

# Girton Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 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 18/16.2*

**Present:** (Cllrs) Griffin (Chairman), Buckler, Bygott, Dashwood, Godby, Kettle, Kirby, Whittle and L Williams.

Cllr L Harford (Cambridgeshire County Council)

1 member of the public

**In attendance:** S Cumming (Clerk)

**18/13 Welcome from the Chairman.** The Chairman had sent his apologies so the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Griffin, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Griffin commented on Cllr Mark Taylor's resignation after 12 years' service on the Council, due to work commitments. Cllr Taylor had been a valued member of the team and will be sadly missed.

**18/14 Apologies and reasons for absence.** Apologies had been received from Cllrs H Williams and de Lacey, and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.

**18/15 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda.** None.

**18/16 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:**

1. Presentation on village-wide litter-picking scheme in Histon. This will be held at a forthcoming meeting. There will be a litter-pick in Girton on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, as part of the Great British Spring Clean from Keep Britain Tidy, and all Councillors were invited to join in, the Clerk and Cllr Harford kindly having agreed to help.

2. Members of the Public. A member of the public commented on the state of the roads being very poor, and wondered if volunteers could fill up the worse pot-holes and attend to street cleaning.

Councillors commented that pot-hole reports have been filed with Cambs Highways, and regretted the poor state of both roads and pavements.

3. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*) Cllr Harford agreed that the state of the roads is disgraceful. She was promised that the remainder of Cambridge Road was scheduled for repair for the 2018-19 financial year. Andy Preston, in charge of Highways Maintenance, has been consulted. The Local Highways Officer does well with a meagre budget. The speed tables are breaking up by Pepys Way/Girton Road junction and by St Andrew's Church on Cambridge Road, causing the potential for accidents. Cllr Harford promised to fight this as hard as she can – Cambridge Road/Girton Road is very busy, taking a large volume of traffic including diversions from the A14. Girton should be getting more attention as it is a big village. Small expenditure from the Parish Council would allow something substantial to be done about pavements if part of a Local Highways Improvements application. The Local Highways Officer could walk the worse pavements with a representative of the Parish Council, and could suggest locations to target. The Parish Council could put in a Local Highways Improvements application, planning forward. She spoke about the Parish Plan being locally focussed, and an opportunity for residents to say how they see the village in 5/10/20 years' time. Cllr Harford offered her help with this, and advised the Council to harness volunteers around the village. Local schools could be

contacted and get children and parents to put forward ideas. The Village Plan will be made available, as a starting point.

4. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) Cllr Bygott spoke of the ceremony for Dame Millicent Fawcett's blue plaque and the Make Metals Matter campaign, highlighted in his written report. There is capital funding available to do environmentally friendly activities eg installation of solar panels. Only 24 applications will be accepted each year, with funding of £1,000-£10,000 available annually. This may be useful for the community hall.

5. Police Report (*Appendix C*) There has been a theft of workmen's tools from the back of The Old Crown public house and a workman has been run-over. There could be loss of earnings due to the workman having damaged his leg and loss of the tools. Both crimes have been reported but there's been no feedback.

**18/17 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2018** (previously circulated). The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Godby, and approved unanimously.

**18/18 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)**

18/07.1 Girton Parish Council's precept request for 2018/19 has been sent to SCDC.

18/07.3 Contractors have been notified regarding the award of the grass cutting contract.

18/07.5 Accountants have been appointed and have started work on bringing the accounts up to date and preparing the annual return.

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the works undertaken by accountants.

**18/19 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.**

1. To approve a contractor for the grass verge cutting contract for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, the contract to be reviewable annually (*Appendix D*). Cllr Godby proposed that the contract be awarded to Buchans Landscapes, seconded by Cllr Whittle. Approved unanimously.

2. To approve the provision of new dog-walking signage at Girton Recreation Ground (see correspondence item 18/21.1) Proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Bygott and approved unanimously.

3. To approve a contractor to undertake repair of the basketball court fencing damaged in recent gales, which will be claimed for under Parish Council insurance (*Appendix E*) Cllr Griffin proposed that Arbantia and Chris Wright's quotations be forwarded to the insurance company, seconded by Cllr Whittle and approved unanimously.

4. To approve the red-lined area for transfer of land to GTC at Wellbrook Way (*Appendix F*) Proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Whittle and approved unanimously.

