

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), C Buckseall, A Gordon, D Rushton T Bailey, P Berry, J Padwick. Cllr Rowley attended the meeting from 7.40pm, Cllr Watson attended from 7.45pm.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor S Wenbourne,

051/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

052/18 CO-OPTION

Peter Goode has expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the Parish Council. Cllr Batchelor has met with Peter Goode and the relevant criteria have been met. Cllr Gordon therefore formally nominated Mr Goode and Cllr Padwick seconded the nomination. All councillors present were in favour of the nomination. The nomination papers were duly completed.

053/18 PUBLIC SESSION

a) Police Report / Crime figures

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

July:-

- Burglary Dwelling x1 - 26-27th West Street - Vehicle and keys stolen, property insecure
- Burglary Non-Dwelling x1 - 13th Grafton Road - Stables broken into, items stolen August
- Vehicle Crime - 20th Aug 2017 - Stamford Road, van entered by unknown means, items stolen

No reported incidents for Newton/ Little Oakley for both July and August.

It was stated that there had been a mini crime wave in the last few days; with a break in and attempted break-ins in Bright Trees Road and Wood Street, as well as Skeffington Close. Cllr Rushton asked if the Police are able to put times on the crimes. Cllr Goode reported that it is recorded on Kettering Crime Watch.

ACTION 1: The Clerk to contact the Police – times used to be provided. The information is needed so that any information can be collated and sent to residents.

b) Questions from the public

Four members of the public were present, plus County Councillor Victoria Perry.

Peter Coles said that his father had been heavily involved in village activities and had passed away recently. He asked if it was possible to plant a tree and erect a plaque, or sponsor a tree as per the Wicksteed Park scheme, or install a bench. The family had suggested that for a bench the preferred location would be near the vehicle gate by the children's play area in the recreation field. He confirmed that the family would not be leaving flowers by the bench. Cllr Rowley confirmed to him that memorial benches have been vandalised in the past, and if the preferred option was a bench, the standard benches that had been used in the past would have to be purchased. Peter Coles was happy with that.

ACTION 2: The Clerk to establish the cost of the bench plus the concrete plinth, precise location to be established once the price of the bench and installation is confirmed as acceptable.

Mary Welsh and her husband were present. He explained that where they lived, in Chapel Lane, Queen Street, they need their back entrance to leave and access their dwelling by car. They asked if it was possible to move the Parish Council notice board so that the access/ gate can be widened. Additionally, the pathway is sometimes blocked as people park on their driveway or the grassed area by the notice board. She asked if it could be moved to the park entrance on the opposite side of the road. Her husband could move the notice board. There was no objection from councillors but Cllr Rowley observed that the notice board would not survive the move. He confirmed that Highways own that piece of land, and that Mary Welsh would have to apply to them for permission to move the board after the agreement to move it was given. Cllr Buckseall thought that a new notice board would be best placed by the bye-law notice in the park. Other suggestions for location included the area by the ford. Cllr Goode proposed that the Parish Council agree in principal to the notice board being moved, seconded by Cllr Buckseall.

It was also raised within the public session that foliage was growing over the high wall by the coffee shop, scratching pedestrians and forcing them to walk in the road. It was believed that the wall would be Pat's responsibility, as leaseholder.

ACTION 3: The Clerk to write to Pat, cc Boughton Estates, and ask if he would kindly treat it/cut it back unless he felt it wasn't his responsibility.

c) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

County Council.

There was no report as such, but Cllr Victoria Perry was present and made suggestions and comments relating to what was raised, particularly in the public session.

Borough Council.

Cllr Rowley said that there was not much to report. Pot holes were of concern at the moment, with one person damaging themselves and their car badly.

**ACTION 4: The Clerk to advertise the Street Doctor details in the villages.
Cllr Batchelor to send an article to the village magazine.**

Cllr Watson added that there was a problem in Newton on the way to the Buttery, but it has been reported to Street Doctor. There is a hatch on the south bank which needs to be inspected by British Telecom. Earth around the hatch has been worn away, and the concrete around it has now been smashed. It was confirmed that it is NCC's responsibility to chase Highways.

Councillors were reminded that if they see any potholes, to report the location to Street Doctor.

The question of a new village sign / village signs for Geddington was raised - this could possibly be applied for funding to the Councillors' Community fund. Cllr Padwick added that there was no "Geddington" sign on the Grange Road entrance to Geddington. He added that installing a sign may help with the speeding problem. County Cllr Victoria Perry asked if optical illusion fencing had been considered if there was a speeding problem in that location.

ACTION 4: Cllr Batchelor will talk to Ian Boyes.

Cllr Perry also asked if "kiddy signs" had been considered for outside the school to slow down traffic. Cllr Rowley said that at present cones are used, which seems to work quite well. Cllr Perry said that she would speak to Jane Rowley, the Business Manager for the school.

Cllr Rowley then added for his report that there was a forum for Kettering Town this week, at which 27 businesses and eight councillors will be present. There is also a meeting of National Rail concerning consultation for the hub for intercity routes, as no decision has yet been made by KBC.

Cllr Perry left the meeting at this stage.

