

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), M Rowley, C Buckseall, P Berry, D Watson, D Rushton, S Wenbourne, J Padwick and P Goode.

APOLOGIES: Councillor T Bailey

50/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

51/19 PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Victoria Perry plus one other member of the public were present.

a) Police Report / Crime figures

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

	location	Category	Current status
Geddington	Crime on or near Slade Close	Violence and sexual offences	Awaiting court outcome
	Crime on or near Orchard Close	Other theft	Under investigation
	Crime on or near Chase Hill	Violence and sexual offences	Unable to prosecute suspect
	Crime on or near Chase Hill	Violence and sexual offences	Under investigation
	Crime on or near West Street	Anti-social behaviour (1)	Not provided
	Newton Rd	Other theft	Under investigation
Newton	Nil		
Little Oakley	Nil		

Councillors commented that the number of crimes was rather high.

b) Questions from the public

The member of the public who was a resident stated that he had come to listen only.

c) Reports from County and Borough councillors

County Councillor.

Cllr Perry reported as to updates on the unitary council issue. A letter had been sent to the Secretary of State, the Improvement Board has met, and there are a lot of rumours. She reported that there was a pot of money at the County Council derived from the sale of offices which will be used for the transformation of services and devolvement. There are some very expensive contracts such as street lighting: the County Council may be able to buy its way out of some of the contracts., but there will be no money forth coming from central government. She added that NCC have money but have not been using it well.

She was asked about bus services, and informed councillors that home to school transport has a budget of £17million. This funding is separate to the cuts that have been made to some bus services in the County. Cllr Padwick said that there is an issue if school children have not been able to get in to the feeder school (Kettering Buccleugh). Cllr Goode noted that the busiest bus service in the morning had been withdrawn.

Broadband: Cllr Perry thought that broadband would probably not be devolved to Parish Councils. Cllr Watson informed her that Newton currently only has 1.2 speed for broadband. Cllr Perry said she would ask for an update on what is happening for Newton, as Newton, Warkton, Little Oakley and Weekley should have had a better broadband installed by end of 2017. Cllr Rowley confirmed that the issue gets raised occasionally at the Rural Forum. He added that if more services are devolved there is a capacity and willingness issue.

Recruitment of social workers is an issue and a drain on resources – Milton Keynes recruit at a higher salary leading to a high number of agency workers having to be employed at NCC.

Council tax: Cllr Perry asked councillors what the feeling would be if NCC increased it but still kept to within the upper limit across the boroughs. Councillors commented that funding for NCC was 10% short to what it needed to be so there wasn't really any option.

Borough Councillor

Cllr Mark Rowley confirmed that the unitary authorities issue was the main topic at the Borough Council, with council leaders and the chief executives meeting the previous week to start to prioritise issues, A lot of work is being cascaded down to boroughs, but there is some disparity as to what is able to be accepted. He added that parish councils should have more responsibility, but discussions are needed. Work may be allocated to parish councils but KBC may still do it but charge for the work carried out. Some councils will welcome the extra responsibility however.

52/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting minutes, held 13.8.18.

The Minutes were approved subject to some typo corrections being made. Proposed by Cllr Goode, seconded by Cllr Rushton. Agreed by all councillors who were present at the August meeting to be a true record.

ACTION 1: The corrected minutes to be re-circulated.

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.

Actions completed:-

13.8.18 - 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.

This request has been passed to GVFB who gave a negative response to the request.

13.8.18 – Action 4: Street Bin emptying by KBC – reminder. The clerk has contacted and received a reply from KBC.

13.8.18 - Action 7: Cllr Batchelor will help to draft the appropriate letters (flooding in Little Oakley). Letters sent.

13.8.18 – Action 8 – Cllr Goode has reloaded the Facebook page.

PLANNING

a)KBC Decision notices

KET/2018/0356 Mr S Harberd, Mayfield, 4 Corby Road, Little Oakley.

3 no. replacement windows to rear dormers. Listed Building Consent Application Approved.

b) Planning Applications

Cllr Rowley abstained from this agenda item.

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.

Following an email received from Alan Chapman, Development Management Officer, on 10th September, the Parish Council discussed this application again.

Cllr Watson (Newton Parish Councillor) was able to be present at this meeting, and supplied some background history of the building, its original conversion from a shed to a residential property by the former landlord and the many varied styles of building material within the village. He also conveyed that Newton residents viewed both the work that had already been carried out, and the proposed additional work, very favourably.

The Parish Council's main concern at the original time of discussion was that the flat stone was not in keeping with the street scene in Newton. However, after further input from Cllr Watson and viewing of the photographs within the attachment sent on 10th September, it led

to a proposal by Cllr Padwick that the Parish Council withdraw its objection. Seconded by Cllr Wenbourne. Seven councillors present supported the proposal with two councillors abstaining".

KET/2018/0472 *Mr & Mrs Bartley, First floor side extension, Sunblest Cottage, 4 Bakehouse Hill, Geddington. 21 day notice – amended plans.*

Planning applications were brought forward and discussed whilst the public session was still open. Mr Bartley explained in person the amendments to the original plans. He informed the councillors that the adaptations have been viewed by a neighbour and are deemed to be acceptable to him as well.

It was therefore proposed by Cllr Berry that the Parish Council accept the amended application ("no objection"). Seconded by Cllr Goode. Eight councillors agreed to the proposal, with one councillor abstaining.

17/00180/OUT *(Received from Corby Borough Council as a neighbouring authority). Outline application for a sustainable urban extension comprising of 4,500 dwellings, 46,850sqm of Class B1/B2, two local centres/mixed use A1-A5, B1, C2, C3 and D1/D2, secondary schools, primary schools, public open space, drainage, access and associated infrastructure works. Demolition of existing buildings | West Corby Urban Extension Uppingham Road Corby Northamptonshire.*

Councillors were of the view that it will have minimum effect for Geddington. There were no comments apart from this observation.

KET/2018/0648 *Mr K Irwin, 4 Wood Street, Geddington. Two storey rear extension.*

It was noted that it is within the conservation area, but that the materials used will be similar to the materials of the existing dwelling. The proposed extension is at the rear of the property and cannot be viewed from the street.

Proposed by Cllr Padwick that there be no objection to the application. Seconded by Cllr Goode. All councillors present agreed to the proposal except for one abstention.

53/19 CORRESPONDENCE

"Ultra fast broadband coming soon to your village"- email forwarded by Cllr Victoria Perry.

Councillors asked for a representative to attend the next or following Parish Council meeting to answer questions concerning the installations needed to install fast broadband.

ACTION 2: The clerk to request a representative to attend the October meeting if possible, or if not, the November meeting.

No other comments were made relating to correspondence that had been sent out to councillors.

54/19: FINANCE

Community account statement	as at 17.8.18	£29,820.30
Business Saver account	as at 17.8.18	£10,739.34

a) **Accounts received**

None

b) **Accounts for payment**

Parish Clerk - Anita Curtis.	£1024.91	1/4ly Salary Jul - Aug 2018.
Parish Clerk - Anita Curtis	£256.23	PAYE Jul - Aug 2018. (Paid by AC to HMRC 6.9.18 on own debit card).
Parish Clerk - Anita Curtis	£60.00	Agreed qtrly depreciation of equipment – Jul - Aug 2018.
Parish Clerk - Anita Curtis	£50.26	Expenses – stamps £6.96, Stationary £4.00, ink cartridges £12.90, Dig Dat map obtained for flooding issues Jun/Jul £26.40.
CommuniCorp	£75.00	Annual subscription for “Local Councils Update”

The above payments were approved for authorisation. Proposed by Cllr Padwick, seconded by Cllr Rushton, agreed by all councillors present.

