

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th July, 2013 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton, at 7.30 p.m.

Residents in the parish were invited to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 13/89.2

Present: Cllrs: de Lacey (Chairman), Williams, Clift, Garner, Godby, Gordon, Noble, Simpson, Taylor (until end of item 13/92.5), Westley.

T Mann (SCDC), A Phillips (SCDC), M Whitehead (Bidwells), M Sperrin (Barratt Homes)

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk), N Stone (RFO)

13/86 Welcome from the Chairman The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially officers from South Cambs District Council and representatives from Bidwells and Barratt Homes.

13/87 Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bromwich, Cockley, Hiley and Thorrold, from County Councillor J Reynolds, District Councillor T Bygott, PCSO Mani and Mr L Taylor, and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.

13/88 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda Cllr Taylor works for Cambridge City Council, and so declared an interest in item 13/89.1

13/89 Public Participation session on agenda items & matters of mutual interest:

1. Update reports on the Darwin Green development from Tracy Mann and Andrew Philips of SCDC, Marcia Whitehead of Bidwells and Mark Sperrin of Barratt Homes.

Ms Mann spoke about the NW Cambridge development and Darwin Green 2 & 3. The SCDC Civic Affairs Committee oversees the formation of new parishes and community councils and looks at potential changes to parish boundaries. A community governance report will need to be carried out on Darwin Green 2 & 3, and as many options as possible are to be looked at regarding land ownership, management of open spaces etc. including the possibility of Girton incorporating the site. It was noted that governance is not the same as parish boundaries. Ms Mann and SCDC lawyers would be happy to speak with the parish council again. Concerns were raised by councillors regarding whether an expansion of Girton would affect the Local Plan. The Chairman thanked Ms Mann.

Ms Whitehead spoke about Darwin Green 2 & 3. Since she last spoke to the Parish Council in the winter, there have been a couple of exhibitions and the plans for the site are in the public domain. There will be a country park, an area of green between the development and Girton, key features of which will be a variety of balancing ponds for drainage, allotments, sports pitch provision and play facilities. It is planned to build approximately 1100 residential units. The secondary school comes on line with Darwin Green 1 and there will be a primary school for both Darwin Green 1 and 2. There will be pedestrian and cycle links to Wellbrook Way. The planned NIAB accommodation

bridge will become a public right of way leading through to Histon and Impington. Mr Sperrin answered questions regarding environmental impact of the site - Barratt Homes are carrying out a full ecological survey, and are obligated to provide the Country Park, with its enhanced habitats. 40% of dwellings will be affordable housing, with a mixture of rental and shared-ownership properties. There is no firm timetable for the Joint Development Control Committee to approve plans for buildings and green spaces. The Chairman thanked Ms Whitehead and Mr Sperrin. Ms Mann, Mr Phillips, Ms Whitehead and Mr Sperrin left the meeting at this point.

2. Members of the Public. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
3. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*) Cllr Reynolds' report was received. The Parish Council is to remind Cllr Reynolds about the pothole on Girton Road.
4. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) There were no questions arising from Cllr de Lacey's report.
5. Police Report (E-Cops) (*Appendix C*). Any concerns arising from the report will be forwarded by the Clerk.

13/90 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th June, 2013 (previously circulated). The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Garner and approved with two abstentions.

13/91 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

13/41 The Council's bid for a Local Minor Highways Improvements grant has been turned down (*see correspondence item 13/94.3*)

13/68.9 The cricket square water pump has been fitted. There had been a major problem with the tap, repaired by the groundsman, but the new pump is working well.

13/68.10 The outstanding S106 monies have been received from Taylor Wimpey.

13/79 The Chairman has written to Professor Martin to thank him for his service as a Parish Councillor (*see correspondence item 13/94.7*)

13/81.4 The Annual Return has been sent to the external auditors.

Noted by the Council.

13/92 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council

1. To elect a new Council Member to fill the vacancy left by Ron Martin. The Council had received expressions of interest from three candidates. Following an election, Mr Lee Taylor was elected. The other candidates were thanked for their interest and encouraged to stand at the parish council elections in 2014.