**18/20 Finance and Resource Management**

1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (*Appendix G*) The payments schedule had been checked by Cllr Bygott before the meeting, and he had corrected a couple of minor mistakes on the Schedule – the cheques having been made-out correctly. Proposed by Cllr Bygott, seconded by Cllr Buckler, and approved unanimously.

**18/21 Correspondence (to be received)**

1. Correspondence regarding dog-walking at Girton Recreation Ground

2. Resignation letter from Cllr Mark Taylor.

Received by the Council.

**18/22 To receive reports**

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix H*) There were no questions arising from the report.

2. Girton Town Charity. Regarding the development at Michael's Close, the Council noted that every care should be taken to work within normal parameters. The Chairman is to speak with GTC to ask them to keep residents informed.

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

4. Footpaths. No report this month.

5. Water Management. Cllr Whittle had emailed the Environment Agency and received a reply saying there's been no progress. A metal restraining wall section by Oakington Road bridge is leaning over. Landowners County Farms are aware.

**18/23 To receive unconfirmed Committee Minutes** None.

**18/24 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting.**

Regarding the proposed waste incinerator at Waterbeach, it was queried whether this has impact on Girton. The responsibility for waste recycling is split between County and District Councils. Cllr Harford will forward the link to this County Council application.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

## APPENDIX A

### Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report to Parish Councils – February 2018

Council voted to approve the 2018/19 budget after the usual tribal debate – lightened somewhat this year by the leader of one of the opposition parties voting in error to support the budget. In the main there was agreement on the decision to raise the general council tax precept by 2.99% and the adult social care precept by 2%. The main disagreement was over the proposal that the funds raised from increasing general council tax in excess of those required to balance the 2018/19 budget (£3.65m) should be allocated to a smoothing reserve. The creation of such a reserve is an acknowledgement that, although a robust, balanced budget has been set for the coming financial year, significant challenge remains in respect of closing the budget deficits in the longer term.

Provisional council tax precept rates for each of the next five financial years were set as 2.99% (2018/19); 1.99% (2019/20) with a return to zero for the 3 years 2020/23. Additionally, the assumption was made that there will be a continuation for those last 3 years of the 2% allowed by Government for adult social care and that the County Council will levy that amount.

The County Council is the third lowest funded, upper tier authority in England and faces the challenge of responding to the need created by a very rapid growth in the county's population. Its programme to increase efficiency, generate additional income and manage demand for its services will continue supported by additional transformation investment, where required. In his written statement to Parliament confirming the final local government settlement 2018/19 (delivered after the County Council's meeting) the Secretary of State (SoS) for Housing, Communities and Local Government confirmed that there would be an extension for a further 3 years of the capital receipts flexibility programme. This scheme gives local authorities the freedom to use capital receipts from the sale of their own assets to support transformation and unlock efficiency savings. It is this freedom that has allowed the County Council to set up its new Innovate and Cultivate Fund for community initiatives (details were included in January's report). The SoS also announced an additional £150m for an Adult Social Care Support Grant in 2018/19 stating that it would be allocated 'according to relative needs' – more details to follow when I have them. This he said brings the total funding to which councils have had access to £9.4bn over 3 years and he confirmed that there will be a green paper this summer setting out Government proposals for funding reform to secure a resilient and sustainable system for the future.

Council Meeting agenda pack: <http://bit.ly/2nXjC9S>

SoS Statement to Parliament: <http://bit.ly/2EavDQo>

The Council's Commercial & Investment Committee continues to pursue opportunities for creating new revenue streams to support service provision. Most of the debate on its housing programme is carried out in private session. However, following a request from one member of the committee, it published for its meeting at the end of January a Programme Highlight Report summarising basic

details of the Council's housing development pipeline. This is also the committee that is leading on the options for a move of the County Council from its current home at Shire Hall. Current indications are that it may set up a hub outside Cambridge, possibly in one of the new settlements at Alconbury or Northstowe with spokes to each district. Future use of Shire Hall following any such move is not yet determined but members are intent on protecting the historical and archaeological significance of the site.

Agenda pack: <http://bit.ly/2BSy9NI>

At its January meeting the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Joint Assembly received a presentation from Steer Davies Gleave on the Rapid Mass Transit Options Appraisal. The general response was enthusiastic about the study's findings. Whilst there was some anxiety expressed regarding financial sustainability and sources of revenue funding for subsidies. Assembly members felt that there was a key role for the GCP to play in the development and delivery of the elements of the network that lie within the Greater Cambridge area.

