

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Girton Parish Council on Wednesday 21 September 2011 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs de Lacey (in the Chair), Bromwich, Clift, Cockley, Garner, Godby, Gordon, Hiley (from Item 11/107.4 and as below), Martin, Noble, Taylor, Thorrold, Westley (from item 11/110.1)
Cllr Tom Bygott (SCDC) (to item 11/108)
Mr J Fisher, S106 Officer at SCDC (to item 11/108)
5 members of the Public, 2 PCSOs (to item 11/107.4)
In attendance: Natalie Stone (RFO)

11/104 Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Mr Fisher for his presence. He also acknowledged the work of former Councillor Suzan Ziobro who has resigned, in particular her chairing of the Sport and Recreation Committee.

11/105 Apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr Johnson had presented his apologies and the Chairman accepted his reasons. County Cllr Reynolds had also presented apologies. The Clerk presented apologies and the RFO agreed to take notes.

11/106 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

Cllrs Hiley and Gordon declared an interest in item 11/110.12 and Cllr Hiley announced his intention to leave the meeting for this item.

11/107 Public Participation session on agenda items & matters of mutual interest:

1. Members of the Public:
None wished to speak
2. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*):
Cllr Reynolds had presented his apologies.
3. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*):
Cllr Bygott presented the Council with more copies of the transport leaflet.
4. Police Report
PCSO Mani noted that there was little to report. A shoplifter from the Co-Op had been identified and the recent spate of graffiti was being investigated.

At this point the Chairman sought permission to record proceedings in the absence of the Clerk, and brought forward Items 11/110.1 and 11/110.12.

11/110 1. To co-opt a Councillor to replace John Ash

A ballot was administered by the RFO, and Richard Westley was declared the winner. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Chairman welcomed him to the Council.

At this point Cllr Hiley left the meeting.

11/110 12. To authorise SCDC to negotiate with Taylor-Wimpey the Community Contribution and Establishment Sum for Wellbrook Way to be frozen at £127,195.92 and £95,000 respectively, provided that:

- (a) all public spaces be handed over to Girton Parish Council before the end of November 2011
AND (b) £42,398.64 of the Community Contribution and £25,000 of the Establishment Sum be paid on the transfer date
AND (c) £42,398.64 of the Community Contribution be paid on January 12 and £42,398.64 of the Community Contribution and £70,000 of the Establishment Sum be paid on March 12.
AND (d) £20,000 be paid on the transfer date in lieu of replacing failed planting around the Public Open Spaces and ameliorating the LEAP fences

AND (e) Taylor-Wimpey pay all Girton Parish Council's reasonable legal fees for renegotiation of the Unilateral Agreement.

Prop Cllr de Lacey sec Cllr Godby

With one amendment the motion was unanimously approved.

11/108 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 17 August 2011.

Prop Cllr Godby Sec Cllr Cockley

Approved with 3 abstentions.

11/109 Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. 11/95.1 Girton College has apologised for the disruption caused by fireworks.

The meeting re Woody Green has taken place: see Chairman's Report..

11/110 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council:

1. To co-opt a Councillor to replace John Ash

Brought forward: see above.

2. To approve the Charter for South Cambridgeshire Councils (*circulated*)

No comments were made on the wording of the Draft Charter.

3. To ask the Minister at the Department of Communities and Local Government to make the following planning policy/guidance to apply to large planning applications in the area of a Town or Parish Council:

1. That any applicant or representatives of any applicant who submits such an application that will have a significant effect on an area must, if requested by the Town or Parish Council attend a meeting of:

i) that Council to answer questions from elected councillors;

and

ii) a Town Meeting, should one be duly called, to answer questions from all electors.

2. That any applicant who submits such an application that will have a significant effect on an area must, if requested by the Town or Parish Council, or a Town Meeting, pay for the Council or Meeting to get an independent assessment carried out as to how the proposed development will affect the sustainability of the local communities.

Prop Cllr de Lacey Sec Cllr Gordon

Approved unanimously

4. To approve the wording for the signs for the Recreation Ground gates (*see Appendix C*)

Prop Cllr Gordon Sec Cllr de Lacey

Approved unanimously

5. That the Parish Council approves the use of Girton Recreation ground and the erection of a Marquee on it just prior to and over the weekend of 2nd to 5th June 2012 to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Prop Cllr Clift Sec Cllr Martin

Approved unanimously

6. To set the fees for the Tennis Club for 2011-2012 at £1794 plus £535 for the use of the MUGA, to be paid six-monthly in arrears.

