

GEDDINGTON NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th MARCH 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors M Rowley (Chair), C Buckseall, D Rushton, D Hodgkinson, N Batchelor.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors J Padwick, D Watson and A Gordon.

(Cllr D Watson had sent apologies but was able to attend from 7.38pm).

ALSO PRESENT:

Four members of the public.

149/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

150/16 PUBLIC SESSION

a) Questions from the public

i) The four members of the public present were concerned with the ongoing high number of lorries still using the A4300, as well as lorries driving through the village. Questions and comments raised were as follows:-

- One resident lives in Queen Street, with his garden adjoining the main road. He had thought that the by-pass would take most of the heavy lorries. He has written both to Morrisons and Eddie Stobart, as their lorries are seen on the A4300 on a very regular basis.

-The bridge on New Road was repaired approximately 10 years ago. A report was filed stating that the damage was caused by heavy goods vehicles. One previous councillor used to write to all the firms who's lorries accessed the (previous) A43 but he did not get any response. As of now, it tended to be the same companies all the time.

-Since the by-pass has been opened more lorries seem to be coming down Newton Road into the village. The road has been downgraded to the A4300 so why are the lorries still accessing it?

-The worst times for traffic through the village are from 6.30am and then from approximately 6.00pm.

-The roundabout at the end of Rockingham Road / start of the A6003 in Kettering still indicates (on the road markings) that the right hand lane is for Corby East.

-Road markings on the Stanion roundabout going north and south may be incorrect – noted that a lot of the lorries are coming from the euro hub.

-New signage is needed to both ends of the village.

Cllr Rowley commented that the relief road has been open for 18 months now. Satellite navigation systems often are not updated and therefore do not show the new road. Additionally, lorry drivers sometimes take the easy option of going straight over the Stanion roundabout on to the A4300 rather than swinging right round on to the new by-pass. They can still legally use the A4300.

The new signage (upright metal signs) is correct. The floor signage may still be incorrect.

The lorries transporting grain go to Acre land – they are allowed access through the village.

The Parish Council is trying to get a weight restriction through the village – looking for a 7.5 ton weight limit.

Cllr Ruston commented that there had been a lot of accidents on the new by-pass. Cllr Watson agreed, stating that the road had been closed twice in the last fortnight because of accidents.

ACTION 1: The clerk to ask Cllr Jim Harker to address any incorrect signage on the road. Additionally, tree and shrub cut back in the area of the roundabout at the end of Rockingham Road/ start of A6003 is needed as some of the signs are blocked by foliage.

The members of the public were advised to contact NCC Highways with their concerns, but the PC will also contact them.

ii) Reported by one of the members of the public present that Cllr Jim Harker had viewed the corners of Newton Road (onto the main road) following concerns raised as to parking and cars having to swerve over into the path of vehicles coming off the main road into Newton Road. The resident has to reverse out of her driveway and often cannot do so because of the parked cars. The problem is compounded as cars from residents living on the main road also park in Newton Road.

Cllr Rowley informed the resident that yellow lines will be painted at the end of the summer on the corners of Newton Road and in the school area, having been put forward in the legislation for September 2016.

b) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

i) County Councillor.

There was no report from Cllr Harker.

ii) Borough Councillor

Cllr Rowley reported that the Borough Council budget had been approved, with two changes agreed. There are no cuts to front line services and 55% of the new build funding had been set aside for future years. Cllr Hodkinson commented that Kettering East will produce more traffic through Warkton and Weekly. An outer circular road for Kettering will facilitate traffic moving north towards Corby. This may deflect traffic from turning to Geddington at the Weekly roundabout. Cllr Rowley reported that on the plan, the trigger for this infrastructure is 3200 houses. Geddington traffic would be able to access Weekly and Warkton but the road would then be blocked. This is potentially 15 years away.

Planning issues – The East Kettering development has 400 houses now near completion. The NCC parking guidelines for garages will be adopted shortly.

Town and Parish Precepts – they are 131% higher than last year, with 75% of the increase originating from the Desborough proposed precept.

c) Police Report / Crime figures

No police representative was in attendance at the meeting. However, the crime figures had been sent to all Cllrs in advance of the meeting. Four crimes had been recorded for Geddington; 3 x burglary – other, and 1 x criminal damage. No crimes had been recorded for Newton or Little Oakley.