- c) **PKF Littlejohn** have sent an email stating that although the AGAR form needed to be completed, it did not need to be sent back to them as both the annual gross income and the annual gross expenditure for this Parish Council are under £25,000.00. Cllr Watson proposed that the audit exemption form had been received and recommended completion. Seconded by Cllr Berry. Approved by all councillors present. The Clerk therefore completed the Certificate of Exemption form and it was duly signed and dated by the Chair and the clerk as Responsible Finance Officer.
ACTION 3: The clerk to send the form back to PKF Littlejohn and publicise the relevant documentation.
- d) **Further quote for replacement of the gate in the meadow.**
The expected late quotation has not been received. The Clerk to therefore contact the company that a quote has been received from.
ACTION 4: The Clerk to action the above.
- e) **Broadband in the Village Hall- update/ authorisation for payment.**
Cllr Rowley reported that the order was sent but it was not able to be completed by Vodaphone.
ACTION 5: The Clerk to order the broadband item needed for the village hall.
- f) **Approval of template for the capital projects, and nomination of project leads**
Cllr Batchelor reminded councillors that more detailed information was needed for
1. Entrance to Newton village proposed work. (Safety issue)
 2. Additional car park (safety issue)
 3. MUGA.
 4. A fourth option is that no projects are carried out at the present time.

Cllr Berry said that the question needed to be asked as to was it the right time for a project to be carried out. It was stated by Cllr Batchelor that the precept had been raised to move forward with one of the projects. He said there would be a healthy debate and a vote. There was a feeling in the village that one or two of the projects should have a feasibility study carried out. Cllr Rowley reminded the meeting that it had already been resolved to do this already. Cllr Goode said that a structured analysis to a number of programmes was needed. Councillors need to be able to say, we have established a need, this is the proposal, this is the work that must be initially carried out, provide costings, and then state what is the next action needed. Cllr Watson added that the Council is building up a sum of money. The work can then be carried out with that funding. Cllr Rushton asked if a loan can be sought if needed. Cllr Watson was not sure if legally this can happen.

Entrance to Newton village proposed work. (Safety issue)

ACTION 6: Cllr Rowley agreed to provide more details based on the preformat template circulated for the Newton road entrance. He will try to do this before the end of the month.

Additional car park (safety issue)

ACTION 7: Cllr Berry agreed to provide more details for the additional car park. Cllr Rushton said he was happy to help.

MUGA

ACTION 8: Cllr Batchelor will speak to Cllr Padwick regarding the MUGA and outdoor gym equipment. Cllr Buckseall can work with Cllr Padwick if it helps.

The new Transport issues group could possibly tie in with all transport issues.

g) Mileage policy – Discussion and decision - is there a mileage policy in place / Is one needed?

Because of time issues it was agreed to defer this until next month.

55/19 - ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

a) Suggested signage for car parking in the Village Hall – discussion/ authorisation

This was discussed and the following decision was made:

1 x RS1 Village Hall P sign (by the chapel, on the lamppost) and 1 x RS2 P sign to be ordered.

The installation is not required.

ACTION 9: The Clerk to order the signs – a spend limit of £60.00 was stated. Proposed by Cllr Berry, seconded by Cllr Rowley. All councillors present were in favour.

b) Grit bins- to consider letter received from NCC Highways concerning review of grit bins in the Parish.

One bin in the Parish (in Little Oakley) will be withdrawn by the NCC Highways unless the Parish Council requests transfer of ownership and responsibility to the Parish Council. Cllr Bailey was not able to be present at the meeting. Cllrs requested that as the Parish councillor for Little Oakley, Cllr Bailey is asked if the second grit bin is needed, and the clerk to contact NCC Highways accordingly if it is still regarded as essential to the safety of the area in Little Oakley.

ACTION 10: The Parish Clerk to action the above request.

c) Anglian Water –

i) to consider response received from Anglian Water.

