

# Girton Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 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  
16/137.1

Present: (Cllrs) H Williams (Chairman), Buckler, Bygott, Dashwood, de Lacey, Griffin,  
Kettle, Taylor, Thorrold, Whittle, L Williams.

Cllr L Harford (Cambs County Council)

1 member of the public

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

16/134 Welcome from the Chairman The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

16/135 Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies had been received from Cllr Godby,  
and the Chairman accepted her reason for absence.

16/136 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda None.

16/137 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:.

1. Members of the Public. The member of the public present at the meeting  
did not wish to speak, but introduced himself as a new resident of the village.

2. County Councillor's Report (Appendix A) Cllr Harford reported issues at  
Madingley Park & Ride where a notice had advised "Full - Go to Trumpington  
Park and Ride" because of contractors' vehicles for the NW Cambridge  
Development. Cllr Harford emailed the University who've now made land available  
for parking for the large number of contractors on-site. The deadline for  
applications for Local Highways Improvements Grants has passed. She also  
reported that Girton Glebe School has achieved "Good" in the recent Ofsted  
report.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Harford for her report.

3. District Councillors' Reports (Appendix B) Cllr Bygott reported that the  
SCDC consultation on aims and priorities will be open until the end of January.  
The new combined authority is commencing and processes are coming along for May  
elections. He suggested that a street on the NW Cambridge site could be named  
after Rosalind Franklin, as it is a parish council prerogative to suggest  
street names. March 2017 will see the first housing on the NW Cambridge site.  
The District Councillors were questioned regarding SCDC's decision to reject  
the parish council's request that the planning application for 156 Girton Road  
be considered by SCDC's Planning Committee. Cllr Bygott agreed to see the Head  
of Planning. Cllr de Lacey had also asked for the planning application to go  
to the Planning Committee. Cllr de Lacey had nothing to add to his written  
report. Cllr Harford explained the Scheme of Delegation for planning  
applications. Requests for items to go to the Planning Committee are looked at

weekly, and if objections can be addressed the request to go to Committee is not valid. It was a retrospective application. The Planning Officer's decision was based on what they were building rather than what had been given permission. Cllr Harford explained that the system isn't broken but some people are determined to get what they want.

If the planning authority is underperforming, the government could step in to make decisions in its stead. Communication with parish councils means it should be necessary that they're treated with respect and courtesy but unfortunately urgency doesn't allow for the niceties. Judicial Review is only made on process and it is very expensive. Girton is not the only parish council saying almost the same thing about a planning application. The Chairman thanked Cllr Harford.

Cllrs Harford and de Lacey are to see the Deputy Head of the NW Cambridge Development in the New Year. The distinction between the parish and the city needs to be recognised. Cllr de Lacey agreed to chase up regarding the supermarket sign on Huntingdon Road.

4. Police Report (Appendix C). It was noted that the past month had seen a number of crimes in the village reported on the e-cops system.

- 16/138 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 In item 16/155.5, the words 'described as' should be added before 'high-crime area'. With this amendment, the Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Whittle, and approved with one abstention.
- 16/139 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)
- 16/128.2 The flower tub has been moved to the junction of Pepys Way/Girton Road.
- 16/128.4 There have been no applications for the post of Finance Officer. Noted by the Council.
- 16/140 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.
1. To consider Madingley Parish Council's request for transfer of land west of the A14 from Girton to Madingley (details circulated by the Chairman in October).  
A Madingley Parish Councillor had asked to come to the meeting, but was not present. The proposal affects eight residents of Beck Brook. A resident has made the request to be part of Madingley as it is hard to get to Girton. It would not require Boundary Commission involvement but a referendum would be needed in both Madingley and Girton, so is not to be undertaken lightly. It was noted that if roads became natural boundaries a lot of Girton could potentially be lost. It was suggested that the Parish Council supports Madingley in its negotiations with the Highways Agency rather than transfer the land as this would take too long to make a material difference. A very clear map would be needed of where Madingley would want the boundary with the new road. It was proposed by the Chairman that the Council express sympathy with Madingley Parish Council's issues and offer our support in matters relating to this area of the parish. Seconded by Cllr L Williams, and approved with one abstention.
  2. To nominate Sian Franklin as a Parish Council Trustee of Cotton Hall for a further four-year term. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr de Lacey, and approved unanimously.
  3. To approve a contractor to undertake a five-yearly electrical inspection at

Girton Pavilion, the inspection to be on 25% of total circuits, as suggested by contractors (Appendix D). The Chairman proposed that the inspection be undertaken by PA Collacotts, who had submitted the lowest quotation, seconded by Cllr Whittle. Approved unanimously.

