

GEDDINGTON NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th MAY 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillors T Bailey, J Padwick, D Watson and A Gordon

024/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ALSO PRESENT:

Rachael Gladstone-Brown (R.G-B).

025/17 CO-OPTION

Phil Berry has expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the Parish Council. The relevant criteria are met. Cllr Rowley therefore formally nominated Mr Berry. Cllr Hodgkinson seconded the nomination. All Cllrs present were in favour of the nomination.

026/17 PUBLIC SESSION

a) Questions from the public

i) R G-B gave some updates:

She reminded Cllrs of the Green Belt Festival. There will be a small amount of free tickets available. The only other event currently planned is “Runstock” – a camping event which includes a 5k run.

Developments – Boughton Estates will shortly start to look at the development of Dovecote farmyard. This is in the Strategic Review as planned development for Newton.

In answer to a query raised, the wood yard in Geddington will be looked at at a later stage.

Newton Road junction with the entrance to Newton: Cllr Rushton said that as a temporary measure, was it worth encouraging people to “hoot at the junction “? It was felt that there was no harm in encouraging this move.

ACTION 1 Cllr Rushton will write to NCC asking if this initiative can be publicised.

b) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

i) County Councillor.

There was no report from Cllr Harker.

ii) Borough Councillor

There was no report from Cllr Rowley.

c) Police Report / Crime figures

PCSO Margaret Lawson had updated by email as there was no printout of recorded crimes for April. The verbal report was on recorded crime – theft of a pushbike outside the White Lion Public House.

027/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held 11th April 2016.

The Minutes were agreed to be a true record pending correction of the following:

002/17 – 3rd para: references to cars (with no number plates) should be motorbikes.

003/17 – last para. Page 2 – “update for Action 3” to be corrected to “Action 2”

Page 4 - Action 2 should read “Action 3” and “Action 3” should read “Action 4”.

020/17 – Accounts for payment to include “Cllr Doug Hodgkinson £14.00 Expenses (stationery) incurred for the Parish Plan Volunteers’ meeting”

Page 6 – “Action 4” should read “Action 5”, “Action 5” should read “Action 6”.

b) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions

Action 1: The clerk has sent two emails to Cllr Gordon but has not yet received a reply (contacts details for a property requested).

Action 3: Cllr Rowley to re-arrange meeting date with Rob Parker McGee (KBC) regarding the church yard being full.

All other actions have been carried out.

PLANNING.

a) KBC Decision notices

There have been no decisions made by KBC in the last month for planning applications in this parish. It was noted at this point that the decision made by the Licensing Authority (for hours of licensing for the Cricket Club) had dismissed the PC's request for the licensing hours at the weekend to finish at midnight on Saturdays rather than the proposed 1.00am Sunday finish, to bring it in line with the Village Hall. This is in spite of the fact that it is written into the contract for the Village Hall that everyone must have vacated the property by midnight.

ACTION 2:- The clerk to circulate feedback from the licensing authority.

b) Planning Applications.

KET/2016/0291 – Mr Hales, 3 Newton Rd (extension) has been withdrawn.

KET/2016/0206 - Mr & Mrs I & L Dibble, 6 Bakehouse Hill, Geddington

Remove chimney and fireplace, install flue, replace window with French doors in rear extension and replace door with window and timber panelling. Replacement porch and chimney. Remove internal utility wall, relocate kitchen and remove bedroom wall.

This is a listed building (for the curtilage of the bakery).

The only external alternations are to the porch and chimney. The internal changes do not appear to be contentious. In summary, the 20th century additions to the 17th century building are being removed. One additional chimney flue will be installed which will be visible, but it is unclear if they are taking down the chimney that is currently constructed and visible.

There were no adverse comments made, the councilors were in support of the application.

KET/2016/0277 - Mr G Dickens, 35 Stamford Road (land adj) - 1 no. dwelling

This application is for a new house, built in the garden of a property on Stamford Road.

Comments made were as follows:-

1. The area concerned is outside of the village boundary. Any new build cannot be encouraged.
2. There appears to be a separation of the road scene and character of the residential area to the proposed infill; it does not fit with the dating of the residential buildings or the nature of their ground and layouts.
3. It is deemed as infill and will change the street scene.
4. The density of building if granted gives cause for concern. The original house has had its garden divided and a further property built approximately 20 - 30 years ago: a further sub-divide of the original house's ground will give a cramped feel to the area.
5. What impact will further infill have? It is outside the village boundary and within the green belt, which needs to be protected.

