

**GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), M Rowley, D Watson, C Buckseall, A Gordon, S Wenbourne, T Bailey.

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors D Rushton and P Berry.

**031/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**032/18 PUBLIC SESSION**

**a) Police Report / Crime figures**

The Police report had been received by councillors prior to the meeting and was summarised as follows;

Burglary Dwelling - Wood Street.

Burglary non Dwelling Stamford Road and Chase Hill Vehicle Crime Grange Road and Hall Close.

Theft Queen Street –

Criminal Damage Chapel Lane.

**b) Questions from the public**

Two members of the public were present.

Questions asked by members of the public were as follows:-

Peter Goode confirmed to councillors that he had submitted an email to the Parish Council. This together with a further email was going to be replied to direct from the Chair, Cllr Batchelor.

20mph signs.

It was highlighted that there are too many signs on each post, and they are not over a footway. It was confirmed that speed signs have to be above any other signs.

A discussion ensued, concluding with the following action to be carried out:-

**ACTION 1: The Clerk to write to the Highways Agency, to inform them that the 20mph sign is not where it is best suited. (Noted that they may say that an extra post is needed).**

Cllr Watson asked for clarification as to is the 20mph enforceable. It was confirmed that it is not. It was noted that the Highways Agency may say that the 20mph sign could be sited separately on a stand-alone post (hence an extra post needed for this option).

Also noted that speeding in the village is high on the agenda for the Parish Plan. If the Highways agency come out to inspect the site, it will be beneficial if a Parish Councillor is present.

A further option to be put to the Highways agency is for 20mph to be painted on the road instead.

**ACTION 2:- The clerk to convey this to the Highways Agency as well.**

**c) Reports from County and Borough Councillors**

i) County Council.

Councillor Victoria Perry had sent in apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. No report had been received.

ii) Borough Council

Cllr Rowley reported that Borough Council meetings have re-commenced following the election. He now has a change in Cabinet responsibilities, to Housing, communication and youth issues.

## **033/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

- a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The Minutes were agreed by all councillors present to be a true record.
- b) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

All action points had been carried out with the exception of the following:-

*8.5.17 Action 3: it was agreed that there should be an agenda item for next month to discuss /support a small amount of spend.* The clerk had omitted to add this to the June agenda. It will be carried over therefore to the July agenda.

*12.6.17 Action 8: Cllrs Buckseall and Batchelor will check the online “Flood Tool Kit.com.* Noted that this is outstanding and needs to be checked so the Parish Council knows what needs to be done.

*12.6.17 Action 9: Cllrs Berry and Rowley will turn the online Flood Tool Kit into a soft copy and put it on the website.* – to be carried over to the July meeting.

*8.5.17 Action 11: Cllr Batchelor will access the relevant funding application to apply for funding for the Eleanor Cross lights.* Cllr Batchelor informed the meeting that this had been completed and submitted, but the form was tailored to groups and societies so it was uncertain as to how successful the application would be. This would be known in approximately six weeks.

## **UNFILLED COUNCILLOR LEAD ROLES.**

Cllr Rushton had sent his apologies for his absence. Cllr Batchelor said he would speak to Cllr Rushton before the next meeting as there were some issues that needed to be progressed.

**ACTION 3: Cllr Batchelor to catch up with Cllr Rushton before the July meeting.**

## **PLANNING**

### **a) KBC Decision notices**

*KET/2017/0257 Mr & Mrs Tebbutt, 46 Skeffington Close – ground and 1<sup>st</sup> floor side extensions.*  
Approved.

*KET/2017/0245 Mr J Prentice, Weldon House, Corby Rd, Lt Oakley – single storey rear extension.*  
Approved

Update - for information purposes only.

*KET/2017/0839 Mrs N Layer, 15 Newton Rd, Geddington – Dormer extension to rear and insertion of window to side elevation.* Application – Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operations.

### **b) Planning Applications**

Cllr Rowley abstained from taking part in this section of the meeting

***KET/2017/0319 Mr & Mrs G Dickens, 35 Stamford Road, Geddington. - Dwelling and double garage***

Cllr Rowley clarified where the boundary to the north of the village lies upon being asked, but did not take part in any further discussion or decision relating to the application. Comments made were as follows:-

1. The application is outside of the village boundary.
2. It is in open countryside but is part of the village.
3. Still a large dwelling but footprint has reduced from the first application.
4. Houses are still being developed beyond the boundary.
5. The application would be classed as infill as it is between two properties.

