

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th AUGUST 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), P Berry, T Bailey, D Rushton, S Wenbourne and P Goode

APOLOGIES: Councillors M Rowley, C Buckseall, D Watson, J Padwick.

38/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

39/19 PUBLIC SESSION

Seven members of the public were present.

a) Police Report / Crime figures

Police crime figures for June 2018 were as follows:-.

	Location	Category	Current status
Geddington	1 x On or near Bright Trees Road	Burglary	Investigation complete, No suspect identified.
“ “	2 x on or near Chase View Road	Violence & sexual offences	Unable to prosecute suspect
“ “	1 x on or near Hall's Close	Bicycle theft	Local resolution

There were no comments.

b) Questions from the public

The following issues were raised:-

1. Travel issues including :-

- Bus travel changes.
- Parking problems in the village.
- There is a break in the cycling route to Kettering, at Weekley. Vehicles drive too closely to cyclist in this vicinity.

The member of the public was happy to lead on a working party to agree a village travel plan to include consultation, the results of which would then be brought back to the Parish Council. Issues to think about would be bicycle training, is there a need for a community bus, charging points outside the village hall and anything else that residents raise as a problem or a need. Cllr Padwick, not present at the meeting, had reportedly indicated to the resident that he would be happy to be on such a working party as the link with the Parish Council. Cllr Batchelor thanked the resident for volunteering to lead on such a working party. Large sums of money could not be pledged as the Parish Council simply didn't have the resources on that scale. However, smaller sums, such as to enable the working group to establish resident's

opinion, could be discussed and authorised. Regardless, the Parish Council would facilitate in any way that would be most useful.

Cllr Batchelor added that it was regrettable as to the withdrawal of funding for bus services by NCC. KBC has tried to plug the gap but they are not allowed to fund bus services. Cllr Rowley is currently trying to sort out the Castle Garden residents' concerns as to the changes in the bus services.

Cllr Berry said that it was integral to the whole parking situation in the village that other means of transport to the car should be explored. It was generally agreed that "we want to fix the problem, help us to find a solution".

Cllr Batchelor said that statistics and hard facts would be needed. Cllr Goode said that it was excellent that the suggestion for such a working party had come from the community. The first meeting will probably be in September: the resident will then let the Parish Council know what involvement is needed from the Parish Council.

It was noted that an issue such as this is not officially the Parish Council's responsibility, but it will do what it can to help.

A second member of the public highlighted parking problems in the centre of the village, noting that recently Queen Street and Bridge Street were packed with cars although 21 spaces were available in the car park. It appears that a lot of people do not know where the car park is.

ACTION 1:- The Clerk to find out as to costings for better signage on the South side.

Cllr Batchelor said that the new owner of the White Lion will accommodate cars for particular events (such as the Bowls Club events).

The ford access is often blocked – emergency vehicles would not be able to get through, but restrictions could be put in place - Noted that the current double yellow lines in two areas of the village are not being policed. Cllr Rushton asked when anybody had last seen a PCSO in the village. If they are put in place, they need to be enforced.

Cllr Berry enquired as to who are the main users of the car park – residents or visitors, and thought that the working party may be able to determine that. He did not believe that money should be spent on additional car parking if it is not local residents who are using it.

Cllr Goode noted that any parking if it is obstructing access is illegal.

ACTION 2: Cllr Batchelor will talk to Neighbourhood Watch to inform them of the discussions, and ask them to talk to the PCSO.

Another resident reminded the meeting that KBC hasn't handed over responsibility for traffic enforcement from the Police. However, they are planning to merge anything that is enforceable (traffic enforcement, dog wardens) into one job role which will provide more bodies to carry out enforcement.

Cllr Batchelor summarised the discussion by stating that the PCSO would be made aware as to the parking issues, the White Lion are happy to make their car park available for specific village events, and it was still a potential for the Parish Council to move forward as to a second car park.

ACTION 3: Cllrs Berry and Batchelor to be aware of potential blockages as to the village events, and determine if the GVFB can help with signage and marshalling.

2. Bin emptying.

Some of the bins in the village are overflowing. It was thought that they were emptied every Monday.

ACTION 4: the Clerk to remind KBC that they presently need to be emptied.

3. Memorial bench.

Discussed within the public session (see minute reference 46/19d)

A memorial bench has been requested, for a particular site, near the bridge, facing out to the recreation ground. The resident was informed that the Parish Council has to obtain and install the bench, to ensure that they are made of recycled materials and are vandal proof. In response to a query (concerning the approximate price of purchasing and installing a bench), another resident suggested that Wicksteeds may be able to provide such a bench at a cheaper price than KBC.

ACTION 5: The Clerk will contact Wicksteeds to enquire as to their benches.

4. Flooding in Little Oakley.

Discussed within the public session (see minute reference 46/19b).

