

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE 2022 at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors N Batchelor, C Buckseall, T Bailey, P Johnson, J Padwick, D Lomasney,

APOLOGIES

Cllr M Rowley.

017/23: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Lomasney, for planning application NK/2022/0085.

Cllr Batchelor, for 021/23 and 024/23c) - a member of GVFB.

At this point Cllr Padwick wished to inform councillors that Terry Lane, a resident of Geddington, had died. He was a long-standing member of the community, having been a Parish Councillor for several years, and also an important member of a number of clubs and organisations over the years. He was a member of the Gardening Club, ran an allotment for a long period of time, a member of the Chapel, and took part in several of the Chapel musicals. He was an important member of the Youth Club from its early days. More recently he had been supporting his wife Ann after her stroke

He will be hugely missed, as a cheerful and important member of the community.

A minute's silence was then observed for former Councillor Terry Lane.

018/23: PUBLIC SESSION.

Five members of the public were in attendance who were potentially interested in the parish councillor vacancies.

a) Questions sent in by the public.

Questions/ comments that had been received were referred to under 023/23, "Correspondence".

b) Reports from North Northants Councillors.

The clerk conveyed that there was nothing to report.

019/23: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

a) Approval of draft minutes for the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 9th May 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr Batchelor that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Lomasney, agreed by all councillors present.

b) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

Action 1, Annual meeting 9.5.22:

<i>Flood Wardens</i>	<i>Cllrs Bailey and Johnson, (and Richard Broughton & Sarah Pask if they are willing to remain as flood wardens).</i>
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The clerk to send an email to the two residents, to ask them if they are happy to remain as for the Register of Interests.

These had been sent, and the clerk is presently waiting for the two replies.

Action 1, Annual meeting 9.5.22:

<i>Register of Interests</i>		<i>Not needed for 2022.</i>
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The clerk to remind cllrs that if any interests have changed in the last three months, to email the clerk.

ACTION 1: The clerk had sent the email to all councillors, but was asked if the electronic link could be sent.

c) Approval of draft minutes for the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held 9th May 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr Batchelor that the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Padwick, all councillors present were in favour.

d) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

9.5.22, Action 1: (Cutback of nettles and brambles in the recreation field). The clerk to reply to John Brandrick informing him of the councillor's decision, and thanking him for the proposed voluntary work. The request to be given that if this is progressed, could he let the clerk know, and copied to Cllrs Batchelor and Lomasney. The resident was thanked for the offer of the voluntary work and informed of the need for insurance before the work was carried out. The Parish Clerk then informed councillors that he had since replied and had found it harder than he thought to source the correct machine, delivery and arrange the insurance. This would therefore prevent him from carrying out the work.

ACTION 2: The clerk to write to thank him anyway if this had not been already sent.

10.1.22, action 6: Level of HGVs using the A4300. Cllr Padwick had contacted Highways and will chase as no reply has been received.

A reply had been received and sent out to all councillors. The new link road has made a big difference:-

Figures from 2013 (pre-the new link road) – Total traffic 15,480. Figures from 2019 total traffic is 8202 (a 47% reduction).

Figures from 2013 HGV traffic was 1887. Figures from 2019 HGV traffic was 120 (a 92% reduction)

Cllr Padwick acknowledged that the work the A43 action group carried out alongside himself as a Borough Councillor and the Parish Council had all had an effect and the group had worked with KBC and CBC to bring the link road to fruition.

9.5.22, action 3: (Information from Ncalc requested concerning flood/landholder responsibilities). The clerk will circulate this (to all councillors) so that Cllr Batchelor has the information for just after the Jubilee weekend, as he wishes to try and convene a flood meeting to that time scale.

The information was circulated before the last flood meeting.

9.5.22, action 4: (Jubilee memorial) Cllr Lomasney to order the memorial, the clerk to give the correct address (for the invoice) to Cllr Lomasney for him to forward to AJ Mills, and co-ordination to take place with Cllrs Batchelor and Lomasney.

Cllr Batchelor reported that the installation process was carried out very well, with former councillor Peter Goode helping with the process at one stage as well.

9.5.22, action 5: (Donation of one (or two) oak trees by Boughton Estates for the parish in recognition of the Jubilee and the Queen's Green Canopy - placing to be agreed.
Cllr Batchelor will contact the Cricket Club (regarding daily watering) and get back to the Parish Clerk.

Cllr Batchelor confirmed that he had spoken to the Cricket Club and a member had agreed to water the tree(s) whilst they were saplings.

ACTION 3: The clerk will email Boughton Estates and inform him that the Parish Council would like to accept the offer of the tree(s), the watering of the tree(s) had been confirmed, and Cllr Batchelor was happy to meet with Boughton Estates on site to confirm the location.

