

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

D Rushton, S Wenbourne and D Watson,

21/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Goode (for 26/20d).

Cllr Rowley (for 26/20c)

Cllr Batchelor (for 26/20c)

22/20 PUBLIC SESSION

a) Police Report / Crime figures - latest available as at 3.7.19

Crime figures - May 2019 , for July PC meeting			
	location	Category	Current status
Geddington	On or near Newton Road	Criminal damage and arson (1)	This crime is currently being investigated by the police.
	Crime on or near Magdalene Close	Burglary (1)	Investigation complete; no suspect identified.
			There is insufficient evidence to bring anyone to justice at this time. The investigation may be reopened if more information becomes available.
Newton	Nil		
Little Oakley	Nil		

b) Questions from the public

No members of the public were present.

c) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

No report received from County Councillor Victoria Perry.

Borough Councillor.

Cllr Rowley reported the following:

He has had a meeting with Rachael Gladstone –Browne in which the following information was given:-

1. Sale of houses – termination notices are not being sent out.
2. Weekley is not affected by the house sales at all.
3. Acreland - One of the barns has been converted into four small storage facilities, two of which are for rent.
4. A planning application has been submitted for a solar farm on the air base. The runways will remain, and a strip of grass will be put in place to promote pollination. The solar farm will not be seen from the war memorial or Grafton Underwood. The solar farm will be managed by Boughton Estates. Traffic will not come along the Grafton Road to Geddington route.
5. The grain store is now being used for wood chip –smaller lorries may come through Geddington.

Unitary meetings have commenced, and shadow meetings are being held for the Unitary group.

23/20: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 10th June 2019

Proposed by Cllr Rowley, seconded by Cllr Berry. There was one abstention (Cllr Bailey had been unable to be present at the previous month's meeting); all other councillors agreed.

ACTION 1: The clerk to send the revised May minutes out to all councillors.

ACTION 2: The Clerk to inform Rachel G-B that the Boughton Estates update was not attached to the latest email, to reiterate that when she attends the next Parish Council meeting that any Boughton Estates update or question would be an agenda item rather than within the public session, and invite her to the next Parish Council meeting.

b) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

ACTION 3: The clerk to give MAD Landscapes a few more days to get back with a quotation for the Nancy Moore steps.

ACTION 4: The letter to John Goodall concerning Youth Club lease to be sent to him this week.

The pinch point in Queen Street. – Cllr Goode confirmed that most of the time there is more than adequate room for a vehicle to get through. The bin lorries go through this are very slow as they do not want to hit the boundary wall (as it is listed). Cllr Goode has followed up the suggestion of yellow lines by contacting Kier. They have said that double yellow lines would take away five parking spaces. If this path is to be pursued, Sarah Barnwell has said that work such as this is reviewed once a year and the closure date for this year's list of possible works is in August. Public consultation would be held, or a free standing review on the Traffic regulation order could be applied for (but this would cost £3700.).

Questions asked and comments:-

- Who would enforce the double yellow lines when you want the enforcement to take place?
- A bike rack installed at the pinch point – KBC Environment department would object to this.
- We are trying to fix something that nobody (bin lorries) has complained about.
- Once the proposed work has been requested and added to Kier's list you have to follow the action through.

The problem is worse on Friday mornings (because of vehicles accessing the food bank). People are parking irresponsibly in the car park and that the yellow diagonal lines near the village hall need re-marking

ACTION 5: The clerk to write to the food bank organiser

ACTION 6: Cllr Goode will check again with Sarah Barnwell as to if works are entered on her schemes list, that you cannot change your mind and cancel the work.

ACTION 7: The Parking Management Plan needs to be scanned and sent to all councillors.

ACTION 8: Contact details to be found for renewing the Parish Council "Chairs" board in the Village Hall lounge.