Members of the GCP Joint Assembly also considered the report on the findings of the Ely to Cambridge A10 Transport Study and proposals for next steps. Among concerns expressed was one about land take and compulsory purchase should any dualling include diversion from the road's current alignment. The Joint Assembly supported the recommendations to the GCP's Executive Board that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) should have responsibility for approving the study's recommendations and taking them forward for consultation. Members' view was that the GCP should take forward and deliver the proposals identified for modal shift (walking, cycling and public transport improvements) and aligning the public transport improvements with the Cambridge Mass Rapid Transit Options Appraisal findings.

Agenda pack/decisions (Joint Assembly): <http://bit.ly/2slj4jR>

Agenda pack (Board): <http://bit.ly/2BnvDOi>

At its January meeting the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) was also asked to note the findings of the Mass Rapid Transit Strategic Options Assessment and as well as a recommendation that the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM) project be carried forward for further development. It approved £600,000 to develop a Strategic Outline Business Case and Options Appraisal Report for this and agreed to liaise with the GCP to ensure that current and future plans for high quality public transport corridors are consistent and readily adaptable to the emerging proposition for a CAM network.

Agenda pack and decisions: <http://bit.ly/2nZMwga>

Changes to the policing model for Cambridgeshire have now been agreed and will be rolled out from 30 April 2018. Its focus remains to protect the most vulnerable and target the most serious offenders. The new model focuses on putting more officers on the frontline and allows for funding of an additional 50 officers. The commitment to neighbourhood policing and working with communities to reduce crime and improve safety remains. There will still be access to their local policing team for every resident and there will be an identified police community support officer (PCSO) for each area. The previous six district areas have been reduced to two, one each for the north and south. This change is designed to reduce supervisory and senior management posts thus freeing up resources for the frontline. Two new hubs will be created: a Demand Hub to merge contact and crime management functions and a Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Hub tasked with protecting children most at risk of harm in these three areas. Community action teams similar to the current Rural Crime Action Team will respond to local problems and challenges and every district council area will have an enquiry office function. The force will continue to have specialist teams for serious and organised crime, cyber and fraud and surveillance (to tackle crime gangs). The first phase of the model will go live from 30 April.

I look forward to receiving any questions or comments that you have about these or any other matters either at your meetings or by email.

Lynda

## APPENDIX B

### i) Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey 12. 2. 2018

I have often been critical of Council meetings, but this month's stands out in the annals of incompetence. It started well; we were told that we have appointed Cllr Neil Davies of Histon and Impington to be Champion for mental health and wellbeing. He has already done a great deal on this in H&I; and this appointment, though providing comparatively few extra resources, could bring big dividends.

We then had a major item on re-drawing the boundary between Willingham and Over parishes. A confused and confusing explanation of the issue accompanied two maps showing the options, the result, we were told, of extensive consultation and discussion. The Leader then got to his feet and proposed what he called a minor amendment. When I asked him to clarify he began by mis-identifying various parts of the maps and was corrected by several voices, not all saying exactly the same thing. Although the local member for Over pointed out that his constituents and Parish Council did not want the change, the leader's amended version was approved. It was noted in the debate that this would change land values, and it appears the whole issue was raised by a landowner who has submitted a planning application for transferred land. Although this should not be a material consideration disclosure would at least have helped us understand the debate.

We then had reports from the Combined Authority but since no papers had been made available they too were unhelpful, though the Mayor was roundly taken to task for leaking papers and thus preempting any proper discussion of the transport options.

A period of 30 minutes is allocated for Members' questions, and there was one very interesting one pertaining to the boundary issue. Clearly the Front Bench did not want to tackle it so in response to earlier questions Portfolio Holders rambled and filibustered, while some members tried to shout them down and the chairman sat idly by, until time ran out. The chair is supposed to be impartial and non-partisan; it is a deep disgrace that all such conventions are now totally disregarded in South Cambs. We leaders of opposition groups have complained to the Chairman and the CEO.

After the Council, jaded though we were, there was a further meeting of a Task and Finish Group looking at preparing Members for the post-May world of the new, slimmed-down Council. We had been presented with a draft introduction, which did not even get the number of Members right; I offered rather a large number of comments. They are being considered.

The following day I had to be back bright and early for the Corporate Governance meeting, where the most interesting point was that our external auditors had picked up a typo which enabled us to claim an extra £135,000 from central Government: more than covering our auditors' fees.

