carney asked if GPC should contact other Parish Councils Cllr Murphy encouraged contact with larger parishes e.g. HIPC, Bar Hill, Northstowe. Cllr Stobart – echoed Cllr Murphy's comments and stated he believed the issues for local communities are enormous. He encouraged GPC to write to their MP. GPC highlighted that there was formerly a Parish Council Forum that could be encouraged to meet on such matters.</p> <p>Reliance on Villages on Traffic Increasing traffic coming toward Cambridge from East/West to Oxford.</p>	

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	<p>Need for more houses. Cambridge was an area of growth, but the proposals come forward are without consideration of any infrastructure: Water, Schools, Transport and the need for national funding.</p> <p>It was noted that infrastructure is part of what is missing in our planning system today. Combined Authority passes broad planning strategy for county – multi-modal, rails, light rails and bus. Cllr Murphy had just today attended a talk by officers whereby there may be an option of franchising.</p> <p>Without funding for local connections franchising may not be possible. CCC had crunched the numbers and found it may be possible.</p>	
23FC/152.2	<p>District Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Stobart noted the following:</p> <p>Transport Strategy work by GCP. was included in the SCDC Report including details of the Local transport and connectivity plan. He recommended that GPC review this information and comment.</p> <p>Bus Services Cllr Stobart asked GPC to give feedback. He noted the strategy was more than just buses. Combined Authority are planning to provide other items e.g., Light Rail. Not enough road to do everything we need. Cllr Hayat asked whether clusters should be considered so there was less dependance on transport as a way of managing the transport crisis. Cllr Carney asked whether in one of our next meetings we will have a formal response from GPC.</p> <p>Civil Parking Now Active. Tickets may be received now but there is nothing payable until 1st February. Feedback had not yet been received from Girton.</p> <p>Local Plan Date Cllr Stobart commented on the date of the Local Plan, notwithstanding what was said about the year 2040. The Local Plan remains that summary of how Greater Cambridgeshire will be developed. The LP should have been published in Autumn but was not due to the need for further detail on water and buses. The end of March is now planned for receipt of new LP. SCDC will keep updating GPC on that. He noted that NP in Girton will complement the new LP.</p>	
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	<p>Clerk's Report – No Questions GPC Clerk noted the important change in confirming the precept request with Committees signing off a 1-year budget for this year feeding into the request to SCDC.</p>	
23FC/152.6	Chair's Report – No Questions	

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23FC/153	To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings: 13 th December 2023. <i>This item was deferred to give Council a chance to further consider any comments.</i>	Deferred
23FC/154	Matters arising from Previous Meetings <i>(for information only)</i>	For Information
23FC/154.1	Action List	
23FC/154.2	Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items	
23FC/155	To Receive update from GPC Committees & Working Groups <i>(For information only)</i>	Noted
23FC/155.1	Environment Committee – No report due to Christmas Break	
23FC/155.2	Local Nature Recovery Working Group – No Questions	
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 - Report viewed with precept agenda items.	
23FC/155.6	HR Committee (to include CAPALC Report) Cllr Muston noted the LCAS Award Scheme and the aim to get more people onto the council. She also highlighted the 6-month rule for Councillors before disqualification from Council. She reminded Council that when apologies were noted but not accepted (as GPC had been advised) the 6-month disqualification rule applied. When someone has not attended for 6 months there is no need for Councillors to approve Councillors being disqualified.	
23FC/155.7	Planning Committee (No Report This month) Cllr Carney noted that the previous planning meeting had been non-quorate. He would like to encourage Councillors to attend.	
23FC/155.8	Sport & Recreation Committee – No report due to Christmas break	
23FC/155.9	Events Working Group Cllr Carney noted that anything can be an event and it may not need to be planned. He noted GPC’s collaboration with WCCC and Cakes by Lexi at the Christmas Fayre. He noted that there was another Treasure Hunt planned for Girton for this year. Last year’s event had been popular, and he was open to suggestions. He noted the opportunities to work with Darwin Green. He would like GPC to be seen more as part of the community and to be a support for other local organisations as needed.	
23FC/155.10	Wellbrook Way Facilities Task & Finish Group – No questions	
23FC/155.11	Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group The initial tasks of the Parish Ranger who was currently working for a probationary period were highlighted. Comments had been received from the Community about work that was being completed by GPC.	
23FC/156	To Approve Finance and Resource Management	For Decision
23FC/157.1	To note payment of accounts under delegated approval	Noted
23FC/158.2	To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due	Approved