054/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 10th July 2017 Approved by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Berry, 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.

Actions 1 & 2 from 12.6.17 (further update regarding location of 20mph signs). Cllr Goode conveyed that there could only be one sign in the whole length of Queen Street, near the Post Office.

Action 6 from 12.6.17: (The Queen Eleanor Cross lights). Cllr Gordon has spoken to Blandfords who are not willing to provide a quotation for the work that is needed. KBC also will not give a quotation. It was therefore suggested that the work needs to be carried out, and the lack of any further quotations is because of unwillingness by other firms to quote for the work. Cllr Rowley added that four organisations have been approached and the source of suitable sources has now been exhausted. The Clerk agreed to minute the fact that the single quotation had been accepted on this basis. Cllr Watson proposed that TJ Electrical be asked to carry out the work. Seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed by all councillors present.

ACTION 5: Cllr Gordon will contact TJ Electricals to ask them to carry out the required work.

Action 9 from 12.6.17: (Anglian Water). Cllr Batchelor is aiming to meet with Anglian Water in the last week in September. Cllr Berry and Buckseall expressed interest in attending as well.

Cllr Gordon emphasised that this was a matter that could not be dropped – the capacity for sewage disposal / movement in the village is near its maximum. Cllr Berry pointed out that Anglian Water will only carry out any necessary work within its five year residential plan however.

Action 10 from 12.6.17: (White Lion). CBC will not place any more families there. Cllr Rowley will follow through the report that new people are in the upstairs part of the building.

ACTION 6: Cllr Rowley to action the above issue.

10.7.17 - Action 5: The Clerk to send location of bench (by the pond) to be sent to KBC via a google map.

10.7.17 – Action 9: Cllr Rowley will send Cllr Gordon an email listing requirements for the Village Hall.

10.7.17 – Action 11: Repair to bridge in the Meadow. It was acknowledged that this was now an urgent repair. The Clerk stated that four businesses had been contacted, but only one had given a quotation for £280.00 which had been accepted, but eight months later the job was still outstanding despite several chase-ups. It was suggested that it was not realistic to get three quotes for every job, regardless of how small the cost was. Cllr Padwick asked if any change needed an extraordinary meeting to amend the Standing Orders, but obtaining three quotations for any job rather than jobs £1000.00 or over (as per the Standing Orders) was approved at a normal monthly meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Rowley that, relating to this repair, that if an individual councillor was able to find a contractor willing to carry out the work, that it be authorised to be carried out providing the cost was under £500. Seconded by Cllr Berry, agreed by all councillors present.

c) Approval of PC Finance Committee meeting Minutes – held 6th July 2017

Approved by Cllr Rowley, seconded by Cllr Batchelor, agreed by all councillors present to be a true record.

d) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

All action points had been carried out. It was agreed that the GVFB would be approached next year to see if they had the capacity to clear up the area by the ford.

Cllr Rowley fed back from KBC that a number of garages are well used in the area concerned.

ACTION 7: The Clerk will send Cllr Goode a copy of the Finance Committee meeting minutes.

Cllr Padwick asked if lighting was a possible project for financial consideration.

Cllr Batchelor added that he is drawing up a table for suggested leads for the individual issues.

PLANNING

a) KBC Decision notices.

The meeting was not informed of any decision notices.

b) Planning Applications for consideration

Cllr Rowley did not take part in the discussions relating to Planning applications, and abstained from any decisions made.

KET/2017/0491

Mr & Mrs Temple, 4 Newton Road and 6-10 Newton Road (land to rear of), Geddington.

Demolition of garages and shed and erection of 1 no. bungalow.

(note – expiry date for consultation was originally 31.7.1. Target decision date originally 24.8.17).

(Mr Temple was present at the meeting, so this item was discussed within the public session). He informed the councillors of the extension to public feedback timescale. The understanding is that the extension application has been submitted – the same application as previously made but without the garage being included now.

Comments made were as follows:-

- A precedent has been set for infill where it is applicable along Newton Road.
- There are no parking issues
- Flat roofs are discouraged – this application is for a pitched roof.

It was proposed by Cllr Gordon that the application be supported. Seconded by Cllr Berry. Eight councillors supported the proposal, and there were two abstentions.

KET/2017/0628

Mr & Mrs T White, 28 Grange Road, Geddington.

Conversion of day nursery to dwelling to include demolition of rear and side extensions and swimming pool enclosure. Construction of 2 no. detached dwellings with new vehicular access and detached double garage

Councillors discussed this application, noting that three flats have been replaced by one house.

The proposal was made that there was no objection, but with the following stipulation: that there is a removal of the delegated powers, to prevent the owners having the power to extend or build under the planning regulations, and that the garage to the rear of the plot 1 has to be retained. Proposed by Cllr Batchelor, seconded by Cllr Buckseall, agreed but with three abstentions.

KET/2017/0539

Mr & Mrs K Sexton, 3 Bright Trees Road, Geddington.

Garage conversion to habitable accommodation, single storey front extension and replacement bay window. Extension to dropped kerb.