Cllr Buckseall proposed that there is no argument for approval to be given to the proposed new-build when it is outside the village boundary. Seconded by Cllr Hodkinson, approved by all those councillors present.

Cllr Hodkinson gave an update. The results of the consultation for the Parish Plan questionnaire were now on Facebook. An accelerated task force group needs to be set up to move the work forward. A time table has been construed, with work on the issues being carried out by end of 2016 or very early 2017. There is plenty of opportunity for Cllrs to see what is happening, going forward

Cllr Hodkinson then summarized his report (feedback to the volunteers' meeting that had taken place). One item summarized was "refuse collection". Cllr Rowley said that this was a KBC issue and would not change.

Another issue was "broadband high speed". This is already available in the Parish, but a good proportion of residents are not aware of it. Cllr Rushton thought it was worthwhile publicising on Facebook that high speed broadband is available in the three villages.

As regards to highway maintenance drainage grids – it was agreed that possibly a higher priority to work need is required.

Cllr Hodkinson added that flooding isn't an issue until properties are flooded. It was not a priority when the consultation took place (18 months ago), but it would be now after the recent levels of very high water

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

029/17 Nene CCG – publicising Kettering Patient Engagement Group 15.4.16

030/17 CPRE – Stop Greenfield development campaign 15.4.16

031/17 "Parish Council Websites" – Parish Council website funding information 3.5.16

Newsletters

032/17 Rural Services Network – April 2016

033/17 Weekly Rural News Digest 25.4.16

034/17 " " " " 3.5.16

No comments were made

035/17: FINANCE

Community account statement as at 15.04.16 £4,510.00

Business Saver account as at 15.04.16 £10,722.74

a) Accounts received

KBC Precept payment 2016/17 - notification of payment dated 14.4.16

b) Accounts for payment

Geddington Village Hall	£25.00	Hire of lounge on Sat 19.3.16 for Parish Plan Volunteers' meeting
Geddington Community website	£18.00	Support for community website and PC own web page.

Approval for the hire of lounge cheque was given.

The second payment (sponsorship for the community website), resulted in a short discussion. The community website is looking to donate money to the Village Hall. It is unclear therefore why they need to be sponsored. It was felt that it is not good use of public money to sponsor one voluntary organization with money then being given from that organization to another voluntary organization. It was proposed by Cllr Rowley that the community website would not be sponsored this year in view of the fact that they are going to donate money to another organization. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hodkinson. All Cllrs present were in agreement.

At this point, Cllr Buckseall said that she had been working on the Facebook site.

ACTION 3: The clerk to explore possible grant funding for setting up a website.

036/17 ENVIRONMENTAL & RECREATION

Concerns were raised as to the surfaces in the play area in the recreation field. Cllr Rowley had noticed that the soft foam surface was coming away from the surrounding area. The other areas also need to be checked in case there is more than just one area affected.

ACTION 4: The Clerk to email Brendan Coleman at KBC to request the surfaces be inspected. Thanks also to be conveyed as he has fixed the bin in the play area.

037/16 HIGHWAYSTREET/LIGHTING/FOOTPATHS/ROAD SAFETY.

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

Cllr Hodkinson reported that work had not been carried out on several reported street lights. A further street light is out (in Wood Street). Cllr Rowley added that there had been a problem at KBC regarding sourcing of the bulbs.

Cllr Hodkinson is also waiting for a reply as to the bent lantern at the north end of the bridge, and he has had no reply to his request for the lanterns on the old style street lights to be washed.

ACTION 5: Cllr Hodkinson will chase the outstanding light repairs and requests.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA / AOB.

Newton & Little Oakley

No issues for either of the villages were raised.

Items for next month's Agenda / AOB

No issues were put forward for the next agenda.

One issue was raised under any other business:-

The Village Hall – new works carried out. The footpath from the end of the new patio onwards is uneven and a trip hazard. This is the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee to address.

ACTION 6: The Clerk to contact Brian Leaton for the issue to be raised with the Village Hall Management Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.