9.5.22, action 6: (Resident offered to tidy up an area in The Meadows made up predominantly of brambles).

Cllr Rowley will inform the resident of the Parish Council's views on this matter.

Cllr Rowley was not present at the meeting so this could not be confirmed.

9.5.22, action 7: (Parking review – Hall's Close) - The clerk will reply to NNC.

The clerk reported that the response had been emailed to NNC, with the Officer replying that the Parish Council's response will be fed into the next stage of the process.

9.5.22, action 8: (painting of the Little Oakley telephone kiosk) - Cllr Batchelor will send an email to the two people who painted the above kiosks and copy Cllr Bailey in. They will be able to advise as to paint used, primer etc.

The specific paint advice had been carried out, and Cllr Bailey reported that it was now in the hands of the Social Club.

Cllr Batchelor added that he had spoken to Kensigns and they will install the board showing Chairs and years of office, in the village hall whenever it is requested. This should be in situ within the next month.

020/23: FINANCE.

a) Bank balances

Community account statement	as at 17.5.22	£75,517.86
Business Saver account	as at 17.5.22	£10,781.29

b)Accounts received

Direct credit from NNC Finance ref.1120024879	£22,000.00
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c) Accounts for payment : -

Spencer Tree Surgery	Prune back epicormic growth from lime trees A4300 Stamford Rd.	350.00
AJ Mills Master Masons Ltd	Supply and install large limestone block as a Jubilee boulder to village green ()	2208.00
CPRE	Membership 4.5.22 – 3.5.23	36.00
North Northamptonshire	Storm damage works to recreation ground	840.00

Council		
Anita Curtis –	1/4ly salary Apr – Jun 22	1126.22
Anita Curtis – reimbursement of PAYE paid by AC's own debit card 11.6.22.	1/4ly PAYE (already paid by AC), Apr – Jun 22	285.73
Anita Curtis –	Agreed Depreciation Apr – Jun 22	60.00
Anita Curtis –	Expenses Apr – Jun 22 (Printer ink)	24.47

Cllr Batchelor proposed that that payments be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr Lomasney, agreed by all councillors present.

d) Annual Governance Statement 2021- 22 (section 1) - Approval required.

The clerk confirmed that the annual internal audit report for 2021/22 had been completed and had been signed off by the auditor on 10.6.22.

The Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 (section 1), Accounting Statements 2021/22 (section 2), and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31.3.22 now needed to be approved and signed off by the Parish Council prior to the relevant documents being sent to the external auditors. Proposed by Cllr Batchelor that the Annual Governance Statement be accepted and approved, seconded by Cllr Bailey, all councillors present were in favour.

e) Accounting Statements 2021/22 (section 2) - Approval required.

Proposed by Cllr Batchelor that the Accounting Statements be accepted and approved, seconded by Cllr Bailey, all councillors present were in favour.

f) Financial Statements for the year ended 31.3.22

Proposed by Cllr Batchelor that the Financial Statements be accepted and approved, seconded by Cllr Bailey, all councillors present were in favour.

021/23: STONEPIT LAND – consideration of terms of new leases – working party meeting date or update.

Cllr Bailey reported that the working party has struggled to find a date when they could all meet, but they would endeavour to do so before the next meeting. Cllrs Bailey, Padwick and Buckseall will coordinate a date and time.

PLANNING.

a) KBC Decision notices

NK/2022/0216: Mr & Mrs Parker, 5, Newton. Replace dining room wall with stud partition, reposition bathroom to first floor, replace windows with double glazing and repair frames where necessary and install air source heat pump

Listed Building Consent Application

Non-Material Amendment.

Approved

NK/2021/0079: Mr A Foulke, 1 Grafton Road. The amended application includes pedestrian gate.

Approved

KET/2020/0607: W M Elliot and Son Ltd, Dovecote Buttery and Farm Shop, Dovecote Farm, Access Road to Church, Newton.

Change of use of agricultural/horticultural land to self-storage caravan facility and associated works, including construction of landscaped soil bunds, landscaping and installation of security gate.

Appeal dismissed.

b) Planning Applications for consideration.

NK/2022/0292: Mr S Thornton, Deanbrook, 37 Newton Road, Geddington.

Demolition of garages, erection of dwelling and creation of hard paved driveway

Full Application

Noted that this application is identical to the last application submitted, which may have gone over the time frame now.

Proposed by Cllr Buckseall that there be no objection to the application. Seconded by Cllr Batchelor, all councillors present were in favour.

NK/2022/0298: Mr M Tysoe, 43 New Road, Geddington. Conversion of garage to habitable room with single storey extension to link to main house. Single storey side extension and erection of detached garage/store to front

Full Application

It was proposed by Cllr Padwick to make comments as there is no material objection but it is not in keeping with the surrounding properties. – “we comment That we see no issue with the rear extension, but the inclusion of the garage to the front appears to be out of character and could set a precedent along that particular stretch of the road.” Seconded by Cllr Johnson, agreed by all councillors present.

