

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th FEBRUARY 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors M Rowley (Chair), C Buckseall, D Hodkinson, T Bailey, A Gordon, J Padwick, D Rushton.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors D Watson, S Wenbourne, N Batchelor, P Berry.

169/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

170/17 PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public were present.

a) Police report, crime figures

The crime figures for January had been previously circulated to councillors. There were no reported crimes for any of the three villages.

Cllr Rushton asked what was happening about the car by the roundabout on the A4300 near Weekly. He was informed that it is an NCC issue. Cllr Buckseall asked about the car in Queen Eleanor Road with a "Police aware" sticker on it. Cllr Rowley asked if anyone had reported it to NCC. He will speak to Cllr Harker tomorrow and raise the issue that both these cars need to be removed.

b) Questions from the public

Members of the public (from Little Oakley) wished to explain a planning application. This was therefore discussed within the public session.

KET/2016/0900 and 0899 (14 Corby Road, Little Oakley) - Two storey rear extension, replacement front entrance door and new pedestrian access to rear.

The application had not been entered on the agenda as the cut-off date for comments had been between the January and February meetings with no special meeting requested. The applicants stated that a decision was due to be made in a week or so. They explained that it entailed a double and a single extension, which would cover up stone work to the rear of the house (Grade 2 listed building), but an extension is already in place at the back of the building. The application has therefore been queried by the Planning Department. Cllr Rowley said he would email the Head of Planning if it was refused, to ask for the application to go to Committee.

c) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

i) County Council.

There was no County Council report.

ii) Borough Council report.

Cllr Rowley reported that the Budget Consultation is going to the Executive Committee on Wednesday 15th February, and the recommendation from that meeting goes to Full Council on 1st March 2017.

171/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 9th January 2016

Cllr Padwick asked for one correction to be made as follows, as the draft Minutes did not reflect accurately what had been said by him.

167/17, Page 6, lines 6 – 9. Minutes to be corrected to “*Cllr Bailey asked what was Cllr Padwick’s “further investigation” mentioned. Cllr Padwick said he was thinking of establishing the current risk of the junction in liaison with the Police and NCC, and obtain an estimate from NCC as to the cost of the work. It would not preclude “Speed Watch”.*”

b) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

All actions had been carried out.

172/17 AGM - May 2017 - positions to be discussed

It was decided to carry this forward to the March meeting.

ACTION 1: The clerk to add this to the agenda for the March meeting of the Parish Council.

PLANNING

a) KBC Decision notices

As Cllr Batchelor (as Lead for Planning) was not present at the meeting, any decisions made by KBC will be relayed to the Parish Council at the March meeting.

b) Planning Applications.

No further planning applications apart from *KET/2016/0900 and 0899 (14 Corby Road, Little Oakley)*, discussed within the public session, which had been received.

An update as to ways of sending planning applications was then given. At their last meeting the Rural Forum had spent some time discussing the changes that KBC Planning wished to introduce and KBC was now consulting with all parish councils. The preferred choice of communication by KBC is to send versions electronically, rather than hard copies. The consultation had started with the Rural and Town Forums, and a questionnaire had been given to each parish council to complete. It was proposed and agreed by all councillors that the questionnaire should be completed at the meeting under emergency measures, as it needs to be returned to the KBC Planning department before the next monthly meeting. The questions were relayed to the councillors, and duly completed. This will be returned to the Planning Department by Cllr Rowley. Cllr Watson added that part of the problem was broadband blockage, and being unable to access broadband whilst at home. However, there was also a broadband issue within the Village Hall.

ACTION 2:- The clerk to return the questionnaire to KBC Planning Department.

ACTION 3:- Cllr Gordon to raise the broadband issue for the Village Hall to the Village Hall committee.

The question of how the planning application information is presented at the Parish Council meetings still remains however.

173/17 PARISH PLAN UPDATE

An update had been sent out to all councillors in advance of the meeting. Cllr Hodkinson reminded those present that there would be an open meeting on 12th March 2017 in the Village Hall, between 11.00 – 2.00pm. He added that this would be advertised on the notice boards, with a flyer being posted to all households in the three villages. There would only be minor expenses incurred, for room hire, sundry expenses etc.

174/17 PREMISES LICENCE Reference: 17/00200/LAPNEW (Geddington Cricket Club)

- *Comments to Central Administration Unit by 2.3.17.*

Cllr Gordon said that it had been noticed and reported by someone that people who are not members of the Cricket Club had been served alcohol. He added that it was difficult to police this when they were busy. They had therefore applied for an ordinary public licence rather than a private licence. Cllr Hodkinson queried the live music outdoors allowance. This has however been queried by another body or organisation, and the stated allowance is as per normal on a standard licence. Councillors were agreed that they were happy for the licence to go ahead.

ACTION 4:- The clerk to send the licence form back.

175/17 WEBSITE - Training requirements and training dates to be determined.

Cllr Rushton reminded all councillors that it was their responsibility to individually and collectively add to, amend and update the Parish Council website. He reminded all that username and passwords had been given out. Training was now needed over three or four individual days over the next four to five weeks.

