

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th APRIL 2019.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors N Batchelor (Chair), M Rowley C Buckseall, P Goode, D Watson, J Padwick, D Rushton, M Holland, S Wenbourne, P Berry.

APOLOGIES:

None.

01/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rowley (concerning the Cricket Club).

02/20 PUBLIC SESSION

Three members of the public were present.

a) Police Report / Crime figures - latest available as 5.4.2019.

The January figures were the latest available and were as follows:-

Crime figures - latest figures available. Reported in Jan 2019 , for Apr 19 PC meeting			
	location	Category	Current status
Geddington	Crime on or near Newton Road	Other theft (1) -	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
	Crime on or near Chapel Lane	Violence and sexual offences ¹	Unable to prosecute suspect
	Crime on or near Sports/recreation Area	Robbery (1)	Unable to prosecute suspect
Newton	Crime on or near Park/open Space	Anti-social behaviour (1)	
		Other theft (1)	Unable to prosecute suspect
Little Oakley			
	<i>Other theft (1) -</i>	<i>Includes theft by an employee, blackmail and making off without payment</i>	
	<i>Anti-social behaviour-</i>	<i>Details, case timelines and current statuses are not provided for ASB.</i>	
	<i>Anti-social behaviour (1)</i>	<i>Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour</i>	
	<i>Violence and sexual offences (1)</i>	<i>Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences</i>	
	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Includes offences where a person enters a house or other building with the intention of stealing</i>	
	<i>Vehicle crime (1)</i>	<i>Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle</i>	
	<i>Robbery (1)</i>	<i>Includes offences where a person uses force or threat of force to steal</i>	

Cllr Rowley added that the crime figures for his ward have reduced by 25%.

b) Questions from the public

The members of the public were the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee, the Secretary of the Bowls Club and another member of the Village Hall Management Committee. As a group they wished to raise concerns regarding the Cricket Club second pitch proposal:-

- Concerns were raised regarding infrastructure of the ground.
- Parking is needed as close as possible to the Bowls Club for the Bowls Club meetings (40 – 45 people attend on average a Bowls Club fixture).
- Parking on a Saturday is influenced by club events clashing.
- Access for emergency vehicles must always be considered.
- The Tennis Club fixtures are rarely at the weekend.

The new master schedule will show the fixtures; this will enable the dates to be populated with numbers.

c) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

County - No report received from Cllr Perry.

Borough – KBC has just built an office block in Yorkshire for £5 million. This will generate £1.8 million into the General Fund account each year. It will help to offset the reduction in government grants and council tax levels. The build was subject to strict criteria with the funding obtained via a loan.

03/20: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

Approval of the minutes was delayed until next month as they had not been received until the day before the meeting in error.

b) Matters arising; outstanding actions.

Actions 2 and 3, 11.3.19. Funding for / interest shown for a community bus. The clerk to write to other relevant parish councils/ meeting facilitation with Centre Bus.

These actions were superseded. An update will be given this evening by Cllrs Batchelor and Padwick.

Action 4, 11.3.19: Cllr Bailey asked if it would be beneficial to obtain figures from the school – how many would be attending from September.

Answer: One (for usage of the number 8 bus).

Action 6, 11.3.19: Cllr Goode will check drains in the village when it next rains to report on which ones need unblocking.

This was carried out. Cllr Rowley said that the relevant drains in Geddington would be added to a gully emptying cycle.

ACTION 8, 11.3.19: The Clerk to write to Boughton Estates again for clarification as to responsibility for stiles where public footpaths are involved.

Noted that the stile is robust and stable so there can be no compulsion to change a functioning stile to a gate on grounds of wear and tear. However, residents may wish to fund any stile change themselves. Noted that something could be put in the next newsletter about the stile, to judge level of support for any change. A cost guideline would be useful.

ACTION 10, 11.3.19 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 without the Parish Council's permission.

Actions around this issue to be carried forward to next month. Cllr Rowley added that the essence of the lease is that for any additional usage of the car park that they have to obtain the Parish Council's permission.

ACTION 1: (relating to stile – potential change to gate) - the clerk to obtain one quotation and also check that the company has public liability insurance.

PLANNING

a) KBC Decision notices

KET/2018/0944 - Mr A Foulke, St Peters Church, Corby Road, Little Oakley.

Conversion to dwelling

KET/2018/0945 - Conversion to dwelling to include erection of stud walls, changes to window openings, repairs to external doors, replacement study floor, installation of staircases to tower and nave with erection of raised platform and internal balcony to west of nave, remove concrete plinths and ramp, reopen staircases, install wall and ceiling ventilation and repair quarry tile floor

Application and Listed building consent approved by KBC.

ACTION 2: Cllr Bucks all to forward a copy of KBC notification to Cllr Bailey.

*KET/2019/0060 - Mr & Mrs P & M Cooper, 8 Chase View Road (land to rear), Geddington.
1 no. dwelling with access off Slade Close (amended scheme)*

Refused.

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.

Approved.

KET/2018/0867 - Mr & Mrs G Dickens, 35 Stamford Road, Geddington.

