

**GEDDINGTON NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY 2016**

Members present: Cllrs D Rushton, C Buckseall, D Hodkinson, M Rowley, N Batchelor, J Padwick..

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR
024/17**

Cllr Batchelor 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: Cllrs D Watson and A Gordon.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR
025/17**

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

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Finance

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

Planning

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Buckseall seconded that Cllr Batchelor should lead on the Planning Committee. All were in favour.

Recreation/Environment

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Rushton 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 Design Statement and Plan

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

Social Media and Communications

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Buckseall seconded that Cllr Rushton should lead on these issues. All were in favour.

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES.

Parish Paths Warden

Left vacant.

Tree Warden

Cllr Buckseall.

Rural Forum

Cllr Watson.

Village Hall

Cllr Gordon.

Neighbourhood Watch

Left vacant.

Samuel Lee Charity

Cllr Buckseall, Cllr 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 Batchelor 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 Padwick that the Internal Auditor should continue to be Haines Watts (Kettering).

Signatories

Cllr Rowley proposed and Cllr Padwick seconded that Cllrs Rowley, Watson and Hodkinson should remain as signatories. 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

026/17

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

027/17

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 Hodkinson. All were in favour.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF AGM held on 18th May 2015

These had been sent out in June 2015 and confirmed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF AGM held on 18th May 2015

There were no matters arising.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Rowley summarised 2015-16 by saying it had been a good year, even though no new projects had been initiated. All work that had needed to be carried out had been carried out.

Cllr Padwick left the meeting at this point.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

None.

PLANNING

Cllr Batchelor stated that there had been 21 applications in total from the Borough Council. 3 were commercial adaptations to properties and 3 to 4 special meetings had been needed to discuss some of the applications.

It had been a relatively good year for decisions that had been made; Cllr Batchelor cited the Croft Barns application as an example. It should be noted that there has recently been a concentration on vehicular access and similar prescribed regulations. First consideration should always be "is it in the conservation area?"

Cllr Batchelor said it was important to encourage planning applicants to come to the meetings.

ROAD SAFETY

None.

RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

None.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT AND PLAN

None

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

None.

SAMUEL LEE CHARITY

None.

DALLINGTON CHARITY

None.

COMMUNITY WELFARE AND HOUSING

None

VILLAGE HALL

None

YOUTH CLUB

None.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT AND PLAN

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further business the AGM closed at 7.30 pm.