

**GEDDINGTON NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL -
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th AUGUST 2016.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors M Rowley (Chair), D Rushton, D Hodkinson, N Batchelor, D Watson, T Bailey, A Gordon.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor J Padwick, C Buckseall. (Late apologies received from Cllr P Berry).

071/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

072/17 PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was present plus a potential co-opted resident.

CO-OPTION

Sue Wenbourne has expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the Parish Council. The relevant criteria has been met. Cllr Rowley therefore formally nominated Sue Wenbourne, Cllr Rushton seconded the nomination. All Cllrs present were in favour of the nomination. A warm welcome was given by the Councillors to the new member.

PUBLIC SESSION

a) Questions from the public

The member of the public wished to raise the problems that the Bowls Club are experiencing with parking in the Village Hall car park. In view of this, it was decided to discuss agenda item 9a) (“parking infrastructure – village hall car park”) at this point within the meeting.

The member of the public said that the problems with parking were having an impact with people that could only walk short distances and the elderly. He explained the problems that members of the Bowls Club were experiencing, and that it was affecting visiting teams who were now aware of the lack of parking. His first hand experiences mirrored those brought to the Parish Council’s attention in the letter from the Bowls Club that had been received, although he had not seen the contents of the letter. He was also concerned about the forthcoming event that the Cricket Club was hosting and its proximity to the Bowls Club.

ACTION 1: The clerk to write to the Cricket Club and inform them that they do not have permission at the present time to hold Gedd Stock in the recreation ground.

ACTION 2: Cllr Bailey agreed to check the contract for the Village Hall and the Sports Committee. The Parish Council as the trustees must be satisfied that the event conforms to the contract.

ACTION 3: Cllr Gordon will speak to Brian Leaton concerning the above issue.

Cllr Gordon suggested extending the car park further (down to the hedge to help with car parking problems.

Cllr Rowley said that it was a possibility that car parking in the Bowls Club area may be able to be built at a later stage by Boughton Estates under a S.106 agreement.

An interim measure would be to open the gate and park on the grass. The area that could be used is ploughed/furrowed, but it may be possible to spread bark on the ground to make it a better surface.

ACTION 4: Rachel Gladstone-Brown is on annual leave at the present time, but Cllr Rowley will speak to her when she returns as regards to the Village Hall losing business.

Cllr Gordon added that an infill company was used some years ago to extend the hard core area, but this was not successful. They wanted the top soil in exchange for laying hard core, but there was not enough depth for it to be worthwhile.

Cllr Rowley said that landfill grants were unavailable now.

The Bowls Club letter suggested allowing parking on the recreation field as an overflow solution. However, this would not be considered as there are always a number of children running around on the recreation field. Cllrs were also not keen on a fenced off area.

No decision was able to be reached at this stage.

b) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

No report had been received from Cllr Harker.

Cllr Rowley said that his Borough report consisted of items that were already on the agenda.

c) Police Report / Crime figures

A list of crime figures had been sent by PCSO Margaret Lawson the day before the meeting and forwarded on to the Cllrs. A resume of the figures was given.

ACTION 5: The clerk to send the crime figures to Cllr Sue Wenbourne.

073/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 13th July 2016.

The Minutes were agreed by all Councillors present to be a true record, pending one typo error – flood plains to be altered to flood plan.

a) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

Action 2, July 2016 – Cllr Hodkinson will give the person who raised Boughton Estates issues a copy of the replies received from Rachael G-B.

Action 3, July 2016 - Replacement floor coverage for play area. This has been chased by the Parish Clerk but no reply has been received, a further chase for a reply will be sent.

Action 4: July 2016 – No contribution from the Parish Council for the web site. A representative of Geddington.net hopes to attend the September Parish Council meeting to address any queries or questions the Parish Council have raised.

Action 5: July 2016 - Cllr Rowley will revisit the flood plans map – this will be carried out shortly.

Action 6: July 2016 - The clerk to find out where to get the sandbag replacements – names of three different suppliers were given.

A short discussion followed. The conclusion was that disposable sand bags are better than the traditional sandbags – they last for years. 20 bags for Geddington would be needed and 10 bags for Little Oakley.

ACTION 6: The clerk to find out more details of any feasible option of disposable bags - cost, size, durability etc.

PLANNING

a) KBC Decision notices

No decision notices had been received.

b) Planning Applications.

Two planning applications had been received.

KET/2016/0200. Mr & Mrs White, 28 – 30 Grange Road, Geddington.

Change of use from day nursery to residential, conversion to 1 no. one bedroom flat and 2 no. two bedroom flats. Demolition of existing rear, side extensions and swimming pool enclosure, construction of 1 no. five bedroom detached dwelling and 1 no. three bedroom detached dwelling, construction of 2 no. detached garages, formation of new vehicle/pedestrian access and increased width of existing vehicular access to 4.5m. (Revised application).

A detailed discussion took place, which can be summarised by the following comments:-

1. Parking for the development has been adjusted – with the minimum number of parking spaces for the number of dwellings now in place.
2. Access width has been adjusted.
3. An additional access is now in the application.
4. Street scene has changed to 3 individual plots, but will probably not be detrimental to the area.
5. The application is an improvement on the original application that was submitted.

It was noted however that it is unfortunate that nine trees will have to be felled if the application proceeds.

Cllr Gordon proposed that the Parish Council now approved the application, seconded by Cllr Batchelor. All the Councillors present were in agreement of the proposal.

KET/2016/0478 Mr & Mrs Dixon 1 x dwelling 39 Stamford Rd (land south of). 1 no. dwelling.

A further detailed discussion took place for this application.

It was noted that it has “outline permission” for development, although it was commented that this only gives outline permission in principal.

