

GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Members: 13 **Vacancies:** 2 **Quorum:** 5

MINUTES

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/Power
Members: [Nine] Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair), Cllr Clare, Cllr Crawley, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Lampe, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Reeves. Present: Yvonne Murray (GPC Clerk), Angie Vidler (Facilities Manager) Members of the Public: Six including Richard Stobart, SCDC		
23FC/202	Welcome from the Chair Cllr Carney asked if Cllr Marshall could say a few words regarding John Thorrold, a previous Parish Councillor, who had recently passed away. Cllr Marshall spoke about how fortunate he was to get to know John Thorrold. He noted his nickname of 'Red wine John' and in all the time he had known him, John who had a glass with his name engraved upon it. His glass always held coca cola. John was an enigmatic character who Councillors may have seen riding up and down the High Street in his mobility scooter. John's favourite place to meet friends was at the George. Cllr Marshall had attended Funeral with GPC Clerk. Cllr Marshall noted John had been a member of Girton Parish Council from 2012 to 2021 and the good work he had carried out whilst on GPC. A minute's silence was held to remember John.	
23FC/203	To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence Cllr Betts, Cllr Brown, Cllr Linton, Cllr Wright.	Noted
23FC/204	To Co-opt new Members to Girton Parish Council	Not Applicable
23FC/205	To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations	Not Applicable
23FC/206	Public Participation Dave Fryer, Chairman of Girton Bowls Club (GBC) Dave highlighted that due to the close relationship of GBC and Girton Golf Club, GBC were aware of a refurbishment at the Golf Club and the availability of a number of chairs. GBC had made an offer for a small donation of £100.00 for 32 stackable chairs. He noted a further 18 which may be available at a later date. The chairs for purchased	

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	<p>that Angie Vidler and Dave had first considered were £50.00 each so there was a saving of approximately £1,500.</p> <p>Resident from St Vincent's Close. This resident thanked Council for allowing her to speak. She was attending GPC to talk about an Energy Performance Assessment carried out on her property and other properties. The resident gave details of many exchanges with SCDC which she had pursued to understand why her property had been designated with an Energy Rating of Band E. Previously the property was a Band D. She noted her surprise at the designation and the fuel poverty of many residents in similar properties. She had complained about the issue to all the relevant authorities. Copies of details and questions were provided to Council for review. She wished to ask questions around this issue to Cllr Stobart as a member of SCDC. Cllr Stobart confirmed he had heard what she had said and took away the letter from this resident which included her five questions. He confirmed the deployment of Solar panels did not resolve all issues around banding. He noted that retrofit was firmly on the agenda of SCDC. Cllr Carney noted that the problem highlighted by our resident was a general problem and asked that GPC be kept in the loop.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall as member of the public Cllr Marshall noted a recent post from Cllr Stobart regarding Fly Tipping. He would like to ask what Cllr Stobart knew about this incident? Cllr Stobart noted that the most recent incident was regarding Building Materials. Cllr Marshall confirmed, he was asking this question due to the fact the Fly tipping incident was against him.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was not fly tipping • Material in question was topsoil and mulch • Material was placed on St Vincent's close for a Community Garden funded by SCDC. • GPC and SCDC were aware of the Community Garden funding. • He was requested to join an interrogation by SCDC. • He paid the fine even though he did not feel responsible for Fly Tipping as above. • He felt victimised by SDCDC as the complaint was made by a member of the public who most likely had damaged Council's property. • Member of the Public from St Vincent's Close present at the meeting highlighted that SCDC were fully aware of why the material was placed there. • The stress of this incident and SCDC approach to Cllr Marshall. <p>Cllr Stobart noted he would investigate the above incident.</p>	
23FC/207	To Receive Reports <i>(for information only)</i>	10 Mins
23FC/207.1	County Councillor – Cllr Murphy was not in attendance. Cllr Carney asked Councillors to contact her directly with questions.	
23FC/207.2	<p>District Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Stobart noted he was happy to take questions on behalf of Cllr Murphy. Cllr Garvie was not in attendance and sent apologies.</p>	

