

GULDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Monday 15 March 2010 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllrs: J Davis, A Hoad, G Harper, B Holme (Chairman), J Holroyd, D Mitchell, T Oakes, J Townsend-Stojic and T Bartlett.

In attendance: Judith Davis Roach, 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 Murfitt had enquired whether the SCDC newsletter had been delivered yet – this had been done. Cllr Mrs Oliver’s written report had been submitted by email to Cllr Oakes.

1. **To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest**
Apologies were noted from District Cllr Mrs Murfitt and County Cllr Mrs Oliver.
There were no declarations of interest.
2. **To approve the minutes of the last meetings on 18 January 2010 and 15 February 2010**
The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. ^{(Prop TO, 2nd JH).}
3. **Co-option to fill casual vacancy and signing of any declaration of acceptance of office**
Applicants:
Geoffrey Ken Harper, The Chestnuts, 14 Church Street, Guilden Morden
Judith Davis Roach, 7 Ashwell Road, Guilden Morden
The applicants were welcomed and invited to expand on their written applications. A secret ballot was held and the Chairman declared that Mr Harper had been co-opted. Cllr Harper signed the declaration of office and was given a members’ interests form for completion and a new member’s pack.
Mrs Roach was thanked for her interest.
4. **Matters arising from the last or previous meetings carried forward for discussion/decision**
(3.1.2 of 15.2.10) 2 High Street
Consideration was given to the SCDC Trees Officer, Ros Richardson’s email confirming that the resident hopes to plant alongside a driveway, in view of which SCDC had granted permission. It was agreed ^(Prop JT-S, 2nd AH) to reply that the Parish Council did not accept this decision and wish to see the planting plan. Tree Preservation Orders in the village are to be reviewed to see if the Parish Council should ask SCDC to include any other trees or group of trees.
- 4.1 **(3.2) Affordable Housing**
The Working Group led by Cllr Davis is to bring a report to the next meeting. Cllr Harper was appointed to joint the working group.
- 4.2 **(3.4) Transport options – to set up a working group**
Cllr Bartlett is to lead a working group with Cllr Holroyd to consider options and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.
- 4.3 **(3.1) BT invitation to adopt local red kiosks - update**

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The letter from BT stating that SCDC will not permit adoption of a kiosk in a conservation area was considered. Members are to consider how the kiosk that is to be adopted might be used and this will be considered further at a future meeting.

4.4 (4.5) Emptying of bins on the recreation ground - update

Further to the last meeting Buchans had submitted a price which was cheaper than the SCDC quotation. Given this the Chairman and RFO used their emergency powers and accepted the Buchans price. This decision was ratified by the Parish Council ^(Prop TB, 2nd DM). It was noted however that the bins had not as yet been emptied and should Buchans not rectify the situation with regular emptying the contact is to be taken off them.

5. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters

5.1 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 ^(JH,TO), plus M Fathers (allotment trees) £200, Cambs Water (cemetery water) £46.65.

LGS Services (Admin support)	£863.09
Buchans (Grass cutting)	£956.76
Green Magic (Leaflet dispensers)	£35.65
J Davis (reimbursement)	£78.26
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£460.51
LGS Services (Admin support)	£519.61
Buchans (Grass cutting)	£736.47
Objenix (Web hosting)	£205.63
CCC (Streetlights)	£1540.16

Receipts between meetings were noted. A Hoard should read J Hoard on the report.

Cllr Townsend-Stojic left the meeting.

5.2 To receive tree inspection reports and to consider any work required

Members reported verbally and no work was required at this time. The Vineyard and Ruddery Pit reports were not received. Proposed tree work on the oak in the school was noted but no formal application had been received.

5.3 Review and appointment of internal auditor

Following review it was agreed ^(Prop JH, 2nd DM) to re-appoint Dick Lynch as internal auditor.

5.4 Quality Council loss of status

The Parish Council was saddened at the loss of Quality Council status which was due to not meeting the electoral mandate criteria. The pros and cons of the accreditation were considered.

6. Members items for discussion and decision

6.1 Village Hall Project Group planning application submission and tenders update

Cllr Oakes reported on the recent meeting. Tenders are to be invited. Soil testing is required. The Working Group is to report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

7. To consider correspondence/communications received

7.1 Resident – Footpath 48 update and request for gate installation to Vineyard strip

It was agreed to reply to Miss Flint thanking her for her letter and saying the Parish Council will monitor the situation and that she should contact the Police if she sees anyone hare coursing.

7.2 CCC Minerals and Waste Plan consultation

As there is no direct impact on Guilden Morden or on water treatment, no response will be made.