The main comments raised were as follows:-

1. The plot is outside the village boundary.

Although any other comments are superfluous as the plot is outside the village boundary, the following comments were raised and agreed by all the Councillors present:-

2. Even if it was inside the village boundary, the Parish Council would not be in favour of the application as is too big for the plot size; it would be an over development of the site. It was noted that the floor area is twice the size of a reasonable sized plot development.
3. Additionally, the view from the street scene is not good.

Cllr Gordon proposed that the Parish Council object to the application. Seconded by Cllr Hodkinson, agreed by all the Councillors present.

074/17 PARISH PLAN – Update.

Cllr Hodkinson gave a short verbal report. Four meetings have now been held with the Volunteers’ Committee. He has drafted a report of the meetings and the views of the Volunteers’ Committee, including their recommendations. This will be circulated to Councillors in time for discussion at the September Parish Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE – received since the July meeting.

075/17: “Can you help us find Private Pumping Stations in your Parish”? *Anglian Water Private Pumping Stations Campaign 11.7.16*

076/17: Adoption of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011 – 2031.

North Northants Joint Planning Unit 15.7.16

077/17: NCC Consultation - *Northamptonshire Hate Reduction Strategy 2016-19*

078/17: Invitation to launch of Countryside Design Guide, Sept 2016. *CPRE Northamptonshire*

079/17: Road closure – Corby Road, Newton & Little Oakley. – *Gary Thorp, Highways. 29.7.16*

080/17: Northants CALC eUpdate, July/August 2016

081/17: Rural conference 2016. *Rural Services network. 1.8.16*

082/17: *Newsletters:*

Weekly Email News Digest – 11.7.16.

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Rural Housing Spotlight. 20.7.16

Rural Spotlight on Young People 27.7.16

Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband – July 2016.

It was noted that unfortunately, item 078/17 was the same date as the September Parish Council meeting

UPDATE FROM THE LAST QUARTERLY RURAL FORUM MEETING.

Cllr Rowley wished to apologise to Cllr Watson for voting outcomes at the Rural Forum. He has spoken to the Borough Council officers and asked for the issue to be the first item on the next Rural Forum’s agenda. Cllr Rowley acknowledged that a lot of mistakes were made, and it needs to be decided if the Rural Forum members want him to carry on or if a re-election is needed. He said that Sue Lyons did not realise that Cllr Rowley was not the Parish representative. Additionally, one further parish with two representatives at the meeting had resulted in two votes being cast for that parish which is contrary to the rules. He added that he had been going to nominate Cllr Watson as Deputy Chair.

Cllr Watson said that all matters relating to this issue were held over to the September meeting. He explained that last year, the Chair was Borough Council and the Vice Chair was Parish Council. If the voting results stand, this year the Chair and Vice Chair will both be Borough Council which isn’t good, as a Borough Councillor will always go with the party line. Additionally, Cllr Watson as a Parish Councillor has been able to go to all the planning meetings, plus be the representative for the Rural Forum at the A6 Town’s Forum. He commented that often real issues that may be politically difficult do not go on the agenda, so there is no resolution.

Cllr Watson added that he is happy to continue as the Parish Council representative, but he is also happy to stand down if it is decided that the election still stands. Cllr Rowley attends as a Borough Councillor, not a Parish Councillor, if there is a re-election.

The next meeting is on Thursday 15th September 2016.

083/17 FINANCE

Community account statement as at 15.07.16 £10,938.84

Business Saver account as at 15.07.16 £10,722.74

a) Accounts received

None

b) Accounts for payment

Geddington Village Hall	40.00	Hire of lounge for Parish Plan 19 th & 26 th July
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It was proposed by Cllr Rushton and seconded by Cllr Gordon that the above payment be made, agreed by all Councillors present.

The clerk informed the meeting that BDO had contacted her and needed more information for two issues concerning the external audit. The information had been sent back to them. Unfortunately they relate to the format that the accountant at HW had completed the BDO form (section 2) – precept added in with “total other receipts” and fixed assets also shown (in the wrong box) by the HW accountant.

Cllr Watson informed the meeting that if any work needed to be carried out to the car park, or footpath upgrading needed to take place, these should be considered for the September meeting along with any other plans that needed to be considered for the precept discussions. This also includes any potential work that will be generated by the Parish Plan volunteers’ discussions.

ACTION 7: The clerk to ensure that Precept discussions/decisions is on the agenda for the next four meetings.

084/17 ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

a) **Parking infrastructure – village hall car park.** Letter received from Peter Ditchett, G&NBC Vice-President.

This agenda item had been discussed within the public session.

b) **Request for cutback of hedge received from Adrian Colwell** (Treasurer of Geddington Tennis Club)

Cllr Buckseall was not present at the meeting so it was unclear whether she had organised the cut back of the hedge with the Borough Council.

ACTION 8: The clerk to check whether the request for the Borough Council to cut back the hedge by the Tennis Club has gone to the Borough Council.

c) **KBC Dog Control Consultation**

The consultation form had been received. The form was completed within the meeting.

ACTION 9: The clerk to submit the form to KBC.

NEWTON & LITTLE OAKLEY

No costings have been received yet for the proposed work on the road at the entrance to Newton.

ACTION 10: Cllr Rowley will chase Cllr Harker for the costings to be sent through.

Councillors were reminded of the schedule for faster broadband delivery, as per a previous agenda item. Schedule is:–

Little Oakley Autumn 2016.

Newton 2017.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH’S AGENDA/ AOB

1. Precept for 2017 / 18 – Councillors to forward any received or known requests to the Parish Clerk before the September agenda is sent out.

2. Parish Plan report.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20p