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	<p>Cllr Muston raised question on Health. She felt there had been many surveys, but no actions taken. Cambridge Primary Care Participation Group (CPCPG) members had been in touch with some developers regarding the provision of health services.</p> <p>She confirmed that Healthwatch was a Government listening voice. As a Primary Care group, they felt there seems to be talking, surveys but no improvement had been seen. Cllr Muston noted a dentist opening in Thornton Way. She also noted that over 13,000 qualified doctors have put themselves for GP training and yet the government took only approximately 7,000 doctors. Cllr Muston wanted to know what the actions as a result of these surveys were.</p> <p>Cllr Stobart confirmed he would go and chase up on results. The contact details for the survey owner were noted in the survey. Cllr Stobart asked to be informed on any other survey that Cllr Muston had concerns about.</p> <p>Cllr Hayat asked where are we with dentistry as mentioned in Cllr Murphy's report? Is there a solution coming? Who is doing what to fix it?</p> <p>Cllr Hayat raised point about potholes. Cllr Hayat confirmed that no action had been taken on the High Street. Despite the fact this had been outstanding for a while it was only recently that somebody has marked it up.</p> <p>Cllr Carney reinforced need to report all issues on the road using the CCC ReportIt tool. Cllr Hayat noted he had raised the issue as he had seen Cllr Carney recently taking photographs of potholes.</p> <p>GPC Clerk confirmed she had met with Local Highways Officer. He had walked High Street and raised it in budget. The reporting of fixes end to end is not in place. Local Highways Officer are unaware if issues they have raised are completed. Support for the Local Highways Officer is now being chased with their management.</p> <p>Cllr Clare raised that Cambridge Road was not finished.</p>	
23FC/207.3	Girton Town Charity (No Report this month)	
23FC/207.4	Girton Neighbourhood Plan (No Report this month)	
23FC/207.5	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>GPC Clerk noted the need for Council to concentrate on both the projects underway plus the required governance. This is key to the fact that GPC may seem slower than residents might expect.</p> <p>GPC Clerk gave an example of the processes for Bank/Building society as taking significant time.</p>	
23FC/207.6	Chair's Report	
23FC/208	<p>To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings:</p> <p>Approval of 10th January 2024: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. 8 Approved. 1 Abstention.</i></p> <p>Note 10th January minutes brought back to agenda due to comments from Cllr Carney on 4th March 2024.</p>	Approved