Immediately after that I had a meeting with our senior planners. Because of the number of appeals we are losing (well over 1 in 9), we are eligible for 'designation' -- the equivalent of a school being put in special measures. This allows developers to apply directly to DCLG for planning permission. However, as most of the appeals arise out of the speculative applications put in because of our lack of a Local Plan, officers believe the Government will not designate us -- and even if it does, evidence is that it makes little difference. Our preparedness for Neighbourhood Plans has been hit by the Local Plan and illness and we are still not ready with the promised toolkit. We are going ahead with proposals to become paperless, but we were promised that Parish Councils would not be adversely affected.

At a subsequent meeting with our CEO we opposition leaders raised lessons to be learned from the chaotic Council meeting and our general lack of clarity. We also discussed the CEO's plan to have staff briefings with all departments, with a focus on customer service and 'building our brand'. We looked at homelessness: new additional duties will require some £200,000, while our grant is about £22,000.

I have had another meeting with the Director of the NW Cambridge project: we covered a lot of somewhat contentious issues without as much agreement as I had hoped. There will be no indication on the roads which criss-cross the city-parish boundary as to exactly where it is, which will make it difficult for residents to know exactly where they live (important for anyone wishing to apply for funding from Girton Town Charity) and also hard for people distributing material like electioneering leaflets or Village magazines. They are looking at the question of the illegal advertisement for Hill housing, and at the several issues raised by their neighbours along Huntingdon Road, so far without resolution. They still deny all knowledge of the boundary stone and the village sign, and ask for evidence. Does anyone have a photo of either?

After looking again at the proposed modifications to the Local Plan proposals, I do not think there is much point in a Parish Council response. If you disagree you have until Friday to make a personal one.

Douglas de Lacey

ii) **District Councillor's Report - Cllr Tom Bygott  
20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

**Centenary of Equal Suffrage**

February 6<sup>th</sup> was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Representation of the People Act 1918 receiving Royal Assent. This gave many women in Great Britain the right to vote in General Elections, following the examples set in New Zealand (1893), Australia (1903) and Finland (1906). To celebrate this momentous occasion, a series of commemorative activities have been held, including a Vote100 Archive unveiled by Cambridgeshire County Council, showing how Cambridgeshire was a hub of suffragist activity with groups such as Cambridge Association for the Women's Suffrage. These archives will be on show across the County throughout 2018.

One of these events, on February 6<sup>th</sup>, was the unveiling of a blue plaque to Dame Millicent Fawcett. Dame Millicent formed the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in 1897, which used peaceful campaign tactics, including non-violent demonstrations, petitions and the lobbying of MPs. The equal rights campaigner, who dedicated her life to getting the women's vote, was also active in the fight to give women the chance of a good education, co-founding Newnham College in 1871. The plaque was revealed at Cambridge Guildhall and will be placed on her former home on Brookside in Cambridge next to that of her husband, The Rt Hon Henry Fawcett MP. She is also set to be the first woman to be honoured with a statue in Parliament Square later this year.

**Energy Saving Fund**

The District Council's Cabinet has approved plans to create a Green Energy Loan Fund. Residents, community groups and businesses will be able to apply for loans from #1,000 to #10,000 per year for the next four years. Loans will be paid back over three years, so recipients can spread the cost of purchasing energy saving products. Examples of some of the projects that might be eligible for a loan from the fund include: solar panels, ground or air source heat pumps, household battery storage units, electric car charging points, LED lighting, insulation or draught proofing. Residents and community groups will pay no interest on the loans. Small and medium-sized businesses (up to 250 staff) will be charged interest at the same rate as offered by Government for start-up loans.

It is anticipated that the fund, which will be paid for via business rates income from new renewable energy projects in South Cambridgeshire, will be set-up and launched by mid-July. Meanwhile the District Cabinet also approved proposals to invest further elements of the same business rates fund into renewable energy projects. These will aim to generate income for the Council to spend on services, and allow the authority to become more environmentally-friendly. Potential projects such as solar canopies over the car park at the authority's Cambourne offices, and renewable energy generation schemes at the planned new Sports Pavilion and Community Centre sites at Northstowe will now be investigated.

More detailed information can be found in the Cabinet papers at <http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=293&MId=7185&Ver=4>

### **“Make your Metals Matter” campaign**

This is a campaign that has been launched by the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils in conjunction with the metal packaging manufacturing industry. It is directed to all 119,000 households across both districts, and aims to remind residents to recycle all metal packaging found around their home.