Prop Sport & Recreation Committee

Approved unanimously

7. To approve a donation of £60 to the 2011 Poppy appeal (*S137, from the 'Donations' budget*)

Prop Cllr de Lacey Sec Cllr Thorrold

Approved with 1 abstention

8. To approve the plans drawn up by the Chairman of the Environment Committee for replacement of the willow at Woody Green roundabout (*see appendix D*) and to raise a public subscription to pay for it, any shortfall being drawn from the refurbishment fund, and any excess to be put into a maintenance fund for the roundabout.

Prop Cllr Gordon Sec Cllr de Lacey

It was suggested that the planting be dedicated to former Cllr Bill Parnwell

Approved unanimously

9. To approve the arrangements for signing contracts for 121 Girton Road outlined in our Solicitor's email of 7. 9. 2011 (*see Correspondence item 11/112.10*)

Prop Cllr de Lacey Sec Cllr Gordon

Approved with 1 abstention

10. To approve a response to the S Cambs Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership consultation (*to be circulated*)

No draft had been produced for approval. The Chairman suggested that the NHW Group should respond for the Village and this was agreed.

11. To recognise the formation of a Wellbrook Way Residents' Association as established at the meeting on 10. 9. 2011.

Prop Cllr de Lacey Sec Cllr Garner

Approved unanimously

12. To authorise SCDC to negotiate with Taylor-Wimpey the Community Contribution and Establishment Sum for Wellbrook Way to be frozen at £127,195.92 and £95,000 respectively, provided that:

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Brought forward: see above.

13. To approve further negotiations with SCDC over its Wellbrook land (*see Appendix E*)

Prop Cllr de Lacey Sec Cllr Cockley

Approved with 3 abstentions

At this point the Chairman sought permission to defer items 14 and 16 to the end of the meeting

14. That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item number 11/110.15 in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

Deferred: see below

15. To appoint a Clerk to the Council and agree contract details (*to be tabled*).

Deferred: see below

11/111 Finance & Resource Management:

At this point Cllr Hiley re-joined the meeting.

1. To approve payments from 21 July 2011 to 20 August.

Prop Cllr Martin Sec Cllr Thorrold

Approved with 3 abstentions

2. To approve the balance sheet. (*previously circulated*).

It was noted that the website had only the previous month's figures, but that the correct sheet had been circulated with the agenda. However since some Councillors had not noticed the August figures the Chairman deferred approval to the October meeting.

3. To receive the Finance Report from 1 April 2011 to 20 August 2011. (*previously circulated*). As item 2.

11/112 Correspondence received:

1. 13. 7. 2011: SCDC: Grounds Maintenance of SCDC-owned land

2. 15. 8. 2011: Parishioner: copy letter to Girton College re firework noise, and College response

3. 22. 8. 2011: University of Cambridge: response to points raised by GPC

4. 27. 8. 2011: Histon & Impington Jubilee Trek: notification of walk through Girotn

5. 5. 9. 2011: Savills: notification of relocation of St John's agent

6. 8. 9. 2011: Cambs CC: information re winter maintenance
7. 20. 8. 2011: Parishioner: report of regular fly-tipping
8. 1. 9. 2011: SCDC: papers relating to Northstowe Parish Forum
9. 1. 9. 2011: Girton Tennis Club: correspondence over fees
10. 7. 9. 2011: DMH Stallard LLP: request re sale of land at Weavers Field
11. 25. 7. 2011: SCDC: proposal re sale of SCDC land at Wellbrook Way
12. 6. 9. 2011: Cllr Ziobro: letter of resignation from the Council
13. 12. 9. 2011: SCDC: email regarding drainage survey

The Correspondence was circulated and its contents noted. Hope was expressed that foul drainage at Dodford Lane and Thornton would be included in the drainage survey.

11/113 To receive reports:

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix F*)
2. Girton Town Charity
Cllr Hiley reported that the contract for building the almshouses at Wellbrook Way should be signed very shortly.
3. Girton Youth Club (*Appendix G*)
4. Footpaths and Rights of Way
Cllr Bromwich reported that the Probation Team had trimmed the hedges on Footpath 4.

11/114 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes:

Planning Committee 17. 8. 2011 and 2. 9. 2011
These had been previously circulated.

11/115 Matters raised by Members:

Cllr Taylor noted the inadequacy of the streetlighting at the new NIAB junction.
Cllr Gordon reported that the flytipping at Wellbrook Way should be removed on 22. 9. 2011. He also requested more communication between the Environment and Sport & Recreation Committees.
Cllr Cockley raised the question of Christmas illuminations. Cllr Clift noted that some lights had been purchased for a trial and installed, and all members were asked to comment on them.

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Prop Cllr de Lacey Sec Cllr Garner
Approved unanimously

- 11/110 15. To appoint a Clerk to the Council and agree contract details (*to be tabled*).**
On the recommendation of the appointments working group the Chairman proposed that a contract be offered to Mrs S Cumming, and proposed a starting-point on the NALC spine. He also proposed that if Mrs Cumming achieved a qualification she should be awarded an increase of two points.
Approved unanimously.

The meeting closed at 2100 hrs

APPENDIX A

Dear All

Please find attached my latest County Report, there seems to even more to report on despite it being the August holiday season. Please feel free to send this email to any of your friends.

My apologies if you have already received this report.

Yours

John

List of reports

LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP WINS ENTERPRISE ZONE SCHEME

SUPERFAST BROADBAND PROJECT GETS GO AHEAD FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE

A NEW STATION COULD BE BUILT IN CHESTERTON

BUZZ-INESS IS BOOMING IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE AT NEWS OF ENTERPRISE ZONE

CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S NESTA EGG COULD HELP HATCH TRANSPORT PLANS IN UK

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

TAKE THE HIGH ROAD OR THE LOW ROAD, WE CAN HELP - FOR FREE

PUPILS JOIN MPS IN FAIRER FUNDING CAMPAIGN

SUSPENDED SENTANCE FOR SELLING COUNTEREIT GOODS

A14 PROGRESS REPORT

NEW TIP RAISES THE ROOF

Busway News

WORK BEGINS ON FINAL SECTION OF BUSWAY CYCLE LINK

A PAIN-FREE RIDE TO ADDENBROOKE'S WITH THE BUSWAY

A GLIDING SUCCESS AS PASSENGERS FLOCK TO BUSWAY

BOOMING BUSWAY AS OPERATORS CONFIRM EXTRA SERVICES

BUS PASS RENEWAL IMPROVEMENTS HELP YOU SIT BACK AND RIDE

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TRIPS ON BUSWAY IN FIRST MONTH

(The full report is held electronically.)

APPENDIX B

Report to Girton Parish Council by District Councillor Douglas de Lacey

12. 9. 2011

No sooner had I patted myself on the back for improving the cycle lane through the NIAB site than the works moved on and the lane changed dramatically for the worse. By the time you read this the final road markings should be in place. My discussions enabled me to establish a good relationship with the foreman. So do notify me of any further problems with the NIAB site. The foreman and his team helped Cllr Gordon and me to take a careful of the road planings for the trench across the footpath past Town End Close, which is now much improved.

The JDCC met on 10 August, largely to decide on the removal of Condition 46 to the planning permission for NIAB 1. This restricted the number of dwellings to 350 dwellings until substantial improvements were made to the A14: its removal would permit the entire site to be developed. The developers have run new modelling of the Cambridge Sub Region Transportation Model (CSRM) and proposed that this demonstrates that A14 amelioration is unnecessary as the site will itself reduce demand; the Highway Authority has agreed.

I questioned the evidential basis of the modelling and argued that one major concern should be traffic levels on the Huntingdon Road. Rather to my surprise my comments sparked an extensive debate, continuing even though after about 90 minutes the legal officer ruled that the JDCC now had no power to retain the Condition. Eventually the discharge was approved unanimously but it is good to see the members taking our concerns so seriously.

After a robust debate over the leadership of the CCWG which I mentioned some months ago, we now seem to be beginning to make a difference. We had a detailed investigation of our proposed Climate Change Action Plan (which can be viewed at <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/environment/energy/climatechangeactionplan.htm>) and agreed to propose it for adoption by Council. One aspect of it is the installation of solar PV panels on the roof of the SCDC building which is already at an advanced planning stage. However, the whole Plan crucially depends on staff availability and in these days of swingeing staff cuts this will continue to be a concern

Negotiations continue between SCDC Officers and Taylor-Wimpey over the details of the hand-over of the public land at Wellbrook. Regular briefings suggest these are going well. I hope we may also be in a position to finalise our purchase of the extra SCDC land, though problems remain.

