

GULDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Monday 16 November 2009 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllrs: T Bartlett, J Davis, A Hoad, B Holme (Chairman), D Mitchell and T Oakes.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs L Oliver (County), Cllr Mrs C Murfitt (District), 1 member of the public and Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk)

Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Mrs Oliver's report included:

- Odsey station – nothing further to report
- Odsey turn – members jointly with Herts CC are trying to bring about a reduced speed limit and surface improvements in the vicinity of Odsey turn.
- Ashwell Road – a police survey showed 42% of drivers exceeding the speed limit and more checks are planned.
- CCC funding – 35% reductions are aimed over the next five years.
- The Transport Authority of the Year award results.
- The mechanical biological treatment plant at Waterbeach.

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Cllr Holme reported that at the last police Neighbourhood meeting only one parish had responded.

Cllr Mrs Murfitt's report included:

- Attendance at the SCDC meeting with the Cabinet on 25 November was encouraged.
- Proposed budget cuts and expected bankruptcy in approximately 4 years; staffing cuts.
- A survey had shown SCDC to be in the top 10 highest performing councils in 5 aspects. There were discrepancies between the survey results and other comments.
- Comments raised at the previous meeting about a resident had been pursued.
- The SCDC magazine. Views on the content were sought.
- The proposed new system of recycling and the introduction of a third wheelie bin.

A question was asked about flytipping and how to prevent it. Cllr Mrs Murfitt suggested education was necessary.

1. To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were noted from Cllr Townsend-Stojic (work commitments) and from Cllr Holroyd (out of parish). *Cllr Mrs Murfitt*
There were no declarations of interest.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meetings on 21 September 2009 and 19 October 2009

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Prop AF, 2nd DM).

3. Matters arising from the last or previous meetings carried forward for discussion/decision

3.1 (3.1) Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy

It was noted that someone was needed to fill the casual vacancy. An article is to be placed in Gamut.

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3.2 (3.4) Village and parish paths working party
Cllr Holroyd is to convene the working party in the New Year to undertake the minor works as identified..

3.3 (3.7) Sycamore trees on the Craft – to consider quotations
It was agreed ^(Prop TB, 2nd TO) to accept the quotation of £200 from Matthew Fathers to reduce hedge to height as discussed at the site meeting leaving wood chippings on site for mulch. Access to the site may be gained across The Craft with the proviso that any damage must be reinstated.

3.4 (3.8) Affordable housing
The analysis of the ACRE survey with further comments on the data was awaited from Cllr Townsend-Stojic. Cllr Townsend-Stojic was appointed in her absence to the working group. The Working Group is to contact other villages to ascertain how they approached affordable housing in their villages and to review what land might be suitable for housing in the village , perhaps with a view to approaching County Farms.

4. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters

4.1 To receive the Finance report and to approve the payment of bills
The financial report was received and considered and checked by a member against the invoices and statements before the cheques were signed. It was agreed that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid^(TO,AH), plus Buchans (Grasscutting) £241.24, and Earth Anchors £306.71.

Buchans (Grasscutting)	£1161.81
LGS Services (Admin support)	£490.44
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£126.46
LGS Services (Admin support)	£604.77

4.1.1 The new telephone banking form for the Clerk's access to administer the bank accounts in accordance with a previous agreement was signed.

4.1.2 Bank interest rates were noted and the finance working group are to consider options for banking arrangements.

4.1.3 A cheque for outstanding Wayleave from EDF dating back to 1992 has been received.

4.1.4 Special projects for the next budget are to be sent to the Clerk to enable the draft budget to be prepared for the January meeting.

5. Members items for discussion and decision

5.1 Report from Melbourn Police Panel Meeting

Cllr Holme reported on the meeting on 20 October, which covered:

- Speedwatch and the lack of incidents in the village. The validity of the statistics was challenged by the Chairman. A 22% increase in crime in Cambridgeshire was noted.
- Members were encouraged to attend the Police surgery in the village on 27 November.

6. To consider correspondence/communications received

6.1 Dave Such – request to use recreation ground for hot air balloon launches

The use of the recreation ground for launches was approved in principle subject to safeguards, an established perimeter at the bottom part of the recreation ground, if not in use by the sports clubs, formal bookings with a similar letter to that used by Barkway Parish Council, and a fee of £25. ^(Prop TB, 2nd TO, approved with one abstention). The usage is to be monitored for a year and an article is to be placed in Gamut.

6.2 Letter from a resident regarding forthcoming planning application

As the resident was not present despite being invited this was simply noted.

- 6.3 Andrew Lansley MP – Broadband speeds
An article is to be placed in Gamut and on the website.
- 6.4 HCV issues and Countywide Advisory Freight Map
Noted – carried forward as the map is awaited.
- 6.5 SCDC invitation to meet the Cabinet at 7.30 pm on 25 November
Cllr Holme is to attend.
- 6.6 Cambridgeshire Highways depot open day on 16 December 2009
Noted.
- 6.7 Resident – request for dog bin near Ashwell Road
In response to the resident's request it was agreed ^(Prop BH, 2nd AH) to order a dog bin of the same size and colour as to those already in the village. An article is to be placed in the newsletter and if necessary the working group is to arrange for its installation.
7. **To consider planning and tree works applications and decision noticed received since the last meeting**
- 7.1 Planning applications received
- 7.1.1 S/1344/09/F – The Mews, Odsey Grange, Baldock Road – Extension and
- 7.1.2 S/1527/09/F – 57 High Street – Oil Storage Tank
The plans were not yet received and it was agreed members are to look up the plans on the website and send their comments to the Clerk for submission.
- 7.1.3 C/11/40/04C/11/40/041 – 38 Church Street – Tree works
The Parish Council has no comment.
- 7.2 SCDC Decisions and notifications
- 7.2.1 S/1224/09/F – 60 New Road – Extensions - Approved by SCDC.
Noted.
- 7.2.2 S/1360/09/F – 2 High Street – Erection of front boundary fence and entrance gate including screening (Part retrospective) – Approved by SCDC.
Noted.
- 7.3 SCDC LDF Public Participation & Statement of Community Involvement & Supplementary Planning Documents
Members are to email comments to the Clerk for the Parish Council's response.
8. **To consider reports for information only**
- 8.1 Police and NHW -Cllr Holme reported appreciation at the Neighbourhood Watch meeting. Cllr Oakes is to resurrect the scheme on behalf of the Parish Council and village. There will be 17 co-ordinators and a pyramid system is to be introduced. Contact details and areas will be published in Gamut in due course.
- 8.2 Transport - This is to be an agenda item for the next meeting and all members are to consider options and bring suggestions for improvements to the current public transport provision for the village.
- 8.3 Allotments and the Craft - A request to allow the pre-school children to use part of an allotment was agreed ^(Prop AH, 2nd JD) subject to supervision. Two rents are still outstanding and four applicants are on the waiting list.
- 8.4 Ruddery Pit and Vineyard - Nothing to report.
- 8.5 Village Hall inc Village Hall Project Group - Cllr Oakes reported on the recent meeting and ongoing maintenance. The Village Hall Committee had received a

