

Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Present: Cllr Ken Harden, Cllr Paul Hopkins, Cllr Angus Gordon, Cllr Mark Rowley, Cllr Terry Bailey, Cllr Dog Hodkinson.

		<u>ACTION</u>
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES &amp; DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Apologies had been received from Cllr John Padwick, Cllr David Watson, Cllr Tony Locock &amp; Cllr Ian Kellerman. There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2.	<p><b>CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS</b> Cllr Rowley informed the councillors that two people had applied to join the Parish Council; Mr David Rushton &amp; Mr Nick Batchelor. He proposed that, as there were currently two vacancies, both be co-opted Cllr Gordon seconded. All councillors were in agreement.</p>	
3.	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> Mr Chris Sparrow, Boughton Estates, spoke about the traffic management through Geddington at the recent Tough Mudder event. Following some discussion it was agreed by all that there were some areas which could be improved for future events, in particular signage. Cllr Hopkins asked Mr Sparrow to remind Boughton Estate traffic to adhere to speed restrictions in the village. Cllr Rowley echoed this in particular the tractors. Mr Sparrow commented that all Boughton Estate vehicles were going to be branded so that identification would be easier in these instances. Mr Sparrow also informed the council that there were two planned applications; firstly for a road to the sewage works and secondly for the land north of Geddington.</p>	
4.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> There was no correspondence to report.</p>	
5.	<p><b>PLANNING</b> Cllr Gordon reported that one application had been received in the last week for No 15 Queen Eleanor Road, Geddington. Councillors looked at the plans and all agreed that the Parish Council did not have any comments. Cllr Gordon also reported that the planning permission for the stable block discussed at the previous meeting had been passed and that the Askew's wall had also received approval.</p>	
6.	<p><b>FINANCE</b> <b>a. MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b> Cllr Rowley commented that Cllr Locock had emailed all councillors requesting some changes to the minutes of the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Following a short discussion Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Hopkins seconded to accept the minutes as written; 4 councillors were in agreement and 4 councillors abstained as they were not present at the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014.  004/15 Cllr Rowley reported that he had requested that the main road in Geddington be put on the rota for the mobile speed camera. 004/15 There was some discussion with regard to the traffic on the A4300 and the speed at which vehicles and lorries in particular were travelling. Cllr Hopkins suggested that an item be put on the September agenda to discuss</p>	CLERK



9.	<p><b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; RECREATION</b></p> <p><b>a. LOCAL COUNCIL DOCUMENTS AND POLICY</b></p> <p>Cllr Hopkins spoke about the requirement for an annual inspection of the play area which was highlighted in the Local Council Documents and Policy document. Cllr Hopkins proposed that the Parish Council should contact NALC to ask them for a recommended a company to complete the inspection. This was seconded by Cllr Bailey and all councillors were in agreement. Cllr Rowley also agreed to upload the Local Council Documents and Policy document into the drop box.</p>	MR  MR
10.	<p><b>HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING/FOOTPATHS/ROAD SAFETY</b></p> <p>Cllr Hodkinson commented that there was very little to report with regard to Lighting. He mentioned a streetlight in the Skeffington Close alley but councillors were in agreement that the particular light had not been adopted by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Hopkins suggested that the Parish Council write to Boughton Estates requesting that traffic calming proposals for future events be put in writing to the council for discussion. This was agreed and Cllr Rowley agree to send an email also reminding Boughton Estates of the agreement regarding lorries. Cllr Harden reported that the lights to the Cross were coming on very early. Cllr Gordon offered to arrange for someone to come and look at them. Cllr Rushton asked if the path alongside the main road would be swept as following the resurfacing they were covered in chippings. Cllr Rowley offered to send an email to Cllr Bullock requesting a footpath sweeper.</p>	MR   AG  MR
11.	<p><b>NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY</b></p> <p>Cllr Bailey asked that his concern reference the buses coming through Little Oakley, as mentioned in matters arising be minuted.</p>	
12.	<p><b>ITEMS FOR NECT MONTHS AGENDA / AOB</b></p> <p>It was agreed that barring any urgent issues there would not be a meeting in August.</p> <p>Cllr Harden suggested that the parking at the junction of Grange Road and Skeffington Close be put on the next agenda. This was agreed by all.</p>	CLERK
13.	<p><b>PARISH CLERK</b></p> <p>Cllr Rowley reported that following the advertisement there had been 2 applicants. Both had been interviewed by himself, Cllr Hopkins and Cllr Hodkinson. Cllr Hopkins commented that of the two he would recommend Mrs Anita Curtis. Cllr Hodkinson reported that he felt that both applicants were, in principle, acceptable. Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Rowley and seconded by Cllr Hodkinson and agreed by all that Mrs Curtis be offered the following role:</p> <p><i>Parish Clerk</i>  <i>20 hours per month at £9.01 an hour</i>  <i>Hours to be reviewed at AGM</i>  <i>Probation period to the end of calendar year</i>  <i>Start date 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014</i>  <i>Parish Council to pay for accredited training with the claw back proviso for resignation within twelve months of completion.</i></p> <p>Cllr Rowley agreed to arrange the NALC approved contract and share this with all councillors. Cllr Hopkins and Cllr Hodkinson offered to meet with Mrs Curtis as part of her induction. It was agreed that she also meet with Cllr Gordon reference Planning, Cllr Padwick regarding Village Design and Cllr Watson reference finance.</p>	MR

The meeting then closed at 9.06pm.