

**GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF
THE MEETING HELD ON 10th JULY 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), M Rowley, D Watson, C Buckseall, A Gordon, D Rushton, S Wenbourne

APOLOGIES:

Councillors J Padwick, T Bailey and P Berry.

038/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

039/18 PUBLIC SESSION

a) Police Report / Crime figures

The Police report had been received by councillors prior to the meeting and was summarised as follows;

Vehicle Crime

- 2/4th – Bright Trees Road – Insecure vehicle, items stolen
- 24th – West Street – Both number plates stolen

Public Order Offence

- 21st – Queen Street – Uncooperative I/P reports unknown neighbour returns from flat with a knife no threats made

There were no crimes recorded in Newton or Little Oakley during the month of June.

b) Questions from the public

Two members of the public were present.

Bob Austin said that he had heard rumours of village boundary changes. Cllr Batchelor confirmed that there may be. Cllr Rowley added that consultation would be taking place within the next three months, and the present village boundaries had been subject to a previous public consultation.

ACTION 1: the clerk to forward the document “Rural Strategy – roles of villages” which was received into the Parish Council email address earlier in July.

Cllr Rowley commented that the paddock owned by Bob Austin was classed as outside the village envelope, although at one stage it had been classed as possible building land. Bob Austin said that his boundary is the centre of the river which follows the existing boundary line. Cllr Rowley informed him that there was ample time to consider the information and for presentations to be made on his behalf.

c) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

i) County Council.

Councillor Victoria Perry had sent in apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. No report had been received.

ii) Borough Council

Cllr Rowley reported that KBC Planning had had a meeting to discuss boundaries for all the Borough villages last week. As regards areas for potential future building in Geddington, two

areas in Grafton Road were confirmed as potential sites, and one area just off the A4300 Kettering end of the village was still being considered, but Anglian Water is also being consulted as to this site. Gipsy and travellers' sites have been taken out of this consultation process. Cllr Batchelor said that when the public consultation commences, the Parish Council will allow plenty of time for issues to be discussed.

040/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 12th June 2017.

Approved by Cllr Wenbourne, seconded by Cllr Watson, agreed by all councillors present to be a true record.

b) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

All action points had been carried out: the following updates were given for actions 1 & 2.

12.6.17 Actions 1 & 2: (regarding location of 20mph signs) – Ian Boyes (NCC) will be visiting Geddington on 13th July to meet with Cllr Batchelor to visit the signage sites. Cllr Wenbourne will also be present. He will address the question of the signage – is it adequate, and does it meet the relevant regulations. Cllr Batchelor will also talk to him about traffic calming measures. Cllr Rushton asked if his concerns could be raised regarding lack of signage. Ian Boyes had also thanked the resident who had submitted information relating to the signage – his thanks were conveyed to Peter Goode.

12.6.17 Action 4: Cllr Batchelor asked at this stage, if anyone would like to draft an article for the newsletter, for suggestion for usage of the phone boxes that are currently being adopted in Newton and Little Oakley... As there were no volunteers, Cllr Batchelor said that he would draft an article and send it out to all.

12.6.17 Action 6: The Queen Eleanor Cross lights. It was agreed that ideally further quotes are needed. Three quotations were requested, from T James Electrical, Blandford Electrical, and Kettering Borough Council (who informed the clerk that they could not provide a quote, but NCC may [however, they will not]). Cllr Batchelor added that in addition, he will ask Kier on Thursday if they are able to provide a quote.

Cllr Wenbourne reported that Andy Bage from Blandford Electrical was concerned that the lights are in the road, and stated that you need a licence to work in the road, which would have to be closed. She reported that he was going to price in to replace all three lights. Cllr Gordon added that this was correct, as all three lights are defunct. Andy Bage had also added that a key was needed for the electrical box and the doors. It was confirmed that the Parish Council installed the lights and they are the Parish Council's responsibility.

The specified work for the lights was agreed, and the road closure needs to be clarified. Cllr Gordon said that road closure has not been needed previously – barriers have been put up. Cllr Rushton asked if the grant application had been successful. However, any results for the grant application are not yet known.

ACTION 2: Cllr Gordon will send Cllr Batchelor a note to say exactly what work is needed to the lights.

It was also agreed that the next time any maintenance to the lights is needed, Cllr Gordon needs to be notified, as he plus Cllr Rowley have the knowledge of the lights.