Cllr Bailey circulated photographs provided by Doug Hodgkinson, a former councillor, from when he was looking into this issue for the affected Little Oakley residents. He informed the meeting that the flooding issue was brought up at the recent Boughton Estates meeting under any other business. Boughton Estates' response was that there was no record over 30 years of the cottages being flooded, even though number 20 was rented from Boughton Estates. Cllr Bailey gave them copies of the flooding photographs. . Additionally, a video was shown which illustrated the extent of the flooding, with the water running from north to south from the field above, running towards Harpers Brook.

5. Flooding in Little Oakley.

There is a dropped kerb by a jitty in the affected area by two cottages –with no.20 being affected more than the adjoining cottage. This results in a break in the kerb which helps to act as a barrier to flooding.

Noted that:-

The north to south flooding is worse now that the new bypass has been built.

The drain in the vicinity is not maintained frequently enough.

A pipe is broken on land owned by Boughton Estates.

There are some drains in the area, but they do not hold the volume of water that they need to. Highways have said that it is the landowner's responsibility.

On other occasions the Environment agency has been held to blame.

Cllr Goode said that if the drains are not taking the water it is a highways responsibility as the highways should be free from flooding.

Cllr Bailey clarified that it is not the brook that is flooding the two properties. The water is coming down from two angles quite steeply. The brook does not have any major effect.

Cllr Wenbourne said that all the agencies should get together, and should the Parish Council invite them?

Cllr Goode commented that it is in Buccleugh's best interests for the flooding not to happen - the land on either side of the road is Buccleugh land. He asked if there was any record of phone calls made to them, of the kitchen of no. 20 being ripped out and replaced, and that on selling a property the owner is asked "are you aware of any flooding?"

Cllr Batchelor proposed that the Environment Agency, Highways Agency, Anglian Water, and Boughton estates be written to, enclosing a copy of the video, stating the day it was taken, and informing of the number of concerned residents. It was thought that a meet up in Little Oakley would be more appropriate.

A resident then added that the Highways Agency had come out at one stage to do some work on the drains and said the flooding maybe worse now because the road has been raised. Cllr Bailey said that he can contact "Sylvia" who can give evidence of the flooding.

ACTION 6: Cllr Batchelor asked Cllr Bailey if he can begin to collate information in the background relating to this.

ACTION 7: Cllr Batchelor will help to draft the appropriate letters.

c) REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

County Councillor.

Cllr Perry had sent an email saying that she hoped to attend in September when there is more of an update regarding NCC – savings and future plans.

Borough Councillor

Cllr Mark Rowley was not present at the meeting.

40/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 13th July 2018.

The Minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr Berry, seconded by Cllr Batchelor. Agreed by all councillors present to be a true record.

b) Matters arising; outstanding actions.

It was agreed that outstanding or on-going actions will now be on a spreadsheet that can be circulated in advance of the next meeting or as and when appropriate.

PLANNING

a)KBC Decision notices

KET/2018/0334 - D Holland, Croft Barns, 14A Queen Street, Geddington.

2 no. stables and retrospective planning permission for a steel container and horse walker. KBC decision - Approved

KET/2018/0422: Mrs S Brown, 21 Grafton Road, Geddington

Detached garden room with pergola attached. KBC decision - Approved

KET/2018/0428: Mr S Harberd, Mayfield, 4 Corby Road, Little Oakley.
Application for listed building consent: Installation of a satellite dish to front.
KBC decision. .Withdrawn

KET/2018/0527 Mr & Mrs Temple, 4 Newton Road,
(Originally) KET/2018/0277 (Two storey rear and single storey rear and side extension
and alterations to front porch): Re-position and re-size windows and roof lights with
additional windows and roof lights KBC decision – Approved.

b) Planning Applications

KET/2018/0505 Cart shed Cottage, Access Road to Newton House, Newton
Full Application: Installation of stone walls to replace timber cladding and 5 bi-fold doors
to front. Replacement roof, window to East elevation and chimney with a flue.
Comments by 9.8.18, extension requested.

Councillors present at the last Parish Council meeting noted that the planning application is retrospective for the work that has already been carried out, and requesting planning permission for the further work.

After some discussion, it was noted that the type of stone as per the planning application does not resemble the "flat" stone that has already been used (without applying for planning permission). The "flat " stone would presumably be used again for the further work, rather than the rough stone as per the planning application details. The flat stone is not in keeping with the street scene in Newton.

It was therefore proposed that the planning application was not in keeping with the street scene in Newton. Proposed by Cllr Batchelor, seconded by Cllr Bailey. All councillors except one were in agreement with the proposal, with one councillor disagreeing with the proposal.

KET/2018/0558 Mr & Mrs Temple, 4 / 10 Newton Road. 1 x dormer style dwelling, and division of land to create two separate plots.

Proposed by Cllr Batchelor that there was no objection to the application. Seconded by Cllr Goode. All councillors were in agreement with the proposal.

KET/2018/0604 Mrs Hancock, 3 Wood Street. 1st floor rear timber clad extension.