ACTION 5: Cllr Rushton to sort out three to four training session dates which can then be circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE – received.

176/17 NCC Cabinet Report on Bus Services in the County 20.2.17

177/17 CPRE - 2017 litter heroes awards 24.1.17

178/17 Ncalc – Friday round-up from D Moody 27.1.17

179/17 Email from Tony Locock concerning the meadows pond and the website 30.1.17.

180/17 Ncalc - New External Auditor for Northamptonshire Announced.

181/17 Brian Smith – resignation as Samuel Lee charity trustee 1.2.17.

182/17 Ncalc eUpdate – Jan-Feb 2017

183/17 *Newsletters*

Weekly Email News Digest – 16.01.17, 23.1.17, 30.1.17, 6.1.17

Rural Housing Spotlight – 18.1.17

Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel poverty, January 2017

Item 179/17 was referred to, and the detail that had been included within the email and attachment were acknowledged

The date of the Geddington.net AGM was queried, and a possible representative from the Parish Council attending the AGM was discussed.

ACTION 6:- The clerk to enquire as to the date of the AGM.

Item 181/17 was also raised and noted.

Cllr Rowley had had a letter sent directly to him concerning The Star pub quiz. The Star are offering to donate the proceeds of their pub quizzes to good causes or work that needs carrying out within the Parish, rather than donate it to charities outside the Parish. They have offered to install a bench in the Meadow, and replace the broken bench on the approach to the village, Kettering end. They have been informed that the broken bench has already had a replacement ordered. Cllr Hodkinson reminded the meeting that it had been agreed that the memorial bench between Church Hill and the entrance to the church would be subject to maintenance

ACTION 7:- The clerk to check back to see what was agreed concerning the memorial bench.

All councillors were appreciative of The Star's gesture. It was agreed that it would work best if The Star would "donate" the money on the understanding that the Parish Council would sort the agreed work out for The Star. Cllr Rowley asked if all the councillors were happy with this arrangement. All councillors agreed that they were.

Cllr Hodkinson then queried if The Star could donate to the Dallington and the Samuel Lee charity. This may be possible, but may need to be checked.

Cllr Padwick commented that a request had been received for a plaque to go on a bench concerning a dog, in the dog walking area of the Meadow. It was agreed that in this general area it was acceptable, but the money would again have to be given to the Parish Council who would then order and provide it. It was agreed that the bench could be installed by the dog walking area, but alongside the path, not in the dog walking area itself.

184/17:- FINANCE

Community account statement	as at 17.01.17	£6,003.33
Business Saver account	as at 17.01.17	£10,722.74

a) Accounts received

Stonepit land rent 1.1.17 to 31.12.17	£250.00 (GVFB)
“ “ “ “	£250.00 (Youth club)

b) Accounts for payment

Aspli Safety Ltd	£115.02	1 x flood sacks case of 20 x 22 litre sandless sandbags.
Zurich Insurance PLC	3 Year £459.92	Insurance for the period 6.2.17 to 5.2.18
Wybone Ltd	£521.88 + £100.00 approx installation cost.	Vandalproof park bench. No payment needed at present, but authorisation needed to order bench and installation.

There had been a choice of 1, 3 or 5 years for the insurance contract. All councillors felt that the 3 year option was best. Proposed by Cllr Rowley that the above items should be approved, seconded by Cllr Rushton, agreed by all councilors present.

c) **Transparency funding application update.**

This had been completed and submitted to Ncalc.

185/17 ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

a) **Regeneration of pond in the meadow.**

Cllr Buckseall updated on the meeting that had been held on 31 January 2017. She said that it was an amicable meeting. Some of the replacement plants would be bought; it was thought that £50 would possibly purchase the necessary plants. Cllr Rowley added that he was prepared to make a £100 donation from the Councillors' Community Fund upon the request being submitted.

Cllr Buckseall added that putting a chicken wire fence around the shallow end of the pond had been suggested. Cllr Rowley suggested that as a temporary measure, an orange barrier such as that in the Fire Station may have to be considered, as chicken wire would not be seen.

HIGHWAYS/LIGHTING/FOOTPATHS/ROAD SAFETY

Cllr Hodkinson reported that the lighting repairs reported had been carried out. Two lights had been reported in West Street – one was permanently off, one was attached to a private resident's house. No-body knows who pay the bill for the electricity for this light. Cllr Rowley advised that the query be given to the KBC contact, Michael Chester, and for the Parish Council not to be caught up the lighting responsibility, because of the ongoing lighting issue.

NEWTON

Cllr Watson highlighted that the broadband facility had gone down in the village for a few days, leaving the internet unavailable.

LITTLE OAKLEY

The current planning application had been discussed within the public session.

Cllr Bailey highlighted the state of the approach roads to Little Oakley again. These need to be reported to Street Doctor by Cllr Bailey.

ACTION 8: Cllr Bailey to report the whereabouts of the potholes to Street Doctor.

AOB.

Grange Road is being closed for road maintenance shortly.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

No issues requested.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at .8.46pm.