NK/2022/0085: Mr D Lomasney, The Willows, 12 Access Road To Church, Newton.

Replacement windows

Full Application

This is for replacement windows in wood effect PVC which are very similar to the existing windows.

Proposed by Cllr Buckseall that there be no objection, seconded by Cllr Batchelor, agreed by all councillors present.

KET/2020/0369: Larkfleet Homes, Ms Guy Larkfleet Homes, Full Planning Permission: 20 dwellings and all other associated. Stamford Road (land off), Geddington.

Amended and/or additional plans/information have been submitted.

Further plans have been submitted. They include bin storage, and the car parking spaces are not now cut out of the path.

The housing allocation is now included.

8 x 2 bed social housing, 6 x 2 bed shared ownership, 2 x 3 bed social rented, 2 x 3 bed shared ownership, 2 x 4 bed shared ownership.

It was noted that the Parish Council made their representations and detailed comments two years ago,

There is still no up to date housing needs survey.

Further brief representations were sent when amendments to the application were previously submitted.

Noted that shared ownership is counted as social housing.

The Jubilee tree is still on the plans, but this would have to be demolished if an access road was built.

Cllr Padwick proposed that a further comment be made – “we are disappointed with the mix. It does not meet the needs of the village and there has been no consultation with the Parish at all. Seconded by Cllr Buckseall, agreed by all councillors present.

ACTION 4: The clerk will liaise with Cllr Padwick as to the comments to be submitted.

022/23: PARISH PLAN - Facilities for young people and adults.

a) Outdoor gym – progress report and questionnaire

On the last Parish Plan there was a clear indication that facilities for young people were needed. The teenage shelter has been successful, but further facilities would be desirable. The possibility of a MUGA is still there but is more an aspiration at the moment. The questionnaire for the outdoor gym will go out shortly.

An update was given: meetings have been attended by Cllr Padwick, John Goodall and an officer from NNC (Leisure) who is over-seeing installation of similar equipment in other sites across North Northamptonshire. He is also advising on which pieces of equipment seem to be the most popular. Possible siting of the equipment includes an area between the bridge and the teenage shelter. Three tenders for the equipment will be required, as the cost will probably be between £16,000 and £20,000, being part funded by the Parish Council and possible further funding from the Mick George Community fund and other sources. The deadline for the Mick George Community fund would be end of March 2023, with a decision expected in May 2023. A demonstration of public support for the project will be needed; the questionnaire could be sent round with the next village newsletter in August. Planning permission may not be needed – this will be explored.

ACTION 5: The clerk to write to Boughton Estates to enquire as to their support/any objections for such a scheme, and for a letter of support to be sent if the support is forthcoming.

ACTION 6: Cllr Padwick will speak to Cllr Johnson about using the Parish Council website and linking it to the Facebook page.

Cllr Padwick added that he wished to thank John Goodall for his commitment for the project and all the meetings he had attended.

b) New Parish Plan - draft questionnaire for all residents - Update.

This was sent to all councillors for their input and comments, although comments have only been received back from Cllr Lomasney. A summary of the discussion was that this needed to be sent to or made available to all households every five years to discover residents' priorities. This will therefore be sent out at a later date (possibly December), after the outdoor gym proposal.

023/23: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND CIRCULATED - items to note or comment upon.

a) Letter from Bowls Club concerning parking/access 9.5.22

A letter was sent to Cllr Batchelor concerning the car parking difficulties for members wishing to attend the Bowls Club.

Cllrs Batchelor and Lomasney have met with Steve Brown (Bowls Club representative) as well as the Cricket Club.

It was emphasised that there has to be cooperation between the different groups which would help with some of the parking difficulties, and the Parish Council would move as swiftly as it could for the car park extension work that was required.

b) email dated 1.6.22 from Geddington resident regarding the Jubilee Commemorative Boulder.

An email had been sent to Cllr Batchelor concerning the Jubilee Stone and the fact that he hadn't known anything about the planned installation until it was installed. Cllr Batchelor acknowledged that it had been carried out within a short time frame, but another councillor pointed out that the Parish Council cannot consult on everything, especially when there were time limitations for a project. Cllr Johnson added that if the agendas and minutes could be linked to the Facebook page then this would enable residents to read about forthcoming projects and events more easily. This was felt to be a positive move for residents to be more informed of events.

However, it was noted that Facebook discussions are sometimes not representative of the majority of people.

ACTION 7: The clerk to respond to the resident to address the points he has raised and to thank him for being one of the volunteers who cut the grass.

The resident also raised the issue of a poor television signal and said that the trees need pollarding (there are two trees on the Green).

ACTION 8: The clerk to ask NNC a general advice request: how long it is before trees need pruning/ topping/pollarding as some trees in this area are very close to four residents' properties.

c) Request relayed from a resident to Cllr Batchelor - whereabouts of 'Best Kept Village' certificates awarded some years ago has been requested 7.6.22.

No councillor was aware of where the certificates were, but there was a plaque on the Post Office wall celebrating the Best Kept Village for that particular year. It may be in the files.

ACTION 9: Cllr Batchelor will ask Cllr Rowley if he knows where the certificates are. He will also look in the Post Office window to see if the certificates are there

024/23: ENVIRONMENT.

a) Car park extension - update information and decision to be made on submitting tenders with a view to completion.

Cllr Lomasney summarised the progress of the project. The idea of a car park extension was first raised in 2016. Various investigations into the possibility of such a project then took place. In 2019 the project lead was former Parish Councillor Peter Goode. The work that then had to be carried out involved a massive planning application which had to involve several different agencies. It was now at the point where the final decision had to be made whether to proceed with the 24-place car park extension. The willow tree in the existing car park will stay, the bench will be relocated. The temporary netting has generated a lot of comments, with at least three cars being damaged whilst it has been there.

Three tenders went out previously, but these were from some time ago.

The car park base was queried as it had been mentioned that this may be altered. However, this would mean a further change to the planning application so those who have been involved in drawing up the application have been informed that it would be better to proceed with what has already been signed off within the planning application.

Cllr Johnson noted that there is a strength of feeling in the village for the project, with 50% of residents for it and 50% against, with possibly a lot of residents not even aware that it is happening.

The information needs to be circulated to residents.

It was also felt that updated quotations need to be obtained.

The discussion concluded by it being noted that 1.3% of the recreation area would be taken up by the extension car park, but the project would take 24 cars of the road in a conservation area. Cllr Lomasney proposed that three quotations were prepared, ready for the clerk to send out to three companies. Seconded by Cllr Batchelor, Agreed by all councillors present.

ACTION 10: Cllr Lomasney will send the clerk all the information in a package that is needed for new quotations.

b) Tree assessment - is there any progress from the estimates?

The clerk reported that since she had confirmed with the tree risk assessment company that the job was only for the tree risk assessment, he had not confirmed that he was still willing to carry out the job and the clerk had not received a reply to a chase email. There may be further work for him relating to the two trees on the village green.

ACTION 11: The clerk to send a further email to try to determine whether he was still willing to do the work.

c) Jubilee Boulder and extra rocks - offer of free small boulders to go alongside the green- for action?

Extra off-cut boulders can be supplied free of charge by the Jubilee boulder installers to put on the edge of the grass/ tarmac if the Parish Council wants them.

It was thought that it would help to prevent parking on the grass on the village green. Cllr Lomasney will organise a consultation to gauge residents' opinion on this issue, as well as the parties that mow the grass.

ACTION 12: Cllr Lomasney to carry out the above consultation.

d) Cutting back of brambles and nettles- what is the progress on this?

Councillors felt that it would be nice to carry out some work to this area of the recreation field, but there was not a pressing need for it at the moment.

e) EV charging points – update.

Cllr Lomasney said that the Government was involved with the different charging schemes. He has completed a registration for the "LEVI" scheme with WNC, which gives potential permission for charging points to be in (for example) the car park or other identified space. This is a national scheme.

Also noted that funding was only for chargers that went on pavement sites, but the pavements in Geddington were too narrow to be included in any scheme.

More information needed to be compiled as to houses that would not be able to have a car point, such as West Street and Bridge Street. Northamptonshire ACRE may have some ideas as to this issue. NCalc does not have any at the present time.

It was also stated that the possibility of using old KBC garage sites for EV charging points could be explored.

A member of the public commented that EV chargers can be run environmentally from rivers.

f) Speed watch - update and plans for information only.

Cllr Lomasney has met with the Speed Watch volunteer group in consultation with the Police. They will deliver a speed camera on a tripod in August, to be operational in Geddington initially. Groups of three people at a time will operate the camera and record the information. Before this however, the Police offer to do a 7-day speeding survey on a road of the Parish Council's choice. Cllr Lomasney has a meeting on 21st June to move the scheme forward.

NEWTON

Cllr Lomasney wished to thank Cllr Rowley for maintaining the profile of Newton junction in the newsletter, and to Cllr Padwick for carrying out further work as to looking at the signage in that area.

LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues.

AOB.

Cllr Buckseall had forwarded an email concerning flood training. This had not been actioned however as the clerk was still waiting for a reply as to did the two residents wish to remain as flood wardens.

ACTION 13: The clerk will forward the flood training email to the flood wardens when it is known as to the two residents continuing as flood wardens or not.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.50pm.