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23FC/159.3	To Receive a report from Facilities Manager on Amounts paid in	Noted
23FC/160	Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council	For Decision
23FC/160.1	<p>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.</p> <p>Amended Motion: Council to consider and approve GPC Clerk obtaining three quotes for a Master Planner to plan the Pavilion Refurbishment project within an overview of the entire GPC Facilities with the aim of confirming specification and making a start on this project in 2024.</p> <p>Approval for Amended Motion: <i>Cllr Lampey proposed. Cllr Carney seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: The following requirements were noted for this exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPC needed professional support for Pavilion and all GPC Assets - Clarity on scope would be needed. - Any development needed to be sustainable. 	Approved
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-cambs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Girton-Parish-Council-@Full-Council-Approved-Minutes-11th-October-2023-at-7.30pm.pdf	Noted
23FC/160.3	<p>Council to consider and approve recommended quote for Roof and Gully cleaning for Girton Recreation Ground Pavilion</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: It was noted that the question of cleaning the Pavilion roof had been raised a couple of times. Cllr Carney noted the two questions from Cllr Williams on cost. Angie Vidler, Facilities Manager and GPC Clerk had discussed with Groundsman and Parish Ranger and they confirmed due to the build-up of moss on the Pavilion they felt this task needed to be completed professionally. However, going forward they felt that they would be able to complete the task with regular maintenance procedure in place.</p>	Approved
23FC/160.4	<p>Council to consider and approve match funding of a maximum of £2,500 for the work to be carried out on Hibbert-Ware Garden.</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Lampey seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: Cllr Carney suspended Standing Orders so that Keith Honor, LNRP chair could take part in the conversation. Keith confirmed that LNRP had applied for the</p>	Approved

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	<p>Community Chest grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council. Cllr Carney then reinstated Standing Orders.</p> <p>It was confirmed that GPC would match the crowdfunding raised in Girton.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted that the Events Committee would be happy to support the Hibbert-Ware event in May 2024.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted the Community Garden initiative at St Vincent's Close and would be happy to share resources with GPC.</p> <p>It was noted that the request from LNRP was the second request for a Grant and that GPC welcomed requests from the community.</p>	
23FC/160.5	<p>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.</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: The council commended the Foodbank as a great community resource.</p>	Approved
23FC/160.6	<p>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.</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed.</i></p> <p>Amended Motion: Council to consider and approve CCC LHI Bid for 2024/2025 and to delegate completion of the documentation of this bid with the inclusion of Pepys Way to Cllr Carney, Cllr Giles, and GPC Clerk.</p> <p>Approval of Amended Motion: <i>Cllr Muston proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: The council considered inclusion of top and bottom junctions of Pepys Way. The junction with Girton road only was approved for inclusion.</p>	Approved
23FC/160.7	<p>Council to consider and approve Budget for Girton Parish Council.</p> <p>Due to the improvements in the detail provided for the budget and precept considerations. Council decided to allow the Finance & Resource Management Committee to meet ahead of an Extraordinary Meeting to focus on Agenda items: 23FC/160.7, 23FC/160.8, 23FC/160.9</p>	Deferred
23FC/160.8	<p>Council to consider and approve charges for Recreation Users for 2024/2025.</p> <p>Due to the improvements in the detail provided for the budget and precept considerations. Council decided to allow the Finance & Resource Management Committee to meet ahead of an Extraordinary Meeting to focus on Agenda items: 23FC/160.7, 23FC/160.8, 23FC/160.9</p>	Deferred
23FC/160.9	<p>2024/2025 Precept: Council to approve precept request for 2024/2025.</p> <p>Due to the improvements in the detail provided for the budget and precept considerations. Council decided to allow the Finance & Resource Management Committee to meet ahead of an Extraordinary Meeting to focus on Agenda items:</p>	Deferred

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	23FC/160.7, 23FC/160.8, 23FC/160.9	
23FC/160.10	<p>Council to consider approval of an Extraordinary Meeting to further consider and approve the precept on 17th January 2024 given the more specific budgetary process carried out for this year and the 11th of January meeting being held so quickly after the Christmas/New Year break.</p> <p>Due to the improvements in the detail provided for the budget and precept considerations. Council approved this Extraordinary Meeting to focus on Agenda items: 23FC/160.7, 23FC/160.8, 23FC/160.9</p>	Approved
23FC/161	<p>To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Council.</p> <p>Cllr Muston raised communication she had received from Post person that dog poo had been put in a post box in Thornton Road.</p> <p>A Message had been received regarding Ash Tree cut back on 17 March.</p> <p>Cllr Carney confirmed he had received a phone call that trees by Oakington Road had fallen over in the storms. There was concerns it would cause a flooding problem.</p> <p>Cllr Carney had received Thanks for his help in making the closure on Girton Road clear in his online/social media post.</p>	Noted
23FC/162	<p>To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda</p> <p><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></p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p>	Approval
23FC/163	Date of next meeting(s): 14 th February 2024 at 7.30pm	Noted
Meeting Ended: 21:27		