

**GULDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
on Monday 18 January 2010 at 7.30 pm.**

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

In attendance: Cllr Mrs L Oliver (County), Cllr Mrs C Murfitt (District), 2 members of the public (part of the meeting) and Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk)

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

Mrs Boyd spoke about her letter on provision and placement of dog waste bins, expressing concerns at the Parish Council's decision to install a dog bin in Ashwell Road and the placement of bins elsewhere in the village, in particular outside the Vicarage. Mrs Boyd was thanked for attending.

Cllr Mrs Oliver's report included:

- suggested amendments to the draft minutes,
- Broadband – meeting this week with BT to put pressure regarding improvements in infrastructure.
- Odsey parking – on hold for now pending the General Election and economic upturn.
- The Mordens bus – the Wednesday service should start in approximately 8-9 weeks time.

Cllr Mrs Oliver was asked to pass on the Parish Council's thanks to the County Council for the gritting during the bad weather. It was noted that there is no facility for the blading of any snow blown off the fields and that a blade used to be held locally for farmers to use during bad weather.

Cllr Mrs Murfitt's report included:

- Apologies for absence at the last meeting on 21 December due to the lack of gritting in Silver Street.
- Refuse collections
- A vacancy for a Parish Council member on the South Cambridgeshire Standards Committee.
- Pre-application discussion of the NW Cambridge development site.
- SCDC Staff Survey results.
- Procurement
- Central Government funding.

**1. To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies were noted from Cllr Townsend-Stojic and from Cllr Bartlett.  
There were no declarations of interest.

**2. To approve the minutes of the last meetings on 16 November 2009 and 21 December 2009**

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. <sup>(Prop JH, 2nd JD)</sup>, after the following amendments:

16 November – extensive amendments and wording inclusion in the County Cllrs report.

21 December – amendment to show that Cllr Mrs Murfitt had sent her apologies

It was agreed <sup>(Prop JH, 2nd AH)</sup> that written reports are required from members and also the District and County Councillors and the Parish Council itself will decide at its meeting

which parts of the report are to be recorded in the minutes or appended to the minutes or just noted.

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

3.1 (4.1 of 21.12.09) BT invitation to adopt local red kiosks

Consideration was given to the electricity supply and to SCDC guidance. It was agreed to reply adopt the kiosks but to ask BT to arrange for disconnection of the electricity supply and continue to maintain the kiosks until adoption takes place. The competition results for use of the kiosks was noted.

3.2 (3.4 of 16.11.09) Affordable Housing - update

Carried forward.

3.3 (6.4) HCV issues and Countywide Advisory Freight Map

Noted. The Parish Council had no comment to make.

3.4 (8.2) Transport options and SCDC Community Transport Strategy consultation

Carried forward. Consideration is to be given to the establishment of a working group at the next meeting.

3.5 Relocation of bench outside 2 High Street – Mr Wood is to be asked to relocate the bench to the location agreed by the Parish Council at its site meeting.

3.6 Dog bin in Ashwell Road – in light of the letter received from Mrs Boyd it was agreed to put the matter on hold and seek the views of the Annual Parish Meeting on dog and litter bins in the village generally.

3.7 Pavement outside the shop – Cllr Holroyd is to meet with CCC Highways.

**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 plus Buchans £798.59, Comberton PC £23.56, ICO £35, Land Registry £10, should be paid<sup>(JH,JD)</sup>.

S Scott (Grasscutting)	£168.19
LGS Services (Admin support)	£465.77
Lawson Tree Services (Litter bin)	£120.00
Cambs ACRE (Affiliation fee)	£25.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£468.15
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£252.92

Receipts received between meetings including allotment rents, bank interest, VAT refund and a payment from EDF for a wayleave agreement dated back to the early 1990's discovered by the Clerk were all noted.

4.2 To review Budget for FY 2010

The approved budget v receipts and payments to date and also Reserve funding and any under spend anticipated by the end of the year was considered. Outstanding project spending was reviewed including the Parish Plan funds.

4.3 To approve budget for 2011 and to set precept

The baseline budget detailing the year on year receipts and payments based on agreed contracts and regular works was considered. Additional provision was made for:

Member training £100  
S137 donations £2000  
Cemetery Lych gate £300

Vineyard/Ruddery Pit – any under-spend to be transferred to general reserves  
 Trees – carried forward, if spent by year end to be met from contingency.  
 Allotments fencing – to use some of the money received via the Townlands Charity.

It was agreed that the amount required by the Parish Council to balance its budget is £23435 and it was agreed that this amount should be demanded from the District Council by way of precept for FY 2011<sup>(Prop TO, 2nd JH)</sup>.

