

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th MARCH 2019.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), M Rowley C Buckseall, T Bailey, P Goode, D Watson, J Padwick, M Holland

APOLOGIES:

Councillors S Wenbourne, P Berry and D Rushton

97/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Batchelor (proximity to planning application) 2 Maltings Lane, Geddington).

Cllr Rowley (potentially concerning the Cricket Club).

98/19 PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was present.

a) Police Report / Crime figures - latest available as 5.2.2019.

The figures were given, but they were a duplicate of those given last month (Police crime figures for December 2018). The January figures are not yet available.

ACTION 1: January crime figures to be circulated if they become available before the next meeting.

b) Questions from the public

A member of the public informed councillors that the next "Let's Gedd Geddington Going" meeting was on 4th April 2019 at 18 Grange Road at 7.00pm.

Alison (AH) has spoken to the Women's Institute who may be interested in arranging a local trip.

She is waiting to hear back from James Loader at NCC concerning the potential to add back in one or two school buses. Noted that for 2019 record numbers of pupils are going from Geddington to Kettering Buccleugh Academy, with KSA the second choice to which school transport still applies.

Questions raised:-

- Qu: Can the Parish Council do anything?
- Ans: The service is a commercial enterprise therefore funding only is the only consideration. However, a community bus could be considered. James Loader from NCC has stated that it costs 150,000 to run the number 8 service. Cllr Goode said that it is wider than Geddington, with Redhill Grange, Stanion and Little Stanion also being affected.

- KBC are going to put a bid in for “Future High Street funding” which may help to draw additional funding in from elsewhere, to help enable rural transport funding to access the town centre. Claire Cowland is asking for letters of support – the request has not however been sent to the Parish Council. Cllr Rowley added that the funding stage at present is for an expression of interest for funding, for £25 million approximately, with the first tranche of money being released in 2022.

ACTION 2: The clerk to write to the other parish councils- it is thought that these would be Brigstock, Stanion, Little Stanion, Orlingbury, Redhill Grange, Corby Council, Wellingborough Council, Weekley and Warkton. Any decision made would have to be put back if consultation with other bodies did take place, so an extension would be needed for any decision made.

AH added that she did not pursue an audience with Centre bus, as James Loader is more relevant. She is currently waiting to hear back from him. JL has said that it takes 150 trips for the bus service to be viable. AH has asked him if this is 50 trips between Geddington and Corby only.

ACTION 3: The clerk to write to JL to facilitate a meeting with Centre bus on a fact finding mission. Two delegates would be required.

Cllr Bailey asked if it would be beneficial to obtain figures from the school – how many would be attending from September

ACTION 4: Cllr Rowley will enquire as to this point.

Cllr Padwick asked how awareness with residents can be raised with the bus service possibly ceasing in July.

AH asked if everybody could take the bus once a week - community responsibility.

ACTION 5: Cllr Batchelor added that he will post information on Facebook in the next few days to raise awareness.

AH will send the letter template (plus the re-worded template) which will just need to be signed and sent to KBC.

a) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

No formal reports from NCC received.

Cllr Rowley reported that KBC are still waiting for unitary notification – the timescale is still do-able. When the unitary authority is set up, they will then explore the way forward for parish councils.

The parts of the Borough that are not precepted are currently being looked at (town centre and Kettering East).

The KBC budget for 2019 – 2020 was set last week: there are no changes to front line services.

99/19. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting Minutes – held 11th March 2019

Approval of the minutes proposed by Cllr Goode, seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed by all those present.

b) Matters arising; resulting actions.

ACTION 1- 11.3.19: The Clerk to write to Anglian Water “planned preventative maintenance” to find out when the next clearing of drains will take place. A copy to be sent to Street Doctor. Doug Hodgkinson has volunteered to put a note onto any parked cars to advise as to when the drains will be cleared so that the vehicles can park elsewhere.

Update: No date(s) sent. Chase has gone to both Anglian Water and Street Doctor. (Now “investigating”).