4. To approve the repair of a CCTV bracket at Girton Pavilion (Appendix E). The bracket needs to be welded. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Griffin. Approved unanimously.

5. To approve a contractor to undertake external redecoration of Girton Pavilion (Appendix F). The Chairman proposed that the work be undertaken by Bruce Torrington, who had submitted the lowest estimate, seconded by Cllr de Lacey, and approved unanimously.

6. "The Parish Council is in support of the Girton Town Charity plans for the churchyard/car park boundary and welcomes the Charity's proposal to fund the footpath and new bus shelter which form part of the design. Support for the replacement bus shelter is conditional on the new shelter design, however." The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council supports Girton Town Charity in their endeavours but would want to approve the design of the bus shelter first. The foundations of the sculpture require concrete beams, the installation all of which will require the demolition of the current bus shelter. Complete installation cannot therefore be approved until the design of the replacement shelter is agreed. More discussion within the village would be welcomed. The Parish Council welcome the fact that GTC are willing to fund the footpath, but wish to see agreed final plans for the bus shelter. The Parish Council encourage GTC to make known their plans to the wider village, and would welcome a GTC presentation to the whole village in due course. In the light of these comments the resolution was proposed (as drafted) by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Buckler and approved unanimously.

16/141 Finance and Resource Management

1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (Appendix G).

The payments schedule had previously been checked by Cllr Bygott. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bygott, and approved with one abstention.

16/142 Correspondence (to be received)

1. 8<sup>th</sup> December: Letter of thanks from Club 55

2. 13<sup>th</sup> December: Letter of thanks from Girton Social Club

Received by the Council.

16/143 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (Appendix H). The Chairman commented on inconsistencies with planning applications. Cllr de Lacey responded that planning law often has contradictory elements and officers may give what weight they wish to objections.

2. Girton Town Charity. No report this month.

3. Girton Youth Project. No report this month. More information is needed on their plans for a graffiti wall.

4. Footpaths. No report this month.

5. Water Management (Appendix I) Regarding the decking erected over Beck Brook, no environmental permit has been requested for it to be built, so a retrospective planning application may be required.

Received by the Council.

16/144 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes None.

16/145 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting

Officers from South Cambridgeshire District Council will be invited to give a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning at the next Parish Council meeting. It was noted that Cottenham is nearing completion of their neighbourhood plan. Cllr de Lacey has ordered booklets about neighbourhood planning to distribute.

The County Council will take up with the building site owner regarding the collapsed road surface in Bandon Road.

A decision regarding the Mayfield Road/Girton Road bus shelter will be discussed at a future Environment Committee meeting in the New Year.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

## APPENDIX A Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report to Parish Councils

December 2016

It's been decided! We are to have a mayor. All 7 constituent councils and the Local Enterprise Partnership have approved the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Devolution Deal. Cambridgeshire County was last but one of the councils to hold its meeting on the afternoon of 22 November and voted to approve. The deal will bring £20m a year for 30 years for infrastructure and £170m for delivery of at least 2,500 affordable homes in the next 5 years. This is seen as just the first step to accessing greater local power and funding. Public Health is taking the lead on Devo 2 and is focusing on addressing health inequalities. The first meeting of the shadow board met on 14 December to discuss among other things the process for the election of the new mayor.

The County Council met on 13 December and members debated a motion that a saving of £650K agreed as part of the budget at February 2016 Council meeting should instead be funded from reserves. A public petition of 155 names also called upon the Council to reconsider its decision on gritting particularly for school routes. There was cross party support for the decision to be reversed and Council also agreed that a cross party

committee would meet to review its gritting policy. There was also cross party support for a

further motion which will see street lights switched on again. However, the motion did not

include a start date for this and best advice to any parish councils who have budgeted for

keeping lights on next year is that they should retain that budget allocation until further

details are available. Agenda pack: [bit.ly/2gZMf1A](http://bit.ly/2gZMf1A)

Health Committee's agenda for December included among its scrutiny items, an update on the Clinical Commissioning Group's [CCG] Sustainability & Transformation Plan [STP].

