

**GEDDINGTON NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18TH MAY 2015**

Members present: Cllrs D Rushton, C Buckseall, D Hodkinson, M Rowley, A Gordon, N Batchelor.

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

Former Cllrs K Harden and T Bailey also attended as members of the public, but have expressed a wish to be co-opted as Parish Councillors. (To be dealt with at the monthly Parish Council meeting which followed the AGM).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

040/016

Cllr Gordon proposed and Cllr Hodkinson seconded that Cllr Rowley should be Chairman for the forthcoming year. All cllrs present were in favour.

Cllr Rowley accepted office and duly signed the relevant forms.

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Watson.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

041/016

Cllr Gordon proposed and Cllr Batchelor seconded that Cllr Watson should be Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. All were in favour.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

042/016

Finance

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Gordon seconded that Cllr Watson should head the Finance Committee along with the Parish Clerk (as Responsible Financial Officer). Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Gordon seconded that Cllr Hodkinson should be on this Committee. All in favour.

Planning

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Gordon seconded that Cllr Batchelor should lead on the Planning Committee. All were in favour. Cllr Rowley also wished to publicly thank Cllr Gordon for the sterling effort made by Cllr Gordon for all planning related issues over the past 30 years.

Recreation/Environment

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Gordon seconded that Cllr Buckseall should lead on recreation and environmental issues. All were in favour.

Lighting and footpaths

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Rushton seconded that Cllr Hodkinson should lead on lighting and footpath issues. All were in favour.

Road Safety

Lead to be kept vacant at the present time, with the option of a co-opted member filling this post.

Village (Parish) Plan

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Gordon seconded that Cllrs Hodkinson and Rushton should jointly lead on the Village Plan. All were in favour.

Village Design Statement

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Rushton seconded that Cllrs Hodkinson and Rowley should lead on Village Design Statement project.

Social Media and Communications

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Buckseall seconded that Cllr Rushton should lead on these issues.

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES.

Parish Paths Warden

Left vacant.

Tree Warden
Cllr Buckseall.

Rural Forum
Cllr Watson.
Cllr Rowley as substitute / second Cllr

Village Hall
Cllr Gordon.

Neighbourhood Watch
Left vacant.

Newton
Cllr Watson.

Little Oakley
Terry Bailey (shortly to be co-opted back on to the Parish Council).

Samuel Lee Charity
Cllrs Buckseall, Batchelor and Mr Brian Smith.

Dallington Charity
Cllr Gordon.

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Hodkinson seconded all of the appointments of Parish representatives. All were in favour.

Action: Parish Clerk to write to the Trustees to inform them that Cllr Gordon was the Parish Council representative for the Dallington charity.

Responsible Financial Officer
Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Gordon seconded that the Parish Clerk Anita Curtis be the Responsible Financial Officer. All were in favour.

Appointment of Internal Auditor
In addition it was proposed by Cllr Rowley and seconded by Cllr Gordon that the Internal Auditor should continue to be HW (Kettering).

Signatories
Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Gordon seconded that Cllrs Rowley and Watson should remain as signatories. The third signatory was (former) Cllr Padwick who now needs to be taken of the authorised list of signatories, and Cllr Hodkinson has agreed to be added on. All in favour.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Parish Cllrs were reminded that Declarations of Interest have to be re-submitted for the forthcoming year.

ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
043/016

It was suggested that the current Standing Orders remain, with a view to them being revisited over the next 12 months.
Proposed by Cllr Rowley, seconded by Cllr Hodkinson. All were in favour.

ADOPTION OF FINANCE STANDING ORDERS
044/16

It was suggested that the current Finance Standing Orders remain, with a view to them being revisited over the next 12 months.
Proposed by Cllr Rowley, seconded by Cllr Gordon. All were in favour.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF AGM held on 12th May 2014

These had been sent out in June 2014 and confirmed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF AGM held on 12th May 2014

There were no matters arising.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

None.

PLANNING

Cllr Gordon stated that there had been less than 20 applications in total and it had not been a busy year for applications. He reminded the Cllrs that the Mr Shepherd (small holding off Stamford Rd) application was still outstanding – no decision had yet been made.

Cllr Gordon said he felt it was right that the building of a residential property by the main road had been refused.

The riding school application that the Parish Council had objected to had been withdrawn, this was also correct as it would have had a detrimental effect on the village.

Cllr Gordon summarized that it had been a reasonable year for planning applications and the resulting decisions made.

ROAD SAFETY

None.

RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

None.

SAMUEL LEE CHARITY

None.

DALLINGTON CHARITY

None.

VILLAGE HALL

None

YOUTH CLUB

None.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT AND PLAN

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) No proposal had been put forward for the Parish Council not to meet in August. It was agreed by all present that no decision would be made until June or July.
- b) Cllr Hodkinson asked if any arrangement had been made for the Parish meeting or Parish Assembly. Cllr Rowley said he had deliberately left it as it was right that any new Chair would wish to arrange it rather than an outgoing Chair. He confirmed that it would be held within the next ten days as five working days' notice was needed. It was commented that Cranford have the Village Meeting before the AGM, at 6.30pm. The AGM is at 7pm and the monthly meeting is at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 7.26 pm.