

**GEDDINGTON NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2014**

Members present: Councillor M Rowley (Chairman)
Councillors C Buckseall, P Hopkins, K Harden, J Padwick, T Locock,
D Hodgkinson & D Watson

Apologies: Councillors A Gordon and I Kelman

Also present: 4 members of the public

REF		ACTION
	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Gordon & Councillor Kelman.</p>	
001/15	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Rowley declared an interest as a member of both the Geddington Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Youth Club Committee (as a Scout member). Councillor Locock declared an interest as a member of the Geddington Volunteer Fire Brigade.</p>	
002/15	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>A member of the public informed councillors of plans for the brickyard at the end of Wood Street. She has been in discussions with Boughton Estates to transform this area into a community garden and went through the plans and timeline with councillors.</p> <p><i>7.40pm Councillor Watson joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>Councillor Locock commented that this sounded an excellent idea and proposed that the council support it in principle. Councillor Padwick seconded the proposal and all councillors agreed.</p>	
003/15	<p>Councillor Hopkins asked if Councillor Harker had arranged for the work to be done on the road approaching this area. Councillor Rowley confirmed he would chase this item.</p>	MR
004/15	<p>A member of the public commented that the new A43 road was fantastic, but there were still lorries using the A4300. He asked if the Parish Council thought it worth speaking to the SAT NAV companies. Councillor Rowley confirmed that the NCC had already been in contact with them. Councillor Padwick commented that google maps had already updated their information. Councillor Watson asked if it were now time to look at a 7 ½ tonne limit on the A4300. Following some discussion on this and the speed and which cars were now travelling along the A4300 Councillor Rowley agreed to contact the police with a view to them visiting the village with the mobile speed cameras.</p>	MR
005/15	<p>Mr Sparrow from Boughton Estates commented on their current projects including the feasibility of a road near to the sewage works and the upcoming events. He informed councillors that he had some information regarding the Slade footpath which he would email to the chair.</p>	

006/15	<p>REPORT FOR DOG FOULING</p> <p>As this report was to be presented by a member of the public Councillor Rowley suggested that it be moved up the agenda to this point.</p> <p>Mrs Gibson gave the Parish Council a comprehensive report of progress the group had had. The Environmental Wardens from Kettering Borough Council have agreed to increase presence in the village to give out bags, leaflets and fines where necessary. Mrs Gibson informed councillors that the recent survey had shown the worst areas were Bridge Street, Queen Street, Skeffington Close and the top end of Wood Street. Kettering Borough Council have agreed to fund 2 new bins; one to be placed near to the school and one along Queen Eleanor Road. Should the parish Council decide that further bins were necessary they would cost £300 for a regular litter bin and £400 for a dog waste bin. Mrs Gibson concluded that she felt that this project should be part of the village plan. Councillor Rowley thanked Mrs Gibson for her report. Mr Sparrow suggested a village clean up to see if clean streets would encourage dog owners to pick up. Councillor Locock asked whether there should be a notice at the top of Wood Street informing dog owners that their dogs should be kept on leads. Following some discussion Councillor Padwick agreed to contact Rutland Council for advice on signage as theirs signage was very good.</p> <p>Councillor Hopkins commented that in recent communications with Kettering Borough Council they had informed him that there were no records showing that KBC are responsible for this area. Mr Sparrow offered to look into Boughton Estate records to check the original details.</p>	JP
007/15 008/15 009/15	<p>MINUTES FROM 12th MAY 2014</p> <p>Councillor Rowley asked councillors if they were happy for the May meeting minutes to be approved; all councillors agreed.</p> <p>GOVERNANCE REVIEW - ACCURACY OF RECORDING PROPOSALS</p> <p>Councillor Hopkins asked that proposals should be recorded accurately in the minutes.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Councillor Locock informed councillors that the planned meeting between himself and Councillor Kelman had not yet taken place. Councillor Rowley agreed to email the village hall reference dates.</p>	MR
010/15 011/15	<p>RESIGNATION OF CLERK</p> <p>Councillor Rowley informed councillors that he had been in contact with Kettering Borough Council who had given him a job application template so that the parish council could now advertise for a clerk. Following some discussion regarding the job description it was agreed that the new clerk must be able to undertake training so that they would be able to advise the council. Councillor Rowley agreed to progress with the advertisement. All councillors offered their support if they were available.</p> <p>Councillor Padwick proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Goddard. Councillor Rowley agreed to attend to this.</p>	MR / ALL MR

012/15	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Councillor Rowley circulated a letter received that day from Kettering Borough Council concerning the Community Governance Review where the proposal was to reduce this parish council from 11 members to 9. Councillor Rowley confirmed that a decision should be made by 15th August and following some discussion it was agreed that this would be an agenda point for the July meeting. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Councillor Rowley would go back to Ian at KBC for advice on whether the parish council could make further proposals or at this time simply agree or disagree with the proposal to reduce members. Councillor Rowley agreed to circulate his reply prior to the next parish council meeting.</p>	CLERK MR
013/15	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Councillor Doug commented on 3 decisions: 1 Bridge Street – a single storey rear extension had been approved. Amendments to the approval of the Kettering East Development.</p>	
014/15	<p><i>KET/2014/0286</i></p> <p>Erection of a stable block by old Post Office Substation of Queen Street. Following discussions it was agreed that the council would not support this application due to the fact that the building is in a designated green area and highlighted in the village plan as an area for non-development and that the size of the building is also substantial for a private stable block.</p>	MR/DH
015/15	<p>Councillor Hodkinson also informed councillors of an application that was not on the meeting's agenda. It concerned the rebuilding of the conservatory at the White Lion Pub, Queen Street. Following discussion all councillors agreed that the parish council would make no comment.</p>	
016/15	<p>Councillor Padwick asked if the council were aware of Boughton Estates' plans. Councillor Rowley confirmed that there were no formal plans from Boughton Estate yet but that the council should prepare information from previous planning applications in readiness for their new proposals. Councillor Hodkinson suggested that the village plan would be an ideal opportunity to get the public involved. Councillor Padwick confirmed that the village plan needed revisiting and further consultation with the village. He agreed, with Councillor Hodkinson's assistance, to put together the information regarding Boughton Estates previous planning applications and share this with all members.</p>	JP / DH
017/15	<p>YOUTH COUNCIL</p> <p>Councillor Rowley informed councillors that Northamptonshire County Council were encouraging councils to create Youth Councils and that Councillor Harker would be able to arrange funding for 3 years. Following a discussion all councillors agreed in principle if investigations showed that there were enough youth members interested. Councillor Rowley agreed to investigate.</p>	MR
	<p>FINANCE</p>	

018/15	<p>The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed by all councillors as a true record.</p>																						
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020/15	<p>It was proposed by Councillor Locock that payments be made for the village hall hire and the HW audit fee and the three further payments be further questioned. This was seconded by Councillor Hodgkinson and all councillors agreed.</p> <p>FINANCE AND ASSET REVIEW REPORT</p> <p>Councillor Locock had previously circulated the review document and read this to councillors. He proposed that the paper be accepted. Councillor Rowley asked for a breakdown of the potential increase. Councillor Locock commented that he would pick up questions at the end of the debate. Following further discussions concerning the current costs and how they should be annualised Councillor Padwick suggested it was reasonable to review them. Councillor Watson asked Councillor Locock if he had circulated his comments, which he had sent to Councillor Locock prior to the meeting, as he had requested. Councillor Locock confirmed that he had not as he had not felt the comments were appropriate. Following a discussion Councillor Watson commented that he felt the proposals were ethically and morally wrong and Councillor Harden agreed. Councillor Hopkins suggested that the recommendations be looked at so that it could be said they had been reviewed fully. Councillor Locock then proposed again that the paper be accepted and Councillor Hopkins seconded. Councillors voted initially 4 in favour and 3 against. Councillor Rowley was still to make his vote when Councillor Hopkins suggested that Councillor Rowley could not vote following his earlier declaration of interest. The clerk pointed out that as Councillor Locock had made the same declaration of interest then he also should not be able to make this proposal or vote. Councillor Hopkins also suggested that Councillor Watson also should not be able to vote as he was also a member of the Geddington Volunteer Fire Brigade to which Councillor Watson replied that he had resigned from the Geddington Volunteer Fire Brigade. It was agreed that all councillors were eligible to vote and Councillor Rowley voted for the proposal and it was carried. Councillor Locock suggested that independent individuals should continue this proposal and that he was not prepared to continue with it.</p>	MR/DW																					

021/15	<p>APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS</p> <p>Councillor Watson went through the Annual Governance Statement which required sign off at the meeting. He commented that the accounts had been prepared by Havies and Watts. Councillor Watson highlighted the difficulty that without a clerk the council does not have a current responsible finance officer to sign off the reports. He offered to take over the role in the interim and this was proposed by Councillor Padwick, seconded by Councillor Harden and all councillors were in agreement. Councillor Watson then proposed that the documents be accepted and sent to BDO for sign off – all councillors were in agreement</p>	DW / MR
022/15	<p>ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION</p> <p>FLOOD AWARENESS VEHICLE VISIT</p> <p>Councillor Rowley informed councillors of the impending visit from the community flood awareness vehicle on 25th June 2014 at 2.45pm in the village hall car park. Councillor Hopkins commented that funds were available for reports to be made on surface area flooding and suggested that this should be included in the village plan.</p>	JP/PH
023/15	<p>REPAIRS TO FENCE IN DOG WALKING AREA</p> <p>Councillor Rowley commented on damage which had occurred to the bridge in the dog walking area. Councillor Watson confirmed that at this level it would not be necessary to obtain three quotations. Councillor Rowley agreed to speak to Kettering Borough Council to move forward with the repair.</p>	MR
024/15	<p>HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING/FOOTPATHS/ROAD SAFETY</p> <p>Councillor Hodkinson reported on the cost of new street lighting in West Street. It was agreed that he would pass this information onto Councillor Watson and this item would be added to the July meeting agenda.</p>	CLERK
025/15	<p>Councillor Hodkinson also commented on the poor state of the grass verges in Geddington. It was thought that Kettering Borough Council would be cutting these shortly.</p>	
026/15	<p>Councillor Harden reported 4 items to Street Doctor including the drain outside the Post Office which was full of gravel. Councillor Hopkins reported that the drains had recently be cleaned but that some had been unable to be cleaned as they had cars parked over them.</p>	
	<p>NEWTON & LITTLE OAKLEY</p> <p>There was nothing to report from Newton or Little Oakley.</p>	
027/15	<p>ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA</p> <p>There were no items raised for next month's agenda.</p> <p>Councillor Padwick sent his apologies in advance of the meeting.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:00pm