ACTION 2- 11.3.19: relating to rural transport, linked to town centre funding) The Clerk to enquire what would be required of the Parish Council – what would the support need to be? From Claire Cowland (KBC) Many thanks for your email. KBC do intend to submit an Expression of Interest to the Future High Street Fund in respect of Kettering Town Centre which is the first phase in a 2 phase bidding process. The Expression of Interest is a light touch application where the funders, MHCLG, will assess our need for funding, the nature of the challenge and the vision for the future of the town centre. It does not, at this stage, look at any specific projects. However, if we do progress to Phase 2 the current objectives published by MHCLG do not suggest that it would fund rural transport. Please see the link to the Future High Street Fund prospectus below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-high-streets-fund-call-for-proposals>

Action 3- 11.3.19: Relates to Cllr Watson has collated the number of near misses with Newton residents and people using Newton on a regular basis.

Outstanding - Cllr Rowley to add the information to the Newton Road information.

ACTION 5- 11.3.19: The clerk to send a letter to Boughton Estates regarding the Nancy Moore steps. The clerk to action the above.

Racheal G-B believes this is KBC responsibility.

Update: Email sent to R G-B asking for clarification

Noted that this is a high step, and can be wet and slippery. However, it is stable and does not wobble.

ACTION 6 – 11.3.19: The Clerk to circulate the date of the April Rural Forum, as Cllr Watson is unable to attend.

Cllr Wenbourne confirmed that she will attend the meeting in Cllr Watson’s absence.

ACTION 8 – 11.3.19 Concerning Newton entrance, plus (additionally) mirror for visibility. The Clerk to clarify with NCC the letter or report that was sent by them some years ago and its contents.

It was confirmed by Cllr Rowley that there was no written report received by the Parish council concerning a mirror for visibility . The information was given verbally that a mirror for visibility has to be on land which in this case is Boughton Estate land. Placement of the mirror on the highway to achieve visibility would not be tolerated by Highways plus the danger of the angle and being blinded by the sun whilst driving.

NCC wrote a report concerning the Newton junction 5 - 6 years ago, this has not been found: a copy is needed.

The Clerk stated that Boughton Estates has recently sent an email reply concerning potential work to the Newton junction stating that it was a Highways issue.

Follow on actions:-

ACTION 6: Cllr Goode will check drains in the village when it next rains to check which ones need unblocking.

ACTION 7: Cllr Rowley will check whether stile maintenance where a public footpath is involved is KBC's responsibility.

ACTION 8: The Clerk to write to Boughton Estates again for clarification as to responsibility for stiles where public footpaths are involved.

ACTION 9: The Clerk to contact NCC to enquire as to the report from 5 – 6 years ago plus a statement as to placement mirror.

PLANNING

Cllr Rowley did not take part in this item of the agenda.

a) KBC Decision notices

KET/2019/0978

Mrs M Cooper, 1A Chase Hill, Geddington - Single storey and first floor side extensions.

Approved.

b) Planning Applications -

KET/2019/0067, Mr M Robson, 2 Malting Lane, Geddington

Conversion of house into 2 no. dwellings with two storey side and single storey rear extensions. Erection of summer house

A meeting had been arranged to discuss this application but it was not able to be quorate. No extension was applied for.

Comments were as follows:

- It appears to be a sympathetic restoration.
- The application considers one extension.
- The reversal of the front doors will change its appearance.

KET/2019/0099- Mr S R Thornton, 37 Newton Road, Geddington.

Demolition of garages, erection of dwelling and creation of hard paved driveway

Comments were as follows:-

- The garages to the left of the property would be demolished and a two bedroom property would be constructed.
- The available room for the new construction will be tight but it will fit.
- The access will be widened.
- The existing garages do not enhance the property.

Proposed by Cllr Goode that that is no objection to the application. Seconded by Cllr Padwick, all cllrs present agreed apart from one abstention.

100/19. CORRESPONDENCE - received and circulated - to note or comment upon.

ACTION 10: In response to a letter from the Youth Club, asking if the lease with a properly marked up boundary had been located, the Clerk to inform them that the council is still seeking a properly marked up copy of the lease. However, access is needed from and to the Youth Club and GVFB sites and other vehicles are not allowed to enter the car park out without the Parish Council's permission.

It was reported that when caravans/ motorhomes were in the car park recently that access for the GVFB was blocked.