12.6.17 Action 9: A letter has been sent to Anglian Water, copy to the Environment Agency. Cllr Batchelor added that Peter Clipston is adamant that Anglian Water know about the rebate pumping station that is on his land. Cllr Rowley asked for a copy of the letter to also be sent to Stan McIntosh (Anglian Water).

12.6.17 Action 10: A letter was sent to the Housing department at Corby Borough Council, but not to Kettering Borough Council, as the White Lion have a licence for the Bed and Breakfast element of the business. KBC have checked again and there is no evidence of it being used as a HMO, and there is no application in for a change of use. Cllr Gordon added that the car park cannot be built upon as there is a covenant in place, and the B & B facility is not that, it is provision of a room only.

041/18 RURAL FORUM UPDATE.

Cllr Watson gave an update on the Rural Forum at this stage. Jim Hakewell was voted in as the Chair for the coming year, with Cllr Watson as the Vice Chair. Issues discussed were as follows:-

- a) Fly tipping – It appears to be taken seriously, as it is being cleared up quickly, and prosecutions are being carried out.
- b) Funding for Neighbourhood plans, for development of towns and villages. Funding is available for grants until April 2018. Comments made were that it takes a lot of time and money. Cllr Rowley added that the 5 year plan showed the stock of housing. The Joint Core strategy states that to 2031, 480 dwellings are allocated to be built for the rural area. This is mapped out in the plan, with more detail in plan 2. A neighbourhood plan goes into more detail, by stating what type of houses should be built. He stated that a neighbourhood plan does not really protect an area; the five year plan does this.

Plan 2 shows that Little Oakley has protected status, Newton is restricted, with Geddington having to have some development. The potential development areas are where villagers have expressed their preferences, but you can also define what you want to see in the area. Cllr Buckseall added that 30 – 40 houses in Geddington over the next 20 years are estimated, and a neighbourhood plan would not stop infill within the village.

- c) Cllr Watson continued with issues discussed, to add that there is correspondence with the Chief Inspector of Police and the PCC to ask them to come to a meeting, the caveat is the amount of time and resources spent on cyber-crime.
- d) The last issue was information given as to summer events in the Borough.
- e) Cllr Watson then asked if meetings held at the Village Hall should include information as per fire exits etc. Cllr Gordon said that these are attached to the agenda.

PLANNING

a) KBC Decision notices

KET/2017/0289, Mr & Mrs Gibson, 1 Bridge Street, Geddington. Replace buff bricks with natural limestone to north and west elevations, and repointing of west elevation. This had been resubmitted as a reduced application, and approved by KBC.

KET/2017/0173 and 0172, Miss Longhurst. 13 & 14 Corby Road, Little Oakley.

No.14: Two and single storey rear extensions and insertion of pedestrian access gate into existing northwest boundary fence. *No.13:* Removal of first floor window in southeast elevation and insertion of roof light in northeast roof plane.

Approved by KBC

KET/2017/0319, Mr & Mrs G Dickens, 35 Stamford Road, Geddington.

Dwelling and double garage
Withdrawn

KET/2017/0372: Mr J.J. Green & Miss Bottomley, 42 West Street, Geddington.

Attic conversion with increase of height to rear two storey extension, insertion of roof lights and render to rear

Approved by KBC (Noted that KBC said that the roof lights were not a reason for objecting).

KET/2017/0226: Boughton Estates Ltd, - Acre land Farmhouse, 50 Cranford Road, Grafton Underwood

Change of use from agricultural to light commercial Withdrawn

KET/2016/0779: Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Cherry Hall Lane, Weekley,
Two storey training and learning facility with associated parking and landscaping Approved.

An application for ground works for I.N. Lewin (car interior manufacturer) had been submitted: the groundworks will go into Kettering North by 12 feet.

ACTION 3: The Clerk to suggest a training (vocational course) to highlight issues that can be commented on. Cllr Bailey said that the one he had attended recently was uninteresting and did not deliver what he thought it intended to. Cllr Rowley suggested that it was worth asking if they could come along to a meeting for Parish Councillors in order to convey useful information for parish councillors. Such a meeting could include Weekley, Warkton and Grafton Underwood as well.

b) Planning Applications

KET/2017/0495, Mr & Mrs Temple, 4 Newton Road, Geddington. Two storey rear extension and front porch extension. Installation of chimney and 4 no. roof lights

- Commented that it will be changed from a three bed house to 4 bedrooms, therefore it will need three parking spaces. However, there are three spaces within the plans.
- It will be twice the size of the existing house.
- You cannot build on more than 50% of the garden.
- You can build up to the boundary as the extension is brick.
- There is no impact on parking, but it is a very big extension.

Cllr Wenbourne proposed that there was no objection to it, seconded by Cllr Gordon, agreed by all councillors present.

c) Geddington Allotment query

The Parish Council has been asked by KBC if it knows whether the village needs more allotments.

Cllr Rowley didn't think there was a waiting list. He added that five to seven years ago a plot of land was suggested for allotments, but it was impractical as the land consisted of six inches of soil over a bed of rock. No other councillors were aware of any need for additional allotments over and above what was already in place.

042/18: PARISH PLAN – update.

Cllr Padwick had conveyed to Cllr Batchelor that there have been movements concerning the Parish Plan, and he will be in touch with Cllr Wenbourne. Cllr Batchelor said that the Parish Council need to discuss where it is at at the September Parish Council meeting. He will try to talk to Cllr Padwick in advance of the meeting. Cllr Wenbourne will let the Chair know if she is able to meet up with Cllr Padwick.

CORRESPONDENCE

043/18 National recognition awards – Danny Moody (Ncalc) 15.6.17

044/18 Road closure Network Rail — Gary Thorp 19.6.17

045/18 Public consultation – Police & Crime Commissioner/Fire Service 22.6.17 046/18

Police & Crime Commissioner – meeting with councillors 7.7.17

047/18 Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021

048/18 Newsletters.

Rural Services network – Rural Residents, June 2017 “

Email News Digest 26.6.17

Comments were made for point 045/18 - it was perceived to be good news for the Fire Service. No other comments were made relating to any other correspondence.

It was added at this point that the Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021 (047/18) should be an agenda item for discussion for the next meeting.

ACTION 4: The clerk to add this to the agenda.

Cllr Rowley added at this point that as regards to the funding raised for the bench in the Meadows, he has asked if it can be dealt with by the Parish Councillors as were the original benches. This is as per the earlier Parish Council discussion and agreement. He added that the people who raise the money sort out the commissioning and purchasing of the plaque however.

ACTION 5: The clerk to order one new bench from KBC, style and colour as previously ordered. Exact siting to be given after the next Parish Council meeting in September.

It was also agreed that the second bench in the Meadow (the old bench) should be considered after installation of the new bench as to what to do with it. It is a very low bench, situated close to a bin plus one of the struts is loose.

049/18: FINANCE

Community account statement	as at 16.06.17	£24,516.66
Business Saver account	as at 16.6.17-	£10,722.74

a) Accounts received

Nil

b) Accounts for payment

Geddington Village Hall	£50.00	Hire of lounge – 21/6/17 Parish Plan, 29/6/17 Rural Forum
Parish Clerk	£969.64	¼ ly salary April – June 2017
PAYE (Parish Clerk has paid this on own debit card)	£242.20	PAYE paid direct to HMRC Apr – Jun 2017
Parish Clerk	£60.00	Agreed ¼ ly depreciation of equipment
Parish Clerk	£38.26	Expenses – tea and light refreshments for Rural forum £8.95, print cartridges £12.18, 1 st & 2 nd cl stamps £7.14, 2 packs printing paper £9.99.

c) Capital Projects – update from the Finance Committee meeting held 6th July 2017

A brief resume was given as to the discussions that had taken place. It was agreed to send the draft Minutes out to all when written, which would contain details of the discussions.

ACTION 6: The Clerk to send out the Finance Committee meeting minutes.

ACTION 7:- Cllr Batchelor will pull some detailed summaries together, with suggestions of possible councillors to pursue individual issues. A decision on which issue(s) will be carried out first will need to be decided upon.

Cllr Rushton added at this stage that he felt that parking needed to be the priority; Cllr Gordon agreed with him. Cllr Rushton wondered if a possible extending of the car park would enable volunteers to help with the funding issues. He asked whether a cap on the precept was going to be brought in for 2018-19. Cllr Rowley said it now did not look as though it would be for the coming financial year.

I.T. ISSUES

a) Requirements for the Village Hall.

Cllr Rowley had been tasked with providing a list for the Village Hall with what equipment would be needed. He highlighted 2 options for the Village Hall, particularly in view of possible Planning changes.

The ensuing discussion highlighted that the following equipment would need to be considered:-

A projector (cost would be £300 - £500) – this would be of a type that could be put away when not in use.

OR

TV screen – business specification would cost £700 - £1000 this would be clearer, but you would still need something to project it on to.