Plans for the redevelopment of the bungalow at 25 Hicks Lane proved very controversial and went before the planning committee on 7 September. I spoke about glaring inaccuracies in the applicant's documents, and the incongruity of such an ultra-modern design in this location. The committee was evenly split, and the chairman (who had already expressed a liking for metal roofs and modern architecture) decided the issue with a casting vote in favour.

The meeting to establish the Wellbrook Residents' Association was small but enthusiastic and I hope the Parish Council will be happy to support it.

I was informed by a resident of Orchard Close that a build-up of rubbish was harbouring rats, and referred the matter to Environmental Health. After a detailed inspection they determined that the problem is actually overgrown and unkempt gardens nearby

South Cambs DC is hosting an open day on Friday 7 October in the square outside its Cambourne offices. From 9.30 to 4.30 officers from various of our services will be available to explain their function and answer questions. The Council has also produced a booklet detailing all the community transport schemes in the area and how to access them. Copies are available from the South Cambs website, at the Parish office and the doctors' surgery.

Douglas de Lacey .

APPENDIX C

The sign below was considered by the Sport and Recreation Committee at its last meeting. An amendment was proposed to the wording of the second paragraph, so as to read 'Please will dog walkers follow the signed route'. With this wording the sign was approved and is now recommended to Council. However this leaves cyclists unclear as to their route to the footpath or proposed BMX facility, and the Chairman of the Environment Committee wishes to propose an amendment that the initial wording be retained.

12" X 8"



APPENDIX D

Duck End / Woody Green Planting and Refurbishment

I have met with and spoken to several residents of Woody Green, Duck End and other parishioners about the replanting of the Duck End green now that the willow tree has gone. Based on their comments and suggestions I propose the following:-

I have in my garden a quantity of oak trees that were planted as acorns by children attending the Cotton Tails play group in the early 1990's one of these will be planted near to where the old willow stump is situated. These trees are about 2 metres high and because it will take many years before it grows to a reasonable size other trees will be planted to give year round interest.

A Lime *Tiliacordata* 'Winter Orange' it's twigs turn orange in the autumn and stay this colour until the cool green leaves turn butter yellow before falling. In mid summer clusters of white flowers appear, set off by the lime green leaves.

A Mountain Ash or Rowan *Sorbus* 'Joseph Rock' this has cool green feather like leaves 's which, in the autumn turn blood red before falling and it has large clusters of bright orange fruit.

A Crab Apple *Malus tschonoskii* This a pillar shaped tree has silvery grey leaves when they appear in spring darkening to lush green in summer turning to shades of orange, purple, scarlet and yellow in autumn. In spring it has white tinged pink flowers and small yellow-red fruit in the autumn

A small clump of three Silver Birch *Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii* Doorenbos These birch are noted for their peeling white bark and are especially beautiful during the winter.

The whole area will have to be rotovated and re-seeded (I have already used a herbicide to kill the existing weeds) and a narrow bark path will cross the green. It has been noted that pedestrians are crossing the green when going to and from Woody Green towards High Street.

Planted in drifts among the grass will be spring bulbs such as dwarf daffodils, crocus and anemone blanda.

To keep the costs down the preparation and planting will be done by volunteers. Nearby residents have also volunteered to keep the trees watered during their first summer.