151/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting held 8 February 2016

The Minutes were agreed to be a true record.

b) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions

The agreed actions were reported as all being completed.

d) Resignation of Councillor Ken Harden

Cllr Harden's contribution and efforts over many years was acknowledged by all those Councillors present. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Cllr Harden to acknowledge this.

ACTION 2: Clerk to send the letter as per above request.

PLANNING.

a) KBC Decision notices

Two decisions had been received:

KET/2015/0054 – Mr L Hulett, 4 Grange Road (2 storey rear and side extensions plus loft conversion). – Approved by KBC.

KET/2015/0013 - Mrs P Griffin (demolition of outbuilding and erection of single storey rear extension – listed application). Refused by KBC - no reference to the conservation area and the

quality of the listed building, rejected by default. Additionally, not in keeping with the linear quality of the building, with the lantern style roof alien to the setting.

b) Planning Applications

No new planning applications had been received

c) Parish Plan update

Cllrs Hodkinson/ Rushton/ Padwick

Cllr Hodkinson reported that the Parish Plan consultation report exists in its finished form and will be circulated shortly. The date of the meeting to update volunteers has had to be provisionally changed to 19th March 2016 at 11.00am. Colleagues are welcome to come along and support the meeting. An initial number of hard copies need to be printed (possibly 12).

ACTION 3: The Clerk to contact David Pope at KBC to find out if printing can be carried out through KBC and prices/quantities.

ACTION 4: Cllr Hodkinson to send the correct version to the Parish Clerk for circulation and for printing.

Cllr Hodkinson added that he has been through a Parish Plan exercise previously and has been revisiting and taking advice as to most logical way to track which items needed actioning, when, and progression of the issues. Comments generated by the committee could be the headings for the activity. Cllr Hodkinson has added a layer of detail to timetables and activities and has worked through some of the ideas that have come forth.

Cllr Rowley added that the original Parish Plan also still existed, with Cllr Padwick having a copy of it.

The change of meeting date and circulation of the completed document was proposed by Cllr Buckseall, seconded by Cllr Rushton. All Cllrs present were in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE - received since the last meeting.

152/16: North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit: Proposed Main Modifications to the Submitted JCS Consultation (3.2.16)

153/16: A morning cuppa at St Mary Magdalene (3.2.16)

154/16: New Courses Added to the Northants CALC Training Calendar (12.2.16)

155/16: "Clean for the Queen" litter campaign, supported by CPRE (14.2.16)

156/16: Neighbourhood planning seminar 16.3.16, received 7.3.16

157/16: Northampton Northern Orbital Route Consultation (Feb 16)

158/16: KBC - Community litter picks (25.2.16)

159/16: KBC – Jim McInally leaving note (2.3.16)

Newsletters.

160/16: Weekly Email News Digest – 8.2.16

161/16: Rural Vulnerability Service - Rural Transport – 8.2.16

162/16: Weekly Email News Digest - 15.2.16

163/16: Weekly Email News Digest - 15.2.16

164/16: Rural Spotlight on Young People 24.2.16

165/16: Rural Vulnerability Service - Rural Broadband – 25.2.16

166/16: Weekly Email News Digest - 29.2.16

167/16: Rural Opportunities Bulletin 2.3.16

There were no comments for any item of previously circulated correspondence.

168/16: FINANCE

Community account statement as at 17.02.16	£6,123.85
Business Saver account as at 17.02.16	£10,721.40

Notification received from Barclays Bank of name change to Business Premium Account from 6.6.16

a) **Accounts received**

None

Accounts for payment

Anita Curtis	£883.20	Salary 1.01.16 – 31.03.16
PAYE – already paid by Anita Curtis on own debit card to HMRC	£218.40	Jan – Mar 2016. Note: overpayment on last qtr. of £2.40 corrected this qtr.
Anita Curtis	£60.00	Agreed depreciation of equipment allowance Jan – Mar 2016
Anita Curtis	£20.25	Expenses (stamps £10.26, 2x pks printer paper £9.99)

169/16 ENVIRONMENTAL & RECREATION

a) **Maintenance work to trees on the A4300 (Geddington south side) – progress/completion date?**

Cllr Rowley reported that the GVFB had carried out a litter pick and had used loppers to carry out some of the maintenance work needed to the trees. The litter had/was going to be picked up by KBC, who have also offered to help with some of the strimming, and bring a shedder along at the same time.

b) **Tree maintenance A4300 (Geddington north side) - work is incomplete.**

The cut back that had been carried out to a tree/trees on the north end of the village has been carried out by a resident who was fed up with the state of the tree. Branches have been cut back, but the resulting debris has been left in the immediate area.

