

GULDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall
on Monday 16 January 2006 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs: Mrs. J Davies, B Holme, J Holroyd (Chairman), R Murfitt, Mrs D Mitchell and B Spall

In attendance: Cllr Mrs L Oliver (County Cllr), Mrs G. Stoehr (Clerk) and one member of the public.

Comments and observations from members of the public

In response to a complaint regarding a van parking outside Fox Cottages it was noted that as this is only a temporary measure the Parish Council would not raise any objections to the van being parked on the highway area near the village hall gates.

Problems with parking again in Silver Street were noted and a letter will be sent to all residents in Silver Street highlighting the problems should emergency vehicles need to visit.

Hooks Mill Road_ It was noted that the road is subsiding again. The matter will be reported to Mr D Vacher for action.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs: K Baker (work), K Saban (work), J Kennedy (work) and Cllr Mrs C Murfitt (attending another meeting).

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings on:

2.1 28 November

On a proposition by Cllr Holme, seconded by Cllr Murfitt the minutes of 28 November 2005 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2.2 12 December

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting to allow the minutes to be circulated.

2.3 The confidential minutes from 5 September

On a proposition by Cllr Holme, seconded by Cllr Murfitt the confidential minutes from 5 September 2005 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Details of the pay ward from 1 April are included in the CALC Bulletin for information.

3. Matters arising to note or carried forward for discussion/decision

3.1 (3.1.1, 3.1.3) Encroachments Ashwell Road & on PRow adj to parish cemetery

3.1.1 (3.1.3) Encroachment near 1 Ashwell Road. It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting as the Parish Council are still awaiting information from the Highway Supervisor. It was reiterated that encroachments not acceptable to the Parish Council.

3.1.2 (3.1.1) Encroachment public right of way (PRow) near the cemetery. It was noted that Cllr Mrs Mitchell had met with Mr Cooper and Ms Day (Team Leader Countryside Services) to show them the location of the encroachment. Carried forward to the next meeting pending information from Mr Cooper. It was reiterated that encroachments not acceptable to the Parish Council.

3.2 (3.3) Village Hall including vesting of lease in the Official Custodian

It was noted that this has still not been signed and agreed that a letter should be sent asking if the Chairman could attend the next Village Hall meeting to discuss the vesting, insurance and future of the hall etc.

3.3 (5.6) Strategic Partnership – Roadside verges

The draft response was approved and Cllr Mrs Davies and the residents were thanked for all their effort and hard work compiling the response.

3.4 Quality Council application

The application had been submitted to CALC prior to Christmas and would be considered by the accreditation panel in January. A copy of the application is to be circulated.

4 To receive the report of the County and District Councillors

As no one was present at this point in the meeting it was agreed to carry this item forward.

4.1 Litter collection

Following several complaints about the lack of black bin collection over the Christmas period a complaint is to be sent to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) stating that there was 24 days between collections of the black bin and that it is felt that the delay was excessive and that next year the Parish Council do not expect the delay to be so long.

As not all residents had received their SCDC Magazine a complaint is to be sent to SCDC.

5. To consider correspondence/communications received including

5.1 Standards of conduct in English Local Government: the future ODPM proposals

The implications of the proposals in particular regarding dual-hatted members and 'public service' were noted. The document is to be circulated.

5.2 CCC - Public Rights of Way – missing links

Cllr Murfitt declared an interest and duly left the meeting whilst the path Near Silver Street was being discussed.

It was agreed to explore the inclusion of the Vineyard and the dead end path at the end of Silver Street adjacent to the Hertfordshire County boundary.

Cllr Murfitt rejoined the meeting.

Items 4, 5.3 & 5.4 were taken together.

5.3 Cambridgeshire Constabulary – budget consultation

5.4 Cambs County Council – budget consultation

4 To receive the report of the County and District Councillors

Cllr Mrs Oliver reported on county matters and she also gave the report on behalf of Cllr Mrs Murfitt:

- The implications of the county council's budget deliberations.
- The Trap Road development is being chased by the SCDC with a view to completion.
- SCDC are aware of litter collection problems.
- Odsey/Ahwell Station parking. Cllr Mrs Oliver reported that she had attended a meeting and the matter is now progressing to a formal application. Requests from members of the public to remove wooden bollards to allow parking on the side of the road have been refused by CCC. Lighting and landscaping are going to be sensitive issues to rural locations.
- The proposed Cemex Application – Consultation. Cllr Holme declared an interest in this item as 'his friend has an interest'.

5.5 CALC – Capping proposals of South Cambs District Council

Noted.

5.6 SCDC Footway lighting

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting to allow time to establish how many lights there are in question and where they are positioned. The Parish Council felt that as a rural community it was being penalized as urban villages had more CCC street lighting and less SCDC lighting, which would fall onto the Parish Council to fund. It was also felt that either SCDC or the CCC should take full responsibility for the lights in question. On a proposition by Cllr Spall, seconded by Cllr Holroyd it was agreed to call a parish meeting in February to seek the views of the residents.

Cllr J Kennedy arrived here.

5.7 SCDC Local Government Finance Act 1992 – Parish Precepts

Noted.

5.8 Melbourn – Mc Splash.

5.9 The Chairman had been unable to attend the meeting at the School as he had been overseas.

5.10 SCDC's Local Development framework pre-submission draft.

5.11 SCDC Environmental Services' questionnaire on service provided.

6. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters

6.1 Tree monitoring reports

Reports on tree checks undertaken by members were noted. There was no urgent action identified.

6.1.1 RoSPA checks. It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting to enable Cllr Saban to make recommendations on checks are required.

6.2 Finance report and to approve the payment of bills

The financial report was received and considered. Invoices for payment and supporting papers were checked by a member before payment. On a proposition by Cllr Spall, seconded by Cllr Holme the following payments were approved for payment:

Information Commissioner (data protection)	£25.00
SD Phillips (bus shelter repair)	£587.50
Ringway (streetlight)	£980.66
Buchans (grasscutting)	£1616.83
Anglo Fabrications (bus shelter perspex panel)	£25.29
LG Stoehr (salary)	£97.23
LGS Services	£424.01
Comberton Parish Council (SLCC affiliation fee)	£15.50

It was noted that:

- Townlands Charity will be issuing the Parish Council's cheque for two financial years shortly.
- Guilden Morden Parish Council will share a subscription of the Local Council review with Comberton Parish Council.

6.3 To consider and approve the budget for the financial year 1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007

On a proposition by Cllr Spall, seconded by Cllr Kennedy it was unanimously resolved that the budget as appended to these minutes be approved.

6.4 To demand the Precept

On a proposition by Cllr Spall seconded by Cllr Murfitt it was unanimously resolved that the precept required to enable the Parish Council balance its budget was £16,880.00 and that this should be demanded from the District Council.

6.5 Grass cutting/village maintenance contract for seasons 2006 & 2007

Grass cutting and the maintenance of hedging and trees were reviewed. The recent letter from CCC indicating that there may be a reduced verges cutting grant was noted. On a proposition by Cllr Spall, seconded by Cllr Holme it was agreed to continue the contract with Buchans for a further 2 years and to also continue with five verges cuts per year.

It was agreed that the cowslips outside the pitch area should be nurtured and the contractor is to be informed.

7. To consider planning and tree works applications received/considered since the last meeting

Cllr Murfitt declared an interest in items; 7.0.1 and 7.0.2 and left the meeting while these were discussed.

7.0.1 S/0004/06/F, 27 Ashwell Road Guilden Morden – Extension

On a proposition by Cllr Holroyd, seconded by Cllr Spall the application was recommended for ‘approval’ as there would be no detriment to the village and a small extension has already been approved by SCDC nearby.

7.0.2 S/2401/05/LB, 66 High Street Guilden Morden - Alterations - Replacement of Sole Plate in Ground Floor Bedroom and Provision of Rainwater Goods on Tiled Roof

On a proposition by Cllr Holroyd, seconded by Cllr Spall the application was recommended for ‘Approval’ as it was felt that these are important works necessary to retain a listed building.

7.1 Tree works

7.1.1 Gatrill-Smith, Croft House, High Street

Consideration was given to the Tree Warden's recommendation that the tree should not be removed only the lower highway side branch. On a proposition by Cllr Holroyd, seconded by Cllr Spall was agreed to accept the Tree Warden's recommendation as the tree was an important part of the conservation area.

7.1.2 The Old Manse, 87 High Street

No objections to the works.

7.2 SCDC decisions

Notification had been received that SCDC had approved, with conditions:

- S/225/05/F 77 High Street – Erection of workshop, playhouse, fence and gate.
- S/2026/05/F Land at junction of Church Lane/Church Street – Modern Flag Pole.
- S/2062/05/F ‘Next Odsey’ Station Road, Odsey – Greenhouse.
- S/1931/05/F Plot 13 Thompson’s Meadow – Amended design to include Conservatory.
- S/1399/05/F Lodge Farm, Silver Street – Erection of outbuilding for garaging with storage area over.

And ‘Refused’:

- S/2166/05/F Land adj. The Three Tuns PH, High Street – Dwelling and garage.
- S/1904/05/F 4 Town Farm Close – Boundary Fence.

7.3 Diversion Order FP48 and FP18

Noted.

8. Councillors' items for the next agenda and closure of meeting

- 8.1 The rubbish dumped at Hooks Mill has been cleared today. Mr Vacher is to be asked for his views on either erecting bollards or a camera to prevent fly-tipping on the verge. This will be considered further at the next meeting.
- 8.2 Cllr Seban is to be reminded to arrange the working party to sort out the bollards near the village hall car park.
- 8.3 As the kissing gates are still outstanding it was agreed to chase the contractor again.
- 8.4 A vehicle with a trailer had been seen on the Vineyard. It was noted that this was probably CCC installing the bridge.
- 8.5 Cemetery / New Road – It was noted that the grass by the edge of the road is being eroded by traffic. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of Mr Vacher.
- 8.6 NHW have noted white van acting suspiciously in the village and have warned parishioners to be cautious.
- 8.7 There have been 2 attempts of break-ins at the school.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Signed _____ dated _____