Cllr Rowley also highlighted what was needed to provide Wi-Fi in the building. BT Broadband for business is not much different in cost to other providers so would be easier to have installed. A BT broadband circuit would be required, with routers used as repeaters. The cost of a repeater router would be about £38.00; two or three may be needed to extend coverage.

Noted that the screen would need to be sited permanently, whereas the projector can be put away.

ACTION 8. Cllr Batchelor has a projector the Council could use to trial using a projector for two of the agenda items.

ACTION 9: In terms of the Broadband, Cllr Gordon asked that a list of requirements be sent to the Village Hall Committee as regards to moving the notice board. Cllr Rowley agreed to provide this.

b) Training for usage of the Parish Council website.

Two training sessions for the Parish Council website (Training in the use of the Parish Council website) were determined.

FRIDAY 18.08.17 AT 7.00PM TUESDAY 12.9.17, ALSO AT 7.00PM.

Cllr Rowley will send the address and postcode of where it is to be held out to all councillors. It was agreed that attendance can be at either one or both of the sessions.

050/18. ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

a) Recreation ground – Cricket club issues raised by members of the public.

i) Cllr Rowley informed the meeting that several residents have commented that the old cricket nets are still on the recreation ground. Residents are asking if they can be taken down and removed. The concrete base will need to be removed as well.

b) Issues arising from the Ged-fest held on the recreation field for the second year.

ii) Noise from Geddfeest – Cllr Rowley commented that Boughton estates are informed when any of their activities cause problems within the village, so an activity by the Cricket Club should be highlighted to them. It was commented that elderly people and parents with young children in particular had complained about the noise levels. Cllr Rushton said that the noise had stopped at 10.00pm – it was thought that this was an extension for the time that was allowed for the event. Cllr Buckseall said a re-think of the event was perhaps needed

- iii) Cars on the recreation ground at Ged-fest. The gate had been opened to let band equipment in, but then left open. Cars were then entering the field where people were picnicking and children were playing. Cllr Rowley stated that there should be no cars on the recreation field. The GVFB fire engine should also ask permission for it to be sited on the field. The Bowls Club had needed a car to be driven to the building to bring the food – they also should ask the Village Hall for permission to do so. Likewise provision of music – as soon as the vehicle carrying the equipment has been allowed on to the recreation field, the gate needs to be closed immediately. If not, cars in general drive on to the field as they are not aware that this is not allowed.
- iv) Marshalls are needed, for point iii) above in particular.
- v) Bins were full and overflowing – provision needs to be made for emptying of the bins where needed.
- vi) There will be no event next year unless a consultation takes place and issues are resolved. Cllr Wenbourne suggested that the Parish Council need to lay down some procedures for events that are held on the field, so that the organisers of events know that they will not be successful as to booking an event unless they are carried out. This should include clearing up the mess and rubbish on the field after an event has taken place.

It was noted that the Flower festival, bowls match and Geddfest were held on the same day. These need to be more spread out.

The Parish Council needs to write to the Village Hall to highlight all these issues.

ACTION 10: Although a letter needs to be sent, it was decided to leave it at the present time to Cllr Gordon and Batchelor.

c) **Dog bags** – discussion for the support and small amount of spend as per May meeting. As per the discussion by the co-ordinators of the Geddington Brickyard Garden project at the May monthly meeting, it was proposed by Cllr Buckseall that £25.00 should be given for the provision of dog bags as per the suggestion by the co-ordinators. Cllr Rushton seconded the proposal, Agreed by four councillors, with one councillor against the proposal.

It was also highlighted that the job that has previously been agreed – to repair the bridge in the Meadow, is still outstanding, despite this being chase twice by the parish clerk. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Oli Toseland who provided the quotation that was accepted, and he should be asked for a firm date when he can carry out the work.

ACTION 11: The clerk to action the above request.

It was also noted that issues relating to the difficulty of getting quotations back from companies or individuals for jobs that need to be carried out should be discussed and possibly changed at the next AGM.

NEWTON & LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues were raised, but Cllr Bailey commented that the Little Oakley fete went well.

AOB

Cllr Wenbourne said that the footpath file had been given to somebody, but she was not sure who. Cllr Batchelor will ask Doug Hodgkinson to whom it was given.

It was suggested that an August monthly meeting is not required. Agreed by all councillors present.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Ongoing support for the defibrillator.

There being no further business. The meeting closed at 21.46hrs