Cllr Rowley reported that once the southern end of the village has been completed, work will be carried out to the northern end of the village.

c) **Two trees in Queen Street – reported that maintenance is needed.**

There are 3 or 4 tall trees on the run down to the ford – between the hairdressers and the ford, on the road side of the fence. These are the responsibility of NCC.

Additionally, cut back is needed to the trees that are obscuring the street light that is diagonal to the 3 or 4 tall trees.

ACTION 5: The clerk to ask NCC to look at the trees with a view to maintenance work needed to them. The trees obscuring the street light also need cut back – the Clerk to contact Cllr Harker for both these issues.

Cllr Bailey stated that a load of tarmac had been dropped on the left hand side of the A4300 going towards Corby. It is just over the boundary, near the field entrance by the Bed & Breakfast residence. This needs removing.

ACTION 6: the clerk to ask Corby Democratic Services to whom this request has to go to and contact details for Stanion Parish Council.

The recent heavy rain and flood avoidance were commented upon. The berm for the River Ise prevented any flooding in this area, but it was commented that the berm needs to be kept clear; this is the Parish Council's responsibility. Grass reed growth may have slowed the flow of water. Additionally, more trees need to be planted in the flood plain going towards the river.

It was reported that the water in the field at the back of Bright Trees Road was very high, and KBC placed sand bags along the top of the bund.

ACTION 7: The clerk to ask the Environmental agency about dredging the River Ise.

Reported that the new self-inflating sand bags worked well – a dam was built to deflect water into the ford.

The hazard lights worked.

The electric pump was given to a resident to assist with water drainage.

Cllr Hodkinson commented that there were large volumes of water running down Stamford Road and the kerb drains still appear to be blocked up.

ACTION 8: The Clerk to contact Street Doctor to unblock one kerb drain in particular – in Wood Street opposite no. 24.

The ford is closed because it is still full of debris.

ACTION 9: Cllrs Batchelor and Rushton will clear the ford of the debris if it is still there by this Saturday.

170/16 HIGHWAYSTREET/ LIGHTING/ FOOTPATHS/ ROAD SAFETY.

a) Street Lighting; Public Rights of Way – any issues raised or to be reported –

Cllr Hodkinson

- The repairs reported last month have been attended to.
- The street light in Grafton Road in front of the school house was supposedly repaired by NCC, but it is still not working.

ACTION 10: Cllr Hodkinson will bring this to NCC's attention.

Clarified again that nothing will be done about the street light in West Street until the lighting authority - ownership issue has been resolved.

NEWTON

- The building of a second line by Network Rail for Corby is resulting in noise, affecting Newton – a power driver is being used. The company only have to notify residents living within 500 metres of the area affected.

- The widening of the approach road to Newton/ Newton Road. Rachael Gladstone-Brown (R G-B) asked at the last PC meeting who was paying for the work; she was going to ask Highways. The work includes ripping the hedge up, replanting it, and also building the bank up. This last item is not officially Highways responsibility – it is a boundary marking.

ACTION 11: Cllr Rowley will book a meeting with R G-B, but after March it may be too late to carry out the work because of nesting birds – it may have to wait until September.

LITTLE OAKLEY

Cllr Bailey reported that the heavy rains had resulted in flooding in Little Oakley. The same properties had been affected as usual. He asked if further self-inflating sandbags would be been purchased.

Cllr Bailey also reported a large number of pot holes in Little Oakley and the surrounding back roads. Cllr Rowley informed him that he needed to report these to Street Doctor as they have a programme of works for items such as this.

ACTION 12: Cllr Bailey to inform Street Doctor where the pot holes are in Little Oakley and the surrounding back roads.

Cllr Rowley commented at this point that there is no money left to purchase replacement flood equipment.

It was commented generally that sourcing of any equipment that was needed such as self-inflating sandbags needs to be determined.

ACTION 13: Cllr Rowley will email Mary Donoghue to find this out.

A.O.B.

There was no other business for discussion.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

An accident report for the new relief road was requested. This can be added to the next agenda if it is made available in time.

It was commented that a representative of Highways or the Police would be helpful to have at the meeting if the report is available. It would be helpful to know what type of accident had occurred, when it had happened and where it had happened.

Additionally, an update is needed as to monitoring for the new road.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm