

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), M Rowley, C Buckseall, T Bailey, Sue Wenbourne, P Goode, P Berry, D Rushton, J Padwick.

APOLOGIES:

Cllrs D Watson.

41/20: CO-OPTION

The co-option candidate was not present at the meeting.

42/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr T Bailey – for planning application KET/2019/0589 (proximity to the relevant property).

43 /20: MINUTE SILENCE FOR KATE DRAKE-LEE

Cllr Buckseall said a few words concerning Kate Drake-Lee as a person and her public service as a councillor.

44/20 PUBLIC SESSION,

No members of the public were present.

45/20: PUBLIC SESSION

a) Questions from the public

No members of the public were present.

b) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

There were no NCC or KBC reports.

It had been decided within the 9th September meeting to discontinue the police crime figures as the information was misleading.

ACTION 1: Cllr Berry will contact Robert Wootton, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, to ask him to send any crime figures or reports he receives/collates to Cllr Berry so that they can in turn be circulated to all councillors.

46/20: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) **The minutes from the monthly meeting held 9th September 2019** had been circulated in advance but not included on the agenda. These will therefore be approved at the November meeting.

b) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 16th September 2019.

Approval proposed by Cllr Goode, seconded by Cllr Buckseall, agreed by all councillors present.

c) Matters arising; progress on outstanding or ongoing actions.

Action 2, 9.9.19: The clerk to write to Speedwatch to convey interest in the scheme.

No reply had been received to the number on the Speedwatch leaflet.

ACTION 2: The Police to be contacted again.

Action 3, 9.9.19: The clerk to write to Boughton Estates as to any possibility of a grant for a gate at the top of Nancy Moore steps and in the field the other side of the steps.

The conversation concerning this is ongoing with Rachael Gladstone-Brown and the Parish council.

Action 5, 9.9.19: (Youth Club) the letter to be scanned and circulated to councillors.

ACTION 3: Copies of the Youth Club and GVFB leases and letter to be given to Cllr Bailey to review, if he does not have copies. Any information derived from the review to be either circulated or sent to the clerk.

It was decided that there are two options:

- i) To discuss Cllr Bailey's findings regarding the letter and then for a representative(s) from the Youth Club to be invited along, or
- ii) A small number of councillors to meet separately with some members from the Youth club.

It was reiterated that Parish Council permission is needed before the car park area is hired out, as it could block the GVFB's entrance and exit.

It was added at this point that Kensigns have still not sent a quotation for bringing the Parish Council's chairman board up to date.

ACTION 4: the clerk to chase this.

Actions from the 16.9.19 meeting

Action 1, 16.9.19: (Tree in Skeffington Close). The Parish Council will report it to KBC.

Cllr Rowley has reported this matter, asking if it can be cut down. He has been informed that the tree is healthy and it will not be cut down.

ACTION 5: Cllr Batchelor will respond to the resident.

Action 2, 16.9.19 : (Maintenance of Geddington village entrances). From next year, from the wall back to the 30mph sign (south end of the village), the grass will be dug up and wild flowers planted, subject to budget.

ACTION 6: Cllr Rowley will talk to the Head of Environment at KBC to see what the options are for the north end of the village..

Action 3, 16.9.19: Dangerous playground surface.

ACTION 7: Cllr Rowley to speak to Head of Environment concerning this matter.

PLANNING

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

a) KBC Decision notices

KET/2019/0388, Mr J Porter 11 Bright Trees Road, Geddington.

Single storey rear extension with render. Full Application. Approved.

b) Planning Applications

KET/2019/0596: Mr B Mann, The White Lion, 38 Queen Street, Geddington.

Conversion of former public house into a dwelling with single storey rear extension

Full Application (extension granted)

Comments made were as follows:-

- It covers part of the White Lion ground, incorporating a section of the building and part of the public car park.
- Residents seem to be in favour of it.
- Do not believe there is any reason to object.
- The rest of the car park is not for planning consideration on the application.
- Will the proposed development have an impact on parking? Noted that there are four car parking spaces, not exclusively for the four bedroom house.
- If agreement is given it will make the rest of the land derelict.
- We are being asked to make a decision on a piece of land that will affect the whole area.
- The rest of the land is not under consideration, the rest of the land is still a pub.
- It is a contentious issue but the pub and the car park are eye sores.
- It is a logical step for the owner/ developer to take and we do not think it is a planning issue that the Parish Council can turn down.