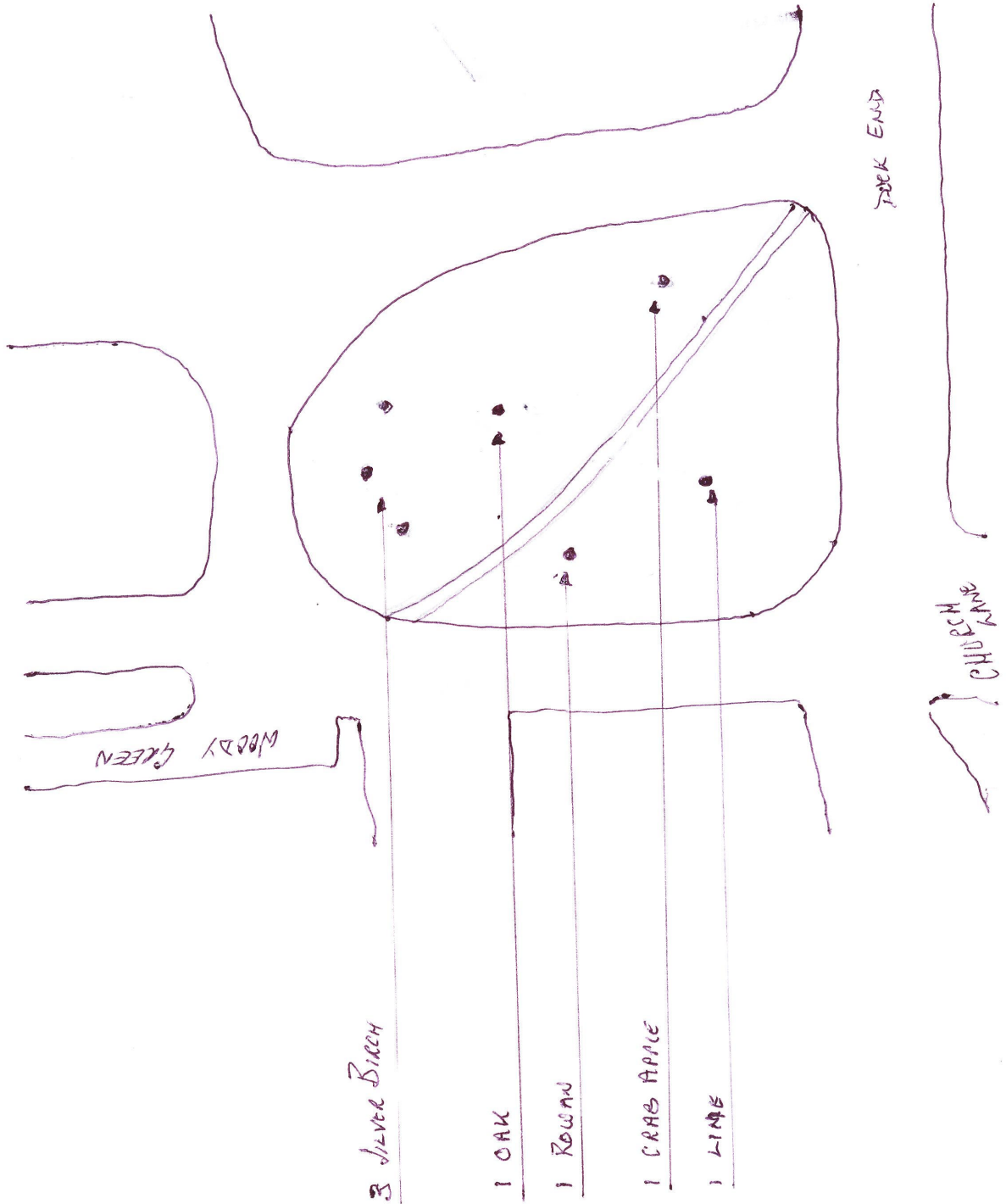
I estimate that the total cost will be less than £350 and some of this will be met by donations, one resident has already offered to pay for the Lime tree.

It has also been suggested that the oak tree or maybe the whole refurbishment be a memorial to Bill Parnwell who lived in Woody Green and was for many years a Parish Councillor who did much for the village.

Attached is a plan showing the proposed planting.

Ray Gordon
12 September 2011

PLANTING PLAN FOR DOCK END GREEN



APPENDIX E

South Cambs District Council wishes to sell the parcel of land it owns on Wellbrook Way.

Girton Parish Council is anxious that this land be preserved as community space and not developed for housing or offices. Being contiguous with the Community Land on Wellbrook Way, it offers itself for green open space (of which there is very little on the estate) or a carpark and/or community building, thus freeing up space on the Community Land for more green space.

When District Councillor de Lacey first discussed this possibility with the SCDC Portfolio Holder and relevant officers they agreed verbally that a value of 50% of the market value would be an appropriate charge; and the land had been valued at £250,000. However the Portfolio Holder has subsequently proposed a sale to the Parish Council for £165,000.

Meanwhile some of the neighbours have claimed adverse possession of parts of the red line area on the attached map; clarification will therefore have to be sought as to the precise area which the District Council can validly offer to the Parish as unencumbered

. The Parish Council therefore proposes to enter further negotiations with SCDC to secure a plot, whose precise boundary has to be agreed by all parties, to be developed for community use. It is further proposed that Girton Town Charity be invited to join the negotiations if the trustees deem it appropriate. The Parish Council hereby states that it is indifferent as to whether it or Girton Town Charity owns the land.