They have calculated some extra-ordinary statistics: we use over 141 million cans, foil trays and aerosols every year in South Cambs and the City. If all of the metal packaging used in homes in the two districts each year were collected for recycling it would save around 3,820 tonnes of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of taking over 812 cars (of the soon-to-be-obsolete petrol or diesel variety) off local streets for a year.

There are still large numbers of metal items, such as drink cans, food tins, foil trays, empty aerosols, metal screw tops and foil wrap that are not being recycled, but could be. South Cambridgeshire has one of the best recycling efforts. The central section of each edition of the South Cambs magazine contains a guide for which items can be recycled. The South Cambs website has, at [www.scambs.gov.uk/what-goes-which-bin](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/what-goes-which-bin), one of the most amazingly exhaustive directories of how to dispose of various items imaginable, dealing with such subjects as bubblewrap, asbestos, used drinking straws and Japanese Knotweed.

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## **APPENDIX C**

### **Police Report for January/February 2018**

No crimes in Girton have been reported on the E-Cops system in the past month.

## **APPENDIX D**

### **Quotations for Grass Verge Cutting Contract**

#### **Brookfield Groundcare**

Following our recent conversation, I would like to offer the following quotations for the village verges. Having served the Parish Council for the last six years on the Verge Maintenance Brookfield Groundcare have become very familiar with the local residents and understand the pride that they have in their frontage. We have found over this period of time that the same residents maintain their own frontage, lessening the work for us. In 2017 I purchased a new machine which makes our operation much more time efficient, saving on mainly labour.

With all this in mind, we are pleased to be able to offer a fixed rate for the next three years of £650 plus VAT per visit based on eight visits through the cutting season (March-October)

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.  
Yours sincerely,  
Daniel Wright

**Buchans Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance**

Girton Parish Council

Verges 'All'      Amount of visits – 8      Cost £465.00 per cut (plus VAT)

**AJ King**

Grass Verge Cutting. To cut all verges as per specification and map supplied £725 per cut (plus VAT)

**APPENDIX E**

**Quotations for Fencing Repairs at Girton Recreation Ground basketball area**



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Quote:20180131

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for asking us to provide a quotation to repair the fencing on the basketball court. Following my meeting with Chris I have also supplied a quotation to completely replace the wooden element of fencing.

**Our quotation for providing this service as detailed below is:**

**Repair fencing**

**£830 + VAT**

**Replace wooden element of fencing**

**£1,310 + VAT**

**Detailed requirements**

**Repair**

Replace the 7 existing damaged posts with new 100 x 100mm UC4 treated (guaranteed against rotting for 15 years).

Replace 6 horizontal timbers which are in poor condition with new.

Reattach existing chain link to new posts – inserting new straining wires where required.

**Replace**

Replace all wooden elements of existing fencing with new to match existing design.

Reattach existing chain link to new posts – inserting new straining wires where required.

All timber pressure treated brown

This quotation is valid for 30 days following the date stated above.

**Notice must be given in writing of any services that are on the fence line as no claim for any cost of reinstatement will be accepted.**

**Notice of the right to cancel:** Should you accept our quotation you then by law have a cooling off period of 7 days whereby you can cancel your order without penalty. A cancellation must be in writing and sent by post or electronic mail.

All orders must be placed in writing (post or electronic mail).

If you require any further information or have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours Sincerely,

Jon Copping



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## Quotation

Quote Number: 146  
Quote Date: 26th Jan '18  
Valid For: 30 Days  
Account: GIRT01  
Quote Ref: Basketball Court Fence  
Private Jobs:

Qty	Description	Rate	Total
1	TEMPORARY REPAIR To supply and install 7 concrete repair spurs. I see this as temporary as I feel the posts are rotten further up the posts (not just at ground level) also some of the rails are showing signs of rot.	540.00	540.00
1	Replacement of timber fence (posts and rails) approx 24.5 metres (pavilion side of basketball courts only).  Re- using existing chain link fence and metal uprights.	1,590.00	1,590.00



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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Estimate - Fencing

Fix fencing as in the pictures sent.  
Based on replacing 8 wooden posts and rebolting the steel posts back to the new wooden posts and fixing the wooden fence back to the posts.

Labour and materials = £1600 + VAT = £1920  
Disposal of any old fence = £100 + VAT = £120

**Total cost = £2040**

This estimate is valid for 3 months.