Sadly I remain sceptical following the Health Committee meeting that the savings that are

expected can be achieved. The plan includes all those elements that would support delivery of better service and I cannot but applaud its principles but whether or not it is

realistically achievable remains to be seen. Agenda pack: [bit.ly/2gKHTOE](http://bit.ly/2gKHTOE)

On the subject of health, the National Institute for Health & Care Excellence [NICE] has

just opened consultation on improving how patients and the public can help develop its guidance and standards. It is reviewing the way it involves those who are not health or

social care professionals in that process and is encouraging people to submit their views

at: <https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/public-involvement/consultation>

The Greater Cambridge City Deal [GCCD] Board reviewed the outcomes from public consultation on Western Orbital and considered next steps. The initial public consultation

in early 2016 formed part of the early strategic assessment of this scheme. The work has

been undertaken at this early stage because it may impact on other schemes being considered in the first tranche of the GCCD, in particular the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Bus Journeys project. Additional assessment included consideration of potential interventions to support sustainable bus access to Cambridge Biomedical Campus and possibly to enhance Park & Ride and Park & Cycle capacity in and around J11 of the M11.

The Western Orbital scheme itself may form part of the second or third tranche of the GCCD. The GCCD Executive Board will make a decision about the timing of the overall project when funding priorities are confirmed before the end of the first tranche [2020]. Any

decision that is made will need to include this early strategic work and engagement with

Highways England on future plans for the M11 [a Highways England asset].

Agenda, reports and decisions: [bit.ly/2hltV6f](https://bit.ly/2hltV6f)

General Purposes Committee received a report containing expert technical and legal advice on the rectification of construction defects in the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

and the recovery of costs from the contractor Bam Nuttall. This long running saga still has

a long way to go. Agenda pack: [bit.ly/2hF2hCd](https://bit.ly/2hF2hCd)

Economy & Environment Committee [E&E] met on Friday 16 December. There were a

couple of items of particular interest to our part of the county. The first was the funding

allocation proposals for the Integrated Transport Block. This includes forward funding for

improvement of the outward bound cycleway on Huntingdon Road. The second item required the County Council's approval of the Heads of Terms for Cambourne West which was given by E&E. The level of infrastructure funding required by the County Council renders the development unviable without some renegotiation of the affordable housing provision which is now proposed at 30%. This is still compliant with South Cambs' policy.

Agenda pack: [bit.ly/2htURB4](https://bit.ly/2htURB4)

Assets & Investment Committee [A&I] also met on Friday 16 December. I am on both

this committee and Economy & Environment [E&E]. As the meetings of both were held at the same time, I elected to go to E&E but I spoke with the chairman of A&I prior to that

committee's meeting to express my concern relating to the proposal for acquisition of a

new Highways office and grant of occupation agreement to the new Highways contractor, when appointed. Since the meeting I have spoken again to the chairman and understand that there will be greater member oversight of this as responsibility will be delegated not

just to the Chief Finance Officer [as the original report suggested] but also to the

Chairman

of A&I and the Chairman of Highways & Infrastructure committees.

Agenda pack E&E: [bit.ly/2htURB4](http://bit.ly/2htURB4) Agenda pack A&I: [bit.ly/2gLCM0d](http://bit.ly/2gLCM0d)

I was absolutely delighted to hear that Girton Glebe Primary School had been rated as 'Good' by Ofsted following its recent inspection. I have sent my congratulations to the new

headteacher, Drew Simpson and the school's Board of Governors for the hard work that they have put in. They have faced many challenges since the opening of the university primary school and, whilst challenges continue, I hope that their Ofsted rating will be just

the first of their successes.

A reminder about the County Council's recent launch of the Cambridgeshire Communities Innovation Fund. Worth an initial £1m it is intended to support the council's transformation

programme and bids are invited from the voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors. The

council's aim is to further develop community resilience and widen the scope of the very valuable

work that local organisations do for their communities. Further details are available from:

[lisa.faulkner@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.faulkner@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) . Please let me know if I can support anyone thinking of

bidding.