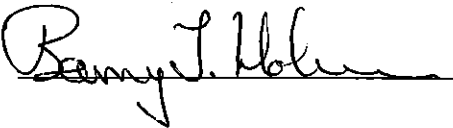
- 7.3 SCDC Standards Committee – vacancy for Parish Council representative
Carried forward to the May meeting.
- 7.4 Cambridgeshire’s Third Local Transport Plan consultation
No leaflet had been received from CCC. It was agreed to seek raise this with the County Council and seek assurance that Guilden Morden is included in an appropriate strategy.
- 7.5 Cambridgeshire Together Rural Strategy Consultation
The Parish Council had no comment to make.
- 7.6 Mobile Warden Scheme – invitation to nominate trustees
Cllr Davis indicated that she would not be standing as a trustee again. This was carried forward to the April meeting to clarify the Parish Council right of appointment in the constitution or trust deed and to make the necessary appointments.
8. **To consider planning and tree works applications and decision noticed received since the last meeting**
- 8.1 Planning applications received
- 8.1.1 S/0301/10/F – 53 High Street – re-siting of oil tank – the
The Parish Council recommended approval.
- 8.2 SCDC Decisions and notifications
- 8.2.1 S/1278/09/LB – The Cottage, 53 High Street – Enlarge window for access to proposed conservatory – Refused by SCDC. - Noted.
- 8.2.2 S/1277/09/F – The Cottage, 53 High Street – Conservatory and resiting and replacement of oil tank – Refused by SCDC. - Noted.
- 8.2.3 S/1764/09/F – 46 Fox Hill Road – Construction of vehicular crossover and parking hardstanding – Withdrawn. It was noted that hedging and a tree had been removed, and a letter is to be sent to the Trees Officer raising the matter of the effect on the village scene
- 8.3 Tree Works applications
- 8.3.1 14 Pound Green
The Parish Council had no objections to the proposals.
9. **To consider reports for information only**
- 9.1 Police and NHW – Cllr Oakes reported that the system was up and running well. The publication of contact details is to be checked. Hare coursing had been reported to the police and swift action taken.
- 9.2 Transport
The 127 bus service had been reinstated. It was reported that out of date bus details are on the CCC website. It was agreed to ask CCC for the site to be kept up to date.
- 9.3 Allotments and the Craft
Cllr Hoad reported that there are two new tenants. One existing plot has been split. There is a mole problem.
- 9.4 Ruddery Pit and Vineyard – Cllr Townsend-Stojic was not present to report..
- 9.5 Village Hall inc Village Hall Project Group
Cllr Oakes reported that at the last meeting there had been a discussion with the Toddlers Group regarding the floor and display materials.
- 9.6 Highways and Footpaths
Cllr Holroyd reported on:

- discussions with CCC Highways regarding potholes and footpaths. A meeting had taken place regarding the footpath outside the Edward VII pub, where the kerb is to be raised to prevent water running into the cellar and to prevent parking.
- At 9am on Saturday a working party will meet to undertake some work on Pound Green, Church Lane, litter picking, Morden Hall. The Twitchell has been swept.
- Diversion of Footpaths 34 and part of footpath 35 at 60 New Road – it was noted that CCC had written to say that the order has been abandoned following a valid objection. CCC will take steps to ensure legal action to reinstate the correct route.

CCC is to be asked to provide a footpaths map for every member.

- 9.7 Burial Grounds – Cllr Mitchell reported that a memorial had fallen down and the resident had been informed. The Parish Council decided that it will formally write to a resident whose family plot has become very overgrown seeking reinstatement to a lawn grave.
- 9.8 Recreation Grounds
It was noted that Clubs should formally book in advance and not just hand their fee to the Village Hall Booing Secretary. Mr Keech was thanked for passing on the money.
- 9.9 Parish Plan
No further progress had been made and it was agreed that the working group should either bring a report to the next meeting or a recommendation to abandon the parish plan. It was noted that Cllr Davis is attending an ACRE meeting on 31 March on parish planning.
- 9.10 Website
Compliments were paid to Cllr Hoad for her work with the website. The village hall booking secretary's contact details have now been added.
- 9.11 School
Cllr Hoad reported that a reply is awaited from the School regarding the burglar alarm and the contact information.
- 9.12 Trap Road development
Concerns were expressed again about the site and it was agreed to ask why it could not be razed to the ground. A letter is to be sent to Stephen Conrad.
- 10. Councillors' items for the next agenda and closure of meeting**
- 10.1 The streetlight opposite 1 Trap Road is not working and is to be reported.
- 10.2 The seat at Church ~~Lane~~^{street} has not been fixed into concrete – Cllr Holroyd will do this.
- 10.3 Motorbikes are being used in Cobbs Lane and if the temporary closure order is still in place this is to be reported to CCC.
- 10.4 Cllr Harper raised the First Responder scheme and it was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the May meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.32 pm.

Signed  dated 19th April 2010