101/19. FINANCE

Community account statement	as at 15.02.19	£25,305.93
Business Saver account	as at 15.02.19	£10,750.05

a) **Accounts received**

None

b) **Accounts for payment**

Parish Clerk	£1,024.94	1/4ly salary Jan - Mar 2019
Parish Clerk (PAYE already paid via AC's own debit card)	£256.20	PAYE – Jan – Mar 19
Parish Clerk	£60.00	Agreed 1/4ly depreciation for equipment
Expenses	£6.96	12 x 2 nd class stamps
Ncalc	£10.00	Provision of DPO (Data Protection

		Officer) until 31.3.20 .
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Approval of payments – proposed by Cllr Padwick, seconded by Cllr Buckseall, approved by all those present.

c) To consider and decide whether the potential Newton Junction Project should proceed to quotation stage.

A summary of the MUGA and outdoor gym projects took place first of all to summarise where it was at.

Cllr Padwick said that the MUGA and outdoor gym projects need more work carrying out, they are not at a stage where tenders could be sought. There needs to be more information as to the consultation that was carried out to gauge public support for the two separate strands of this project. Young people in the community need in particular to be evidenced that they have been consulted thoroughly. The report stated that there was a high level of support but numbers are needed. Additionally, there needs to be some input concerning funding from other sources as well as having a good idea as to which groups will use the facilities.

It was noted that there is no firm commitment to facilitate or discard the proposals.

ACTION 11: Cllr Padwick will speak with John Goodall and the clerk will write to him.

Newton approach road (junction)

Cllr Rowley has taken pictures of the eye line as it was missing from the report that has now been completed. There has never been a report relating to mirrors but they are not allowed on the highway; they have to be on private land and Boughton Estates will not allow it.

The soil removal is a large part of the cost of this project.

Boughton Estates as the leaseholder gave permission for the possible project at the start of the activity but this permission will need to be updated if the project goes ahead.

The specification in the contract will need to say in the tender that the option is there not to proceed with the work. It will be for work to the east and west side of the junction and it is estimated that the work will cost in the region of £30,000 to £40,000.

Questions asked:-

Qu: Would carrying out work to just one side of the junction be as beneficial?

Ans: There would be no real benefit to only carrying out work to one side of the junction.

Qu: Is the Parish Council in a good position to commission this?

Ans: Yes.

The discussion ended with confirmation of agreement that this project is the most relevant and the most urgent, with it being a health and safety issue with the potential to avoid

a life and death situation. Cllr Padwick proposed that this project should progress to the next stage of going out to tender. Seconded by Cllr Rowley. All those present were in favour.

102/19 : ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

a) Broadband installation and comms plan revised roll-out date and possible village

The only date Gigaclear can attend a question and answer session is on Monday 1th March. It was decided therefore to progress this date for 6.00 – 8.00pm.

There were some concerns that the Gigaclear timetable has been put back by a few weeks.

Cllr Watson said that there has been no indication to Newton residents of costs if there are not enough sign ups.

ACTION 12: The clerk to book the room and confirm the date and time with Gigaclear.

b)To discuss Little Oakley flooding in relation to potential Pathfinder III support.

Cllr Rowley clarified that the Parish Council was part of Pathfinder 2.

Comments made were that the Council needs to engage with any new initiatives or additional information as a result of the Pathfinder projects. There was some concern about community led resilience work.

ACTION 13: The clerk to convey this to NCC (Flood and water).

c)To approve proposed answers to the Kettering Borough Council Consultation-Open Space Study questionnaire

Cllr Goode will make minor alterations to the answers given as a result of councillors' input.

ACTION 14: The clerk to submit the document to KBC.

NEWTON

Discussions are still ongoing with Buccleugh Academy concerning the Field Centre.

There is a litter pick taking place this coming Saturday.

ACTION 15: Cllr Padwick reported that there is a broken sign in Newton road: he will report it to Street Doctor.

LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues raised.

AOB

Any leases or other documentation that any councillors have – to send them to the clerk.

Items for next month's agenda

- Future uses of the recreation ground.
- GVFB and Youth Club leases – Cllr Bailey will review the leases to obtain a better understanding of what they contain, and report back.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.51pm