A Special meeting had not been arranged in August (to discuss this application in the absence of a Parish Council monthly meeting in August) as the perception was that it was not a contentious application, and none of the immediate neighbours had raised any objection. No comment had been submitted by the Parish Council for this application therefore.

Noted that a further planning application for 35 Stamford Road has been submitted and will be sent out by KBC for consultation shortly.

KET/2017/0649

Boughton Estates Ltd - Acreland North Barn, Cranford Road, Grafton Underwood. Change of use from agricultural building to a flexible commercial use (storage).

Boughton Estates Ltd. - Flat Acreland Farmhouse, 50 Cranford Road, Grafton Underwood. Change of use from grain store to workshop and storage

For both of the above two applications, it was agreed that the following information would be conveyed to KBC Planning:-

Although Geddington, Newton & Little Oakley Parish Council are not statutory consultees, they would like to make the following comments.

“The councillors would like to comment that if the area is used for small units, that it would be stipulated on the leases that no 7½ ton lorries could be used. This would remove tonnage through Geddington”.

It was also to be requested that Geddington Parish Council would like to become a consultee on this area as it affects this Parish.

c) Feedback needed for potential training (vocational course) for planning applications – possible dates, topics to cover, invites to Weekly, Warkton and Grafton Underwood?

It was decided that it would be useful to hold such a session, possibly in two months' time.

ACTION 8: The Clerk to convey this to KBC Planning, for them to offer a date(s).

d) Brigstock draft neighbourhood plan – comments request

No comments were forthcoming.

055/18: PARISH PLAN – update.

Cllr Padwick re-iterated that Newton junction is a high priority. He added that moving on “facilities for teenagers and young adults” is proposed for October/ November.

ACTION 9: Cllr Padwick to speak to John Goodall regarding the work he and Beryl Goodall are doing for this topic – the resulting documentation is needed for October if at all possible.

He added that there are six areas that progress needs to be made on however. The Flood Action plan would be able to be moved on more quickly if reference is made to other flood action plans. Cllr Buckseall said that information is on the website tool kit relating to how to develop a flood action plan. Cllr Berry said he was happy to help out.

ACTION 10: Cllr Buckseall to send information and website details to Cllr Berry, and Cllrs Buckseall and Berry to review the information available. All councillors present agreed to this action.

It was also agreed that Cllr Bailey would be involved as regards to Little Oakley flooding

Cllr Padwick referred to lighting issues, stating that some lights on residents' properties in West Street can be controlled from inside the properties and the electricity used is paid for by the residents.

Broadband issues – Cllr Rowley believed that the work that needs to be carried out in Newton has now been completed.

ACTION 11: Cllr Padwick to update the Parish Plan list.

CORRESPONDENCE

056/18 CPRE – Green belt – under pressure and unaffordable. 13.7.17

057/18 Northants Police – newsletter from The Safer Roads Team 14.7.17

058/18 CPRE “Planning roadshows – feedback request”. 27.7.17

059/18 Ncalc eUpdate July/August 2017.

060/18 Newsletters.

Rural Services network – Email News Digest 10.7.17

061/18: FINANCE

Community account statement as at 17.8.17 £22,686.56

Business Saver account as at 17.8.17- £10,726.76

a) Accounts received

Nil

b) Accounts for payment

Nil

c) Funding of the Geddington Defibrillator

Clr Bailey thought that the matter should be deferred until it can be seen what effort has been made to raise the money. Clr Batchelor suggested that the owners of the defibrillator to fund raise initially, with the Parish Council prepared to underwrite any remaining balance. Councillors were then informed that the lottery fund underwrite 100% of installations.

ACTION 12: The Clerk to convey this information to Claire Tilley.

d) Capital Projects – update.

Time constraints meant that this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

062/18. WEBSITE TRAINING

Councillors were reminded of the second training session Tuesday 12.9.17 at 7.00pm; venue is the Corby Enterprise Centre as before. Confirmation was given by those councillors who were able to attend.

063/18. ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

a) Update for Queen Eleanor lights work regarding quotes.

This was discussed within agenda item 054/18 b) (matters arising).

b) Installation of the yellow “repeater” 20mph signs 5.8.17 – agreement needed as to whether these are to be installed.

This was also discussed within “matters arising”, and it was confirmed that at present, installation of 20mph signs within the village would not be practical or visually acceptable as per Ian Boyes’ observations.

ACTION 13: The Clerk to notify Ian Boyes of the present decision.

c) Re-use of the BT phone boxes – 2 comments, 5.8.17

This item to be carried forward to the next monthly meeting because of time constraints.

d) New bench in the meadow.

i) Exact siting required by KBC. This was discussed within agenda item 054/18.

ii) What will happen to the old (existing) bench? New bench to be installed first before a decision is made.

e) Landscaping for the ford area.

GVFB could be asked in the new year if they are able to consider carrying out this work.

064/18 ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

AT 70th Northants CALC AGM, 7.10 17.

This was not discussed because of time restraints.

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2017 – 2021.

This was not discussed because of time restraints.

NEWTON & LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA/ AOB

No issues

There being no further business. The meeting closed at 21.58hrs.