

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 December 2007 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, 7.30pm

Present: D de Lacey (Chair), W Barrett (from 196.4), E Bullman, J Ford-Smith (to 07/205), V Godby, R Gordon, R Hiley, R Hodgkinson (from 196.4), R Martin, J Mayfield, L Sparling, C Starling, P Starling, M Wilson

Action/Power

Cllr J Reynolds was present until item 196.6.

07/194 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Taylor.

07/195 Members' declarations of interests

None given but Cllr de Lacey explained his expenses listed under payments.

07/196 Open Session for Public

Cllr de Lacey prop to suspend Standing Orders, sec Cllr Bullman, carried unanimously.

1. **Members of the Public.** No speakers.
3. **Police report.** No report received.
4. **District Councillors' reports.** Nothing to report.
5. **County Councillor's report.** Cllr Reynolds had previously circulated his monthly report. He also reported that the Northstowe planning application had been submitted. As he understands it the developer does not expect houses to be occupied until August 2010 and the improvements to the A14 will not be started until the middle of 2010. In response to a question about the number of dwellings he said the original number proposed was between 8,000-10,000 and that it would be impossible to say whether the current figure of 9,500 will increase. However owing to delays there is currently expected to be a shortfall of 1500 dwellings which cannot be made up except by use of exception sites.
6. **Girton Town Charity.** Nothing to report.
7. **Youth Works.** Cllr Hiley reported that the Town Charity has agreed to fund the youth worker for another year, making this the fourth year of funding.
8. **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** Cllr Starling reported that Cllr de Lacey, P Duthie (CCC) and himself had met with Dr M Bate of Girton House to discuss the gate at the entrance to the Girton-Histon footpath (the gate being on land owned by M Bate). Whilst being very much in favour of improving access to the footpath, M Bate had some concerns that a new gate might make the access easier for motorbikes. The meeting resulted in M Bate agreeing to a new kissing gate to replace the current squeeze-style gate, with the proviso that if the new gate does not deter motorbikes from the footpath it be replaced.

07/197 Standing Orders reinstated

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous.

07/198 Unconfirmed Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 21 November 2007

The minutes were approved. Prop Cllr Martin, sec Cllr Ford-Smith, 12 in favour, 2 abstentions.

07/199 Matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk has taken action on all the items arising from the minutes (marked HB).

07/200 That the Council approve the production of a letter which Councillors can use to alert householders of overgrown hedges on their property

Cllr de Lacey read out the following text: *The Parish Council would like to request that you cut*

back the hedge/tree on your land that is overhanging the footpath and causing an obstruction to pedestrians. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Prop Cllr Godby, sec Cllr Mayfield. Cllr Mayfield prop an amendment to read 'causing an obstruction *and danger*'; sec Cllr de Lacey, 11 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention. Cllr Starling prop an amendment to add 'to cut back to your boundary', sec Cllr Hiley, 11 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions. On voting for the final wording to read *The Parish Council would like to request that you cut back to your boundary the hedge/tree on your land that is over hanging the footpath and causing an obstruction and danger to pedestrians.* The motion was carried 12 in favour with 2 abstentions.

HB

07/201 That the Council note the resignation of one Trustee of the Girton Town Charity and approve the appointment of a replacement

Cllr Hiley said that the wording of the Agenda item was incorrect as it is not a motion but a Notice to give Councillors advance notification of the resignation of a Trustee and the appointment of a new one. He said that M Woodisse will resign from 31 January and the Town Charity would like to propose that the Parish Council should appoint Mr Bryan Pycock as Treasurer and Parish Councillor Trustee. To be an Agenda item at the January meeting.

Jan Agenda

07/202 That the Council approve a donation of £175 each to St Vincent's Close and Orchard Close Community Centres

Cllr de Lacey noted that the figure on the Budget for this donation was £305 which he suspects was a misprint that should have read £350. Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Ford-Smith carried 12 in favour, 2 abstentions.

LGA 1972

Jan payments

07/203 That the Council approve the recommendations of the Budget Committee for the 2008/09 Budget and Precept

As Chairman of the Budget Committee Cllr Hiley proposed to request a Precept of £69,000, a 3.01% increase (probably a total £40.70 per householder based on current housing stock estimates). Carried 13 in favour, 1 abstention. Cllr Ford-Smith thanked Cllr Hiley for his skilled chairing of the Budget Committee.

