

GEDDINGTON NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL -
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th APRIL 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors M Rowley (Chair), D Hodgkinson, I Kelman, D Rushton, A Gordon, J Padwick, N Batchelor, P Hopkins, C Buckseall.

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Watson

ALSO PRESENT: Rachael Gladstone-Brown [R.G-B], Estate Manager, Boughton Estates, PCSO Donna Fewer, PCSO Jason Parish, Cllr Jonathan Bullock, one member of the public.

001/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Hopkins declared an interest relating to item 7c (affiliated to one organisation that item 7c discusses). Cllr Rowley declared an Interest relating to the same agenda item (concerning the second organisation).

002/16 PUBLIC SESSION

- a) Police report:
 - i) No crimes reported for any of the three villages.
 - ii) Follow up to on-going parking at the end of Newton Road. PCSO Donna Fenner reported that the parking at the New Road end of Newton Road had been reported, but it is classed as visual obstruction only. PCSOs are unable to issue a ticket for this category of parking.
 - iii) For information only: there will be a traveller's funeral on 20.4.15.
- b) The member of the public had three questions to ask the Parish Council:
 - i) Were the A4300 speed cameras going to be re-activated, and if so, when? She was informed that the speed cameras had been turned off for three years, as the funding had not been in place to convert them from analogue to digital. She was informed that (County) Cllr Harker is in talks with the Police Commissioner to try and get the camera turned back on.
 - ii) When would weight restrictions be applied to the bridge/road? She was informed that it is not now classed as a red route, but is an "emergency red route". Cllr Hopkins commented that the traffic is still heavy on the road, the County Council has not carried out a census which would support the observations of heavy traffic and the Parish Council should push for this to be carried out. Cllr Rowley added that Cllr Harker (who was due to attend the meeting at 8.15pm), may be able to give an update as to this. He added that satellite navigation systems are not necessarily always updated. Cllr Buckseall commented that both ends of the stretch of the A4300 that concerns Geddington still show that the road is the A43.
 - iii) Deer crossing the A4300. A herd of deer has been seen crossing the road four times this winter, near Cobby Lodge. She asked why there were no road signs. R.G-B said that Boughton Estates were trying to reduce the numbers, but the whole of the Rockingham Forest is affected as the deer herds travel.

ACTION1 – Cllr Harker to be asked if a warning sign can be installed.

Ms Winbourne also asked about the process for a name change for Thomas Rippon Close. She was informed that this is a private road, so this is up to the owners to instigate.

Cllr Bullock commented on the Wellingtonia tree in Queen Street, stating that the damage around it had worsened. He asked when the felling was going to take place. This is not known, however, as it is the responsibility of the house holder to organise.

R.G-B updated as to the footpath/bridle gate query. The gate has been mended and the route accessible now.

Jonathan (from Boughton Estates) will look at the trees for the Youth Club.

There is an open day at Boughton House for Geddington residents on 25.4.2015.

003/16 MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes were accepted as a true record. An update was given as to progress of the action points, the clerk reported that actions awaiting replies are to be or have been chased.

Other action updates:

Action 3 (9.3.2015 Minutes): Cllr Batchelor will carry out some further enquiries.

Action 4 (9.3.2015 Minutes): Clerk to contact Ian White at KBC if no further help/ advice/ assistance as to 1.7.15 compliance is given by Ncalc.
Action 5 (9.3.2015 Minutes): Cllr Bailey said that the letter for the Youth Club will be completed by the end of the week.
Action 9 (9.3.2015 Minutes): Cllr Bailey will check the street lights in little Oakley to ensure the KBC street light map is correct.
Action10 (9.3.2015 Minutes): Cllr Hodgkinson to work with Cllr Rowley on the West Street new light issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