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	<p>Approval of 14th February 2024: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. 8 Approved. 1 Abstention.</p> <p>Approval of 29th February 2024: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. 8 Approved. 1 Abstention.</p> <p>GPC Clerk noted the ideal would be to receive comments on minutes within the week of Full Council. This will in future be the aim of GPC.</p>	
23FC/209	Matters arising from Previous Meetings <i>(for information only)</i>	For Information
23FC/209.1	Action List: See items now complete below. Action list will be reviewed at next Full Council	
23FC/209.2	Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items	
23FC/210	To Receive update from GPC Committees & Working Groups <i>(For information only)</i>	To Note
23FC/210.1	<p>Environment Committee</p> <p>Debate Highlights: Council to talk about No Mow Summer later on agenda. Cllr Lampe asked if Climate Emergency made more concrete than it is at the moment? Cllr Carney recommended that Cllr Lampe might bring a motion forward for any future meeting.</p>	
23FC/210.2	<p>Local Nature Recovery Working Group</p> <p>Debate Highlights: Cllr Giles thanked SCDC for a grant of £2k. Cllr Giles noted specific questions from the Chair regarding match funding which is in fact £2k to match fund for the grant. Cllr Clare asked when the sign would be ready. Cllr Giles confirmed a new sign was on the way. Cllr Clare asked if the stone sign could be improved. Cllr Giles confirmed she was looking into that.</p>	
23FC/210.3	Footpath Officer's Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/210.4	Water Management Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/210.5	Finance & Resource Management Committee – No questions from Council.	
23FC/210.6	<p>HR Committee (to include CAPALC Report)</p> <p>Debate Highlights: Cllr Muston asked Council to look at suggested meeting calendar. Cllr Muston highlighted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need to decide early to get data into Girton Village Celebrations calendar. • need to work together and the time some of Council processes took. • As a community there was a need to recognise that local government moved slowly. She asked this needed to be recording in the minutes so the hard work of the Council could be recognised. • Thanked Council for their hard work. • Need to get more people to our meetings. • GPC Clerk noted there was no moaning here, just calling out comprehensive work needed for governance. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Clare asked about the scale of residents concerns on speed of delivery. He did not see the need to be so defensive. <p>Cllr Carney noted that a decision on dates would come to next month's full council meeting. He thanked Cllr Muston for presenting dates well in advance. Brief discussion on possibility of Saturday meetings.</p>	
23FC/210.7	Planning Committee (No Report This month)	
23FC/210.8	Sport & Recreation Committee <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Carney asked if Table Tennis tables are officially opened. Cllr Hayat confirmed there had been no launch event as yet. He was waiting for improved weather.</p>	
23FC/210.9	Events Working Group <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Marshall noted the feedback on requirements for public toilets at Girton WI AGM. Cllr Carney asked when the next meeting would occur. He noted there had not been a meeting since September 2023. Cllr Marshall noted he would be getting the group together. Cllr Marshall noted he had been out and about in the village listening to residents.</p>	
23FC/210.10	Wellbrook Way Facilities Task & Finish Group	
23FC/210.11	Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group – Cllr Marshall confirmed he was waiting to hear from Master Planner who he hoped would be involved in next meeting.	
23FC/211	To Approve Finance and Resource Management	For Decision
23FC/211.1	To note payment of accounts under delegated approval	Noted
23FC/211.2	To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Marshall asked if there could be a cheaper quote on electricity. GPC Clerk to look into this. GPC Clerk noted that some approvals had been made on 29th February Meeting. GPC Clerk noted the addition of GBC Chairs and Avanit which had been received on day of meeting. These invoices were approved together with the items on the payments schedule.</p>	Approved
23FC/211.3	To Receive a report from Facilities Manager on Amounts paid in	Noted
23FC/211.4	Update on Changes to GPC Bank & Building Society Accounts 23FC/189.4 & 23FC/189.6 All new signatories in place for Cambs B.S. 23FC/189.5 & 23FC/189.7 Melton Building Society changes under way 23FC/189.8 Higher Interest savings product now open. 23FC/189.9 Debit cards and Trade Cards for B&Q, Screwfix and Travis Perkins for Staff Team underway. <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u></p>	Noted

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	GPC Clerk noted they were waiting for Debit Cards and feedback from Melton Mowbray. Cllr Carney noted a lot had been sorted out on Bank and Building Society accounts over last weeks.	
23FC/212	Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council	For Decision
23FC/212.1	<p>Council to receive update from Cambridgeshire Acre on Housing Needs Survey Results Report for Girton Survey (undertaken in July/August 2023)</p> <p>This item was brought forward after item 23FC/208.</p> <p>Cambridge Acre Report can be found here: https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/HNS_Public_Report_Girton.pdf</p> <p>Standing orders were suspended for this item.</p> <p>Two members of Cambridgeshire Acre attended GPC to give an update on the Housing Needs Survey undertaken in July/August 2023.</p> <p>Key points from the report were listed as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridgeshire Acre had been approached by Access Housing Association to carry out this survey. • There was a possibility of developing land on Girton Golf Course. • 244 responses received. 13% response rate. Average response rate confirmed as 18/20% • Reception sites are small scale sites on edge of development framework • Sites should hold 100% affordable homes • Homes are affordable in perpetuity • Homes are for people who live, work in area or has strong family connections • Details on some of the costs and survey responses were given (See Survey). • Intention late Summer/Early Autumn Access Housing to submit planning application should they go ahead. • 88 homes to be built <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u></p> <p><u>Cllr Clare</u> asked what does 88 homes mean? Answer: Need for 88 homes required.</p> <p><u>Cllr Hayat</u> noted maximum homes would be 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicated that some houses were offering shared ownership. • Owners could pass shared ownership to family and friends. • 20% would always be owned by Housing Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted Girton Town Charity is always looking for land to build Alms Houses • Cambridgeshire Acre noted this information had been passed to GTC • Accent Housing offering homes to anyone within SCDC region not just Girton. <p><u>Cllr Lampe</u></p>	Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Exception site. There are multiple dwellings unused in and around Girton. Are these included? • These are not included as the site is outside the development boundary. • Empty houses are considered. <p><u>Angie Vidler, Facilities Manager</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49 x 1 bedroom – For Girton? • 49 are just for Girton. People with local connections. • Could it be that 20 of the people on that list could have been applying outside Girton? Are they then removed from 49? The answer was yes, they would be removed. Homes could be found outside Girton for people with local Girton Connections. <p><u>Cllr Carney</u> Cllr Carney noted the housing in Eddington for affordable housing for university members/staff. Would that be something that would be kept separate to the needs noted by the Survey for residents? Cambridgeshire Acre has a partnership with Housing Associations and SCDC. They were aware of the survey.</p> <p><u>Cllr Reeves</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this a one-off exercise? • Survey can be repeated whenever required • It is not a policy that is used to massively extend the community. • It is hard to finance the right mix of houses. <p><u>Cllr Hayat</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would the Housing Association need to recover some of the money through shared ownership? To be offered to Girton Residents first. If they did not get any take-up, it would be open to the wider community? • Cambridgeshire Acre - very rare that would happen. That is a last resort. <p><u>Cllr Lampe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will exemption of Housing Authorities override new requirements for Biodiversity Net Gains. • Cambridgeshire Acre - No. <p>Cllr Carney thanked Cambridgeshire Acre and noticed the importance of hearing more about the scheme.</p> <p>Standing Orders were reinstated.</p>	
23FC/212.2	<p>Council to note suggestions and recommendations to date for consideration of Master Planner</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Lampe seconded. 8 in Favour. 1 abstention.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: GPC Clerk noted that Master Planner is looking at all facilities and possibilities in Girton in terms of improvement and priorities in response to a question by Cllr Clare.</p>	Approval