The applicant was present at the meeting. He was invited to comment, and said at this point that there had been four objections to the original application, and three of those have been addressed now.

It was then proposed by Cllr Batchelor that the Parish Council support the application, albeit it is outside the village boundary but seen as infill between two properties. Seconded by Cllr Gordon. All in favour except for two abstentions.

***KET/2017/0372 Mr J.J. Green & Miss Bottomley, 42 West Street, Geddington. Attic conversion with increase of height to rear two storey extension, insertion of roof lights and render to rear.***

Comments made were as follows:-

1. The windows in the roof are not in keeping with the surrounding properties – there are no more like that in West Street.

Proposed by Cllr Batchelor – that the Parish Council objects to the application - the sole reason being that the windows to the front elevation are not in keeping with the surrounding properties – it is a conservation area and affects the street scene.

Seconded by Cllr Bailey, four were in favour of the proposed decision; one councillor did not object, and one councillor abstained as not taking part in any of the planning application decisions.

It was noted at this point that the adoption of the BT telephone kiosks in Newton and Little Oakley have been confirmed, and Cllr Watson enquired as to what the Parish Council was going to do with them. He said that the Newton kiosk already had ivy growing on the inside of the kiosk. Were they going to be repainted or used for a community purpose? Cllr Wenbourne said that as a parish council we should be interested in the conservation of the kiosk. Cllr Watson suggested a newsletter competition to generate ideas on what they could be used for. Cllr Bailey added that they will only need painting infrequently. Cllr Rowley added that one of Grafton Underwood's was used as an information point. It could also be used as a notice board, or as a library. Cllr Watson said that the community should be asked.

**ACTION 4: Cllr Batchelor agreed to contact Lynette for an “any ideas” article to be included in the August newsletter.**

#### **034/18: PARISH PLAN – update.**

Cllr Batchelor said that he is going to contact Cllr Padwick to find out next steps with moving the Parish Plan forward. Cllr Watson noted that the precept has been increased to address the issues that the parish residents wish to see addressed, and there will be severe criticism if the Parish Plan work does not keep moving forward.

Cllr Wenbourne asked if maintenance of the phone boxes needs to be considered for the next precept. Cllr Batchelor informed her that the cost for this is negligible.

#### **Consideration to be considered for hosting the Rural Forum in Geddington (29.6.17)**

Cllr Watson reminded the councillors that the Rural Forum meets every three months. Out of the 26 villages in the Borough, this Parish is by some way the largest, excluding Mawsley and Broughton. It was agreed that it is appropriate for the Parish to host the next Rural Forum meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**ACTION 4: the clerk to confirm the location and inform David Pope at KBC.**

#### **035/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

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- e) CPRE Campaigns “Will your election candidates stand up for the countryside” 26.5.17
- f) Commissioner Northants PCC – new alternative meeting dates 26.5.17.
- g) Northants Calc eUpdate May/June 2017
- h) Newsletters.

Weekly Email News Digest – 15.5.17, 22.5.17, 30.5.17, 3.4.17

Rural Services network – Spotlight on Young People in Rural Areas, May 2017

“ “ Rural opportunities – funding, 31.5.17

Rural Vulnerability Service - Rural Transport, May 2017.

“ Rural broadband, May 2017

“ Fuel poverty, May 2017

Cllr Batchelor will go to the rearranged date for the Police & Crime Commissioner (d). Cllr Berry may be able to attend it as well.

No other comments were made relating to any of the above correspondence.

### 036/18: FINANCE

Community account statement	as at 17.05.17	£24,947.06
Business Saver account	as at 31.3.17	£10,722.74

#### a) Accounts received

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Precept 2017-18 received 20.4.17	£20,000.00
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#### b) Accounts for payment

Haines Watts (SEM) Ltd	£432.00	Financial statements for year-end 31.3.17
BT Payphones	£2.00	Adoption of 2 x kiosks – Newton and Little Oakley.
Geddington Village Hall	£20.00	Hire of hall for Parish Plan 17.5.17

#### c) 2015 -16 accounts – Parish Council sign off required.

The annual governance statement 2016/17 was approved by the Parish Councillors, the form being signed off by Cllr Batchelor as Chair.

Section 2 – Accounting statements 2016/17 was approved by the councillors, pending answers being received to two queries by Haines Watts, the internal auditors. Cllr Watson queried why the debtors figure was the same as last year, and also why they had put the wages figure in with “general admin” whereas previously it had been shown separately.

