

# Girton Parish Council

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## Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2006

**Present:** D de Lacey (Vice-Chair), E Bullman (also District), V Godby, J Mayfield, A Meek, M Taylor, J Ford-Smith, M Moore, S Tutt, R Gordon, R Hodgkinson, H Bracey (Clerk)

Cllr Bygott, District; 2 members of public.

Revd W Adam and Alice Few present from item 06/39 to 06/41. Cllr Ford-Smith left the meeting at item 06/41.

### **06/29. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Wilson (work), Cllr Starling (work), Cllr Hiley (work) and Cllr Reynolds, County. Clerk reported that Cllr Pinchen had regretfully submitted her resignation from the Council due to heavy work commitments.

### **06/30. Members' declarations of interests**

Cllr Godby items 6/39 and 6/40 (prejudicial); Cllr Meek item 6/40 (prejudicial).

### **06/31. Open Session for Public**

Standing orders were suspended, prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Moore, carried *nem con*. No member of the public spoke; a verbal report was received from Cllr Bygott.

### **06/32. Standing Orders reinstated**

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Ford-Smith and carried *nem con*.

### **06/33. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 7 June 2006**

Amendment to item 06/25.ii to read Thornton Road. With this amendment Cllr Gordon prop, sec Cllr Godby, carried *nem con* and signed.

### **06/34. Matters arising from the minutes**

06/25.i The Clerk has requested the landlord not to place signs on the footpath.  
06/25.ii SCDC are investigating the advertising hoarding. The Clerk has reminded SCDC that the Thornton Road sign is still missing.  
06/25.iii Transco have completed the works.  
06/25.iv. The Post Office supply a relief post master if adequate warning can be given.

### **06/35. Planning**

No plans had been received.

#### **PERMISSIONS**

1. 2 external air conditioner condenser units at Unit 3, Wellbrook Court, Girton for Electricity Supply Nominees Ltd, S/1993/05/F
2. Chimney at 6 Sterndale Close, Girton for N Smith, S/0760/06/F

### **06/36. Additions to the Standing Orders**

Cllr Taylor proposed an amendment that paragraph 3 of the proposed Additions be modified to read

**“Amounts to the value of £500.** The Sub-committees of the Parish Council should be allocated an annual budget. They may make commitment of funds up to £500 for goods

or services provided it is within their budget. The decision should be minuted. There are no requirements for seeking three quotations. The Clerk, with the approval of two Councillors, may make commitments of funds up to £500 without the need to refer to the full Council."

Sec Cllr Hodgkinson. 9 in favour; 1 against; 1 abstention. With this amendment the Additions were approved; prop Cllr Ford-Smith, sec Cllr Moore. 10 in favour; 1 against.

#### **06/37. Planning**

That arrangements be made for Plans to be available to Councillors over the weekend before the Council Meeting, and that all who are able view the plans and record their opinions during this period; the others making private arrangements to view them before the meeting.

Cllr Meek prop and Cllr Taylor sec an amendment to the end of the proposal "that plans be available for 15 minutes prior to the Parish Council meeting." 9 in favour; 2 against. Cllr Meek prop the motion with this amendment, sec Cllr Gordon. Approved unanimously.

#### **06/38. Frequency of Parish Council meetings.**

Following discussion Cllr Gordon prop, sec Cllr Hodgkinson an amendment that the Council continue to meet every three weeks on a Wednesday evening to be reviewed in 3 months. 8 in favour; 1 against; 2 absentions.

#### **06/39. Election of Parish Council member to the Standards Committee.**

(Cllr Godby absent). After a single transferable vote to assess the mind of the Council, it was proposed that the Council vote for Cllr Godby. Prop Cllr Bullman, sec Cllr Taylor *nem con*.

#### **06/40. Contribution to the Cotton Hall Foundation** (Cllrs Godby and Meek absent).

Cllr Moore proposed that Standing Orders be suspended for a presentation on the topic from Will Adam and Alice Few. Sec Cllr Ford-Smith, carried unanimously. Standing Orders were then reinstated (prop Cllr Gordon, sec Cllr Tutt, carried unanimously). The motion that the Parish Council contribute £10,000 to the Cotton Hall Foundation for its refurbishment project was prop Cllr Bullman, sec Cllr Gordon, carried unanimously. (Contribution to be made under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 from the Precept.)

#### **06/41. That the Council approve expenditure of up to £750+ VAT for replacement of the cricket square booster pump.**

Cllr Moore prop, sec Cllr Tutt to accept the quotation from John Gaunt Pumps to a maximum cost of £610. Carried *nem con*. (From Recreation Centre funds.)

#### **06/42. Reports from Parish Councillors**

1. Cllr Godby enquired whether the Council were able to put tickets on badly parked cars. Cllr Meek said the Council had been advised not to in order to avoid being accused of damaging a car.
2. Cllr Mayfield complained about the cars parked at the top of Thornton Road. The Clerk said this had been a problem for many years but that she had recently spoken to PSCO Cole about it who was going to look at the problem.
3. Cllr Tutt enquired whether PC Misik had carried out any speed tests in the village recently. The Clerk said she would make some enquiries.

#### **06/43. Reports from Other Groups**

- a) **Girton Town Charity.** Cllr Hiley's apologies had been noted.
- b) **Youth Works.** Cllr Meek had nothing to report.
- c) **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** Cllr Starling's apologies had been noted.

#### **06/44. Correspondence**

1. SCDC – Northstowe Member Briefings – letter distributed
2. St John's Ambulance – Open Garden at Gretton Court, Girton 25 June 2 -5pm
3. CALC – On Association of Burial Authorities Conference

#### **06/45. Payments**

<b>Payments</b>	<b>GPC 30 May '06</b>				
<b>Cq no.</b>	<b>Paid To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>net</b>
<b>1011743</b>	Laurence Letchford	Computer advice	98.40		98.40
<b>1744</b>	Girton Recreation Centre	VAT refund 1/1/06-31/03/06	747.86		747.86
<b>1745</b>	Cambridge Sport Surfaces	Refurbishment of MUGA	7,285.00	1,085.00	6,200.00
<b>1746</b>	Helen Bracey	Clerks wages	571.16		571.16
<b>1747</b>	Inland Revenue	tax and NI month 3	123.13		123.13
<b>1748</b>	British Telecommunications plc	Phone charges + charge for broadband router	168.23	25.05	143.18
<b>1749</b>	Cambridge Water Company	Half-yearly water charges	204.89		204.89
<b>1750</b>	W H Constable & Co. Ltd	Replace broken glass in bus shelter	49.55	7.38	42.17
<b>1751</b>	ntl Ltd	Phone charges	65.05	9.69	55.36
			9,313.27	1,127.12	8,186.15

<b>Payments</b>	<b>GRC 21 June '06</b>				
<b>Cq no.</b>	<b>Paid To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>net</b>
<b>300482</b>	Vitax Limited	Whitelining paint for use on Rec Ground	179.78	26.78	153.00
<b>483</b>	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance for May 06	496.44	73.94	422.50
<b>484</b>	Norman Lewell	Security/maintenance officer fees	252.00		252.00
<b>485</b>	Stuart Turnock	Cleaner's fees	240.00		240.00
<b>486</b>	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages + expenses	497.51		497.51
<b>487</b>	Chapman and Tabor	Removal of skateboard ramp and base	490.00		490.00
			2,155.73	100.72	2,055.01

Prop Cllr Moore, sec Cllr Tutt, carried *nem con*.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.