

# Girton Parish Council

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## Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 20 September 2006

**Present:** M Wilson (Chairman), D de Lacey (Vice-Chairman), W Barrett, J Ford-Smith, V Godby, R Gordon, R Hiley, R Hodgkinson, J Mayfield, A Meek, P Starling, M Taylor.

Cllr Reynolds, County to item 97.5. 5 members of the public (noise from Recreation Ground car park and planning issue). PSCO Cole and PSCO Bunyan to item 97.3. Mrs A Bonnett from item 97.4 to 97.5 (Chair, Girton Glebe School Governors).

### 06/95 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bullman and Cllr Tutt.

### 06/96. Members' declarations of interests

Cllr de Lacey declared a personal interest in item 101.

### 06/97. Open Session for Public

Cllr de Lacey prop to suspend Standing Orders, sec Cllr Godby, carried *nem con*.

**1. Members of the Public.** A resident addressed the Council with regards to the noise pollution emanating from the Recreation Ground car park. A recent incident was reported to the Department of Environmental Health. PSCO Cole responded by saying that the police had received only 5 reported complaints in the past year and that it was very important that incidents were reported at the time. Cllr Starling noted that this was an on-going problem and had been reported on several occasions to the police. Following a discussion PCSO Cole said she would pay particular attention to the problem. Cllr Barrett also reported that it appeared that on several occasions recently the youths were driving from the car park to St Vincent's Close where music and noise was causing a nuisance between 1am- 4am. This had been reported to the police.

The resident from 4 High Street gave an explanation of the proposed planning application at 2 High Street.

**2. Police report.** PCSO Cole read out a list of incidents from September 1. These included 5 shed burglaries; 4 thefts of cycles; 2 vehicles stolen; 1 theft from golf club; 1 burglary at The George Inn. Cllr Godby reported the parking problem on the Woodlands Park triangle.

**3. District Councillors' reports.** There were none.

**4. County Councillor's report.** Cllr Reynolds answered questions on the Guided Bus consultative meetings; the issue of the lack of policing in the village and the green belt between Girton and the City. He also reminded the Council of the forthcoming *Future Growth in North West Cambridge* exhibition being held in Girton on October 6.

**5. A verbal report from the Chair of Girton Glebe School Governors.** Mrs Bonnett clarified the situation with regard to the pupil admissions policy at the school (report attached). Additional comments raised were:

1. Currently 9 Girton children from catchment area cannot get into the school because it is full. There are no plans in process to increase the capacity of Girton Glebe school.
2. A few years ago, when new housing developments were planned an error was made whereby the capacity of Glebe school was overstated by 10% (20 places). As result of this additional educational funding was diverted to IVC. Since the error was noticed the Glebe School has not received any funding to compensate for the effects of the error.
3. New houses continue to be built which can only exacerbate the situation.

#### **06/98. Standing Orders reinstated**

Standing Orders reinstated prop Cllr Gordon, sec Cllr de Lacey carried *nem con*.

#### **06/99. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 30 August 2006**

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Meek prop, Cllr Gordon sec, carried *nem con*.

#### **06/100. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none.

#### **06/101. Planning Applications**

1. S/1669/06/F: 6 dwellings and garages, 2 High Street & land r/o 4 & 6 High Street. Refused as per the original application: over-development of site; significant change in the nature of this quiet, sensitive part of the village; the site is next to a junction of three roads and this multi-use access will create a difficult junction with the existing roads. Recommend CCC Highways view the site.

##### Planning Permissions (for information only)

2. S/1270/06/F: Extensions, Howelands, Huntingdon Road. Noted.
3. S/1262/06/F: Alterations to wall and gates, 67 High Street. Noted.
4. S/1343/06/F: Extensions, 2 Bandon Road. Noted.
5. S/1356/06/F: Extensions, 13 Northfield. Noted.

##### Planning Refusals (for information only)

6. S/1293/06/F: Extension, Trinity Farm, Huntingdon Road. Noted.
7. S/0430/06/F: Erections of 6 dwellings, 2 High Street and land r/o 4 & 6 High Street. Noted.

#### **06/102. To name membership of the Planning Committee**

Cllr Wilson proposed to establish a planning committee which will make recommendations on behalf of the Parish Council on all planning applications except those deemed as exceptional which will be referred to full Council, with the proposed membership being Cllr Ford-Smith, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Meek, Cllr Godby, Cllr Gordon and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio. The Agenda and minutes will be circulated to all Parish Councillors. Cllr de Lacey sec, voted 11 in favour, 1 against.