2. In the light of South Cambridgeshire District Council's decision to change the charging structure for trade waste collections from an annual fee to a per collection basis, to approve the reduction of trade waste collection from weekly to once a fortnight.

Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Godby. There will be a per-collection charge of £14. Approved unanimously.

3. To accede to a request from Girton Cricket Club for a reduced fee for the use of the Pavilion and cricket pitch for a Family Fun Day including a barbeque on 28th July. The proposed fee is £33.50 being the charge for an evening match as against the normal charge of £67.25 for an afternoon game (*see correspondence item 13/94.4*)

Proposed by Cllr Godby, seconded by Cllr Clift. The cricket square would still need the same maintenance as for a standard game, and there would need to be conditions if there was to be a barbeque. Last year the club had been charged the afternoon game rate for the event. The motion was turned down, with three votes in favour and seven votes against, and the Cricket Club will therefore be charged the afternoon game rate.

4. That motions for Council and Committee agendas be submitted in writing to the

Clerk before start of business eight working days before the date of the meeting. In cases of emergency, the Council Chairman (and Committee Chairman where appropriate) shall be consulted with a proposed wording for inclusion not later than five working days before the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Taylor. Approved with one abstention.

5. That the Council approve an approach to Histon and Impington Parish Council proposing the formation and submission of a joint response to the proposed A14 upgrade.

Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Westley. Parts of the proposed A14 works from Bar Hill to Milton will affect Histon and Impington, and Girton, in terms of earthworks and noise. Sound barriers will be essential. Approved unanimously.

Cllr Taylor left the meeting at this point.

13/93 Finance and Resource Management

1. To approve payments for the previous month. Cllr de Lacey proposed an urgent amendment to the payments following the repairs needed on the Parish Council Administrator's computer. Proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Williams. Agreed unanimously.

2. To approve the balance sheet (*Appendix D*). Proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Garner. Cllr de Lacey will consult with Cllr Garner and the RFO regarding the presentation of the accounts. Approved unanimously.

3. To receive the Finance Report from 1st April 2013 to date (*Appendix E*). Received by the Council.

13/94 Correspondence (to be received).

1. 13 June: Correspondence about locations of graffiti in Girton

2. 18 June: Ash Survey of Girton Wood and sports field

3. 26 June: Results of Local Highways Improvements Budget bid 2013-14

4. 4 July: Correspondence regarding Girton Cricket Club's 'Club Day' on 28th July

5. 5 July: Correspondence about request for post-box at Wellbrook Way

6. 8 July: Correspondence regarding South Cambridgeshire Local Plan public consultation.

7. 10 July: Letter of thanks to former parish councillor Prof R Martin.

8. 10 July: Inaugural meeting of Girton Bowls Club Committee on 20th July
Received by the Council.

13/95 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix F*). Cllr de Lacey highlighted concerns about the Parish Office's information technology system, and the urgent need to look at upgrading it.

2. Girton Town Charity. There was no report this month.

3. Girton Youth Project. There was no report this month.

4. Footpaths. There was no report this month.

5. Bowling Green Committee. The concrete base for the groundsman's hut and specifications for permanent fencing are needed, plus the laying of the sewerage system in the near future. An inaugural meeting of the Bowls Club will be held on 20th July at St Vincent's Close Community Centre at 10.30am.

6. Wellbrook Way Development Committee. No report this month.

7. Water Management (*Appendix G*) Signatures were collected at Girton Feast, regarding calls for Andrew Lansley MP to take action.

13/96 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes

1. Planning Committee Meeting of 25th June 2013 (previously circulated)
Received by the Council.

13/97 Matters raised by Members (for information only)

Thanks were extended to Cllr Noble for the successful Girton Feast Week.

The Post Office cannot be easily used by elderly residents and the Parish Council should write to the Post Office to ask if they can do something.

The street sign at St Margaret's Road still needs repairing despite the Clerk having written about this twice.

The cycle sign on the corner of Huntingdon Road and Thornton Road has been broken.

The sign is at the road side and part of the post remains in the footway.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.