

GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE of MEETING: GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING FULL COUNCIL
DATE & TIME: Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7pm
VENUE: Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton

Members: 12 **Vacancies:** 3 **Quorum:** 5

MINUTES

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/Power
Members: [Six] Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair), Cllr Brown, Cllr Clare, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Reeves Present: GPC Clerk (Yvonne Murray), Facilities Manager: Angie Vidler Members of the Public: Four		
24FC/078	Welcome from the Chair – Cllr Carney welcomed both Councillors and Members of the public to our Full Council meeting.	
24FC/079	To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence Cllr Bajpai, Cllr Crawley, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Lampe, Cllr Linton, Cllr Wright. Cllr Garvie, Cllr Stobbart	Noted
24FC/080	To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – Nothing disclosed.	Noted
24FC/081	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> 1. Resident from Oakington Road 1 Wished to speak about proposed traffic calming along Oakington Road. They were concerned about: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The length of time and blind spots around the consultation period. They had not heard about the consultation until the 4th September 2024. Their understanding was this initiative was first raised in April 2023.2. The need for Parish Councils to be able to negotiate the outcome of the proposal.3. Speed Bumps – after a lot of investigation the resident has found that Speed Bumps are not regarded as a valid mechanism for speed calming.4. Effect of additional lighting on residents. The resident confirmed they were not complaining about the speed reduction requirement, but they had issues around the use of speed bumps. They would like GPC and CCC to take their views into account. They would like CCC to think about Speed Cameras as an alternative option rather than speed bumps.	

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	<p>They will be making their objections heard. They also questioned how early GPC had been notified of the consultation, likely not early enough to give residents sufficient notice to consult.</p> <p>The resident noted that as a couple they were passionate about wildlife and were currently working with the wildlife trust to put in a pond at their property. They noted their concern in bats and wildlife and wanted to plant trees to improve the environment. They noted the impact of noise and lighting on wildlife which they felt this initiative would create.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that GPC had not received notification of the final decision on the scheme. He hoped that would be next month. The resident thanked GPC for their time.</p> <p>Cllr Muston noted that many of the concerns raised by the resident had been raised within council.</p> <p>2. Resident of Oakington Road 2 The resident noted she was a neighbour of Resident 1. It was noted that as a matter of urgency this scheme was important to put in place. This resident had not perspective of the effectiveness of Speed Bumps. She did highlight the increase in volume and speed of traffic since she had lived at that address. She also noted the difficulties of Children going to nursery and from Gretton School crossing the road.</p> <p>3. Resident of Oakington Road 3 A Councillor speaking as a member of the public noted the value of the points made by previous residents. It was noted how important early consultation was needed. It was noted that the resident was 100% in favour of speed reductions, Oakington Road residents had not been consulted. This resident highlighted the issues of turning a horsebox on a speed bump. It was highlighted that CCC likely did not understand issues Oakington Road residents were experienced. Also, that Consultations needed to be earlier and for the benefit of residents so that their voices could be heard. The resident noted that as a member of the public she also did not feel informed. Resident 1 highlighted how they felt they were the last people to know when they should be the first. The fatal accident on Oakington Road was highlighted and all residents felt consultation should be improved.</p> <p>4. Resident of Thornton Road The resident, speaking as a member of the public even though they were a councillor. She noted how much she appreciated members of the council to listen to each other carefully to understand the concerns of other members. She wanted councillors to avoid assumptions about other people and wanted to listen and encourage people to work together. She noted the improvement at GPC and the need to create a safe and productive environment. She also noted the pace of the council and request response should be reasonable. The scope of the council workload was significant. A key item was the diversity of residents and council members and the challenges and opportunities of collaboration and connections. She thanked all residents for coming and highlighting the issues that mattered to them.</p>	

