

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th OCTOBER 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), M Rowley, C Buckseall, S Wenbourne, T Bailey, J Padwick and P Goode.

APOLOGIES: Councillors D Watson and D Rushton.

57/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EMERGENCY ITEM: Village Hall –Parish Council representative. This was added as an emergency item because of the risk factor with children attending events when vehicles are parking on the recreation field. Proposed by Cllr Batchelor that Cllr Goode be the Parish Council representative for the Village Hall Committee. Seconded by Cllr Rowley. Agreed by all those present.

58/19 PUBLIC SESSION

Five members of the public were present plus Cllr Victoria Perry.

a) Police Report / Crime figures

There were no updated police crime figures available for August 2018 as at 7th October.

b) Questions from the public

1. Parish Plan projects, as per residents' consultation.

John Goodall queried what was happening as to projects highlighted in the Parish Plan by residents as needed in the Parish, in particular the facilities for young people. He was informed that three projects were currently being explored – The Newton entrance, additional car parking needed for the centre of the village and recreation facilities – a MUGA and outdoor gym. Cllr Batchelor informed him that the Parish Council has needed clarification as to NCC and monetary matters. A template has been approved which needs populating for each of the projects. Feasibility studies and costings were being carried out.

ACTION 1: Cllr Batchelor will communicate with Cllr Padwick concerning the two strands of recreation facilities – the MUGA and the outdoor gym.

Councillors were informed that the outdoor gym is the less expensive of the two strands, and would probably be able to move forward more quickly. They were also reminded that residents will need to be consulted again before any final decision is made so that they know what the precept has been raised for and how it can be used.

ACTION 2: Cllr Padwick will have a discussion with John Goodall concerning the above points.

John Goodall added here (separate to the discussion) that the Nene Valley Motorhome Club would be using the Youth Club area of the Stonepit land from 19th November (Friday lunchtime) to 21st November (Sunday morning). He was reminded that the Parish Council need to know the dates in advance, as the Youth Club only leases the footprint of the building as per the lease. This was disputed however.

ACTION 3: Agenda item “to examine the lease” to be added to the November agenda.

2. Transport issues.

Councillors were updated concerning the working party of residents that has been formed to look at traffic issues including those raised within the Parish Plan. A survey has been delivered to every household and the cut-off date was the following weekend. A Facebook page has been set up; this can be used to promote events such as the Rockingham speedway event for young people.

Other issues that the working party can look at include gritting concerns. Additionally, individual members of the working party are happy to help the school with any related projects.

Cllr Batchelor thanked the resident for the work she has carried out, and added that a lot of residents have been talking about the survey. Cllr Padwick suggested that if there is any money left from the Parish Plan grants that were given by NCC, it could perhaps pay for costs of the working party such as printing of the questionnaires. It will also help for grant funding in that data for travel patterns will be able to be compiled once work on survey answers has been completed.

ACTION 4: The clerk to find out how much money is left from the grant that was given for Parish Plan work.

c) Reports from County and Borough councillors

County Councillor.

No report was given by Cllr Perry

Borough Councillor

No report was given by Cllr Rowley.

59/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting minutes, held 10.9.18.

The Minutes were approved subject to re-numbering of some of the action points. Cllrs Bailey and Wenbourne said they had not received the draft minutes. The Clerk informed them that the draft minutes were sent out on the councillor group email address.

Approval of the minutes proposed by Cllr Batchelor, seconded by Cllr Rowley. Agreed by all councillors who were present at the September meeting to be a true record.

ACTION 5: the Clerk to double check that the group email still has all the councillors listed.

b)Matters arising; outstanding actions.

c) It has been agreed that former actions (outstanding or ongoing) will now be on a spreadsheet that can be circulated in advance of the next meeting or as and when appropriate.

10.9.18 Further quote for replacement of the gate in the meadow. The Clerk informed councillors that the quotation only includes two posts either the side of the gate and the gate itself, whereas it appears that more than two posts may need replacing.

ACTION 6: Cllr Rowley will speak to NJ Services.

10.9.18 Broadband in the Village Hall- update/ authorisation for payment.

ACTION 7: The Clerk to inform Vodaphone that a power point is needed when installation takes place- within the cubby hole by the power point in the corner.

10.9.18- Entrance to Newton. Update - Cllr Rowley is currently completing the proforma template.

10.9.18 – Additional car park. Update – The information from Angus has been found, Cllr Berry is adding details to the proforma template. Cllr Rushton has said he is happy to help.