The discussion centred on the fact that the rear extension would be visible from the churchyard – black timber cladding may not blend in well within a conservation area.

It was therefore proposed that the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds of being an inappropriate colour with the surrounding buildings in a conservation area. Proposed by Cllr Batchelor, seconded by Cllr Goode. The majority of councillors agreed with the proposal, with one councillor against the proposal and one councillor abstaining.

41/19 SITE SPECIFIC LOCAL PLAN PART 2 - - Further Parish Council response requested for KBC Planning in response to their telephone conversation with Cllr Watson concerning the Newton sheep barn area.

It was decided that although KBC Planning had spoken to Cllr Watson (following feedback given after the last Parish Council meeting), KBC had been made aware of the preference of Newton residents to this area being sympathetically developed so there was no need to write again. It was also noted that Planning would not have carried out a separate consultation with Newton residents concerning any change of boundary for development as the draft plan had gone to the Parish Council and the consultation was publicised and held in the Geddington Village Hall.

42/19 CONSULTATION ON THE PART 2 LOCAL PLAN FOR CORBY – Emerging Draft Options

There were no responses given to be relayed back to Corby Borough Council.

43/19: FINANCE

Community account statement as at 15.7.18 £29,820.30

Business Saver account as at 15.07.18 £10,739.34

a) **Accounts received**

None

Accounts for payment

Gordon Binley	£13.50 (approx.)	Further materials for renovation of WW2 memorial bench
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The invoice above was approved for payment. Only one signatory was present at the meeting however, so the second signatory will have to be obtained later.

44/19: 71st NORTHANTS CALC AGM - Saturday 6th October 2018 at Moulton Community Centre in Moulton with business starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00p.m. – For attendance of a counsellor.

There were no volunteers for attendance at the above meeting.

45/19: FEEDBACK FROM THE BOUGHTON ESTATES MEETING (PROPERTY DISPOSAL) held 18th July 2018.

Cllr Goode had circulated the report of the meeting. He reported that those present felt that it was a good meeting. All the tenants affected knew what was happening concerning the selling of some Boughton Estates properties.

Boughton estates have a forward plan for the next two years, and they do not intend coming out of the rental business. - they are presently building new properties. However, 24 farms are being sold in Scotland.

Cllr Batchelor thanked Cllrs Goode, Wenbourne and Bailey for attending and contributing to the meeting.

46/19: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION.

a) Dog PSPO – to consider whether further action necessary at this time.

It was noted that the PSPO was now in place, and enforcement signs have been erected. Dogs can be off their leads, and if this is not desirable the play area will have to be fenced. Cllr Batchelor reminded the councillors that the Parish Council could apply to change the PSPO at KBC level if they wanted to ban dogs in a given area.

Cllr Batchelor suggested that the current position with the PSPO be monitored over the next three months to see if there is any adverse feedback. Councillors appeared amenable to this suggestion.

b) Flooding in Little Oakley – to affirm next steps

This had been discussed within the public session.

c).Anglian Water – to consider any response received

No response has been received yet from Anglian Water to the letter sent from the Parish Council.

d) Memorial bench request – for discussion/approval

This had been discussed within the public session

47/19:PARKING ISSUES – to determine next steps

This had been discussed partly within the public session, and the comments that have been posted on Facebook were alluded to. Photographs have been viewed showing vehicles on the corner of the path as you come into the village hall: several comments and queries have been made on Facebook as to can anything be done about parking in certain places within the village. Cllr Batchelor said that this was difficult – councillors could not go out and regulate individual people's behaviour. However, it is different if they are actually blocking a driveway. But the Parish Council does have a responsibility to address the wider issues of parking problems within the village. He added that now that Angus Gordon was not a councillor, another councillor needed to lead on the parking project. Cllr Berry asked if it was appropriate to try to sort out the parking problem with residents' money if the problem being caused by non- residents of the village?

Cllr Goode felt that despite the current councillor vacancies, there was capacity to do the required analysis and investigation and comeback with the proposals. It was noted however that more councillors and more engagement would be an advantage. Cllr Bailey noted that the people who are complaining are not coming forward to help.

Cllr Rushton suggested that something be added to Facebook concerning the main Parish Plan projects. However, the need for the projects has not yet been established, for example, a fourth project could now potentially be fencing of the children's play area.

Cllr Bailey reminded the councillors of the potential for parking near the Bowling Club.

It was recognised that it is necessary to move forward with the capital projects.

48/19 FACEBOOK PAGE – to agree user guidance, and post removal policy

The user guidance has been taken off for up-dating, and now needs to be re-loaded.

ACTION 8: Cllr Goode said that he will reload it.

Several comments have been removed from the page and the Café Oak comments will shortly be removed. Cllr Goode will explain to them why the business cannot be advertised on the site.

Abuse, bad language and swearing are continually being removed.

NEWTON

No issues raised

LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues raised

Items for next month's Agenda

1. Broadband.
2. Template for the capital projects.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm.