

**GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors J Padwick, M Rowley.

**89/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Buckseall (proximity to planning application Chase View Road, Geddington).

**90/19 CO-OPTION**

Matthew Holland had expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the Parish Council. The relevant criteria have been met. Cllr Batchelor therefore welcomed Matthew Holland on to the Parish Council as a parish councillor.

As the clarification from KBC as to co-option concerning proposed move date for next local elections has not yet been received, the co-option forms may have to be re-submitted at a later date.

**91/19. PUBLIC SESSION**

Three members of the public were present.

**a) Police Report / Crime figures - latest available as 5.2.2019**

<b>Crime figures - latest figures available. Reported in Dec 2018 , for Feb 19 PC meeting</b>			
	<b>location</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Current status</b>
<b>Geddington</b>	crime on or near Chase Farm <i>Crime reported Dec 18</i>	Other theft	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
<b>Newton</b>	Nil		
<b>Little Oakley</b>	Crime on or near Park/open Space	Details, case timelines and current statuses are not provided for anti-social behaviour	
	<i>Other theft (1) -</i>	<i>Includes theft by an employee, blackmail and making off without payment</i>	
	<i>Anti-social behaviour-</i>	<i>Details, case timelines and current statuses are not provided for ASB.</i>	
	<i>Anti-social behaviour (1)</i>	<i>Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour</i>	
	<i>Violence and sexual offences (1)</i>	<i>Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences</i>	
	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Includes offences where a person enters a house or other building with the intention of stealing</i>	
	<i>Vehicle crime (1)</i>	<i>Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle</i>	

b) Questions from the public

Blocked drains in Wood Street near Eleanor Road junction.

1. There has previously been a problem with blocked drains in Wood Street/ Queen Eleanor Road location. This applies to both storm drains in the highway and those in the kerb. This used to be a Highways issue but is now an Anglian Water issue as they are responsible for foul water and storm drain issues.
2. Cllr Wenbourne noted that the programme for addressing highway issues will not be reduced for Kettering and Corby.
3. The timescale needs to be conveyed as to when the highway drains will next be cleared – normally parked cars obstruct the relevant drains.

**ACTION 1: The Clerk to write to Anglian Water “planned preventative maintenance” to find out when the next clearing of drains will take place. A copy to be sent to Street Doctor.**

**Doug Hodgkinson has volunteered to put a note onto any parked cars to advise as to when the drains will be cleared so that the vehicles can park elsewhere.**

Progress on bus issues .

Alison Holland updated on the “Lets Get Going Geddington” campaign.

Main points conveyed:-

- James Loader from NCC said that currently the bus take up is an average of 150 trips a week: it needs to be 400 trips from village residents to be self sustaining. Alison Holland will check that the 150 trips are solely between Geddington and Corby.
- A poster promoting the bus service and the current timetable will be going into the next newsletter.
- There could be several senior citizens in the village who are entitled to claim a bus pass but are not aware of this.
- The number 8 service will probably now be funded through to September, but the Saturday service would be lost. The general feeling of those present was that it would be better to not change the timetable again, and it would be a backwards step to lose the Saturday service. However, if the bus service runs for a longer period, there could be an upward trend in usage.
- It may be logical for Centrebus to re-instate the 8.00am service but drop the 7.00am service. This may result in more school children or workers usage, but there is still no current option for a return service for the afternoon. Alison Holland will ask Centrebus why the bus cannot be used in the afternoon.
- Kettering Town Centre Partnership – funding may be available for the provision of a bus service as well as funding to promote cycling. KBC is currently making an application to the “Future of High Streets” fund. The aim of the fund is to improve the high street and funding can include money towards rural funding. Geddington Parish Council needs to confirm that funding for provision of a bus service would be beneficial and something that Geddington would like to see.

- Cllr Watson has asked if KBC have a strategy for the town centre, but nobody at KBC seems sure about this. He asked if the Parish Council should then be supporting such a funding application if a strategy is not in place.

**ACTION 2: The Clerk to enquire what would be required of the Parish Council – what would the support need to be?**

Gigaclear installation project

Matt Hall, the Delivery Manager for the area, was present with Liz Falconer – Head of Communication. General information and updates as follow were given:-

- Gigaclear is a rural broadband specialist.
- By 2025 the government wish to see copper usage for broadband being switched off. Current insulations will last for at least 50 years.
- The route into Geddington is via Glendon / Starbucks.
- Main bridge: the trench line to the left hand side of the path (from Kettering direction) will be 1 1/2 – 2metres deep trench and 200mm width wherever possible, to be drilled with a directional drill. A tube under the bridge is not allowed by local authorities as this is County Council responsibility.
- The streets included in the project are pre-determined for Gigaclear. Commercial usage may result in installation being carried out to other streets at a later stage depending on the level of future take up.
- Gigaclear may be able to find out when the south side of the village could have commercial build insulation if there is sufficient sign up. At the moment the south side of the village (including Skeffington Close) is not included in the insulation.
- Newton would also have the option of commercial build if there is a good sign up – Gigaclear would then fund it.
- There are pockets of land where permission needs to be obtained. Gigaclear will write three times to the owners of the land then take them to court. A refusal to allow the cables on to the private land areas can put the whole build in jeopardy.
- Start date is in 3 – 4 weeks.
- There may have to be a two way lights system on the main road: this will be determined two weeks beforehand.
- Pavements will be re-instated and the golden gravel re-spread. There will be temporary cover at first: Gigaclear is allowed six months with the Highways Agency to rectify pavements etc. Grass verges will be re-instated in the spring.
- Information packs for residents are currently being updated to include more relevant information.
- Gigaclear are willing to attend whenever they are needed to explain things. If a village meeting is required they will attend that as well.
- Notice of scheduling will be conveyed to the Parish Council when it is available.