10.9.18 - MUGA & outdoor gym for young adults. Update -Cllr Bachelor will speak to Cllr Padwick regarding the 2 items. Cllr Buckseall can work with Cllr Padwick if it helps.

10.9.18 – Signs for village hall car park – Clerk informed the meeting of cost including with and without installation. Decision made to order signs only - no installation.

10.9.18 – Gritbin (Little Oakley). Update - awaiting legal document for transfer of ownership. Cllr Rowley added that Cranford PC have received the legal paperwork. Exact mix of grit is specified, it may make it difficult to sign the transfer off.

It was suggested to Brendan Coleman at the Rural Forum that NCC could fill the entire bin then charge the PCs for the transfer of ownership bins. He will explore this option.

10.9.18 – Bowls Club – vehicles allowed on to the recreation field without prior permission. Update – letter written to the Bowls Club, copy sent to Village Hall Committee, the Tennis Club and the Bowls Club.

It was emphasised that no vehicles are allowed on the field without express written permission. A discussion on keys followed – the gate to the berm has one padlock and there is one key. Noted that the Parish Council should have a key. The gate to the field has a padlock – KBC need access to this gate in order to cut the grass.

ACTION 8: The Cricket Club have replied – this email to be forwarded to Brian Leaton. To be stated that no vehicles are allowed on the fields without prior agreement, and that if it carries on, the Parish Council will have to look at further enforcement which may mean removing complete access.

Councillors said that the Parish Council tasks the Village Hall committee to manage the recreation ground on the Parish Council's behalf. Noted that there is no overview of the work carried out by the Parish Council.

10.9.18 – Crumbling stone at base of bridge. Historic England has been contacted to see if an inspector will examine the bridge.

ACTION 9 – the Clerk to check whether anybody has examined it yet.

10.9.18 – The bund and the ditch at the top of Wood Street – weeds will be clogging up the pipework.

Update: the grass has been cut but the ditch has not yet been cleared.

ACTION 10: the Clerk to contact Boughton Estates if still not cleared in a week or so.

10.9.18: Cut back needed to branches from the old notice board site down to the ford.

Update - Highways written to. The land owner may be responsible for the first three trees (they are in her garden). NCC has previously said that all the trees are the responsibility of the resident. However, they are not.

ACTION 11: Cllr Rowley will take photos and forward them on to Brendan Coleman.

PLANNING

a)KBC Decision notices

KET/2018/0505: Cartshed 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.

Approved.

KET/2018/0604 Mrs J Hancock, 3 Wood Street, Geddington.

First floor rear extension

Approved

KET/2018/0558 Mr & Mrs Temple. 4 / 10 Newton Rd, 1 x dormer style dwelling, plus division of land to create 2 separate plots.

Approved.

KET/2018/0472 Mr & Mrs Bartley, First floor side extension, Sunblest Cottage, 4 Bakehouse Hill, Geddington

Refused.

b) Planning Applications

There were no planning applications received up to 8th October.

60/19 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments as to the correspondence that had been received and sent out to councillors.

61/19: FINANCE

Community account statement	as at 17.9.18	£28,428.90
Business Saver account	as at 17.9.18	£10,744.69

a) Accounts received

None

b) Accounts for payment

Boughton Estates Ltd	£570.00	Rental of recreation field 1 st half year rent to 29.9.18.
Kier Integrated Services Ltd (Nordis Signs)	£47.52 if collected, £77.52 if delivered.	Village Hall Parking and parking signs x2
Geddington Village Hall	£157.50	Hire of lounge – 2 nd half year fee.
Anita Curtis	£250.00	Registration fee paid to SLCC for CiLCA training course on 30.9.18 from own debit card.

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

c) Template for the capital projects –updates for discussion Approval of template for the capital projects, and nomination of project leads.

Entrance to Newton village proposed work. (Safety issue)

The proforma template is presently being populated by Cllr Rowley.

Additional car park (safety issue)

Cllr Berry has agreed to find out more information for this proposed project. The information from Angus has been found - progress is being made as to the proforma template.

MUGA and outdoor gym for young adults.

Cllr Padwick is liaising with John Goodall .

A fourth option is that no projects are carried out at the present time.

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

The issue had arisen as the clerk was attending Litchborough for a days training every month for the CiLCA course – approximately 70 miles each time, and this was for Parish Council business. No councillor was aware of a mileage policy. It was stated that HMRC rules need to be followed. Proposed by Cllr Padwick that a mileage policy be introduced, seconded by Cllr Rowley. All councillors present were in favour.