APPENDIX F

On 22 August Caroline Chivers met Cllr Gordon and myself, at our invitation, to discuss the state of the verge outside Town End Close, which is currently too rough to mow. It is also too overgrown at present to make a proper appraisal of the extent of the problem, but she has promised to return in January to see what she can do to help us. We are most grateful for this support.

By the time you receive this there should be 4 calves grazing the Reserve, and we are grateful to the University Farm for this. The trench across the footpath (Footpath 4) created when we laid water to Town End Close has now been filled by Cllr Gordon and myself with planings donated by the contractors working for the NIAB development.

Cllr Gordon called a public meeting to discuss the future of the Woody Green roundabout. Thanks to his wise chairmanship it was a very amicable affair and a straw poll at the end indicated a strong preference for a replacement with a single specimen oak. Cllr Gordon will now take this forward.

The meeting for Wellbrook Way residents attracted just 4 adults (and one child) but with two apologies for absence we agreed that was enough to form a committee. I hope the Council will recognise this and give it moral support. Meanwhile James Fisher continues the negotiations with Taylor-Wimpey.

I regret that I have had no time to take the traffic survey further forward, except to contact the County and confirm what Cllr Clift has already established, that the figures gathered by the County are of no value to us if we want to understand travel patterns in the village, or more significantly to mount a challenge to the modelling done for Northstowe or NW Cambridge -- it is too late to prevent the monstrosity at NIAB.

The Bus Shelter at the Recreation ground has been badly vandalised with paint and graffiti. The police have been informed and we shall clean, or re-paint, the shelter

Douglas de Lacey

APPENDIX G



Girton Youth Project – Report

Aim

Girton Town is situated in the north western part of Cambridge with about 1600 households, and 4500 people. Its history is closely linked to Cambridge, but with a community that considers it to be a town in its own right. There are no significant problems of anti social behaviour and the town is considered very low on the indices of deprivation. Girton has a few organisations based there including a Cambridge University college and a prominent language school. The young people who attend the youth club almost exclusively attend the local Girton Glebe Primary School or Impington Village College which is approximately 5 miles away.

The Youth Projects aim is to make interesting and engaging activities available to the youth of Girton; bringing together groups and promoting community cohesion, allowing them to feel more empowered and encouraging a sense of pride in their neighbourhood.

Outcomes

- The Girton community feel an ability to be involved in the direction of the project
- More young people from Girton become part of the youth project
- The young people feel they are developing a greater understanding of their surroundings through attending the clubs and events put on by GYP

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| Date | August 2011 |
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Outcome indicator

How many young people attended youth clubs?

| Date | Session numbers |
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| Thursday 11 th August | 13 |
| Thursday 18 th August | 8 |

| Date | Event/ Activity | Numbers |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| 29 th July | Trip – Alton Towers | 21 |
| 1 st August | Trip – Woburn Safari Park | 24 |
| 2 nd August | Trip – London | 10 |
| 3 rd August | Bouncy Castles on the rec | 50 |
| 4 th August | Movie Animation Day | 22 |
| 5 th August | BBQ and Water Fight | 38 |
| 19 th August | Trip – Wild tracks | 12 |
| 22 nd August | Trip – Beach | 28 |
| 23 rd August | Circus skills workshop | 18 |
| 24 th August | Fun day | 32 |
| 25 th August | Graffiti Art day | 27 |

Report against outputs

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| 1. Plan and run 2 successful, weekly youth club sessions that engage and supports questioning amongst attendants |
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| 2, weekly youth clubs | <p>Due to the numbers last summer and over Easter holidays, and due to the staff requests not to do an evening Youth Club after a full day activity, we reorganised the evening sessions for August.</p> <p>Monday sessions were cancelled because of a very small attendance in the past over the holidays and we will discuss with the young people and their parents about continuing to run Monday evening sessions over the summer and Easter holidays.</p> <p>Thursday sessions were held as usual on weeks where there were no activities and although attendance was comparatively low, the young people who attended seemed very grateful of something to do as they were complaining about being bored throughout the holidays. It was also an opportunity for the young people who have more complicated family lives to come to the project for sanctuary.</p> |
| 1 additional session | - |

2. Plan and deliver core activities throughout summer and Easter school holidays, including possibility

Residential – This was held from 2pm Friday 12th to 8pm Sunday 14th August. The venue was the same as last year, run by the international activity holiday providers PGL. The information was sent to all parents through permission letters given out to any young person interested in attending. A charge of £10 was levied to anyone who wanted to secure a place on the trip.

