

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st May, 2014 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 14/52.2

Present: Cllrs: de Lacey (Chairman), Bromwich, Cockley, Godby, Gordon, Hiley, Noble, Simpson, L Taylor, M Taylor, Williams

Cllr J Reynolds (Cambridgeshire County Council) (until end of item 14/52.3)

Ms A Wormald (Impington Village College) (until end of item 14/52.1)

1 member of the public

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

14/49 Welcome from the Chairman The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially councillor-elect Mr D Whittle who had come to observe the meeting. The Chairman thanked all retiring councillors, for whom this would be their last meeting as parish councillors.

14/50 Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies had been received from Councillors Clift, Garner and Westley and from District Councillor Bygott, and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.

14/51 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda Cllrs Gordon and Hiley declared personal interests in item 14/55.3 as Trustees of Girton Town Charity.

14/52 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:

1. Update on 75th Anniversary celebrations at Impington Village College. Ms Amy Wormald, Development and Engagement Manager, spoke about the 75th Anniversary of Impington Village College in September 2014, which offers the college a chance to reach out to the local community and to work together. There will be an Open Weekend on 13-14th September, opening the Impington 75 Festival which will continue with events and activities throughout the year, and local groups are encouraged to get in touch with the College regarding promotion at these events. The college is working with feeder primary schools and community groups, and other activities with which the college is involved include a former student network, Sunday cinema, archives, writing, and brewing a celebration ale. The Grade 1 listed Gropius Building needs repair and restoration work totalling £1 million, with a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £100,000 having been received to repair the Gropius Hall. It was suggested that IVC promote the festival in Girton Parish News. The Chairman wished Impington Village College well with the forthcoming celebrations and thanked Ms Wormald, who left the meeting at this point.
2. Members of the Public. The member of the public present at the meeting did not wish to speak.
3. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*). The recent move from a cabinet system to a committee systems at Cambridgeshire County Council has led to changes. Cllr de Lacey asked for clarification about progress on the Huntingdon Road cycle lane proposals. Cllr Reynolds is a member of the Transport Committee and would like a further consultation on the preferred option to make amendments to improve the scheme. The Chairman expressed the council's support for the request for an extension

of time. Councillors stressed the need for consultation between the county council and the developers of new sites on Huntingdon Road, so that designs fit together. Concerns were expressed about the floating bus stops, blurring the division between road and pavement, and for the visually-impaired. Views within the village vary, and there are serious safety concerns. The Transport Committee will meet on 27th May to discuss the issue.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Reynolds, who left the meeting at this point.

4. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*). There were no comments arising from Cllr de Lacey's report.

5. Police Report (*Appendix C*). Horses being kept illegally in the field between the village's two pubs escaped on 17th May, and Cllr de Lacey has written to the Chief Constable following a four-hour talk to police on that day. Swavesey is experiencing similar problems (see correspondence item 14/57.8), and the Parish Council will work with Swavesey Parish Council and the police.

14/53 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th April, 2014 (previously circulated). Cllr de Lacey proposed that item 14/43.2 be amended to read 'Plus £120 to undertake the fencing works.' With this amendment, the Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Godby, seconded by Cllr Williams and approved with four abstentions. The Chairman signed the amended minutes.

14/54 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

14/43.7 The Clerk has consulted both Ian Dewar and Brian Pycock and we await a report from Mr Pycock.

14/48 The Clerk has consulted Royal Mail regarding a possible post-box at Wellbrook Way (see correspondence item 14/57.3)

Noted by the Council.

14/55 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

1. To approve that the Annual Parish Meeting be held at Girton Glebe School on Friday 18th July, 2014 starting at 7.00pm, with refreshments beforehand. Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Godby. It was suggested that the late date of the meeting would mean that there would not be a good turnout, and a straw poll was held to see how many parish councillors would be able to attend – a quorum would be able to attend. Regarding a keynote speaker, the Head of the NW Cambridge Development or representative for the Huntingdon Road cycle route may be asked to speak. Approved with one vote against and two abstentions.
2. To approve the appointment of a committee to advertise, interview and make a recommendation for the post of Girton Parish Council Responsible Finance Officer. This procedure had been followed in the past for the appointment of the Clerk. The Chairman thanked the RFO for staying on until the Annual Return is completed at the end of June 2014. The committee would need to review the job description. Cllr de Lacey proposed that the committee consists of himself, Cllrs Cockley and Godby, and that Cllr Garner be asked if she would like to join the committee. Seconded by Cllr M Taylor. Approved unanimously.
3. To approve a recommendation from Girton Town Charity that Raquel Farrington MBA of Church Lane be appointed a Trustee from 5th August 2014 to replace Michael Healey. Proposed by Cllr Hiley, seconded by Cllr Gordon. Cllr Hiley expressed his confidence that Ms Farrington will be a good fit for the trustee body. Approved unanimously.
4. To approve a response to the A14 Public Consultation (*Appendix D*). Proposed by Cllr de Lacey. Cllr de Lacey proposed that an amendment be made to the draft to ensure that the historic pillbox is not damaged in any way and that access to the pillbox is maintained. Cllr Hiley proposed that the word 'regret' in the fourth paragraph be replaced by 'deplore'. It was suggested that the changes will cause Oakington and Girton to be used as a 'rat run' by those wishing to avoid this route into Cambridge. A