PLANNING

a) KBC Decision notices

*KET/2018/0472 - Mr & Mrs Bartley, Sunblest Cottage, 1 Bakehouse Hill, Geddington.
(Appeal decision) : First floor side extension.*

The appeal has been allowed.

b) Planning Applications

No applications received since June 2019 meeting.

24/20: PARISH PLAN.

a) Progress on potential for mirrors at Newton Junction

Cllr Goode has contacted Kier again, to go through the design regulations for signage, but they cannot get involved with an individual's requirements. He then spoke to five suppliers and two road safety consultants. One company said that they do not come out to do surveys. Another did a desk top analysis for Cllr Goode and showed where the mirrors would need to be sited.

The general decision was that if the mirrors only cost £300. - £400 then it is not worth paying £100 for a company to come out and give their view. Cllr Goode could not get a survey commitment from any company. There was a query as to dazzling – it was thought that people would know very quickly if they are dazzled by the mirror(s).

Cllr Batchelor suggested obtaining up to three quotations to include the installation and forward the proposal to Rachael G-B, to inform Boughton Estates of where the mirrors would be sited, and to ask if Boughton Estates was happy for that to happen. A meeting with Boughton Estates may also be desirable.

ACTION 9: It was proposed by Cllr Bailey that Cllr Goode obtain quotations and that a Boughton Estates meeting takes place if at all possible. Seconded by Cllr Batchelor, agreed by all those present.

25/20: CORRESPONDENCE - received and circulated, to note or comment upon.

:Invitation to attend the Police and Crime Commissioner’s next information/ questions session in July.

ACTION 10: Cllr Batchelor will attend Stephen Moulds’s meeting on 16th July and inform the relevant person.

26/20. FINANCE

Community account statement as at 17.6.19 £42,861.47.

Business Saver account as at 17.6.19 £10,760.77

a) **Accounts received**

None.

b) **Accounts for payment**

CPRE	£36.00	Membership for 1 year
Parish Clerk – Anita Curtis	1077.29	Salary Apr – Jun 2019
Parish Clerk – Anita Curtis	269.20	PAYE paid via AC’s card to HMRC Apr – Jun 2019
Parish Clerk – Anita Curtis	60.00	Depreciation for equipment Apr – Jun 2019

Authorisation for the above payments proposed by Cllr Batchelor, seconded by Cllr Rowley. Agreed by all councillors present.

The second and third payments were agreed and authorised as per agenda item 31/20b).

It was raised that a tree has fallen over the footpath near the brook (recreation field area). It was proposed by Cllr Rowley that a quotation be obtained for the fence repair that is now needed, and for the work to commence if it is under £1000. Seconded by Cllr Padwick, agreed by all councillors present.

27/20: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION.

a) Blocked drains in Geddington – update.

Cllr Rowley reported that Cllr Smethers (KBC) has this portfolio now. No answer has been received from him as to dealing with blocked drains so far. Cllr Perry has taken this issue up with Sarah Barnwell. Additionally, Cllr Goode has sent photos of the floods, and informed them of the flooding by the bus stop. A work programme that will cover these issues has not been confirmed yet, but may be available by the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Rowley added that the gullies in Newton Road near the fields are blocked. However, all of the blocked gullies/ drains in Geddington will be cleared when the schedule is devised.

b) Giga clear feedback and concerns

Cllr Goode reported that Gigaclear will report back as soon as they decide if they are extending the commercial area for installation.

Several issues were reported that need feeding back to Gigaclear, including two health and safety issues which have been reported to Health and Safety at KBC.

It was also noted that the timetable for West Street has slipped somewhat.

It was felt that Gigaclear needs a snapshot in time, as the Gigaclear cable insulation has deteriorated with the various issues that have been raised.

It was also felt that another public meeting would be beneficial.

ACTION 11: The clerk to start a letter to Gigaclear voicing concerns raised; the letter to them to be forwarded to all as a round robin letter for additions to be made. Letter to be sent to Cllr Batchelor initially.

c) GVFB Trundle Arrangements

The trundle was reported to be held on 8th September. The GVFB is asking for permission to put the fire engine on the recreation ground and to allow the vehicle that will deliver the marquee to go on the grass, leave the recreation field then return at the end of the event.

Additionally, the grassed area will need to be used for the trundle.

Any support vehicles will remain in the car park while the event takes place.

Cllr Goode reported that the Cricket Club, Bowls Club and GADS events are now being co-ordinated via the Village Hall electronic calendar. A GVFB person was due to be present at the Parish Council meeting but he has relayed that he has co-ordinated the trundle event with Brian Leaton.

It is not thought that the extended car park will be used.

d) Village Hall feedback

It was reported that there is a problem with communication with the Cricket Club representative on the Village Hall Committee. He does not appear to communicate very well with the Cricket Club.

Two cars were damaged at an event at the recreation ground, caused each time by a cricket ball. A proposal has been put forward for high level netting, to cost approximately £670 for the extension car park. It was stated that planning permission will be possibly needed as the height of the netting would be over four metres.

The temporary car park has been operational, with the barriers open, the car park being extended as far as the trees, and not marked out where it was agreed. It had not been marshalled at all. Additionally somebody took the locks home consequently the barrier was not locked up until the groundsman did so the following morning.

Cllr Goode reported that he has advised the Village Hall Committee that it is unsound for cars to be parked there when there is a strong possibility of damage by cricket balls. Possibly it should not be used for the primary purpose of the cricket club events.

The discussion was summarised as follows:-

The barrier gate has been left open.

The design of the area has not been as agreed.

Marshalling has to be in place at all times when it is used.

However, orange marking tape is being used which is more visible.

Cllr Goode stated that he was putting forward a request to protect that area of the ground with a safety net. The net to be at the edge of the car park, not near the boundary (there is a five feet between the car park and the boundary).

The proposal was to grant permission for nets to be put up. Seconded by Cllr Batchelor.

Three councillors were in favour, three against, the Chair therefore had a second vote and the proposal was passed.

Cllr Batchelor and Cllr Padwick said that this action would be an interim solution until the end of the season.

It was also suggested that there should be signage on the temporary car park when used, advising of the risks from cricket balls.

Additionally, two councillors suggested that the pitch needs to be spun around”.

ACTION 12: That Cllr Batchelor write to the Cricket Club with the suggestion of moving the pitch so that the danger of balls in the temporary car park area is much reduced.

28/20. USE OF FACEBOOK BY MEMBERS TO SOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are not given: it is a Parish Council website and Parish Council endorsements cannot be given. At the present time, any recommendations by members of the public are taken down when they are seen.

There are two potential options going forward:

1. For the recommendations to go on the website.
2. For restrictions to be in place, but requests specifically asking for recommendations to be allowed to stay on.

After discussion councillors agreed that both the above potential options would not work, there would have to be too much policing.

The decision was to carry on as at present, with the primary aim of the website to communicate issues happening in the village.

29/20: Date of the next Rural Forum. - 18th July 2019

To be held at Warkton Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Any questions for Cllr Watson to raise at the Forum need to be emailed by 10th July.

30/20: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST?

It was decided that a monthly Parish Council meeting is not necessary. The date will be suggested to Gigaclear however as a possible meeting date.

NEWTON

No issues raised.

LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues raised.

31/20: a) Motion to exclude the Public and Press: In accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Administration of Meetings) Act 1960, in that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

b)Clerk's salary review - Incremental pay increase and annual increase as per the National Local Government salary scales information – for discussion and decision.

The clerk left the meeting whilst the above agenda point was discussed. She was informed upon being called back to the meeting that point b) above had been discussed and the proposal for approval put forward by Cllr Rowley, seconded by Cllr Berry, agreed by those councillors present.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

No issues were raised.

There being no other issues, the meeting closed at 9.47pm.