62/19 - ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

a) Centre bus timetable update and attendance of John Ellerby (NCC)

This agenda item was carried out in the public session section of the meeting
John Ellerby (Business and Railways Development Officer) had accepted the invitation to attend the meeting to give answers to questions concerning the Centrebus timetable. He stated the following:-

- Bus services outside London are deregulated.
- The Centrebus services were not subsidised by the County Council.
- The number 8 service operating between Kettering-Geddington-Corby was funded half by commercial usage and half by s.21 development funding for residents of Little Stanion. Both of the buses operating this service were classed as commercial however. The half funded by s.21 is not classed as commercial by Centrebus after 21.7.18 and would need to be subsidised, but NCC have said that there is no subsidy available.
- Concessions for the elderly are not affected as per legal reasons.
- Coverage of transport for school pupils – the 8.10 am and 3.50pm services had not been subsidised for seven years, with the money to run them coming from Pytchley/Thrapston areas – this was not now available.
- Closed window bus for KBA (bus for pupils for the recognised school for the feeder villages). The member of the public who was present asked if this could be made available for other pupils to use such as to the Kettering Science Academy and Southfields School.

ACTION 12: John Ellerby will look into this.

Cllr Perry added that the school admission system required the three closest schools to be entered on the admissions application form. If a child was not admitted to any of those, then NCC would pay for their school transport.

- The home to school budget is partly subsidized by NCC, with a larger subsidy for south of Kettering.
- Centrebus have referred on an email (to a resident, Cllr Perry, John Ellery and the Parish Council) that the services 8 and 18 were being funded by NCC. John Ellery stated that this is incorrect – the only service that receives funding is the Northampton to Market Harborough service.
- Another resident present referred to the 3.50pm service and asked if it had gone from commercial to non-commercial why was that, and how much money is needed to get running again. John Ellerby said that as a rough calculation there are two services (the no 8 and no.18) with a rough estimate of five services a day. It takes £120,000 a year to put one bus on the road.
- Cllr Goode asked if the present timetable was under further threat. John Ellerby replied that it has one year of funding from the stated funding sources.
- One member of the public commented that that caused problems getting the children home now, and there are always several children waiting for the 3.50pm bus but it cannot be funded past KBA.
- Centre bus has said the decision was made as NCC withdrew funding.

- Cllr Perry observed that Centrebus have withdrawn key buses; the other buses at different times may not be used by many residents, so they may then cancel those services as well. Cllr Rowley said that NCC consulted on loss of services (removal of subsidy) but there was no mention of Centrebus removal of services.
- Cllr Padwick asked for it to be minuted that to clarify, this time next year there could be no bus service (the only operators in this area are Centrebus and Stagecoach).
- A further member of the public said that as well as school children there are non-driving adults that need to get to Kettering or Corby.
- The service is now unreliable. On being informed of this by the residents present, John Ellerby said that although funding has been lost to Centrebus, they still have to run the services and NCC needs to know if it is unreliable.
- Cllr Perry can make a representation to KSA to look at allowing other schools pupils to use their private bus.
- Cllr Rowley will try to obtain a copy of the admission policy for schools (as to entitlement to school transport).
- Cllr Batchelor asked if a parish councillor can be at the table in any relevant discussion concerning this issue, particularly relating to commercial viability, as Geddington is the second largest village in this area.

John Ellerby was thanked for attending the Parish Council meeting and addressing the questions put to him.

b) Flooding in Little Oakley – update

ACTION 13: Cllr Bailey will complete the relevant form

ACTION 14: The Clerk will contact Doug Hodgkinson as to dates for the videos and photos of the flooding.

ACTION 15: Cllr Buckseall will also check for anything recorded as to dates.

ACTION 16: Cllr Batchelor will chase Cllr Berry for the flood plan.

c) Grit bin – update

The form has not yet been received.

63/19: FACEBOOK PAGE – to discuss and approve

a) General user policy

b) New Members policy

c) Responsibility of Councillors

The items were discussed as one item.

The user policy is now on the front page. Cllr Goode has expanded upon what the policy originally stated. He also gave some statistics as to the users – only 7.4% are Geddington residents. There was a short discussion concerning the statistics, but it was felt that if feedback for issues was wanted, the site needs to be as open as possible. Other thoughts are that more time should be spent monitoring the posts.

Another councillor thought that there could be a Geddington Community page created to run alongside the Parish Council Facebook page. All the adverts for Geddington businesses could then be posted to the community page.

It was felt that at the present time, although it is a community page with the Parish Council being the moderators, that there should be no change at the moment.

64/19 NEWTON
No issues raised

65/19: LITTLE OAKLEY
No issues raised

66/19 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA
Precept

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.53pm.