

**GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:** None.

**67/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Rushton – one planning application (proximity to the dwelling).

**68/19 PUBLIC SESSION**

- a) Police Report / Crime figures - latest available as at 6.11.18

The latest monthly crime figures were displayed. A query was raised as to non-attendance for a long period of time by a PCSO.

**ACTION 1: The Clerk to enquire as to clarification – what the current schedule is for attendance of a PCSO at the Parish Council monthly meeting, as there are some concerns.**

- b) Questions from the public

Four members of the public were present plus a Gigaclear representative.

- i) Questions were asked concerning transport issues.

- The resident who has set up the transport working group was unable to be present to give an update.
- John Ellerby (NCC) has been contacted by residents enquiring about a community bus. Cllr Rowley has also been looking into this and enquiries are still being made.
- Cllr Watson said that this topic has been raised at the Rural Forum. One rural bus is getting a subsidy. A bus that could service Geddington plus other towns and villages may be viable – possibly Corby to Wellingborough?
- Noted that Centrebus will not engage directly with the Parish Council.
- Cllr Goode thought that if a meeting of Centrebus plus two councillors could take place the question could be asked – why have the most popular buses been deleted from the timetable?
- Cllr Wenbourne commented that it had been stated that it costs £67,000 to run a service plus a replacement bus would be needed.

The member of the public explained that NCC has some funds, which is subsidising the buses to go elsewhere via a one hour diversion. KBC and Wellingborough BC may have given a subsidy for a service. He was invited to attend the informal meeting of the transport working group on 22nd November.

Cllr Watson added that s106 funding was used for the Stanion service.

Cllr Rushton asked if it was worth contacting Cllr Perry.

Cllr Batchelor said that he would be happy to meet with the commercial director of Centrebus with a view to discussing Geddington joining with other villages/ towns for a subsidised service.

**ACTION 2: The clerk to contact Centrebus with the above request.**

ii) Gigaclear information given by Glynn Richardson, Deployment Manager.

He gave general information relating to installation of the cables for the service.

- It is centrally funded.
- It will commence in February 2019, and it is a 4 – 6months project.
- Lane closures will be needed on the A43. Other road closures will be on 10 day permits.
- The cabling will come up the A43 and over the new road by the bridge.
- A cabinet will be installed by the two BT cabinets on the corner of Newton Road and Stamford Road – similar height but wider.
- The NCC website shows the speed tests.
- Gigaclear slowest speed is 30 Megs, highest is 900 Megs.
- Newton will be fed on a commercial route by 2021.
- There will be some disruption; Gigaclear will try to keep it to the minimum.
- A free connection will be given to the village hall.
- It will be taken to 488 properties at the moment – work would be carried out as close to individual houses as possible.
- Skeffington Close and Queen Street will be classed as commercial so will not get it in this phase –it will be available at a later stage. Cable laying will not take place under the bridge.
- The boxes have been signed off for a conservation area.
- Verges will be used where possible, paths remedied as far as possible.
- Fibre in the future – the roads would not have to be dug up again.

Glynn Richardson was thanked for attending.

- **ACTION 3: The clerk to formally thank him via email as well.**

iii) Agenda item 8e). Environment & Recreation, Stonepit land lease

*This was discussed within the public session.*

Clarification of the issue was asked by a councillor. The issue is – is the Youth Club lease for the building only or does it also include the car park to the front?

Comments were:-

- The draft from 2000 included the car park and the grass to the rear of the building. The first lease from 1978 referred to “an acre of land”
- If it includes the whole of the land there needs to be a reservation for other parties (GVFB) to cross the land.

John Goodall informed councillors that he has a copy of the current lease which was signed in 2001 and is in force until 2022. It refers to “area on attached plan marked in green”.

The solicitors who drew the lease up need to be contacted as the original lease needs to be seen. Cllr Bailey said that the original document needs to be viewed as a guaranteed copy of the entire lease.

- John Goodall said that time and money has been invested in the piece of land, but the Youth Club is now being told that it only pays for the building itself.
- It was reiterated that the Parish Council needs to know when the Motor Club are asking if they can use the car park overnight or for a weekend.
- John Goodall added that a letter had gone to the Parish Council five or six years ago concerning hiring out the hall for people to use, and the Youth Club had been given permission to do so.

He noted that the Parish Council have not given any funding to help out with projects at the Youth Club. Councillors were then given a list of good works carried out by the Youth Club.

**ACTION 4: The Clerk to contact Lamb and Holmes and/ or Tollers Solicitors who it is believed drew up the lease. A colour copy needs to be viewed.**

c) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

No formal reports were available.

**69/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting minutes, held 8.10.18.

It was decided that as there were a number of corrections to be made that approval of the minutes would be carried over to the next month's meeting.

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

b) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

- Additional car parking: the proforma project template has not yet been completed. Cllr Berry is doing this - Cllr Rushton has said he is happy to help.
- MUGA & outdoor gym for young adults. No reported progress.
- Cllr Goode asked if there were any events coming up that might involve car parking in the recreation field. However, there are no events coming up in the immediate future.
- The cost of the survey (from the traffic/ transport working group) was £55.00 this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- There is a bag of rubbish by the old gate in the Meadows –Cllr Rowley informed councillors that the GVFB are doing a clear up on Saturday, they will remove the rubbish then.

- The parking signs for the village hall have been delivered.
- Crumbling stone at base of bridge. – the Clerk informed councillors that she had not been informed that the check of the stone work had been carried out, and she would chase. However, the last chase had been carried out three days prior to the meeting, so a chase will be carried out in another week's time.