The decision has been appealed, the inspectors have visited, and a decision will be made in approximately six months.

04/20: CORRESPONDENCE - received and circulated - to note or comment upon.

Noted that a Community Governance review had been received from Corby Borough Council concerning a future Town Council status. Geddington has been consulted as a neighbouring council.

ACTION 3: CBC to be thanked for the information but no comments to be made.

05/20. FINANCE

Community account statement	as at 17.3.19	£23,954.79.
Business Saver account	as at 17.3.19	£10,750.05

a) **Accounts received**

None

b) **Accounts for payment**

Boughton Estates Ltd	£570.00	Playing field rent 30.9.18 – 29.3.19
Boughton Estates Ltd	£0.05	Slade footpath rent 25.3.19 – 24.3.20
Geddington Village Hall	£157.50	1 st ½ yr rent –lounge for PC meetings

Payments were approved for payment by Cllr Rowley, seconded by Cllr Padwick, agreed by all councillors present.

c) To consider and discuss any quotations received for the Newton Entrance project.

The tender has not been completed yet.

06/20: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

a) **Feedback from broadband installation and comms plan village consultation meeting.**

The meeting took place: It was not heavily subscribed. Cllr Watson added that the discussion relating to Newton installation has come to nothing.

b) **Cricket Club proposition for further cricket pitch**

(Cllr Rowley left the room at this point in the meeting)

Three members of the Cricket Club attended at the requested time of 8.30pm, to give a presentation and explain the proposal for a second cricket pitch on the recreation field. The members present were the third Team Captain, the Cricket Club Secretary and a qualified cricket umpire.

They gave a presentation, explaining what active teams they have and that the Cricket Club expanded post 2016. Main points explained were as follows:-

- A certain amount of revenue is recovered by football teams playing on the football pitch in the winter. Under the terms of the licence there can be no sub-letting but a £40 charge is made for use of the changing rooms. This enables the facilities to be maintained/ improved.
- If a second pitch is approved it will be used for the 4th team, which possibly means 10 matches (all matches have to be played on a Saturday), and for the 3rd team at a later stage, which would equate to another 10 home games. Every Saturday there would therefore be two games of cricket.
- The outfield of the current pitch is laid with a hardy grass to withstand football being played every week.
- The scrub area would be cleared.
- It is not unusual to have a football field that runs across an outfield.
- The current football pitch is bigger than it needs to be.
- Car parking – the White Lion car park and the Youth Club are possibilities.
- Normal activities such as dog walkers and picnickers would still be possible,
- The playing area has to be inspected.
- Construction of a cricket pitch takes three seasons to mature, but a lower level of cricket in a shorter timespan would be acceptable.
- Any development in the village may mean that a new car park becomes available.
- The cricket pitch would be maintained in the winter.

Cllr comments:

- We need to consult with villagers
- Time is needed to study the proposal, and there must be adequate time for consultation.
- The possibility of a MUGA in the future must not be compromised.
- It needs to be seen how this would fit into a year round facility for children, with the proper football pitch and goalposts in the winter.
- There would be no football pitch for the children to play on in the summer.
- It needs the approval of the Village Hall Committee.
- An analysis of the membership would be useful (village/ outside village resident usage).
- It is turning into a semi-commercial activity (with the bar etc).
- Boughton Estates may consider putting roadworks in (for an alternative car park) if planning permission is given for housing.
- It is the Parish Council's responsibility to decide if the Youth Club car park can be utilised.
- Feedback will be given to the Cricket Club when the Stone Pit issue is resolved.
- Parking is such a crucial issue.

The presentation and discussion end with the Cricket Club agreeing to refine the plans - the plan needs to be seen to scale.

c) Update on Number 8 bus, and any actions emanating.

Consultation between the working group and James Loaded has resulted in a possible timetable that keeps the number 8 bus service for potentially a further 12 months. A 7.55am bus will run from Geddington to KBA, KSA, Southfields and Bishop Stopford Schools, the bus route reversed in the afternoon (starting from Bishop Stopford).. The consultation will finish this week and the results will be announced – the new timetable and funding is dependent on the results of the consultation. The new timetable will be funded by NCC.

Bus usage has gone up by 20%, but another 300 journeys a week still need to take place. Cllr Rowley said he may be able to get funding for new notice boards in the bus shelters.

ACTION 4: The clerk to obtain a quotation for to notice boards, lockable, to hold four sheets of A4 (portrait), and to be fixed to a brick wall.

d) To consider and feedback on the proposed Geddington pamphlet, submitted by a resident.

The resident has carried out consultation now, the PCC has viewed it and the wording is incorrect in some places.

ACTION 5: Cllr Batchelor will thank him for the work carried out, give him feedback for the obvious mistakes, and check that he has permission to use the photographs.

e) Stonepit land leases/plans – feedback to black and white copies.

No update.

NEWTON

No issues reported, only ongoing concerns about the danger of the Newton entrance.

LITTLE OAKLEY

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA.

None raised

There being no other issues, the meeting closed at 9.54pm.