Finally, my very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year. Thank you to everyone for

your support during 2016. Doubtless 2017 will bring its share of challenges and I look forward to

working with you to meet them.

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## APPENDIX B

Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey  
15. 12. 2016

In the days leading up to the Devolution Council meeting on 17th November opposition members became increasingly agitated at the cynical and contemptuous way in which were being treated by government and our administration. Very late in the day we received an agenda, with a note that the key document -- the Statutory Instrument setting out the details of the devolution proposals -- was subject to 'minor changes'. At a meeting of Group Leaders the Council Leader promised us a Question and Answer document which failed to materialise; and an IT failure meant that members who relied on our internal email system failed to receive what little information was made available. We demanded the meeting be postponed, and eventually the administration capitulated -- less than 3 hours before the meeting was due to start we received a message adjourning the item on devolution to a meeting at 6.30pm on 21st.

Following the revelation at the last meeting that Capita charges way over the odds to process credit card payments to the Council I asked why we continue to use them. The Portfolio holder said he would find the answer; so far he has not communicated it to me.

I attended the Parishes Conference which I had helped to organise under the aegis of the County. Despite rather poor leadership from the compere, the various talks did highlight real opportunities for our parishes in these straitened times and the County is offering seed-corn money which I hope many parishes will consider using: not least Girton. You should have received a full report from Haydn and myself.

By the time of the second Council meeting (further postponed till 7.30pm, so further discouraging any extended debate) we had still not received much of the promised information, and the changes to the Statutory Instrument turned out to be major. Although it was marked DRAFT we were informed that this meant we could not change anything in it but Parliament probably would. So it's a pig in a poke, though we were assured that this was the best possible offer and civil servants were amazed at its generosity. For all our concerns the result was a foregone conclusion: those Tories who had vowed never to accept a mayor meekly submitted, and we now move on to a devolved County.

A meeting of the NW Cambridge Sub-Group was given an update on the development. It was disappointing to discover that City officers still fail to see that the boundary will create significant issues; the welcome pack was to have trumpeted significant grants available to residents but these are for city residents only. We discussed the possibility of a regular local magazine and I pointed out that half the site will receive one, courtesy of Girton Parish News. The decision to brand the whole site as Eddington will further hide issues which ought to be clarified and addressed.

On 6 December I attended the Planning Committee Meeting as there was a presentation on technical aspects of the Howes Place application (to be decided in January) and an item



on Northstowe Phase 2. The Anglia Ruskin presentation provided nothing new; because questions had to be limited to the presentation I was limited in what I could ask, but raised two concerns: the issue of legal nuisance and the obtrusive nature of the floodlights. The former was ignored by the applicant and the reply to the latter was their standard response that light leakage is low. As I cannot attend the January meeting I shall be writing a letter to the Committee expressing my concerns. I was pleased that several committee members were asking searching questions.

The HCA, which previously refused to agree to our 40% affordable housing criterion, has suffered a change of heart. Now it is offering 40% 'starter homes' plus 10% 'affordable rented', as one of 5 pilots for the starter home project. Members queried just what this means; we were told it means 20% off the market price, with a cap of £250. This is by no means unambiguous: 'market price' is a movable feast, and although officers believe that these homes may not be sold at more than £250K there are other ways of interpreting the rubrics: either that the discount only refers to the first £250K or that houses whose market price is greater simply do not qualify. Some wondered just what quality of housing would be built to a £250K price tag here in South Cambs.

In these miserable months a power cut can be devastating for some people. UK Power Networks have released the following statement, and if you are at all concerned please do contact them -- or me if you find that easier. 'Do you or someone you know need extra support during a power cut? Although power cuts don't happen very often when they do they can be worrying. UK Power Networks is the electricity network and it provides a 'Priority Services Register' for people who might need extra help in a power cut. Older people, families with very young children, and people with specific medical conditions are among the many people who are eligible to register for free support. You can find more details and register by visiting <http://ukpowernetworks.co.uk/prioritysupport> or calling 0800 169 9970.'