The clerk agreed to contact Haines Watts to ask the two questions.

The Parish Council then gave authority for the annual accounts to be signed off once Haines Watts have answered the two questions. Proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Rowley, agreed by all councillors present.

T.James Electrical Ltd	£3281.76	Quotation for ground work and electrical work to the Eleanor Cross lights
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A quotation has been received by T James Electrical for the repairs that are needed to the electric lights by the Queen Eleanor Cross.

Cllr Batchelor stated that the unlit cross is a health and safety risk to cars and lorries. Two other quotes need to be obtained, but it will be quite difficult as the Queen Eleanor Cross in Geddington is the only one sited in the middle of a road.

It was agreed that Blandford Electrical should be contacted for a quotation, as well as NCC Highways.

**ACTION 5: the clerk to action the above.**

**d) Capital Projects - arrange meeting of Finance Committee.**

Cllr Batchelor confirmed that the Finance Committee needs to meet to discuss capital projects. It was stated again how dangerous the Newton junction was. Cllr Watson asked that if the Parish Council put some money towards it, would that be sufficient for NCC to also contribute.

It was agreed that Members should meet, the items for discussion to be the car park, Newton Road and lights by the Eleanor Cross. Cllr Rowley suggested that £10000.00 is moved to the Community Saver account so that it is ring fenced.

**037/18. ENVIRONMENT AND RECERATION**

**a) Objection Report - waiting restriction review 2016/17 - Wood Street, Geddington – Parish Council comments required.**

Cllr Watson commented that this was a dangerous corner: there should not be any parking within 15 metres of a junction but the Police do not enforce it.

Councillors considered the comments that had been made by members of the public, concerning the proposed double yellow lines in Wood Street near the school. One Parish Council comment was put forward, relating to times for the parking restrictions. All councillors agreed with the comment made. They endorsed that the afternoon times should be amended to “3.00pm to 3.30pm”.

They did not have any further comments to make concerning other points raised.

The comment will be fed back to Vicki Neville@kierwsp.co.uk;

**ACTION 6: The clerk to check that the Newton Road junction proposed work is going ahead.**

**b) Landowner deposit notices**

Cllr Rowley explained the background to the landowner deposit notices, including the legislation of October 2013, the Parish Council’s asset register of land, the register of open communal spaces and bridal land. He explained that landowners had to declare rights of way. The impact to the Parish Council is minimal: Boughton Estates did not declare the recreation ground as it is already recorded as a historical space.

The landowner has to make the assertion, but they are protecting the public over use of their land.

**ACTION 6: Cllr Batchelor said he would ask Rachel G-B to send a small article for inclusion in the next newsletter explaining what the Landowner deposit notices are.**

**c) Anglian Water Private Pumping Stations -Information for relevant land owner**

d) Cllr Batchelor said that a letter needed to be sent to Anglian Water and to the Environment Agency. The Anglian Water letter concerns their question "private pumping stations in your area” request. The Environment Agency can be informed that there is a pumping station in Peter Clipston’s property, as Anglian Water appear to not know about it. Peter Clipston will need to register it.

**ACTION 7: Cllr Batchelor will write a letter to Anglian Water, copy to the Environment Agency. He will also introduce himself to Peter Clipston to help him register it properly with Anglian Water.**

**e) The White Lion – further discussions needed?**

Cllr Rowley has spoken to the Head of Planning. The White Lion has been inspected, and it still has all the amenities in place that a public house would require. The bed and breakfast facility is continuing to use the dwellings that are not attached to the main building. Residents need to be aware that the work has been ongoing for over twelve months: KBC have no objection to the current work that is being carried out, but they are keeping their eye on it. The Parish Council does have some concerns, centreing on health and safety issues with young children with the stables nearby.

**ACTION 8:- Cllr Batchelor said that he would write two letters to two councils – one to CBC concerning health and safety issues, the other to KBC expressing concerns that are being raised still over its use.**

Cllr Bailey asked what was the permission given for the bed and breakfast rooms – as an ancillary to the pub? What permission do the owners have? We could then see if they are in breach of it. Cllr Gordon said that it would be useful if the Parish Council could also view a copy of it.

**NEWTON & LITTLE OAKLEY**

No issues were raised.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA/ AOB**

None.

*There being no further business. The meeting closed at 21.44hrs*