HB

07/204 That reports from Parish Councillors be received

1. Cllr Godby commented on the number of cars parked after dark facing the wrong way.
2. Cllr C Starling commented on prospective post office closures in East Anglia. He also reported on a complaint he had received from a resident regarding the Citi 6 bus service. The Clerk was asked to write to Stagecoach supporting the complaint.
3. Cllr Mayfield reported a missing street sign in Thornton Road.
4. Cllr Hiley asked the Clerk to remind the District Council street sweepers to clean the bicycle lane on Girton Road next to the A14 bridge.
5. Cllr Gordon reported that the County Council have replaced the bright street lamp bulb in Pepys Way with a lower watt bulb.
6. Cllr de Lacey reported that the Joint Action Group had had a useful meeting with senior officers from SCDC to talk about transport implications on Northstowe.

Police

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07/192 Correspondence

1. The Cooperative Bank – administration charge for stopping cheque
2. Andrew Lansley – Night Owl lorry parking facility
3. Andrew Lansley – A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton improvements
4. Paul Cook, CCC – Briefing on tackling congestion. Note: further discussions with Mr Cook have resulted in a consultation in Girton on 12 February 2008
5. SCDC – Housing futures
6. SCDC – Parish Plan Statement (to go to Cllr JFS)
7. Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum – list of local meetings
8. SCDC – Parish Council Toolkit and Standards Committee Newsletter. Noted
9. CCC – Consultation on the Introduction of the National Standard Planning Application Form (1APP) Completed by Clerk
10. Andrew Lansley – NW Cambridge AAP. Noted
11. SCDC – Milestones and Mileposts (to go to B Parnwell)

JFS

12. SCDC – Northstowe Member Briefing 11 December
13. James Barnard – Thanks for organising the Memorial Sunday Ceremony
14. ACRE Community Action Magazine – significant article on preserving community facilities for posterity (copies to go to Cllrs MW and CRH)
15. CCC – Initial response to Minor Highways application (speed reduction and interactive signs for outside the terms of reference for the scheme)
16. Andrew Lansley – Details of his response to NW Cambridge AAP Consultation
17. Patrick Joyce, County Cycling Officer – Request for suggestions on cycle paths as part of NIAB planning
18. CCC, Peter Duthie – Histon-Girton footpath improvements
19. CCC, Sarah Shepherd - Questions about the gate and disability access at Manor Farm
20. CCC, Bob Menzies – Explanation of why Gatehouse Road cannot be reopened except over Christmas
21. CCC – Parish Paths Partnership application form 08/09
22. SCDC – Education in Northstowe. Noted

HB

07/206 That payments for the period 15 November to 12 December 2007 be approved

Payments	19-Dec-07	Combined PC/Rec payments			
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
1917	P A Collacott & Co	Repairs to vandalised light in car park	110.14	16.40	93.74
1918	C M R Wilson	Work on Recreation Ground + expenses	423.82		423.82
1919	Greenbarnes Ltd	Noticeboard for Co-op	1,838.83	273.87	1,564.96
1920	Helen Bracey	Clerks wages (month 8)	717.34		717.34
1921	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI month 8	291.01		291.01
1922	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages (month 8) + expenses	541.42		541.42
1923	Norman Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer fees	420.00		420.00
1924	Paul Laston Garden Services	Grass cutting of open spaces 1/3/07-31/10/07	3,068.25		3,068.25
1925	Mr P Hacker	Travel expenses to attend Northstowe mtngs	32.00		32.00
1926	Mr P Hacker	Travel expenses to attend Northstowe mtngs	22.00		22.00
1927	Tricia Laura Designs	Deposit for curtains	200.00		200.00
1928	CALC	Cllr Professional Development course	70.00		70.00
1929	Marmax Products Ltd	x 1 bench	373.65	55.65	318.00
1930	Nigel Childs	Cleaning fee 5 Nov-30 Nov	470.00	70.00	400.00
1931	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance Nov07	529.49	78.86	450.63
1932	True Value Histon Hardware	Pavilion supplies	52.94	7.88	45.06
1933	Cambridge Water Co	Water charges	214.99		214.99
1934	Cotton Hall Foundation	Hire of Cotton Hall meeting room	22.50		22.50
1935	Tamla Sparkes	Litter picker	60.00		60.00
1936	Vitax Ltd	Whitelining paint	192.36	28.65	163.71
1937	J Wells	Install dog bin and work at Pavilion	158.78		158.78
1938	Douglas de Lacey	Electric socket	7.98		7.98
			9,817.50	531.31	9,286.19

Cllr Barrett commented that T Sparkes and N Lewell must submit proper invoices in future. With this noted payments were approved, Cllr Mayfield prop, sec Cllr Hiley, 12 in favour, 2 abstention.

The meeting closed at 2030hrs.