paragraph suggesting that the Highways Authority full appraise the possibility to maintain the existing road without the local road and that controlled speed limits be enforced by cameras was proposed by Cllr Williams. With these amendments, the council unanimously approved the motion.

5. To approve the purchase of a large sign prohibiting dogs and cycling at Town End Close, for not more than £100.

Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, who added an amendment that a smaller sign also be purchased to add to the dog-walking route at the gate between the Recreation Ground and St John's Field, to prevent dog-walkers going into the churchyard. The amendment was agreed. Town End Close's status as a meadow means that dog faeces is too rich for the environment, and dogs would also need to be kept away if the area was to be grazed by livestock. It was suggested that if sheep were to be grazed at Town End Close, fencing would need to be improved. The amended motion was proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Gordon. Approved with one vote against and two abstentions.

6. To approve that the Recreation Ground may be used for a community Labyrinth event on 23rd September 2014 as part of the 'Passing Through and Settling' project, location to be approved by the Groundsman. (*Appendix E*)

There would be no cost incurred by the Council. Proposed by Cllr Hiley, seconded by Cllr de Lacey. Approved unanimously.

7. To approve a contractor to repair the changing room showers (*Appendix F*). The cost of this item would come from the Pavilion Maintenance budget. The item was postponed until the next meeting, following a query regarding the large difference between quotations.

14/56 Finance and Resource Management

1. To approve payments for the previous month.

Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Noble. Approved with one abstention.

2. To approve the balance sheet (*Appendix G*)

Proposed by Cllr Hiley, seconded by Cllr Gordon. Approved with one abstention.

3. To receive the Finance Report from 1st April, 2014 to date (*Appendix H*).

Received by the Council.

4. To approve the transfer to reserves as per the budget for 2013-14. The reserves are the Pavilion Fund, Play Equipment Fund and MUGA reserves. Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Simpson, and approved unanimously.

5. To approve a letter of appointment for the internal auditor (*Appendix I*).

Proposed by Cllr de Lacey, seconded by Cllr Noble, and approved unanimously.

14/57 Correspondence (to be received)

1. 15 April 2014: St John's Field lease review

2. 24 April 2014: Correspondence regarding village planters

3. 29 April 2014: Correspondence with Royal Mail regarding possible post-box at Wellbrook Way.

4. 8 May 2014: Door security request for Girton Pavilion

5. 12 May 2014: Correspondence with Girton Tennis Club

6. 12 May 2014: Correspondence regarding housing boundary in Bandon Road

7. 14 May 2014: Message from Cllr Westley

8. 20 May 2014: Correspondence regarding flygrazing in Swavesey

Received by the Council. The request for door security is to be forwarded to the Health and Safety Officer (item 14/57.4).

14/58 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix J*). The Chairman has received letters of criticism from Girton Cricket Club on the state of the cricket square, and will update the council as soon as he is able.

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

3. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix K*).

4. Footpaths. There was no report this month.

5. Flooding and Drainage (*Appendix L*). Cllr Bromwich reported that a meeting will be held at Cambourne on 12th June, looking at ways to mitigate flood risk in Girton. Flood recorders in Dodford Lane are part of the flood risk identification. The Chairman expressed the council's gratitude to Cllr Bromwich, and to councillor-elect Whittle, for their input on flood management and drainage issues.

6. Bowling Green Committee.

7. Wellbrook Way Development Committee.

Received by the Council.

14/59 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes

1. Planning Committee Meeting of 16th April, 2014 (previously circulated)

Received by the Council.

14/60 Matters raised by Members (for information only)

As this was his last meeting as a Parish Councillor, Cllr Bromwich thanked the other councillors for their company during his time on the Parish Council.

Cllr Gordon agreed to give Cllr M Taylor a photocopy of the Girton First World War Roll of Honour, following his request for such.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm