

GEDDINGTON NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors M Rowley (Chair), C Buckseall, D Rushton, D Hodgkinson, N Batchelor, D Watson, T Bailey, A Gordon, P Berry.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor J Padwick.

038/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllr Rowley then introduced Philip Berry, as the new co-opted Parish Councillor as per approved at the May meeting. A warm welcome was given to him by all the Councillors present.

039/17 PUBLIC SESSION

a) Questions from the public

No members of the public were present.

b) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

i) County Councillor.

There was no report from Cllr Harker.

ii) Borough Councillor

Cllr Rowley reported that he had recently attended a meeting concerning the review of Green Open Spaces and Historical Areas. It has now completed the review stage, with a public consultation to be carried out in August. The Green Open Spaces areas within Geddington are the recreation ground, the church yard, the small green where the village sign is sited, and the allotments area. The dog meadow is a Visually Important Open Space. A suggestion has been made that a further Visually Important Open Space to the north of the river is taken out of this category. This will be discussed at public consultation stage.

c) Police Report / Crime figures

PCSO Margaret Lawson had reported by email that there was no crime report available. There had been no crime for any of the three villages. The Bowls Club incident will appear within the June figures.

040/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council AGM Minutes - held 9th May 2016.

The Minutes were agreed by all Councillors present to be a true record, pending one correction to be made:- *Cllr Padwick left the meeting prior to any committee reports being given.*

b) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes - held 9th May 2016

The Minutes were agreed by all Councillors present to be a true record.

c) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions

Action 1: Cllr Rushton will write to NCC asking if this initiative can be publicised (Newton road – entry road to Newton initiative). Still to be carried out.

Action 4:- The Clerk to email Brendan Coleman at KBC to request the surfaces are inspected. This has been done, but needs to be chased as no reply has been received.

All other actions have been carried out.

PLANNING.

a) KBC Decision notices

KET/2016/0318 – Mr Hales, 3 Newton Rd (original application was withdrawn and an amendment made) KBC “No objection”.

KET/2016/0206 - Mr & Mrs I & L Dibble, 6 Bakehouse Hill, Geddington Utility wall, relocate kitchen and remove bedroom wall.

Two applications (one is for the listed building consent) – KBC “Approve”.

Noted that outstanding application decisions are for:-

KET/2016/0200 - Lavender nurse, decision date was originally 19.5.16

KET/2016/0963 Mr Nolan, 1 New Road, decision date was originally 6.5.16.

KET/2016/0277 - Mr G Dickens, 35 Stamford Road (land adj) decision date is 1.7.16.

b) Planning Applications for consideration

KET/2016/0365 – Mr S Brown, 21 Grafton Road.

Single storey rear and side extensions, insertion of new door with canopy over and increase in roof ridge height. Relocate staircase, create hallway and upstairs landing, install first floor bathroom, refurbish windows, re-wire as necessary, replace rainwater goods and remove chimney breast. Relocate door in living room, remove downstairs bathroom to increase kitchen and relocate boiler. Comments – 24.6.16

KET/2016/0364 - Mr S Brown, 21 Grafton Road.

Single storey rear and side extensions, insertion of new door with canopy over and increase in roof ridge height.

The building is joined to the old tannery. There are some internal renovations on the plan and a proposed different layout, but the application is mainly concerned with adding an extension to the back of the property. Sympathetic materials are being used, and it is almost invisible from the Batchelor proposed that the application be approved, seconded by Cllr Gordon, approve by all cllrs present.

c) Consultation on area application for Stanion Neighbourhood Plan - sent by Corby Borough Council.

Cllr Rowley clarified that the Parish Plan sets out what you wish to do within the Parish. It is enacted by the Parish Council, and it is good to have. A Neighbourhood Plan bolts on to the Neighbourhood Strategy, setting the goals. The Joint Core Strategy has already identified plans for the Parish, such as those for the wood yard.

There were no contentious issues highlighted by the circulation of the Stanion boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan.

ACTION 1: The Clerk to feed the above back to Stanion Parish Council.

041/17 PARISH PLAN – Report of the Volunteers committee meeting held on 31st May 2016
Cllrs Hodkinson and Rushton.

Cllr Hodkinson reported that the process for work implementation has started, and there will be further meetings on 14th and 28th June, and 19th and 26th July.

Concerns were raised about the recent graffiti in the village, with requests to get the graffiti removed. Cllr Rowley commented that the public signs are KBC responsibility and needs to be reported through Street Doctor. The bus stop areas are Parish Council responsibility. GVFB have offered to paint the bus shelters, or possibly a proper graffiti artist could be involved as an alternative to having a blank white “canvas”. It was agreed that as the black spray needs to be removed, it could be painted once to remove it, and then see what happens.

Cllr Buckseall suggested that something needs to be put on YouTube relating to the persons responsible.

A list of public signs is needed so that these can all be reported to Street Doctor as one request.

ACTION 2: Any public signs that need to be reported to Street Doctor for cleaning/ graffiti removal, to be sent to Cllr Hodkinson, who will report them to Street Doctor en bloc. Cllr Hodkinson said that he will include the sign at the north end of the bridge under “signs needing attention”.

Another concern raised was reiteration of poor broadband speed in Little Oakley and Newton. They have normal broadband, but the option to have superfast broadband is not available. KBC have given a grant to British telecom to speed up broadband connections in those areas that need it within the Kettering Borough. The work needed in Newton is in hand – the fiber optic cable runs past Newton so it is being asked why Newton has not already had the work carried out.

Cllr Bailey clarified that in Little Oakley the broadband was acceptable but mobile phone reception was terrible.

Cllr Hodkinson then added that the flooding issues were going to be discussed on 28th June at 7.30pm in the village hall.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

042/17 Email from KBC – proposed new Rural Forum date of 21.7.16

043/17 Rural Services Network – notification of free seminar on 6.7.16 (“Mind the [Rural] Gap”)

044/17 Email from Western Power-Pole replacement & restring cables like for like-Stonepit land.

045/17 Ncalc – List of training courses, sent 17.5.16

046/17 Email from John Bennett – Opportunity to take part in a study group in June/ July 2016.

047/17 Northants CALC eUpdate – May – June 2016

048/17 CPRE campaign “Stop greenfield development”, sent 13.5.16

Newsletters.

049/17 Rural Services Network (RSN) Rural Opportunities Bulletin and Rural Conference 2016.

050/17 RSN - Rural Vulnerability Service – transport 20.5.16, broadband 26.5.16

051/17 RSN - weekly email News Digest 16.5.16, 23.5.16, 31.5.16.

There were no comments concerning the correspondence, but Cllr Rowley highlighted item 045/17 for any training the Councillors would like to apply for.

Cllr Watson added that Newton had received correspondence informing residents that Network were going to be piling and laying the rail tracks up until Spring 2017 and commissioned in Spring 2018. Parliamentary approval has been given for the work to be carried out.

052/17 PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF WEBSITE AS PER TRANSPARENCY CODE REQUIREMENTS - update and input request. *Cllr Rushton*

Cllr Rushton informed the Councillors of the progress that had been made.

He went through the work that he had carried out, and highlighted areas that he now needed input from the Councillors to ensure he was building what was required.

The questions asked and comments made included the following:-

- The Parish Plan should be put on to the website, which would be able to be updated easily at the next update.
- Contact information and the accounts need to be included. Suggested wording for the annual accounts information was given to Cllr Rushton.
- A contents page is required as is a “post” page – to include upcoming and previous meetings? Or a meeting page for meeting only. Documents to support the agenda items could be added and discarded after the meeting.
- The latest village news could be included?
- A poll/consultation via Facebook could be included?
- A list to show what KBC and the Parish Council are responsible for may be useful. Cllr Rowley added that KBC are about to launch their new website and he will speak to them.
- **ACTION 3:-** Cllr Rowley to speak to officer with website responsibility.
- Another consideration is for Councillors to have their own website or email address. Everyone will be given their own responsibility to look after their webpage, if they so wish. Cllr Rowley is working towards getting all parish Councillors an email address, as well as having the Geddington PC email address.
- Cllr Rushton said that he wanted it to be an information hub, with Facebook, twitter account and the website all linked. However, at the moment just the basics need determining.

Cllr Bailey thanked Cllr Rushton for all the work he had so far carried out; this was echoed by the other Councillors.

053/17 FINANCE

a) Annual accounts 2015 – 16. - Approval and sign off by Councillors required.

Cllr Watson commented that depreciation of assets needs to take place from next year. Haines Watts need to write off £4,000 per year over the next 20 years for the playground equipment.

ACTION 4: The clerk to instruct HW of this from 2017.

Cllr Watson had no other comment to make concerning the accounts. They were therefore recommended for sign off; agreed by all Councillors present.

a) Bank balances

Community account statement as at 17.05.16 £12,313.72

Business Saver account as at 17.05.16 £10,722.74

b) Accounts received

KBC Precept payment 2016/1 - £9,000.00

c) Accounts for payment

Parish Clerk	£883.20	Quarterly salary Apr – June 2016
PAYE – paid to HMRC by ac	£223.00	Quarterly PAYE Apr – June 2016
Parish Clerk	£60.00	Depreciation of equipment allowance Apr – Jun 2016
Parish Clerk	£12.18	Expenses (printer cartridges £12.18)

054/17 ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

a) Tree maintenance needed (within village hall car park). Cllr Rowley

Sizeable branches have been breaking off the tree at the far end of the village hall car park. This has resulted in one property (into which the tree overhangs) being unable to use part of their garden.

It was decided that the urgent work needed to make the tree safe should be authorized for payment for up to £500.00

ACTION 5: clerk to contact Boughton Estates to find out contact details and costing.

b).Superfast broadband coverage consultation by NCC.

It was commented that as in the discussion earlier, Newton and Little Oakley do have ordinary broadband, but not superfast broadband.

ACTION 6: clerk to feed these comments to NCC.

c).Minerals Waste Local Plan update - NCC consultation

The interest to the Parish is in historical references from 1995 only. There does not however appear to be anything in the update that would affect the Parish

055/17 HIGHWAYS/ LIGHTING/ FOOTPATHS/ ROAD SAFETY.

a) Issues raised by member of the public regarding public footpaths and Boughton Estates land. Cllr Hodkinson

Cllr Hodkinson commented that the issues raised had come from one household. Cllr Gordon commented that as regards to one of the issues, if a bull is in a field, the footpaths must be fenced off. Cllr Rowley added that the permitted right of way is normally around the edges of a field, not through the centre. Some of the queries raised are Borough Council issues.

ACTION 7: Cllr Rowley will contact Rachael G.B.to go through the issues.

b) Proposals to increase the speed limit on the A43 between Corby link Road and Kettering from 50 mph to 60 mph. – Comments to NCC Highways

After a short discussion the Councillors decided that they were in favour of this move.
ACTION 8: The clerk to give feedback that this move is supported.

c) Street lights - repairs.

Cllr Hodkinson reported that all the reported repairs have now been carried out. KBC have told Cllr Hodkinson that the lamp he asked them to look at for cleaning cannot be cleaned. He will contact them to arrange a site visit.

A column removal was due to take place in Maltings Lane.

Cllr Batchelor thanked Cllr Hodkinson for the quick response to the street light maintenance needed in West Street.

10. NEWTON & LITTLE OAKLEY.

There were no further issues raised relating to Newton or Little Oakley.

Items for next month's Agenda / AOB

1. Heavy rain the weekend before this meeting had affected Bridge Street, Grafton Road and Wood Street. Anglian Water had admitted that the surface water is too much for the drains to cope with. They came along on Sunday to hose down and disinfect the affected areas, and cleaned the drains in Grange Road. This item to be considered for further discussion in July.

August meeting to take place? To be determined in July. Cllr Rowley commented that the dog consultation is due in August. The consultation changes from dog fouling allowed on roads only, to no dog fouling anywhere in the Borough. The Town Centre will specify certain areas where dogs must be kept on a lead. The legislation will be enforced by KBC, not the Parish Council. Dogs would be allowed in the berm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm

