

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th JULY 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), M Rowley, C Buckseall, P Berry, D Watson, T Bailey and J Padwick.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors P Goode, S Wenbourne and D Rushton

25/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

26/19 PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was present.

a) Police Report / Crime figures

Police crime figures for May 2018 were as follows:-.

Geddington.

- 1 crime on or near Newton Rd – vehicle crime

Investigation complete, no suspect identified.

- 1 crime on or near Hall's Close – ASB

No other details provided

- 1 x crime on or near Milby Lane (Near junction of Grange Rd/ New Rd on the Police U.K. map) - violence and sexual offences.

Unable to prosecute suspect

Newton

- No incidents

Little Oakley (near)

- 1 x crime on or near park/open space - theft.

Investigation complete, no suspect identified

Cllr Batchelor added that two new Neighbourhood Watch Village Co-ordinators had been appointed. One person is a current street co-ordinator and is keen to concentrate on the statistics side of reporting; the other person is interested as to awareness for residents.

b) Questions from the public

No questions were put to the councillors.

c) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

County Councillor.

Cllr Perry had raised the bus issue within an email but this will be covered and updated by Cllr Rowley within the agenda item.

Borough Councillor

As above.

27/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 11th June 2018.

The Minutes were approved subject to “Action” number amendments and one change of wording from one named councillor to “a” councillor. A section had inadvertently been highlighted in yellow; this will also be corrected. Approval proposed by Cllr Berry, seconded by Cllr Watson, agreed by all councillors present to be a true record.

b) Matters arising; outstanding actions.

It was agreed that outstanding or on-going actions will now be on a spreadsheet that can be circulated in advance of the next meeting or as and when appropriate.

PLANNING

a)KBC Decision notices

b)KET/2018/0359 – Boughton Estates – Tough Mudder.

This application has been withdrawn.

c)Planning Applications

Cllr Rowley did not take part in this discussion and abstained from any voting decision made.

*KET/2018/0422: Mrs S Brown, 21 Grafton Road, Geddington
Detached garden room with pergola attached.*

It was proposed by Cllr Buckseall and seconded by Cllr Padwick that there was no objection to the application. All councillors were in favour except for one abstention.

*KET/2018/0472: Mr & Mrs Bartley, Sunblest Cottage, 1 Bakehouse Hill, Geddington.
First floor side extension. Full Application. Expiry date of consultation – 20.7.18*

Queried that if the extension is for one room only, why are there additional windows to the rear of the building on the plans?

From an aesthetic point of view, the application will neither improve nor be detrimental to the appearance of the property.

Councillors said they had reason to believe that there may be an issue, and on that basis they had concerns regarding the impact of the application.

Comments were summarized by stating that there are two issues – overlooking of a neighbour’s property and the light aspect impacting on neighbour’s property.

It was proposed by Cllr Batchelor and seconded by Cllr Padwick that an objection be submitted, on the grounds that there would be an overlooking issue and blocking of light to a neighbour’s property.

All councillors were in favour of the proposal except for one abstention.

*KET/2018/0356: Mr S Harberd, Mayfield, 4 Corby Road, Little Oakley.
3 no. replacement windows to rear dormers. Listed Building Consent Application*

It was proposed by Cllr Bailey that there be no objection to this planning application. Seconded by Cllr Padwick. All councillors voted in favour of the proposal except for one abstention.

*KET/2018/0428: Mr S Harberd, Mayfield, 4 Corby Road, Little Oakley.
Application for listed building consent: Installation of a satellite dish to front.*

It was commented that the proposed siting will spoil the street scene. There is a large garden to the rear of the property and the dish could be perfectly sited behind the premises. It has been stated that shrubbery will be planted which may disguise the pole for the satellite dish, but it was commented that it will not cover the large dish itself.

It was proposed by Cllr Bailey and seconded by Cllr Padwick that the Parish Council object to the application, on the grounds that this is a listed building and by being sited at the front of the property, it would spoil the street scene. The councillors wished to comment that the dish could be perfectly sited within the boundaries of the rear garden, behind the premises.

28/19 PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION.

Reference: 18/01707/LAPNEW Premises: Cafe Oak Address: 15 Queen Street, Geddington. There were concerns raised as to car parking issues, as this area in the centre of the village can get heavily congested at various times. This particularly relates to parking within the long proposed licensing hours.

However, on balance councillors decided to record a decision of No Comments.

On the request of a councillor, it has been minuted that the Borough Councillor believed that there would be little additional volume of traffic generated as a result of the licence application. The councillor believed this may have somewhat influenced other councillors as to the decision of “No comment” that will be submitted.

29/19 SITE SPECIFIC LOCAL PLAN PART 2 - the proposals and PC response (This Parish Council being a specific consultee).

Councillors were satisfied with the local plan, except for two points:-

1. Designated Green Space – this does not cover the area to the west and south of the church, possibly because it is a small area but it is the village green

ACTION 1: Comments to KBC “the two small strips of land to be included in the designated green space areas”.

2. Concerns were raised in that the sheep barns area at Newton has been taken out of the boundary for residential development.

ACTION 2: This comment to be fed back to KBC as Newton residents are in favour of the area being sympathetically developed for residential use.

30/19 TRANSFER OF TITLE FOR PART OF LAND ON THE SOUTH EAST SIDE OF QUEEN STREET, GEDDINGTON.

This is transfer of land from Boughton Estates to the Village hall – Boughton Estates have gifted the land. It was proposed by Cllr Batchelor that the Parish Council, as custodians of the trustee, accept the transfer of title. Seconded by Cllr Berry. All councillors were in favour.

31/19 CORRESPONDENCE. There was no additional correspondence or correspondence that needed to be discussed or commented upon.

32/19 FINANCE

Community account statement as at 15.6.18 £30,868.44

Business Saver account as at 15.6.18 £10,739.34

a) **Accounts received**

None

b) **Accounts for payment**

Gordon Binley	£11.66	Materials for renovation of WW2 memorial bench
Northants Calc	£541.48	Inv. 6837 - Yearly subscription to 31.3.19
Northants Calc	£495.00	Inv. 6989- CilCA Training course 2018

The invoice for removal of the the giant hogweed has not yet been received. Cllr Watson proposed that payment be authorised up to £500.00 if it is received before the next PC meeting, as well as authorisation for the above payments to be made. Seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed by all councillors present.

33/19 RURAL FORUM – 28.6.18 - feedback.

Cllr Watson reported that the focus of the meeting had revolved around consultation on the Local Government Reorganisation for Northamptonshire concerning unitary council(s). Consultation seemed to consist of asking if one or two unitary councils would be acceptable, but that if one was the most popular choice, that it wouldn't be acceptable. It was felt that it was an abuse of the democratic process. Another concern was - would all major contracts have to be broken if there are two unitary authorities?

Other comments:

Two years is not a reasonable period of time for changes to be undertaken, with the complexity of unpicking contracts.

The current consultation is an abuse of the democratic process.

The same managers (at NCC) that have experience of running large authorities may put their names forward to run the new unitary authorities.

Will the KBC consultation give an option to residents as to what they want to see?

What are the implications for parish councils?

Makes no sense having elections next year when they are due, and the year after – would make more sense to extend them for one year.

Many concerns about the speed of the whole process and its implications.

There is an expectation that Kettering town would be parished.

34/19 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

a) Discussion and agreement on Parish Council position

The consultation questionnaire was completed within the meeting to the consensus of opinion for each question. An open comment added to the form was that the Parish Council will not know what the impact will be to some of the questions asked.

b) Nomination of a PC representative to attend on Thursday, 12.7.18.

Cllr Batchelor will attend if no one else is available. He will emphasise the concerns as to the speed of change and the impact of the changes.

35/19 ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

a) Briefing on Boughton Felling Project in Geddington Chase

The Boughton Estates representative was not in attendance at the meeting.

b) Consideration of a response to Anglian Water following their emailed report

The pre-planned maintenance has been increased to 6-monthly, but the discharging by Anglian Water into the river is not the same as emergency discharging: it was an operational action.

A response needs to be compiled.

ACTION 3:- Cllr Berry will compile the letter, letting Anglian Water know that the Parish Council intends to be vigilant as to the pre-planned maintenance, with a report expected every six months as to what has happened. A meeting will also be requested once a year. Leaflets will be requested so these can go out to every household.

c) Giant Hogweed update

The company that was employed to get rid of the giant hogweed will be making a further visit to assess if there are any more of the plants (such as on the banks of the berm).

Cllr Batchelor will ask them to state any area which has the problem, as not all areas will be PC land.

36/19 MEETING WITH BOUGHTON ESTATES 18TH July 2018 REGARDING PROPERTY DISPOSAL- to finalise attendees and questions for the meeting.

Boughton estates have requested that the questions sent to them in advance of the meeting. Most of these had been compiled already, but were added to via input from councillors at the PC meeting. Councillors indicated whether they were available to attend the meeting.

ACTION 4: The Clerk to send the list of questions to Boughton estates.

37/19 UPDATE ON THE NO. 8 BUS SERVICE.

The no. 8 bus route is being re-tendered, as s.106 money from Little Stanion is involved. The no. 16 bus (Thrapston to Corby) is also affected by the withdrawal of NCC subsidies.

A revised service will not call round Wood Street. Castle Garden residents say they can get to the bus stop on the main road but then struggle to get back with their shopping. Cllr Rowley said he is currently trying to address this. The possibility of a supermarket sponsored bus was discussed. Cllr Rowley said that buses are being re-tendered on 22nd July; the aim being that a new service will start on 23rd July. It was noted that the bus services through Geddington are well supported in the morning, but the service stops (from Corby) at 6.00pm.

NEWTON

None

LITTLE OAKLEY

Cllr Bailey to obtain some dates to visit the couple who have asked what is happening regarding flooding issues.

ACTION 5: Cllr Bailey to action the above.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Several items have already been allocated for the August meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm.