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**NOTICE of MEETING:** GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL  
**MEETING** Sport & Recreation Committee  
**DATE & TIME:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm  
**VENUE:** Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton

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

**MINUTES**

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
<p><b>Members:</b>  <b>Councillors:</b> Cllr Hayat (Chair), Cllr Clare, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Muston (Ex-Officio)  <b>Recreation Users:</b> Alan Richardson (Girton Tennis Club), Andrew Hawkes (Girton Colts), Paul Clare (Girton United)  <b>Present:</b> GPC Clerk (Yvonne Murray)  <b>Members of Public:</b> None</p>		
23SR/55	<b>Welcome from the Chair</b>	
23SR/56	<p><b>To Co-opt Members to the Committee: Councillors/Non-Councillors</b></p> <p><b>Approval:</b> Cllr Muston proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.          Cllr Crawley was co-opted to Sport &amp; Recreation Committee.</p> <p><b>Debate Highlights:</b>          Cllr Crawley introduced himself to the group.          He noted he lived in Darwin Green and lived within 3 miles of Girton.          Cllr Crawley noted the following facilities would be available in Darwin Green: Play area, Tennis courts, Cricket pitches, Library, Community rooms, Sports pavilions.          Committee discussed whether an astro-turf should be requested.          Cllr Carney asked the Committee to come over and have a tour of Darwin Green.          Discussion took place around the possibilities of usage of Darwin Green facilities and the benefits Girton could bring.          Cllr Muston noted the land owned by Anglia Ruskin land on Henry Morris Lane.          Cllr Marshall noted the interesting discussions that were taking place around active travel between villages.          He also confirmed that discussions had taken place about use of their bridge and how there was the possibility of a loop between villages. GPC Clerk to get hold of Camcycle to see planned routes.</p>	<b>Approved.</b>
23SR/57	<p><b>To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence</b>          Cllr Carney (Ex-Officio), Cllr Betts (Vice-Chair), Graham Clare</p>	<b>Noted</b>
23SR/58	<p><b>To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</b>          Cllr Hayat noted his son played for Girton Colts Football Team.</p>	

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23SR/59	<b>Public Participation</b> – No members of the public were present.	
23SR/60	<b>To Approve Minutes of Sport &amp; Recreation Committee:</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	<b>Deferred</b>
23SR/61	<b>Matters arising from Previous Meetings</b> ( <i>for information only</i> )	
23SR/61.1	<b>Action List (23SR/63.1)</b>	
23SR/61.2	<b>Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items</b>	
23SR/62	<p><b>Committee Reports (Verbal Updates)</b></p> <p><b><u>Girton Tennis Club</u></b></p> <p>Noted that it was currently out of season for Tennis.  A new coach had started working at Girton.  New coach working well and sharing between Girton Tennis Club and new coaching time was working well.  It was noted that bad weather had decreased usage.  Many winter league matches cancelled due to weather.  The need for a path from the Pavilion to the Tennis Courts was noted. Without such a path the route was a mud bath.  Cllr Marshall noted that might be something that the master planner put on their quick wins list or whether a temporary path should be put in place.  The need for the Table Tennis contractors to make good the grass churned up as the groundwork was completed was noted.</p> <p><b><u>Girton Colts</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that the path mentioned above may need extending down the side of the Table Tennis/Basketball pitch.  GPC Clerk highlighted that some dogs were walking across the Recreation Ground and that currently that was difficult to police.  The growth of Girton Teams was noted especially the younger teams.  Discussion about whether Girton should be sharing facilities with Darwin Green.  It was noted that more Coaches and Leaders were needed for the team.  The use of Girton Facilities for Girton teams was highlighted as a priority.  Cllr Crawley noted there was no sports leadership in Darwin Green and that Girton could be very helpful in creating teams.</p> <p>Other items highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited training space</li> <li>• MUGA too small</li> <li>• Wear and tear on grass.</li> <li>• Cambridge City teams leaving at end of season.</li> <li>• Girton Glebe pitch to be prepared.</li> <li>• 10 Official teams and three to four development teams.</li> <li>• At present Girton teams could always play even with non-Girton teams using Girton Recreation ground.</li> <li>• Need to balance making money versus supporting the local.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that this is why Girton Parish Council decided to appoint a master planner. The need for a robust budget when many local councils were struggling to balance their budget was also highlighted.</p>	<b>To Note</b>

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	<p><b><u>Girton United</u></b> Items highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Careful thought around size of pitches required.</li> <li>• If Astro turf was to be used, then 4G pitch likely required.</li> <li>• Care around future-proofing facilities was needed.</li> <li>• GPC need to understand requirements.</li> <li>• Girton united member noted that it was great that GPC was interested in facilities.</li> <li>• Cycles of teams growing and then receding were noted and the need for volunteers to keep sports growing.</li> <li>• It was noted that GPC and Recreation users needed to react to the cycle of capacity.</li>   <li>• Girton United had had a decent season.</li> <li>• Girton Recreation Ground was wetter than it had ever been.</li> <li>• Fixture backlog noted and need not to clash with Girton Cricket Team.</li> <li>• 10/12 games likely to be played in April when normally only 3 or 4 left to be played.</li> <li>• Fun is taken out of local football when it is a struggle to get games played.</li> <li>• Ages of players 35-40</li> <li>• Girton United are incurring the cost and travel requirements to 4G pitches to get games played. The pitches used are Cambourne and provisionally Linton.</li> <li>• There is a membership struggle when such a backlog occurs.</li> <li>• Drainage at Girton put in some while ago working reasonably well.</li> <li>• Need for perimeter path to be noted to Master Planner.</li> <li>• Possibility of Girton United checking out facilities of Northstowe.</li> <li>• Possibility of using Anglia Ruskin Land.</li> </ul>	
23SR/63	<b>Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Committee</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
23SR/63.1	<p><b>Council to review, consider, assign and approve tasks and from Book of Work for financial years 23/24 and 24/25 and to consider and recommend projects for Committee three-year plan.</b></p> <p><b>This will include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Modifying Book of work as needed</b></li> <li>• <b>Allocating tasks by month</b></li> <li>• <b>Identifying items required for Committee (by month if possible)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Tasks to likely include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summary overview of Book of Work.</b></li> <li>• <b>Identification of Process and Policy required for this committee.</b></li> <li>• <b>Terms &amp; Conditions exercise for 2024/2025</b></li> <li>• <b>Master planner exercise.</b></li> <li>• <b>Health &amp; Safety exercise (Work Nest update)</b></li> <li>• <b>Review of Terms of Reference, Vision and Mission statement</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Approval:</u> Cllr Marshall proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.</b></p>	<b>Approved</b>

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	<p><b>Debate Highlights:</b></p> <p>GPC Clerk showed the book of work.</p> <p>Noted that GPC was picking up bill for local sports and needed to make sure that the subsidies for local teams was sustainable.</p> <p>GPC needed to look at generating income to reinvest in sports and the rest of the village.</p> <p>GPC Clerk gave an update on the Master Planner taking requirements for Stakeholders.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted the need to consider non-competitive sport and the need for procurement of land for civic graveyard. He noted the challenges with accessing the graveyard and some problems with dog-walking on the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the drainage requirements of the Carpark and whether the level of the car park needed to be raised. The master planner would be looking into this.</p> <p>The possibility of Walking Football was raised and the need for volunteers was highlighted.</p> <p>GPC Clerk also showed the work being carried out on detailed breakdown of income/expenditure by user which would feed into the Terms &amp; Conditions initiative.</p>	
23SR/64	<b>To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Committee</b> – None.	<b>Noted</b>
23SR/65	<p><b>To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Approval:</b> <i>Cllr Marshall proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><i>This item is designed to ensure that Committee can approve key items of communication from this meeting on Committee Website, Facebook, and Twitter.</i></p>	<b>Approved</b>
23SR/66	<b>Date of next meeting(s):</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm	
<b>Meeting Ended: 20:00</b>		

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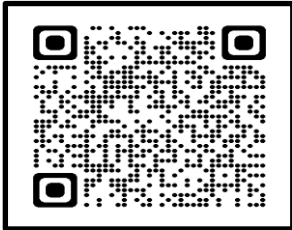
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Items to be confirmed here/

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