Cabinet information and location:-The cabinets are locked and sealed therefore the boxes will not flood. The chambers in the ground are sealed but they will not be

completely waterproof. The following updates for siting of the cabinets were conveyed for confirmation that they were the best positions:-

1. Priory Court – cab. 10. Agreed that best site is to move to the side of the old school. This will not then be viewed from the Queen Eleanor Cross.
2. Grafton Road –cab. 11. Proposed siting acceptable.
3. Bridge Street. Gigaclear informed that the river can flood up to no. 18. Agreed to move the cabinet five metres back to by the grit bin.
4. West Street. The path is too narrow for the stated position. Agreed that the best position is therefore just inside Lees Way.

### **c) Reports from County and Borough Councillors**

No formal reports from NCC or KBC received.

## **92/19. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

### **a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 11th February 2019**

Approval of the minutes proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Berry, agreed by all those present.

### **b) Matters arising; resulting actions.**

*11.2.19 Action 1. At the Rural forum a Clarification is being sought by KBC as to co-option concerning proposed move date for next local elections.*

Cllr Watson reported that an explanation was given and KBC will be writing to all parish councils to inform them of the clarification. At the moment the official date for the next elections is May 2019 but all bodies believe that this election will be put back.

*11.2.19 Action 2: The Clerk to add in dates of the incident where possible, in the future.*

Crime figures do not give the precise date of incidents.

*11.2.19 Action 3 concerning the number 8 bus service – questions were collated and sent to Cllr Padwick.*

*11.2.19 Action 4: police contacted as per the action details.*

*11.2.19 Action 5: it was stated that the action is irrespective as it is so far in the past.*

*11.2.19 Action 7: Cllr Watson to collate the number of near misses with Newton residents and people using Newton on a regular basis if possible and*

*11.2.19 Action 8: Feedback of the survey to be given to Cllr Rowley and for the updated information to be circulated.*

Cllr Watson has given the information but it has not yet been added to the recent version of the possible work by the approach road to Newton.

**Action 3: Cllr Rowley to add the information to the Newton Road information.**

11.2.19 Action 9: Cllr Berry to circulate updates if there is any, on parking in the village hall car park. Circulated.

11.2.19 Action 10: Cllr Padwick to provide any updates if any on the MUGA proposal. It was generally felt that this may not be the right time to commit to this proposal as other sources of funding need to be explored. Email circulated by Cllr Padwick.

11.2.19 Action 11: The Clerk to contact Zurich Insurance over concerns relating to hirers' liability.

Zurich insurance has answered questions relating to hirers' liability.

Councillors stated that anyone carrying out an event in the recreation field or car park needs to be covered by the village hall as the hirer.

11.2.19 Action 12 The latest report on the pool in the Meadows to be circulated. Cllr Berry stated that all the work to the pond and surrounding area had been carried out. There had been no issues raised.

11.2.19 Action 13: Flood Plan. Cllr Buckseall will make the small amendments that need to be made.

#### **ACTION 4: Flood plan to be re-circulated**

11.2.19 Action 14: The clerk to send a letter to Boughton Estates regarding the Nancy Moore steps. This has not yet been sent.

#### **ACTION 5: the clerk to action the above.**

Feedback relating to 88/19 a) Siting of the mobile fish & chip van and generator noise - Geddington Village Hall.

Cllr Goode has spoken to the owners of the fish and chop van. It is now sited just inside the railings by the cricket pavilion. He believed that the noise level from where they are sited now is acceptable. If they use an extension lead they are willing to pay for the electricity they use. Cllr Goode will bring the whole issue up at the next Village Hall committee meeting.

### **PLANNING**

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

*KET/2018/0868 - Distinction Developments. 28 Grange Road, Geddington.*

*Variation of condition 2 of KET/2017/0628 in respect of revised plans and elevational treatment of Plot 2.*

The amendment was approved by KBC.

*KET/2018/0942 Barton Lodge Developments, 26 Queen Street, Geddington.*

*Change of use and extension of former offices to provide 2 no. dwellings, demolition of commercial building and construction of 1 no. detached dwelling, associated parking and amenity space.*

Approved by KBC.

*KET/201/0472 – Mr & Mrs Bartley, Sunblest Cottage, 4 Bakehouse Hill, Geddington.*

An appeal been submitted for this application.