004/16 East Mids. Reserve Forces & Cadets Association newsletter – *circulated 11.3.15*
005/16 NCC Poster (service- children with special needs) for circulation – *circulated 11.3.15*
006/16 Ncalc – details of Local Council Award Scheme – *circulated 11.3.15*
007/16 KBC – correction to supporting information for P.Cllr nomination forms – *20.3.15*
008/16 KBC – Advising of timescale for nomination papers – *circulated 20.3.15*
009/16 KBC – Advising of verification timescale - *circulated 1.4.15.*
010/16 SLCC newsletter – *circulated 15.3.15*
011/16 NCC – survey, request for it to be circulated to community/youth groups *16.3.15*
012/16 KBC – Work programme – *circulated 18.3.15*
013/16 NCC Highways – A6003/A43 roundabout, works on *16.4.15. circulated 6.4.15*
014/16 East Northants Council – Designation of Brigstock neighbourhood planning boundary. *6.4.15*
015/16 NCC – Notification of road closure – Grafton Road, 30 – 31 May. – *circulated 6.4.15*
016/16 Solar lighting - information from Sarah Bale - *circulated 1.4.15*
017/16 CPRE – Litter hero award – *circulated 1.4.15*

REVIEW OF AGENDA AND MINUTES - LAYOUT.

Cllrs Hodgkinson and Hopkins reported that the new template for Minutes seems to be working well. Further comments made:

When the conversation is not part of the Parish duties (such as the Chief Inspector Murray report from March 2015 Minutes), the conversation only warrants a very brief summary.

The new template for the Agenda is working quite well, but occasionally spills over to two pages. This is often because of a long correspondence list, or several planning applications, and it may be better to leave the agenda looking more open.

It was agreed that decision making items would be on the first page of the agenda and items for information only, planning applications and items of lesser importance would be placed on the second page. Feedback as to whether it works better to be given next month. Cllrs Rowley and Rushton commented that they were happy however with the present agenda format.

PLANNING

KBC Planning decisions for previous applications received – *none received.*

Planning application for comments – KET/2014/0843 (*Listed building consent*). *Replace and relocate boiler in outbuilding adjoining house. 13 Queen St. Geddington.*

There were no objections to the above planning application.

A further planning application had been publicised and sent out by KBC Planning after the Parish Council agenda had been advertised. The application is as follows:-

KET/2015/0262: Ms D Holland. Land rear of Croft Barns, Queen Street, Geddington.

- *Change of use of stables and ménage from personal use to riding school*

There will be a full Council Special Meeting to discuss this on Saturday 18th April 2015 at 10.00am.
Cllr Harker arrived at 8.08pm

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC SESSION.

Cllr Harker gave up to date information concerning the traffic figures for the A43 and A4300.

-Figures for the traffic count on the A43 and A4300 through Geddington –

Pre bypass – A4300 was 17,000 – 18,000 vehicles.

As at 2.3.2015 it is still 10,900 vehicles.

Reasons for the ongoing high usage:-

- -Signage incorrect at both ends of Geddington stretch of A4300.
- -Lanes at the Stanion roundabout lead transport more naturally on to the A4300 than the new A43.
- -A14 work – is discouraging transport from using it.
- -Satellite navigation issues
- -People just choosing to continue to use it. – by force of habit.

A43 road usage is 10,800, therefore the total volume of traffic has increased.

Cllr Harker added that the Parish Council should be looking for a weight restriction. There needs to be a weight restriction from the Stanion roundabout to the Geddington roundabout just before Weekly.

Cllr Harker added that HGVs are still using the A4300. There are hardly any businesses on that stretch of road so a weight restriction should not adversely affect any businesses. The Police may be able to carry out enforcement of weight restriction once a fortnight as it is a criminal offence.

Cllr Hopkins added that when the A14 road works are completed, HGVs should be targeted and asked why they were travelling on the A4300. Cllr Harker reported that the County Council will in the near future carry out a traffic census on HGV vehicles'

Cllr Padwick arrived at 8.15pm.

Noted that the A4300 is still at present a red route, and a "wide load route" – held in reserve by NCC. This needs to be requested to be taken out of these categories.

ACTION 2 – The Clerk to formally write to NCC requesting a weight restriction and to request the above to become non applicable for the A4300.

Cllr Hodgkinson asked if the entrance to the A4300 at the Stanion roundabout could be narrowed. Cllr Harker said that this was a possibility

Forthcoming work on the Warkton Lane (through Weekley) was raised. It was conveyed that a junction going on to the A14 may stop traffic coming through Geddington. Cllr Buckseall asked why the A43 signs at both ends of the Geddington stretch of the A4300 could not be covered up.

Cllr Harker concluded by informing the Cllrs that on Friday 22 May 2015 at 3.00pm, it would be 70 years since the USA Air Force handed Grafton Airfield back to the RAF. There was a possibility that The Flying Fortress may fly over the airfield to mark the occasion.