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**APPENDIX F**  
**Site plan of Wellbrook Way**



**APPENDIX G**  
**Payments Schedule for February 2018**  
(please see separate document)

**APPENDIX H**

**Chairman's Report**  
**14<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

Following our decision of last month our Contract accountant has been engaged and has brought or accounts up to date. Subject to clarification of some postings it should be possible to present P&L and Balance Sheet statements at this month's meeting. It is hoped that up to date VAT reclaims can be submitted by the end of the month.

The heavy winds in mid-January brought reports that a large tree was blocking the footpath between Girton and Histon. Fortunately for us this proved to be on Histon territory and Histon County Councillor was able to organise its removal which was completed by the land owner, (the County Council!). A concerned parishioner also reported removal of a hedge and trees alongside the footpath linking St Margaret's Road to Thornton Road. Investigation showed this to be the concern of the adjacent property owners who are acting within their rights. They plan to replace the unmanageable hedge/trees with a fence or smaller hedge. Northmores continue to progress the car park refurbishment and have arranged a further meeting to update progress at the end of the month. Repairs to the potholes in the car park have been delayed by the heavy January rain.

District Councillor de Lacey, the Clerk and I met with SCDC S106 Officer to consider possibilities for S106 claims relating to the proposed Pepys Way housing development. Our suggestions of funds for the pavilion loft conversion, upgrading of the Girton to Histon cycle/footpath, MUGA replacement and Mayfield Road bus shelter replacement were all deemed to be feasible. He will provide us with a draft claim for funds for at least one of these.

Girton Open Garden Group have balked at the proposed contract for the management of the redundant BT phone box on Cambridge Road as posing too great a financial risk. I have explained that this should in fact be minimal and they are to reconsider.

Our website revamp task group met with Alison Giles to discuss her proposal to develop a site using Word Press. This appears to be a suitable low cost option and she will work on it and provide updates at intervals. There is no commitment to this as our new website until we are totally happy with it. The only cost will relate to payment to Word Press for an advert free site which will only become payable on a monthly basis, should we decide to go ahead.

The ongoing saga of the land transfer at Wellbrook Way is hopefully nearing completion. At our forthcoming meeting the PC will again be asked to approve the transfer of the land to GTC although I am sure this has been done at least once before.

**Haydn Williams**

**APPENDIX I**

**Summary of Girton Youth Project Report for February 2018**

During February half term we ran an Animation workshop at Cotton Hall, we had 11 attendees, one being a new member who came after I handed out flyers to our Friday group in school. The final video produced was great, it can be viewed on our Facebook page. Feedback from staff was that possibly the session was slightly too long but the young people who attended it were very pleased with what they had achieved and learnt. As always feedback

from parents is positive, always sounding very surprised that we offer so many different forms of activities and support free of charge. A huge thank you to Tim, Jamie and Matilda who worked really hard on the day to deliver a fantastic animation day.

Residential letters have been sent out; GYP are offering trips to PGL for both the younger Monday cohort and the Thursday cohort, we have felt that in the past the younger members have been overlooked when it comes to the residential trip and we want to be an inclusive club that offers the same experiences to all. GYP have used PGL as a residential provider in the past and I have personally worked with them in other job roles previously. The packages that we have been offered include a collection of outdoor pursuits including, but not limited to, Kayaking, high rope courses, archery, rifle shooting. The package also includes three hot meals per day for staff and the young people, as well as all risk assessments for the activities that we will be taking part in.

Monday group have been offered to go to PGL Caythorpe court on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August for a long weekend. The cost is £99 + vat per place, we also have to take into consideration staff costs for the trip and travel to destination. Parents are being asked to contribute £80 to the total cost of the residential.

Thursday group have been offered a trip to PGL Weymouth leaving on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of July until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August for the week. The cost is £299 + vat not inclusive of travel or staff wages, we have asked the parents to contribute £180 to the total cost of the residential trip. As GYP is working at an underspend this financial year, estimated at £8,000 underspend on staff I have asked GTC for permission to transfer the underspend to the activities budget to be able to put the initial deposits down for both trips. In discussion with GTC we have agreed that should certain parents be unable to afford to pay for their child to attend GYP budget will have enough scope to make up the short fall. Failing that, parents can apply to GTC for a hardship loan.

As always the young people are aware that they have to work for the experiences that GYP offer to them, with this understanding they are expected to fundraise throughout the rest of the year; helping at the Yard Sale and Girton Feast festivities where GYP will be washing cars again this year. We will also create a presentation to present to GTC to ask for their financial contribution towards the residential trips.