Douglas de Lacey

## APPENDIX C

### Police Report for November / December 2016

Between the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, a theft from a stationary unattended vehicle took place in High Street, Girton. Unknown offender(s) have unscrewed and taken the front and rear number plates of the vehicle. CF0539781116 refers.

At 08:25 hrs on 24/11/2016 unknown offender has cut the side curtain on a lorry and taken items while it was parked up in a lay-by on the A14 at Girton. CF0543601116.

Occurred at Catch Hall Farm Cottages, Huntingdon Road, Girton, between 11am on 29/11/16 and midnight on 30/11/16 where a garage door was forced and heating oil taken: - CF0555921116

Occurred at Weavers Field, Girton between 6.00pm and 6.15pm on 30/11/16 where persons have entered a premises by smashing a rear window :- CF0556341116

Occurred at Church Lane, Girton between 6.20am and 6.12pm on 05/12/16 where persons have entered a house by forcing open rear windows: CF0566291216

## APPENDIX D

### Quotations received for Electrical Inspection

#### 1) Munro Building Services Ltd

After my site visit earlier we are pleased to provide our quotation for the ICR at Girton pavilion as discussed we would carry out a 25% (20 Circuits) sample test and if these tests prove to be acceptable only this testing would need to be carried out.

While the testing is carried out the electrical supply to some circuits will be interrupted. Once the ICR has been completed we will issue the certification with a quotation for any remedial work that may be required to gain a satisfactory result to issue a completed certificate.

The cost for the above works would be £432.00. (Four hundred and thirty two pounds). Plus Vat at 20%.

#### 2) PA Collacott & Co (first quotation for 100% circuits, second for 25% of circuits)

##### a) Re: Electrical Installation Condition Report.

Further to your enquiry regarding carrying out an electrical installation condition report at the above premises. We have pleasure in submitting the following quotation for your consideration.

Carry out an electrical installation condition report.

Issue test certificates

Total Price £645.00 plus VAT

##### b) Carry out an electrical installation condition report.

25% test over 20 circuits

100% visual inspection

Issue test certificates

Total price £315.00 plus VAT

#### 3) Will Guy Electrical Ltd (quotation for 100% - 25% circuits quotation requested, and to be circulated when received)

To carry out electrical inspection report throughout the site and issue certificates.

Total price £680.00 plus VAT

APPENDIX E  
CCTV Bracket Repair

John Pollard & Son, Histon

To supply, make and fit new metal bracket for CCTV camera and then weld tube to fit CCTV camera too

Materials/labour = £175.00

VAT = £ 35.00

Total = £210.00

APPENDIX F  
External Redecoration of Girton Pavilion



# QUOTATION

**CITY AND GUILDS QUALIFIED  
PAINTER AND DECORATOR**

**T:** 07807 020952  
**E:** torringtonbruce@gmail.com  
**A:** 52 Snowly Park, Whittlesey  
Peterborough PE7 1JQ

Quote to:  
The Pavilion  
Girton Recreation Ground  
Girton  
CB3 0FH

Quote no: 150

Date: 11/11/2016

| DESCRIPTION   | £      | P  |
|---|--------|----|
| <b>QUOTATION: External Doors, Windows, Fascias, Eaves.</b>  |        |    |
| Clean and rub down all woodwork in preparation for painting.<br>Removal of flaky paint. Repair damaged woodwork                             |        |    |
| <b>Fascias and Eaves.</b><br>Eaves 1 coat, Fascias 2 coats. Dulux Trade Weathershield Ultimate Opaque. ( on 2 levels small tower required ) |        |    |
| <b>Doors and Windows.</b><br>All woodwork to to be coated in Dulux Trade Ultimate Woodstain   |        |    |
| Quote does not include the areas that can only be reached with a cherry picker. This will appear on a separate quote.                       |        |    |
| Materials not included.   |        |    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | £1,100 | 00 |

**QUOTATION VALID FOR 30 DAYS**

**FULL PAYMENT TO BE MADE ON COMPLETION OF WORK**

2) Jason Kirby Professional Painting and Decorating Ltd

Main Building-All Elevations

Fascia, Soffits, Windows, Doors, Frames, All previously stain varnished woodwork

Prepare. Remove all loose and defective coatings. Remove and treat any Mould, Algae, Lichen or Moss with fungicidal wash. Remove defective glazing material. Clean the rebates and any loose or open joints.