Cllr Harker was thanked for his comprehensive report on the A43 and A4300.

018/16 FINANCE

Community account statement as at 17.03.15	£ 7,295.60
Business Saver account as at 17.03.15	£10,717.28

a) Accounts received

Geddington Youth Club - Balance outstanding - rent for use of Stone Pit land £100.00

b) Accounts for payment

Ncalc invoice	£524.95	Membership subscription, yr ending 31.3.16
Boughton Estates	£570.00	Playing field rent
Boughton Estates	£0.05	Slade Foot path rent
Little Oakley Social Club	£350.00	Contribution towards purchase of marquee tent for fundraising purposes. (note: agreed that the PC would fund the balance, but quotation or invoice for purchase of the marquee has not yet been received. Item included as per Cllr Bailey's request)
Cllr Padwick	£64.18	Parish Plan – stationery expenditure

Cllr Gordon proposed the Parish Council's authorisation of the payments, seconded by Cllr Kelman. Agreed by all Cllrs present.

Cllr Padwick was asked to Chair the meeting at this point as the Chair had declared an Interest in the next agenda point, as had Cllr Hopkins.

- c) **Assets: Stone Pit land** – request for permission to use the fire station site for charity purposes on 14.6.15 (Cllr Watson)

Reported that GVFB had agreed with the use of the Stone Pit land (footprint of the building) for the charity purpose, but use of a bouncy castle was not in their lease. The Masonic Lodge was not profiting from the event, and the Youth Club had also been consulted as to the event.

Agreement for Stone Pit land to be used for the charity event was proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Hodkinson. All Cllrs present were in favour.

It was added that a policy needs to be developed due course, so that all Cllrs have guidelines as to acceptable use of the land.

019/16 ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

a) Parish Plan

Work is progressing: two people have offered to carry out data inputting.

ACTION 3: Cllr Rushton to complete his part of the task and reply to Cllr Padwick by 18th April 2015.

b) Playground – repairs recommendations.

As the revised Wicksteed's quotation is now higher than the first estimate sent, Cllrs wished to consider the other quotations previously obtained by Cllr Kelman. They will be discussed and a decision made at the Special Meeting held on 18 April 2015.

c) **New benches update.** The Clerk said that she had been sent an email informing that the benches will be delivered by 28 April 2015.

ACTION 4: Cllr Kelman will provide an update for the Cricket Club.

Cllr Gordon added that the Bowls Club have said that the hedge by the Tennis Club needs to be cut.

ACTION 5: Cllr Gordon will liaise with the Bowls Club as to dates for cutting of the hedge by KBC.

020/16 Highways/Lighting/Footpaths/ Road Safety.

a) **Lighting – i) West Street: new street light** – progress report (Cllr Hodkinson).

Cllr Hodkinson reported that Jim McAnally was going to inspect the West Street proposed siting. No further update had been received.

ii) Street light timer fault: complaint received.

Reported that one light in West Street is permanently switched on (outside 16 West Street).

iii) Eleanor Cross lighting: timing issues, complaint received

Cllr Batchelor asked how complaints can be escalated. The reply was that the Borough Council send the complaint to Street Doctor, who send it back to Jim McAnally. Cllr Bullock said that he will chase the lighting complaints for the Parish Council.

b) **Bus shelters** – maintenance work needed.

Cllr Hopkins said that he was not happy with remarks made by Cllr Watson. It was public money that will pay for the repair work, so the Parish Council needed to ensure that it tried to get the best value for money for the village.

A quotation had been received for maintenance work needed to the bus shelters. This is a lot higher than was originally envisaged, so further quotations will be obtained for the next meeting.

Companies will be asked to provide a copy of their public liability insurance when a quotation is sent.

ACTION 6: the Clerk to obtain three further quotations. Holding letter to be sent to Rick Loak.

Cllr Batchelor commented that street cleaning in the jitty off West Street was missed. Cllrs were informed that this is not carried out by the street cleaners, but cleaned privately by Geddington volunteers.

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No reports had been received.

AOB / Items for next month's Agenda

Cllr Rowley wished to give his thanks to Cllrs Hopkins, Padwick, Harden, Bailey and Kelman who had not put their names forward for nomination for the 7th May 2015 Parish Council elections. He thanked them on behalf of the Parish Council and the three villages and then personally thanked them for their help and support.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.