On advisement from the YMCA, three members of staff attended this year along with a volunteer from the older group. In the end 11 out of the initial 12 that signed up to the weekend attended. One person dropped out due to illness.

Due to the extra young people we were able to have extra rooms, allowing fewer problems with noise after hours. All the young people got on well despite there being a 4 year gap between ages, and because 6 had been before there was a strong sense of the more experienced ones taking responsibility for the first timers.

Unfortunately, the weekend didn't go without incident; one young person didn't make the trip due to illness, but I received a text from her mother saying she felt better on Friday night and could she bring her Saturday morning. This was arranged, but in the night her twin sister got ill with a vomiting virus, so on Saturday morning we had to do a swap. There was also an incident where a young person was told off by the PGL staff for a misdemeanour, but then took it very personally and expressed her anger by hitting a wall. She suffered bruises to her hand and wasn't allowed to do the activities on the Sunday. However, these were really comparatively minor incidents and didn't mar the predominantly very positive atmosphere throughout the weekend.

As with last time it has seemed a real highlight for staff and young people alike to go on this residential. It is still mentioned all the time at evening sessions and a video of some of the activities is now on the website.

The summer's activities –After the successes of last year's collaboration with Girton Glebe's Goose Club, we agreed to work together on some projects. The list of activities were picked from discussions with the staff and the young people on which have been the most popular to date and the dates were picked to ensure we didn't overlap with other opportunities available for the young people, such as the Baptist Church's activity week. We also staggered trips over the weekend to make sure the weeks activities weren't as gruelling as last year.

29th July – The trip to Alton towers was expensive, but very popular and oversubscribed very quickly. We managed to arrange a minibus and extra car to get everyone there. The real highlight of the trip was the large mix of age groups from 11 to 18 getting on surprisingly well. A really enjoyable day and should certainly become a regular offering.

1st August – This trip was done in collaboration with Goose Club, GYP paying for the minibus and Goose club paying for entry to the safari park. The ratio was 6 of our young people mixing with the rest of theirs. Although the numbers are smaller for us the benefits are quite far reaching. For instance, 2 of the girls that attended are doing a GCSE in Child Care and used the experience as their homework. Also, it means that the younger group get to know the staff from GYP and they become interested in attending youth club. The trip was considered very successful by the children because monkeys got on the roof of the minibus!

2nd August – The trip to London was probably the most difficult to organise and was the one to give me the most anxiety with arrangements to get to the station, taking the train to London, getting to the London Bridge Experience, walking along the Southbank and then taking the tube back to Liverpool street all within the hours specified on the train tickets. This was also the most anticipated trip for most of the 13 and 14 year olds. So when 6 didn't turn up we were all very disappointed that they hadn't let us know beforehand. Undaunted, we went anyway and had an amazing time! 3 had never been to London without their parents before and 1 hadn't been at all. I could tell that just walking around the streets, through Borough Market, having a sit down meal in a restaurant and seeing all the street performers was completely new for nearly all the group, including some of

the staff. The day became the absolute highlight for all of us, including me!

3rd August – Now the 4th time we have run a Bouncy Castle event, and as predicted it was just as large as ever with 50 young people counted during the day. Goose club came out and shared the day and we allowed parents and other children to get involved as a chance to promote the club.

4th August – This day was an indictment of the luck we had with the weather throughout the holidays because the rain was torrential! Simon, the artist hired for the day had come up with a really exciting animation project that meant working really on a huge scale. Unfortunately, 8 young lads didn't want to get involved, but due to the expertise of some of the staff we produced a separate movie with them at the same time. Both pieces of work are now complete and are on the ever expanding videos page of our website.

5th August – The second time we have run this type of day in collaboration with Goose, using the younger age group as a good deterrent for over aggressive behaviour. The BBQ was laid on by Goose Club and we provided the rest. It was an extremely high energy day and good to finish the week off with. There were no significant incidents and the day was also very good natured. Again, the weather was perfect!