4.4 P3 scheme FY 2010 work review and FY 2011 grant application

Cllr Holroyd reported on outstanding work from 2010 and proposed carrying forward outstanding projects, clearance of FP20 £35, waymarking and some paths clearance to be undertaken by a working group.

It was agreed that Cllr Holroyd would check the waymarker near Hooks Mill and arrange a meeting to sort out the safety and a proposed new bridge on the right of way from the cemetery to Potton End.

4.5 SCDC emptying of bins on Recreation Ground

The quotation from SCDC of £21 per week for bin emptying on the recreation ground was accepted.

5. Members items for discussion and decision

5.1 The Craft and Ruddery Pit – report on meeting with Natural England and to consider entry into Higher Level Stewardship

Cllr Holme reported on the meeting on with Natural England and the options for Entry Level or Higher Level Stewardship. Support from Carter Jonas and the Wildlife Trust was noted. It was agreed<sup>(Prop BH, 2nd AH)</sup> to apply for Higher Level Stewardship for both The Craft and Ruddery Pit when the scheme ends.

It was agreed to square up allotments for additional plots and to consider further the amount of land to be entered into the Higher Level Scheme as additional allotment plots might be required.

5.2 Report from SCDC meeting with Cabinet

Cllr Hoad reported on a useful meeting at SCDC.

5.3 Village Hall Project Group – planning application submission and tenders update

A Steering Group meeting will take place later on Friday 22 January – carried forward.

6. To consider correspondence/communications received

6.1 Andrew Lansley MP – youth provision

In response it was agreed to reply informing Mr Lansley of the new play equipment and the closure of the youth club.

6.2 SCDC Community Facilities audit

The paper from SCDC was noted. The Trap Road development is to be kept under review, and the Parish Council expressed its wish to ensure that a clause or covenant or similar should apply to that land.

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/1277/09/F and S/1278/09/LB – 53 High Street – Erection of conservatory, re-siting and replacement of oil tank and enlarged access to the conservatory.

The Parish Council recommended approval on the grounds that there was no impact on the scene or on the listed building.

7.2 SCDC Decisions and notifications

- 7.2.1 S/1569/09/F – 1 Fox Hill – Demolition of store, lobby, WC and garage, erection of extensions - Approved by SCDC.  
Noted.
- 7.2.2 S/1659/09/F – 38-40 Dubbs Knoll Road – Extension – Approved by SCDC.  
Noted.
- 7.2.3 S/1628/09/F – 1 Little Green Cottages – Extension – Refused by SCDC.  
Noted.
- 7.3 Planning appeal – S/0944/09/F & S/0945/09/LB – Site at Cherry Holt, 5 Potton Road  
Noted.
- 8. To consider reports for information only**
- 8.1 Police and NHW – Cllr Oakes reported on the work of the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and a report will be placed in Gamut and on the website.
- 8.2 Transport – Nothing to report.
- 8.3 Allotments and the Craft – Nothing to report.
- 8.4 Ruddery Pit and Vineyard - Nothing to report.
- 8.5 Village Hall inc Village Hall Project Group – No meeting has taken place.
- 8.6 Highways and Footpaths - Nothing to report.
- 8.7 Burial Grounds – Procedural details for the administration of plot transfers was considered. It was agreed <sup>(Prop JH, 2nd TO)</sup> to charge an administrative fee of £25 for transfers but to waiver the fee for any already received and being processed. An article is to be placed in Gamut.
- 8.8 Recreation Grounds – It was noted that bollards had not been replaced after the show and Kim Baker is to be asked to replace. Pete Morley is to be asked to repair the lock on the container. Further to a previous meeting it was noted that Mr Dave Such declined to pay for balloon launchings and will not therefore be taking off from the Recreation Ground.
- 8.9 Parish Plan – Cllr Davis reported that Cllr Townsend-Stojic collated responses from the Village Show which will inform the Plan and identify the targets. The Working Group is to contact the Clerk if it requires any help progress the plan and its targets. Carried forward to the next meeting.
- 8.10 Website – Some articles have been amended to acknowledge copyrights and permissions. Cllr Hoad was congratulated on her work on the website.
- 8.11 School – Complaints had been received regarding the alarm. Cllr Hoad will discuss advertising of the contact details for the alarm with the school.
- 8.12 Tree reports – members reports were received. It was noted that no work was currently required.
- 8.13 Streetlight SC4 outside 58 High Street – to be reported to CCC.
- 8.14 Assets review – Cllrs Holroyd and Holme are to undertake a review of the assets.
- 9. Councillors' items for the next agenda and closure of meeting**  
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.25 pm.

Signed  dated 15-03-10