#### **b) Planning Applications -**

*KET/2019/0060 - Mr & Mrs P & M Cooper, 8 Chase View Road (land to rear), Geddington. 1 no. dwelling with access off Slade Close (amended scheme). Full Application.*

The amended application is for a single storey one bedroom dwelling. A one vehicle car park space is included in the plans.

Planning officers have fed back and said that the consultation was carried out correctly.

An issue was raised concerning the strip of land between the fence and the pavement which is one metre wide. However, this is a planning authority issue.

There was no further planning objection that could be raised by the Parish Council.

The proposal by Cllr Berry therefore was that the revised application be approved; seconded by Cllr Goode. One councillor abstained. Agreed by all other councillors present.

#### **93/19 FEEDBACK FROM THE QUARTERLY RURAL FORUM HELD 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2019.**

- Feedback was given earlier in the meeting concerning government election date and any effect on co-option, see 91/19 b) 11.2.19 action 1 feedback.
- KBC say they have made 1.5million efficiencies: £1.45 million is extra funding coming from raised planning costs and new homes bonus. It is the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row that they have not increased the rates.
- The new unitary authority work- rural authorities may be included in the new contracts.
- The Rural Forum has initiated a view that parishing in Kettering should be reviewed.
- Wellingborough and Corby have initiated town council talks.
- There is a problem with the cameras at the railway station.

The next Rural Forum is on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

**ACTION 6: The Clerk to circulate the date, as Cllr Watson is unable to attend.**

#### **94/19. CORRESPONDENCE - received and circulated - to note or comment upon.**

Correspondence had been received from a Matt Looker (abeienenergy), concerning this company being in discussion about a wind farm near Geddington.

**ACTION 7: The Clerk to reply, to convey that the subject was mentioned at the Parish Council meeting, and asking him to get back in touch via the Parish Council email address when more details are available.**

#### **95/19. FINANCE**

Community account statement as at 17.01.19

£25,589.98

Business Saver account as at 17.01.19 £10,750.05

**a) Accounts received**

None

**b) Accounts for payment**

None

**c) To discuss whether there is medium term viability for an additional parking facility in the village.**

Cllr Berry gave his report as to additional parking facilities in the village. He said that until such time that Boughton Estates apply for planning permission there is no project.

**d) To consider the final draft of the Newton Entrance plan for any final amendment.**

Is there any issue that has not been addressed and that needs clarification? Noted that removal of the hedges alone would not resolve the issue of the blind corner because of the height of the banks, especially to the east of the junction.

There was an NCC report from five years ago concerning a placement mirror – it would be facing south therefore the sun would be reflected in it which would be dangerous for drivers.

**ACTION 8: The Clerk to clarify with NCC the letter or report that was sent by them and its contents.**

**NCC wrote a report concerning the Newton junction 5 - 6 years ago, this has not been found: a copy is needed.**

The Clerk stated that Boughton Estates has recently sent an email reply concerning potential work to the Newton junction stating that it was a Highways issue.

Humps in the road to slow traffic down have also been ruled out.

It has been stated that Highways will not accept responsibility for making changes to the road, but again, this needs to be documented, or the original reports need to be found.

## **96/19 - ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION**

**a) Parking management during events at the Village Hall or Recreation Ground – to make recommendations to the Village Hall**

Noted that the administration of the car park is the Village Hall's responsibility, as is the recreation ground.

A plan for approval is needed whenever the field is required for an event.

Parking is not allowed on the field. It is only acceptable in certain circumstances and certain conditions. There appears to be no document available that stipulates what the village hall committee should be doing. It therefore needs clarifying as to its responsibilities.

A master schedule is needed – the individual scheduling of activities for January led to chaos in the car park. This has now been set up by way of a group Google calendar and one village organisation apologised as they had not spoken to Brian Leaton when an event date was arranged.

A football team occasionally plays on the football pitch: this is informally allowed by somebody from the Cricket Club.

Any event needs assessing as to its size to judge if any parking plan is needed.

The village hall lease is not due to be renegotiated for about 20 years. The lease is between the Parish Council and Boughton Estates. The village hall itself was built by the village hall committee/ group, not the Parish Council.

Parking was already an issue in 2016. Then the Cricket Club bar opened which has exacerbated the problem.

Cllr Batchelor concluded that the Parish Council need to clarify what paperwork could be found relating to the village hall, and paperwork/any other problems need to be brought to the table so that any issues can be discussed. A management plan and a traffic management plan are both needed.

It was also pointed out that certain events such as the garage sale and the squirt will also lead to a problem with parking, and attendance at events does not want to be discouraged.

#### **b) To discuss proposed Broadband installation and comms plan**

This was discussed within the public session.

#### **c) Kettering Borough Council Consultation-Open Space Study – to agree lead cllr to collate complete the questionnaire.**

Cllr Goode will collate/ complete the questionnaire and then circulate to all councillors. All councillors were happy with this.

#### **NEWTON**

No issues raised.

#### **LITTLE OAKLEY**

No issues raised.

#### **Items for next month's Agenda**

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