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24FC/082	To Receive Reports <i>(for information only)</i>	10 Mins
24FC/082.1	County Councillor	
24FC/082.2	District Councillors	
24FC/082.3	Girton Town Charity (No Report this month)	
24FC/082.4	Girton Neighbourhood Plan	
24FC/082.5	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>Clerk thanked the members of the public for attending and also highlighted the importance of their input.</p> <p>Clerk also highlighted the importance of making GPC more comfortable and inclusive for all levels of Government, Parish Councillors and Residents. She thanked Cllr Murphy for her work on Local Highways.</p> <p>She highlighted the potential of Parish Councils to support residents.</p>	
24FC/082.6	Chair's Report	
24FC/083	<p>To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings: 10th April 2024, 30th May 2024 (Annual Meeting), 12th June 2024, 26th June 2024, 11th July 2024, 30th July 2024.</p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Brown seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p>	Approved
24FC/084	To Note Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 th May 2024.	Noted
24FC/085	Matters arising from Previous Meetings <i>(for information only)</i>	To Note
24FC/086.1	Action List	
24FC/086.2	Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items	
24FC/087	To Receive update from GPC Committees & Working Groups <i>(For information only)</i>	To Note
24FC/087.1	Environment Committee	
24FC/087.2	Local Nature Recovery Working Group	
24FC/087.3	Footpath Officer's Report	
24FC/087.4	Water Management Report	
24FC/087.5	Finance & Resource Management Committee	
24FC/087.6	HR Committee (to include CAPALC Report)	
24FC/087.7	Planning Committee	
24FC/087.8	Sport & Recreation Committee	
24FC/087.9	Events Working Group	
24FC/087.10	Wellbrook Way Facilities Task & Finish Group	
24FC/087.11	Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group	
24FC/088	To Approve Finance and Resource Management	For Decision
24FC/088.1	To note payment of accounts under delegated approval	Noted
24FC/088.2	<p>To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due</p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p>	Approved
24FC/088.3	To Receive a report from Facilities Manager on Amounts paid in	Noted
24FC/088.4	To consider and approve invoice from Wilby & Burnett (Master Planners)	Noted

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	<p>Debate Highlights: Council noted additional drawings provided by Wilby & Burnett approved under Scheme of Delegation for Standalone Café, drawing for new pavilion and consideration of modular building.</p>	
24FC/088.5	<p>Council to approve provision of first draft of 2025/26 three-year budget plan by September 18th so that a more detailed precept survey for all spend can be provided for November Girton Parish News</p> <p>Debate Highlights: This motion was deferred to give Councillors longer to consider projects for 2025/2026 and subsequent years.</p>	Deferred
24FC/089	<p>Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council</p>	For Decision
24FC/089.1	<p>Council to consider and approve delegation to Clerk and Finance Chair of completion and publication of Girton Parish Council's second GPC Precept Survey ideally in October version of Girton Parish News.</p> <p><i>Note: All Councillors will be asked to complete GPC Precept survey to test and comment.</i></p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p>	Approved
24FC/089.2	<p>Council to consider and approve required spend for inclusion of GPC Precept Survey in Girton Parish News.</p> <p>Debate Highlights: Cost is yet to be confirmed by Girton Parish News but approval for £300.00 given in case costs of £200.00 for previous surveys had increased. Note subsequently cost of £200.00 confirmed by Girton Parish News.</p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Clare seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p>	Approved
24FC/089.3	<p>Council to note that first Parish Newsletter will be published by email on 1st October 2024.</p>	Noted
24FC/089.4	<p>Council to consider ability to carry out work and spend on first phase of work on Wellbrook Way balancing pond/s.</p> <p>Debate Highlights: Council approved Clerk to obtain quotes for the above further to her meeting with SCDC Environmental Officer regarding the Balancing Ponds</p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Reeves seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p>	Approved
24FC/089.5	<p>Council to consider and approve valuation for land in Girton for possible civic burial site</p> <p>Debate Highlights: GPC discussed the possibility of land procurement for Civic burial and other purposes. Cllr Brown and GPC Clerk to hold further discussions on possibilities to bring back to next meeting.</p>	Deferred
24FC/089.6	<p>Council to consider and approve delegation to clerk to complete the LHI statement of intent to take part in CCC Local Highways Initiative Funding for 2025/2026.</p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Brown seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p>	Approved
24FC/089.7	<p>Council to consider and approve next steps on 'Pavements are for People' proposal.</p> <p>Debate Highlights: GPC Clerk confirmed this had been put on the agenda to highlight the frustration in the village especially in Wellbrook Way for cars being</p>	For Decision

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	<p>parked on pavement. Cllr Muston & Cllr Brown noted it would be interesting to talk to Girton Glebe and get them involved. Angie asked where the problem occurred it was confirmed all over the village. Cllr Carney and GPC agreed to begin a campaign to encourage people to stop parking on pavements.</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Reeves seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p>	
24FC/089.8	<p>Council to receive update from residents meeting on Bus provision in the village.</p> <p>Debate Highlights: This motion was brought forward to follow the Minutes Agenda item: 24FC/083.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that Cllr Murphy of CCC wished to give an update on this item. She wanted residents to confirm whether they supported Bus Franchising going forward. Cllr Murphy confirmed her support of the Franchising option as she felt it was the only way forward. She noted that the meeting on Bus provision was packed, people felt service providers were not delivering a good service. In fact, it was getting worse. It was at the level of chaos. She felt the only way to improve this was for the Community to get together and put pressure on Stagecoach. She encouraged people to support the franchise option to encourage an open book partnership with the Bus service provider.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that Cllr Murphy, Cllr Muston and himself were at the meeting and there was a lot of disquiet about the poor bus service in the village. He noted that some residents were considering leaving the village.</p> <p>The outcome of the meeting at the time was for it to become a community led group. It was felt that all Local Councils had little impact in improving the service and being heard by Stagecoach. It was noted that Councils were all slow and there was currently no community volunteer. Cllr Carney was therefore proposing as per next Agenda item for Chair and Clerk to do a survey in conjunction with Oakington & Westwick to understand more about resident concerns and requirements.</p> <p>Cllr Muston noted a key item was that the discussion was about money. She noted the local councils were responsible for spending the money widely. In terms of money, she felt the Bus provision was a good example of residents and councils coming alongside to work together. She noted that GPC wanted to work alongside the Community following council guidelines. She also noted that Cllr Murphy had indicated that Stagecoach was not taking any notice of the community and absence of buses to other villages including Histon. She confirmed Council subsidised certain services and so they should have a say. She felt it made sense for a Councillor to work on this with the Community.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall asked if franchising was considered how could changes be made. Cllr Carney felt this was not relevant. Cllr Marshall asked if there was an overall strategy rather than separate villages communicating with Stagecoach. Cllr Carney noted there was both local discussion and discussion on expanded local area.</p> <p>Cllr Murphy noted the importance of the Bus Users group. She felt Stagecoach may listen if the group of people lobbying them was extensive. She also felt the lobbying was more powerful if it was a group of residents rather than elected</p>	Noted

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	<p>representatives that spontaneously rose up on a particular issue. In the absence of a volunteer, she felt it was a practical thing for a member of council and volunteers to work together. Data-gathering via surveys on community requirements was key.</p>	
24FC/089.9	<p>Council to delegate to Chairs and Clerk ability to speak to wider audiences regarding Council view on Bus franchising and provision.</p> <p><u>Vote on Amended Motion:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Brown seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Approval of Amendment:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Amendment:</u> <i>Council to delegate to Clerk and Chair and/or any delegated councillor ability to speak to wider audiences regarding Council view on Bus franchising and current provision including collating residents feedback on current bus provision in the village.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Muston noted that Cllr Carney would attend with the permission of the Council to promote the village concerns on bus provision.</p>	Approval
24FC/089.10	<p>Council to approve request from UK Power Networks</p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Council happy to consider and enter negotiation with UK Power Networks regarding having underground cables on GPC land further to request by email from UKPN. This issue also affects the residents on the bungalow at the Recreation Ground.</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Brown seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p>	Approved
24FC/089.11	<p>Council to consider and approve replacement of Trim Trail and purchase of Outdoor Gym</p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Council decided to wait until further information available.</p>	Deferred
24FC/090	<p>To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda <i>This item is designed to ensure that Council can approve key items of communication from this meeting on Council Website, Facebook, and X (formerly known as Twitter).</i></p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Brown seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p>	Approved
24FC/091	<p>Date of next meeting(s): 9th October 2024 at 7pm.</p>	Noted
Meeting Ended: 9.08pm		