It was noted by councillors that the email received showed a measured level of responsibility, and that Anglian Water will now double up on their maintenance schedule for the pumping station. Their permit states discharging is “in the event of failure” therefore discharging into the river appears to be in breach of their permit. It was concluded that the response now will be to wait and see if anything else occurs. Cllr Berry added that if it does happen the next step will be to write to the Consumer Council. This issue will next be assessed in June 2019. Cllr Goode has asked the nearby resident to let the Parish Council know if she sees anything.

ii) To respond to Clare Dillinger as to a meeting with one or two councillors to move forward customer awareness, behavior change and improved communication.

Councillors believed that the basics of any message she would give would only say that the message must be reinforced to residents to not flush items such as nappy liners in the toilet. The whole village has been leafleted. Cllr Berry said however that he is happy to meet with the Anglian Water contact if it helps the cause. Cllr Goode is happy to also meet with her

ACTION 11: Telephone numbers and email addresses to be given to Clare Pillinger. .

d) Bowls Club – discussion as to their use of the recreation field as a car park.

This had happened at the Trundle on 2.9.18. The Bowls Club had arranged a gala day on the same day, and said a letter had been sent by the Parish Council giving them permission. Cllr Rowley asked if this was the case. It was confirmed that it had not been discussed at the last meeting and no letter had been sent. Cllr Rowley reiterated that no cars are allowed on the recreation field unless they are dropping off goods.

There were ‘three or four rows of cars on the field - approximately 30 cars’.

Cllr Buckseall queried how many members had keys to the gate and asked if the padlock to the gate could be changed. It was stated that multiple locks could be added to the gate instead.

It was decided that the Parish Council should write to the Bowls Club concerning this matter.

ACTION 12: Letter to be written to the Bowls Club - copy to be sent to the Village Hall Committee, the Tennis Club and the Cricket Club.

Cllr Goode commented that a similar message could be put onto Facebook.

It was also noted as an aside that the Bowls Club have the use of some of the Parish Council land and they have not paid any rent for use of the land since 1997.

e) Flooding in Little Oakley – update

To be discussed at the October Parish Council meeting.

f) Crumbling stone at base of Old Bridge – discussion and decision .

Cllr Goode has a folder of photographs showing the deterioration of stonework at the bridge over several months. The responsibility for repairs will be the owners of the bridge. Cllr Rowley informed councillors that the bridge and Queen Eleanor Cross were owned by the Parish Council until KBC was formed in 1974. They were then sold

to the Council in return for a bigger grant than would otherwise be received. However, there is no paperwork to show evidence of this.

It was suggested that Highways may own the bridge. Cllr Buckseall noted that the Parish Council have not had to pay for any previous work that has had to be carried out. Councillors viewed photographs showing the crumbling stonework. Cllr Goode has been in touch with Historic England to find out what the Parish Council needs to do.

ACTION 13: There is no fee to obtain advice from Historic England. The clerk to therefore write to Historic England and ask if an inspector will examine the bridge.

g) A resident had contacted Cllr Buckseall to voice concerns with the bund and the ditch that runs alongside the field at the top of Wood Street (bund side of the hedge). The six feet high weeds will be clogging up the pipework.

ACTION 14: The clerk to write to Boughton Estates.

h) It has been noticed that branches above where the old Parish Council notice board used to be need cutback. This extends to all the branches down to the entrance to the ford which it is thought will be Highways responsibility.

ACTION 15: The clerk to write to Highways – the work will then probably be carried out by KBC.

Cllr Wenbourne noted that it was hard to get hold of the persons responsible for street lighting – she had been trying to report that the street light was not working in the jitty between the main road and Skeffington Close. She was informed that it is best to report it online.

56/19 FACEBOOK PAGE – to agree user guidance, and post removal policy

A detailed discussion as to the above was deferred until the October meeting because of time restraints.

NEWTON

No issues raised

LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues raised

AOB

Cllr Batchelor reminded councillors that it is their civic duty to attend a church service on 11th November 2018 to commemorate 100 years of the end of the 1st World War.

The church will be delivering more than its normal service. He urged all councillors to try to attend it.

Items for next month's Agenda

No items were raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.58pm.