

GULDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: 124 members of the public, including Darren Blake (Circle Anglia), Catherine Shilton (Cambridgeshire ACRE), Paul Derry (SCDC Planning Officer), Cllr Linda Oliver (County Cllr), Cllr Mrs Murfitt (District Cllr), members of the public in the foyer and Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk).

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

the Chairman welcomed the residents and guests to the meeting and there followed an open discussion on the recent housing needs survey, the proposal by Circle Anglia for affordable housing in Dubbs Knoll Road, guidance from the Planning Officer and an opportunity for residents to ask questions and seek clarification. Summary notes from this part of the meeting are appended.

Letters from residents giving their views of the proposal had been circulated to all Parish Council members. To conclude this section and to enable the Parish Council to get some feel for the views of the residents present a show of hands was taken and approximately 73 residents supported affordable housing being built in the village while a second vote showed that approximately 75 opposed the development being in Dubbs Knoll Road.

On a proposition by the Chairman, the meeting was adjourned at 8.50 pm to allow residents time to leave and the meeting was reopened at 9.03 pm. Mr Paul Derry and 21 residents remained.

Cllr Linda Oliver was invited to give her report, which covered:

- The guided bus progress report.
- The Addenbrookes link road is now open
- Council tax is likely to be frozen. Final figures will be available in January. £135M of savings are required.
- CCC are aware of the capacity of the sewage station
- A505 junction – an A and B speed limit review has been carried out. There is potential for speed cameras, and improvements to markings are required.
- Odsey parking – the landowner is not carrying this out so Capital Direct are being approached.

The Parish Council requested that reports be in bullet point form so that they might be placed in Gamut and on the website.

Cllr Cicely Murfitt reported on:

- SCDC's finance and anticipated budget for the next year.
- The SCDC magazine has been circulated
- The blue bins have been welcomed and are considered a success.
- Odsey Grange garage planning application.

1. **To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest**
Apologies were noted from Cllr T Bartlett (work commitment).

Cllr Holme made a personal and prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of 99 High Street, as a fellow trustee and a friend of the applicant. Cllr Holroyd made a personal declaration of interest as a friend of the applicant.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meetings on 19 July and 16 August 2010

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

3. Matters arising

3.1 (3.2) Affordable Housing (including offer of proposed new site in Dubbs Knoll Road) to consider and agree if appropriate the next steps

Mr Paul Derry outlined the background to affordable housing proposals in the village. In 2008 a scheme of 17 was discussed with SCDC, but now a scheme of 8 was being proposed. Mr Derry will seek the informal views of the conservation officer and the highways officer, which will take about a month. He reported that when the houses were built in Trap Road that they would not be earmarked for Guilden Morden residents as the development is within the village envelope now. He indicated that if anyone has a site available they would need to discuss this with a housing association such as Circle Anglia (the preferred way forward) or with SCDC.

Members are to look at the offer from Mr Brown of a site in Dubbs Knoll Road and visit the site to assess its suitability.

Having been thanked for their attendance Mr Derry and Cllr Mrs Oliver left the meeting.

3.2 (3.1) Adoption of BT kiosk – to consider insurance and quotations for signs

It was noted that paint and ten panes of glass had been requested. It was decided ^(Prop TO, 2nd AH) not to proceed with taking out insurance, noting the excess payable. It was agreed ^(Prop TO, 2nd JH) to order the ownership signs that were required as part of the contract at a cost of £36 per sign.

3.3 (5.1) First Responder Scheme

It was noted that Steeple Morden was interested in a joint scheme. This item was carried forward to the next meeting.

3.4 (6.1) Seed2Feed – request for support

No response had been received to two emails sent.

Other

Winter Gritting – It was noted that Beds County Council had confirmed that Wrestlingworth Road would be gritted. CCC have said that they will incorporate the short length of the C188 between Guilden Morden and Wrestlingworth as part of their “precautionary gritting treatment” and during periods of snowfall this will revert to Central Bedfordshire Council.

NATS – airspace change proposals

It was noted that NATS do not plan to take the proposals forward in their current form and that there would be no consultation at this time.

4. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters

4.1 To receive the finance report and approve the payment of bills

Cllr Davis left the room and rejoined the meeting during this item. 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 ^(Prop GH, 2nd AH) plus Buchans £251.39 (Grounds maintenance).

LGS Services (Admin support)	£521.21
Buchans (Grounds maintenance)	£1080.84
E Simpkins (Mower service)	£43.47
LGS Services (Admin support)	£494.43
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£266.46

Credits received were noted.

- 4.2 Grasscutting Maintenance contract 2011-2013 to approve the specification for tender
 Buchans request for an extension to their current contract and details of the benefits were considered however as a price was not available it was agreed to carry this matter forward to the December meeting when a decision would be made as to whether to extend the contract or seek tenders.
 The chairman reported that the Town Lands had been awarded the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme which will attract more money but will cost more to comply. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr Paget-Wilkes. The area of the allotments will be extended.
- 4.3 To consider tree work reports and put in hand any required work
- 4.3.1 Vineyard trees – to consider quote for removal of fallen trees
 It was agreed ^(Prop JD, 2nd JH) to accept the quotation from S Scott for £50. Tim Fathers is to be reminded to provide his tree report on the recreation ground trees.
- 4.4 Village Hall soil samples tenders – recommendation from the working group
 Tenders had been received but a decision was carried forward as more information is required. The Working Group needs more information on the sports area of the village hall proposal and Paul Derry will provide the relevant information.
- 5. Members' items for discussion and decision**
- 5.1 Report on Planning and S106 training session ^(GH and JD)
 Carried forward to the next meeting.
- 5.2 Recreation ground – request for goal posts ^(JD)
 Cllr Davis proposed that new goal posts were required on the grounds of health and safety. Carried forward to the December meeting.
- 6. To consider correspondence/communications received**
- 6.1 NHS Pharmaceutical Services review
 It was noted that the consultation applied to Cambridgeshire whereas the parish uses services in Hertfordshire.
- 6.2 SCDC democratic services review
 The SCDC website was discussed. It was felt that internal navigation did not follow a logical approach and could be simpler. Members had spoken at a SCDC meeting about matters affecting the village and this was felt to have been useful.
- 6.3 CCC Bus Services Tender consultation
 The Parish Council was receptive to the proposals.
- 7. To consider planning and tree works applications and decision notices received since the last meeting**
- 7.1 Planning Applications received
- 7.1.1 99 the High Street – It was unclear if there had been a second full application; however it was agreed that if there had the Parish Council would make the same comments as on the listed building application.
- 7.2 SCDC Decisions and notifications

7.2.1 Notification that a recent application at Odsey was going to appeal was noted. The comments previously made by the Parish Council still stand. ^(Prop JH, 2nd TO)

7.3 Tree works applications ;
None received.

8. To consider reports for information only

8.1 Police and Neighbourhood Watch

The Bassingbourn Police Panel report was noted and it was reported that individuals have been knocking on doors claiming to be associated with the British Red Cross which is unusual. Residents have been alerted.

8.2 Transport
Nothing to report.

8.3 Allotments and the Craft

Two people are on the waiting list. A resident had recently relinquished their allotment and they had indicated to Cllr Hoad their willingness to pay their rent in lieu of notice and should forward a cheque. It was agreed ^(Prop AH, 2nd DM) to spend £12 on stakes to mark out each of the plots. Clearance of the area is to be arranged.

8.4 Ruddery Pit and Vineyard

It was reported that the rabbits require no action until the spring. Fencing has been installed under the Town Lands Charity so the budget allocated for this is no longer required. A working party is to be arranged for works at the Vineyard and Community Services will be asked if they will carry out this work. A quotation will be sought for three cuts of the Vineyard.

8.5 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Oakes reported that work has been completed on the floor in the Village Hall. There were no reports available about the September Show.

8.6 Highways and Footpaths

Cllr Holroyd reported that some footpaths have been cleared and some remain to be done. It was noted that there was a need to speak to Peppers about Footpath 20 at the back of the stables. A footpaths sign needs replacing on Footpath 44 and Cllr Holroyd will follow this up.

8.7 Burial Grounds

Cllr Mitchell reported that the memorial seat for Charlie Lilley had been repaired. This may have been damaged by grass cutting.

8.8 Recreation Grounds

A quote of £320 from AT Property Maintenance for replacement of 5 bollards two of which are to be removable was accepted. ^(Prop JD, 2nd AH)

8.9 Parish Plan

Nothing to report.

8.10 Website

The requirement to publish details of spending over £500 on the website was noted.

8.11 School

Cllr Hoad reported that the school now has a roll of 62 out of a capacity of 90.

8.12 Speeding working group

Mr Gary McCulloch reported that the working group had met and arranged a Speedwatch survey with the police camera. A further meeting will be held when the data is received to identify whether there is a problem. It was agreed that Mr McCulloch

would place an article in Gamut and on the website. The Group has also considered signage on Ashwell Road and whether a site meeting with Highways is required as this is a dangerous bend. The CCC Highways Officer is to be asked to discuss signage with Mr McCulloch and the working group.

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

Details of the S106 agreements training recently attended by Cllrs Davis and Harper are to be circulated by Cllr Davis.

The Trap Road name sign had been removed by CCC when the work to the pavement at the Edward VII is being done. It was agreed to report this to Diane Duncan at SCDC

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed Barry J. Hobbs dated 14-1-11