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	<p>Cllr Carney asked about St Vincent's Close possible lease/rent which was a recommendation from GPC Finance Committee. Cllr Carney asked if we should also include Orchard Close.</p>	
23FC/212.3	<p>Council to approve purchase of fitted Kitchen and furniture/equipment for Wellbrook Way Clubhouse</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Lampe seconded. Unanimous approval.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: Facilities manager noted the decrease in the quote as submitted with the agenda GPC was to purchase the equipment for Wellbrook Way Club House. The Facilities Manager noted the need for more and improved tables/chairs for GPC. Cllr Marshall noted the dependence on the Master Planning exercise for procuring Pavilion equipment. Cllr Marshall noted the possibility of a café at Girton Pavilion. Council noted the possibility of recycled tables. The budget for Wellbrook Way was £8.5k</p>	Approved
23FC/212.4	<p>Council to consider and approve letter to Mayor Nik Johnson re buses</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Clare seconded. Unanimous approval.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: Council approved delegation of letter to Cllr Carney.</p>	Approved
23FC/212.5	<p>Council to consider and approve letter to Anthony Browne re Cambridge 2040</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous approval.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: Council approved delegation of letter to Cllr Carney.</p>	Approved
23FC/212.6	<p>Council to consider and approve Training courses requested to date</p> <p>Debate Highlights: Money included in the HR Budget.</p>	Noted
23FC/212.7	<p>Council to approve delegation of approval of No Mow Summer Plan to Cllr Giles (Environment Chair) and GPC Clerk</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Clare proposed. Cllr Giles seconded. 8 in favour. 1 abstention</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights: Cllr Giles gave an update of the project. Cllr Carney noted a draft policy he had submitted which had not yet come to council. Cllr Marshall would like to ask SCDC to allow a no mow area around St Vincent's Close. Cllr Hayat noted with Cllr Giles that GPC are not going to mow over summer and at end of summer GPC will mow the areas.</p>	Approved

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23FC/213	<p>To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate Emergency Communications 2. Letter from resident regarding Energy Performance Assessments (EPC) to be presented during Public Participation 3. Communication from Dog Walkers 	Noted
23FC/214	<p>To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. 8 in favour. 1 abstention</i></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>	Approved
23FC/215	Date of next meeting(s): 10 th April 2024 at 7.30pm	To Note
Meeting Ended: 9.39pm		