Cllr Buckseall proposed that the Council did not object to the application, seconded by Cllr Wenbourne. Six councillors were in favour of the proposal, one was against, and there were two abstentions.

KET/2019/0611: Mr B Ward, Newton House, Newton.

Change of use from outbuilding to holiday let to include replacement windows and 1 no. door. Thermal upgrade and removal of kitchen partition. Timber doors to listed barn

Listed Building Consent Application

and

KET/2019/0612 Mr B Ward, Newton House, Newton.

Change of use from outbuilding to holiday let to include replacement windows and 1 no. door. Timber doors to listed barn

Full Application

Cllrs discussed this application at the Geddington Newton and Little Oakley Parish Council meeting on Monday 14.10.19. Noted that it is still one bedroom, and alterations are internal. It will be a change of use to a holiday let.

It was proposed by Cllr Padwick that there be no objection to the proposal, seconded by Cllr Goode. All councillors agreed with the proposal except for one abstention.

KET/2019/0669: Mr J Mclean, 33A Queen Street, Geddington.

Single storey rear extension

Full Application

Councillors noted that a conservatory will be taken down and replaced with the single storey rear extension. No increase in bedroom numbers. No adverse issues.

Proposed that there be no objection by Cllr Padwick, seconded by Cllr Berry, all councillors agreed except for one abstention.

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KET/2019/0589 Mr A Bright: Paddock Cottage, Corby Road, Little Oakley.

1 no. bungalow with car parking and access road

Full Application (extension granted)

KET/2019/0590: Mr A Bright, Paddock Cottage, Corby Road, Little Oakley.

1 no. bungalow with car parking and access road

Listed Building Consent Application (extension granted)

Withdrawn

Cllr Batchelor proposed that the Parish Council does not support this application on the grounds of :- it would result in development on the Designated Green space HV1204, as well as the additional objections as listed below.

- The application relates to land outside the village boundary.
- The land falls within a historic and visually important green space.
- It would remove part of a historic wall (Policy LOA1 we believe).
- There is no provision as to foul water sewage in the application.
- There is a constant risk of flooding in this area of the village.
- There will be an impact on neighbours regarding overlooking of their properties.
- There is a lack of local amenities to support further development in this area.
- A bungalow built in the back garden will result in garden space being very low.

- A previous application for a development on the field (outside the village boundary) was refused under the grounds of HV1204 Designated Green Space. Plus it was stated that the existing cottage should not be obscured.
 - Policy also states a no growth policy for the village any any development must be extremely limited.
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- Seconded by Cllr Berry, agreed by all councillors present except for one abstention.

47/20: RURAL FORUM - held 3rd October – report. .

A summary of the quarterly meeting was given by Cllr Rowley as follows:-

- The Police gave information as to the crime areas in the Borough (the crime levels in Cllr Rowley’s rural area has decreased). A presentation was given on burglaries – most are as a result of people leaving doors unlocked. There has been a 24 hour police presence in rural areas – a gang has been caught butchering sheep meat in a field.
- Transport – a NHS service is available to take you to a doctor or hospital appointment and bring you home. (It was noted in the Parish Council meeting that there is an Age Concern service to Leicester hospital as well).
- Information relating to Wellibus was given
- Planning information was conveyed.

48/20: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND CIRCULATED – to note or comment upon.

ACTION 8: A letter from a resident that has been answered by Gigaclear to be circulated to all councillors.

49/20: FINANCE

Community account statement as at 16.9.19 £40,672.45

Business Saver account as at 16.9.19 £10,760.77

a) Accounts received

None.

b) Accounts for payment

MAD Landscapes	£648.00	Sawing of fallen tree /new fencing installed (recreation field)
Parish Clerk – Anita Curtis	£1077.29	Salary Jul – Sep 2019
Parish Clerk – Anita Curtis	£ 60.00	Depreciation for equipment Jul - Sep 2019

Parish Clerk – Anita Curtis	£269.20	PAYE paid via AC's card to HMRC Jul – Sep 2019
Boughton Estates Ltd	£570.00	Rental of playing field Apr – Sep 2019
Communicorp	£75.00	Subscription for Local Councils Update – 1 year to November 2020
Geddington Village Hall	£157.50	Village hall lounge for PC meetings 2019 2 nd half year.

Cllr Rowley proposed that the above payments were authorised for payment. Seconded by Cllr Goode, all councillors present were in favour.

- c) **Mirrors for the Newton turn originally came in at under £1000.00, but two posts with two mirrors may be a better option, at a cost of £1249.00 excluding VAT.**

Proposed by Cllr Goode that this is the better option, seconded by Cllr Bailey, all councillors present were in favour.

Cllr Goode has emailed Rachel Gladstone –Brown for a meeting concerning the Newton turn.

50/20: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

- a) **Gigaclear – site meeting and golden gravel update.**

A full set of notes is to come concerning the meeting but these are currently with Gigaclear. Cllrs Goode, Padwick and Batchelor were present at the meeting

It is councillor recollection that there was an undertaking to dig out some of the temporary surface, make good any settlement of the tarmac, and replace where appropriate with golden gravel. A plan of the village could be used to determine where a full, partial or no golden gravel replacement is needed.

ACTION 9: The clerk to write to both Gigaclear and highways' informing them that it was stated before installation commenced that Gigaclear would reinstate the golden gravel, and it now needs to be carried out. We received reassurances as to this. It is understood that it is Highways who determine whether there is golden gravel replacement.

- b) **Street light complaint at rear of The Woodlands (in garage area) – response to KBC from the Parish council required**

The officer who has now replaced Michael Chester at KBC forwarded an email from a comparatively new resident of the village stating that a garage area light shines into her bedroom. Michael Chester had a similar issue six months ago; he carried out a survey with nearby residents, and they were happy with the street light in the garage area which does reflect into all the surrounding dwellings.

It was pointed out by councillors that it is a potentially dangerous area, and the street light makes it safer. Additionally, normally complaints are received that there are not enough lights in the village.

Councillors did not believe that this street light was causing a unique problem, and could not see a case for it being switched off. Additionally, it is not a new light so not extremely bright.

ACTION 10: The clerk to thank the KBC officer for the information. But in particular because it adds to the safety of the area, the Parish Council do want it left as a working light. It has also been observed that it is no brighter than any other nearby light.

c) i) Replacing the sign attached to the conduit in front of the Eleanor Cross (English Heritage)

ii) possible replacement of panel near the church.

Discussions have taken place for 10c i) and ii) at 16.9.19 meeting but a decision is needed as to agreeing to the replacements.

The information on the boards will be the same or very similar. Parties involved with the panel near the church were KBC, NCC, English Heritage, the Parish Council, Cllr Padwick and GVFB. The panel by the Cross has only English Heritage referred to on the panel. It was proposed by Cllr Goode and seconded by Cllr Rowley that the Parish Council is happy to have it replaced at no charge, and to be briefly consulted on the content/ text of the new signs. All those present agreed with the proposal.

NEWTON

No issues raised.

LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues raised.

AOB

Reported that a street light is out on the corner of Grange Road and Skeffington Close.

ACTION 11: Cllr Wenbourne will report this to Street Doctor.

Cllr Rowley gave a short update and informed the meeting that the order for the unitary draft has arrived – it may go before Parliament by the end of the month.

A team for the project has been built.

Corby and Kettering Housing are having talks.

An environment, climate and change motion has led to a report going to the Chief Executive stating what has been done and what needs to be carried out in the next 18 months.

ACTION 12: Cllr Goode has some photographs of the bridge that are more up to date than the photos previously sent concerning the bridge (possible repairs needed). He will send them to the clerk so that a further chase up email can be sent.

Cllr Padwick informed councillors that at the present time there will be no bus service after 24th October 2019. Cllr Perry has been trying to contact the relevant NCC officer but with no avail. Cllr Rowley added that half of the number 8 bus service has gone to a company in Rothwell; this will probably cover Brambleside in Kettering. The part of the number 8 service that covers Geddington will probably not be covered. Cllr Rowley is talking to Castle Gardens to try and cover a service to Sainsburys and return, or similar.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

No items were put forward.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 9.43pm.