19th August – Last year the second week of activities were much lower in numbers, so an emphasis was put on offering activities that the regular attendees really wanted. That said, the trip to Wildtracks was attended by 3 brand new faces and another 3 that haven't been seen since the spring. Battlefield Live is a laser based game where two teams get to shoot at each other in the woods. Although I had slight misgivings about the game initially, not least because the group was 50% female, it was a fantastic experience and one which everyone enjoyed. After the picnic we spent the afternoon driving on Quad bikes, which again was received very well. The entire group were also really interested in coming back and particularly wanted to go on the go-kart track.

22nd August – The second of our direct collaborations with Goose Club. Our initial intentions were to take the minibus and offer the extra spaces to Youth Club attendees, but the day became so popular that we decided to hire a 25 seater bus and driver and open it out to all. This proved successful and although the trip to Hunstanton was very long the day was a lot of fun. One of the highlights was seeing the youth club guys playing with the young ones, making sand castles etc.

23rd August – the Circus skills workshop was a disappointment. The day was arranged by Goose Club and to be delivered at the school. However, on the day the weather was bad, so we moved into the main hall. The Circus skills guys were late and we found out they had only been booked for 2 hours, not the 4 I had advertised which meant having to tell some parents they had to pick up their children early, they also didn't bring all the props we had expected. All this said the young people who attended really enjoyed themselves. On hind sight, we probably won't come in on one of Goose clubs projects at the school, the organisation level is significantly less than ours and hosting it at the primary school seems to deter those who don't attend the school.

24th August – Back to a more traditional Youth Club day, all the staff got very involved in a series of activities where two teams had to design t-shirts, organise names and then do a huge treasure hunt all around the Rec and Cotton Hall. After lunch, more team activities were played. All in all a very successful day, with older ones and younger ones working really well together, lots of new faces and the staff really coming together. After the disappointment of the previous day it really got everyone excited again.

25th August – Another Finale day which was requested by a few core people, but was actually really popular. The artist had a really good reputation and backed that up with a strong presence, he dealt well with the huge over subscription of the day and the staff all worked really hard to ensure that we could do some spray painting in the afternoon even though the weather was very bad. Despite that we managed to arrange a space where everyone got to do some painting, and the day was very well managed. Unfortunately, due to these factors, some paint did get on the floor outside Cotton Hall, but the cleaner was advised at the end of the day.

3. Develop effective partnerships with schools and other young peoples services in the county

The partnership with Goose Club has now become a regular thing and continues to help our club in terms of profile to the younger ones and helps their club who have a much smaller budget and often find projects prohibitive due to lack of staff. We are already discussing ideas for half term and more lunch time projects at the school. However, after this summer it has become clear that they are not as organised and using the school can put a lot of young people off. Therefore, we will only collaborate on trips or allow their members to come to our events in the future.

4. Design and deliver five, month long themed projects with input from young people and meeting their needs

An idea to deliver something specifically for the girls aged 14+ will be the focus for this term. We have noticed that many of that age group are still attending, but it is getting more sporadic. An idea to deliver a pamper evening, with makeup tips etc. would be a good incentive, but we will also invite a specialist in to have discussions about pregnancy and child birth. This may mean excluding the male attendees for a week or two, but we can organise something in another room for them.

5. Develop a pool of sessional and voluntary workers for the project

There have been no issues with staffing this summer. A days training was arranged before the summer activities for all volunteers interested in helping. And as well as the 4 sessional staff I also received regular support from 3 volunteers with the knowledge that they had a full understanding of safeguarding, child protection and health and safety.

Future planning

From September we will return to the usual format of evening sessions on Monday and Thursdays. I will continue to deliver workshops on Wednesday lunchtimes at Girton Glebe Primary school and I will continue to try to get into Impington Village College for at least a day. We are also planning another couple of day's activities during Half term, including another trip for the older ones and a Halloween party for the younger ones.

Girton Glebe school year 4's teacher has invited me into the school again and I hope to deliver a day's art workshop sometime around Christmas for them.

In an attempt to see how we actually did this summer I propose to send an email to the parents of all the participants of Youth Club to see what their overall feelings are, including ways we could improve the service. A full report of the responses will be sent in due course.

Summary

After an exhausting and exhilarating summer it is really nice to reflect on some of the activities we have done. The residential was an even bigger success than last year and the summer activities most fun when organised by us but delivered to as many young people as we can meet.

We took photos of all the activities and they have now been put on the website photos page, along with 3 new videos, 2 made by the young people and one produced from the footage taken at the PGL weekend residential.