**ACTION 6: The Clerk to write back to the Bowls Club, to state that regardless of what has happened in the past, parking on the recreation field without prior permission from the Parish Council was not agreed by the Parish Council, and that this is being reiterated.**

**ACTION 7: Cllr Rowley will speak to Street Doctor concerning chopped branches by the ford – it is not clear who has carried this out.**

## **PLANNING**

### **a) KBC Decision notices**

*KET/2018/0648 - Mr K Irwin, 4 Wood Street, Geddington.*

*Two storey rear extension. The 7 day renotification has been approved.*

### **b) Planning Applications**

*Cllr Rowley did not take part in this item of the agenda.*

*KET/2018/0867 - Mr & Mrs G Dickens, 35 Stamford Road, Geddington.*

*Variation of condition 2 of planning approval KET/2017/0636, to correct levels error on previously approved scheme.*

The variations are minor changes only. Proposed by Cllr Berry that there are no objections. Seconded by Cllr Goode. All those present in favour except for one abstention.

*KET/2018/0837 - Mr R Broughton, 1 Bright Trees Road, Geddington.*

*Single storey front and side extensions.*

Proposed by Cllr Goode that there was no objection, as there were no contentious issues. Seconded by Cllr Wenbourne, all in favour except for two abstentions.

## **70/19 PARISH PLAN - transport issues, for discussion**

No discussion took place as this has not moved forward since last month. Cllr Rowley is trying to move forward on some solutions for the bus issue.

## **71/19. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Cllr Batchelor has received communication concerning the mobile chip shop generator and the noise level. The owner has been asked to park in the area of disabled parking but is currently parking at the far end of the village hall.

**ACTION 8: Cllr Batchelor will reply to the communication advising the owner again of the need to park in the disabled parking area. Proposed by Cllr Rowley, seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed by all councillors present.**

## **72/19. FINANCE**

Community account statement as at 17.10.18 £28,415.13

Business Saver account as at 17.10.18 £10,744.69

### a) **Accounts received**

None

### b) **Accounts for payment**

Information commissioner	£40.00	Data Protection fee
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### c) **Precept – discussion as to level of precept required.**

Cllr Watson said that reserves had been built up enough to start constructively moving on one of the projects in the Parish Plan.

Maintenance on the gate in the meadow had been an unexpected expense for 2018/19 but there were no big maintenance issues that were known for 2019/20. Final decision on the budget and the precept will have to be taken in January's meeting. Is the level of precept correct or will it need to be raised? If all three major projects are going to be carried out this will have implications on the budget.

### d) **Capital projects –updates for discussion**

Commented by one councillor -

Newton Road – this is a critical issue on safety grounds.

Car parking – this is an issue in the summer months only.

Outdoor gym equipment – is this a folly?

It was stated again that reasonable funds have now been built up. However, future costs with the impact of local authority changes to unitary authorities are as yet unknown.

Cllr Goode reminded councillors that all these issues are part of the evaluation of the projects, and the draft project templates must be in place by January.

**ACTION 9: issues concerning the budget and the precept to be added to next month's agenda.**

Cllr Watson added that for the January meeting there needs to be a proposal on the agenda for the projects. Cllr Bailey said that next month the budget needed to be endorsed. There will be reserves of £40,000.00 by May 2019.

**ACTION 10: Cllrs Batchelor and Berry to meet concerning the Newton draft proposal that Cllr Rowley has completed.**

Cllr Goode added that there is a village hall committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December and car parking is on the agenda. He will report back to the December PC meeting any relevant discussions.

### **73/19 - ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION**

#### **a) Grit bin – decision required on formal transfer of ownership**

Cllr Bailey reported that the conditions for the Parish Council taking over ownership of the grit bins are too onerous and too expensive. He recommended that the Parish Council let NCC remove the gritbin concerned. Cllr Rowley added that the Parish Council was being tasked with a higher specification than what NCC currently provide. He added that the Parish Council was not a gritting authority – that was NCC's remit. However, the gritbin on the bend in Little Oakley will remain in place.

#### **b) Flooding in Little Oakley – update**

**ACTION 11: Flooding dates from Ann Whitaker to be sent to NCC.**

#### **c) Adoption of Flood Plan.**

Cllr Buckseall will tidy up the layout and formatting of the document. Some slight alterations have still to be made. Noted that the flood wardens are Cllrs Rowley, Buckseall and Rushton.

#### **d) Feedback from meeting with Clare Pillinger (Anglian Water) Cllrs Berry and Goode.**

Test inspections are being carried out and the results will be fed back to the Parish Council. The two pumping stations are by the River Ise and in Orchard Close.

A commitment has been given to the resident living closest to the pumping station by the brook that the situation is now being monitored and the visibility of Geddington concerning this matter has now been increased.

**ACTION 12: Cllr Batchelor will go to Geddington.net with the photos of grunge in the pumping station caused by inappropriate material being flushed into the sewage system, to help with publicity. An article may be able to be inserted in the newsletter as well. .**

#### **e) Stonepit land lease**

*This was discussed within the public session.*

### **74/19 NEWTON**

The Field Centre has now closed. A discussion is ongoing with Buccleugh Academy as to its potential future use.

### **75/19: LITTLE OAKLEY**

No issues raised.

**AOB**

A person has fallen in the street – possibly as a result of poor street lighting

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

Nancy Moore steps.

Precept

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.*