#### **06/103. To agree the operating procedures of the Finance Committee**

The circulated document (attached) was agreed. Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Meek, voted 11 in favour, 1 absention.

#### **06/104. To confirm membership and responsibilities of the Wellbrook Way Development Committee**

The following members were agreed: Cllrs Bullman, Barrett, de Lacey, Hiley, Meek and Wilson plus a member of the Recreation Ground Committee, with the power to co-opt if necessary. Cllr Meek prop, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, carried *nem con*. The circulated responsibilities and procedures were agreed as follows:

##### **Responsibilities**

The Committee will be responsible for the development of all facilities likely to be administered by the Parish Council. This will include the development of the Community Land, the LEAP and other open areas in the Wellbrook development.

##### **Procedures**

Operating procedures will be developed as the committee progresses, but will include regular reporting back to the full Parish Council.

**06/105. To receive the quotations below for the construction of a trench to improve the drainage of the MUGA as follows:**

L J Parker £485 + VAT (=£569.88)

Chapman and Tabor £690

Coulson Building Group £728 + VAT (=£855.40)

The Recreation Ground Committee prop that the Council accept the quotation from L J Parker. Sec Cllr Meek, carried *nem con*.

**06/106. That the Council approve an expenditure of up to £600 for repairs to play equipment**

The Recreation Ground Committee prop, sec Cllr de Lacey, carried *nem con*.

**06/107. Reports from Parish Councillors**

1. Cllr Starling reported that Orchard Close had won 'Best Kept Gardens in Sheltered Accommodation'.
2. Cllr Hiley reported that he had received an enquiry from a prospective buyer at Wellbrook Way regarding the status of the 5m buffer strip on the southern side of the development and the inclusion of a maintenance access route. He suggested that the Council write to SCDC to emphasise that the Parish Council have no intention of taking on an access route.
3. Cllr Mayfield reported that following some enquiries regarding tree planting on the verges at Thornton Close, the Clerk had been informed that CCC Highways would maintain the trees but would not buy them. Cllr Mayfield asked whether the Parish Council had money to buy some trees. The issue was directed to the Open Spaces Committee.
4. Cllr de Lacey reported he had attended the Coroner's Inquiry into the death of the cyclist at Girton Corner.

**06/108. Reports from Other Groups**

1. **Girton Town Charity:** Cllr Hiley reported one grant of interest to the Council which had been paid to Orchard Close to underwrite an outing to Great Yarmouth.
2. **Youth Works:** Nothing to report
3. **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** Cllr Starling reported that he had met the Rights of Way Officer to discuss Footpath No 1. It transpired that the gate at the top of the footpath needed to be replaced with a gate to incorporate wheelchair access. Cllr Starling said he hoped to have a firm proposal for the next meeting.

**06/109. Correspondence**

1. J Wheatley – rubbish dumping at Recreation Ground car park.
2. CALC – AGM Bulletin. Noted.
3. CPRE – East of England development campaign. Noted.
4. CCC – Cambridgeshire scrutiny – working to improve services for Cambridgeshire people. Noted.
5. South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership newsletter. Noted
6. COPE – Cambridge Older People's Enterprise – information. Noted
7. Cambridgeshire ACRE 2005 – 2006 Annual Review. Noted
8. DEFRA – Rural Services Review. Noted.

**06/110. That payments for the period 24 August - 13 September 2006 be approved**

Payments	GPC 13 September '06				
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
1011768	SCDC	Quarterly charge for trade waste collection	138.65	20.65	118.00
1769	Town & Country Tree Surgery Company	Work to trees on Smithy Green and Hibbert Ware	141.00	21.00	120.00
			279.65	41.65	238.00

Payments	GRC 13 September '06				
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
<b>300513</b>	CMR Wilson	Work on Recreation Ground	180.00		180.00
<b>514</b>	Bishops of Histon	x 2 padlocks for gates at Recreation Ground	21.98	3.27	18.71
<b>515</b>	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance for August 06	531.69	79.19	452.50
<b>516</b>	A to Z Supplies	x1 safety storage cabinet for petrol + pavilion supplies	277.49	41.32	236.17
<b>517</b>	UK Sprayers	Recreation Ground contract spraying	411.25	61.25	350.00
			<b>1,422.41</b>	<b>185.03</b>	<b>1,237.38</b>

Payments were approved, prop Cllr Mayfield, sec Cllr Godby, carried *nem con*.

The meeting closed at 2120hrs.