Thoroughly rub down all surfaces to remove any grey weathered wood and surface sheen from remaining coatings. Apply clear knotting solution to any remaining knots in the wood. Apply 1 full coat of Sadolin Classic to exposed bare wood, fill any surface defects open joints etc, and replace any missing glazing material. Apply 2 full coats of Sadolin Extra, Teak. On completion of re-decoration windows will be cleaned.

#### Metal balcony

Remove loose and defective coatings. Scrape back to a firm edge. Wash down with crystal sugar soap.

Prime exposed bare surfaces with 1 coat Dulux Trade metalshield primer, followed by 2 full coats of Dulux Trade metalshield gloss, Black.

TOTAL COST: £2,995.00 + VAT

### APPENDIX G

#### Payments Schedule for December 2016

(redacted)

### APPENDIX H

#### Chairman's Report

14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

It was very disappointing to be informed by South Cambs. Planning Department that our request that the retrospective application for living accommodation forward of the property at 156 Girton Road be considered by the Planning Committee, was rejected. This was in spite of the support of our District Councillors. The delegated officer has now approved the retrospective plans which effectively means that in order to get around obvious planning objections one may simply build what one likes and then say that it is close enough to what was approved to be OK. There really seems little point in our considering planning applications as our opinion counts for nothing.

District Councillor de Lacey and I attended a Parishes Conference in St Ives in November (see Douglas's separate report with my additions), at which I had hoped to gather information on Neighbourhood planning. Unfortunately the session to cover this item was cancelled due to illness but South Cambs. Staff members have offered to speak to our January meeting on the subject. I hope this will persuade more of our number and of the general parish to volunteer to get involved. If anyone has any specific questions of concern please let me know and I will relay them so that answers can be prepared.

I should have mentioned last month (but failed to because I was unaware) that our 2016 annual return has been signed off by the external auditor without qualification. Thanks again to Susie for all her sterling efforts in getting this completed, internally audited and submitted at very short notice in June.

Thanks to the help of members of the tennis club the problems with lighting on the MUGA and the Tennis courts have now been resolved satisfactorily. In anticipation of the need to replace the MUGA surface in the next year, options and costs are being obtained. A like for like replacement carpet to allow continued use for football,

hockey and tennis is likely to cost of the order of £30K+VAT. New fencing would probably add significantly to this however.

No further progress can be reported on the land transfer at Wellbrook Way; matters remain with the solicitors.

Thanks are due to the volunteers who helped put up the Christmas lights on the Pavilion and Cotton Hall; they make the village look that little bit more festive. Thanks also to The Social Club for hosting the Annual Christmas event at the Village Institute in early December. It was well attended and appreciated.

Finally I would like to wish all Councillors and Staff best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and all you would wish for yourselves in 2017.

Haydn Williams

## APPENDIX I Water Management Report

In response to a resident's email to the Environment Agency regarding the decking which has been constructed over Beck Brook, he has received the following response:

Quote

Subject: RE: Impedance to water flow in Beck Brook

Good Afternoon,

Once again apologies for the delay in responding to your e-mail.

Since we received your report of the structure within the Beck Brook we have undertaken a number of actions which I have detailed below:

- We checked our records to see if an Environmental Permit (formerly Flood Defence Consent) to carry out the works had been sought and approval given. Our records show that no approval was sought from us and we were unaware of the works until you notified us.
- We have contacted South Cambridgeshire District Council to see if the works needed planning permission and, if so, whether permission had been granted. The District Council confirmed that they had visited site to measure and photograph the structure. Their initial view is that the structure constitutes development and therefore requires planning permission. No planning permission is currently in place.
- One of our officers has visited site and started a dialogue with the landowner in regard to the absence of an Environmental Permit for the works and the impact on flood risk. Further discussions have been scheduled with the landowner following this initial site visit.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Kind regards,

Richard Taylor

Flood & Coastal Risk Management

Partnerships & Strategic Overview Team Leader

East Anglia Area, Brampton Office

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