

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd APRIL 2021 AT 7.30pm

This was held as a virtual meeting – made necessary as a result of the coronavirus.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

No apologies.

220/21: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rowley 225/21c) Member of GVFB, and 225/21j) Chair of the Scouts.

Cllr Batchelor 225/21c) Member of GVFB.

Although the official period of mourning for the Duke of Edinburgh's passing had finished, it was felt to be appropriate to observe a minute's silence.

Cllr Batchelor wished it to be noted that several items on the original 12th April agenda had had to be taken off tonight's agenda as it was now so long. He added that they are important but the items that had been included would not wait until the May agenda as deadlines have to be met.

Cllr Padwick was welcomed back after an enforced period of absence.

The notice had been received from North Northants Council confirming uncontested seats for Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley Wards. Cllr Watson had not put his name forward for nomination and David Lomasney had been duly elected for Newton. On behalf of the Parish Council and the councillors Cllr Batchelor thanked Cllr Watson for nearly 25 years of public service as a councillor.

221/21: PUBLIC SESSION.

Three members of the public were virtually present at the meeting.

a) Questions sent in by the public.

One member of the public wished to just observe the meeting at the present time.

The second member of the public also wished to thank Cllr Watson for his service over the last 25 years and added that he would be sorely missed.

He added that Richard Broughton and himself had emailed a request for a site meeting with Cllrs Batchelor and Rowley concerning flooding and the bund, but they had not heard anything, although it had been sent approximately three weeks ago. They had requested the meeting so that the issue did not impact on the Parish Council's time within meetings.

Cllr Rowley said he had replied to the clerk and thought the email had been forwarded on, stating that within the time of purdah it would be inappropriate to have a meeting close to the election. He suggested having the meeting between the 10th and 17th May. The meeting will be arranged via the clerk. The clerk added that she had not seen the relevant email from Cllr Rowley but apologised if it had been sent but missed by her.

ACTION 1: the clerk will check emails again plus the spam folder.

The third member of the public wished to explain planning application NK/2021/0206. She said it was for use as an office within the garden, and no visitors or cars would be generated

as a result of the construction. It would be a wooden construction (70 mm thick logs) with solar panels.

The applicant was thanked for her attendance and informed that the information will feed into the discussion at the Planning agenda item.

b) Reports from County and Borough Councillors

County Council

No report was available.

Borough Council.

No report was given - Cllr Rowley added that little is happening at the moment because of Purdah.

222/21: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of Parish Council monthly meeting draft minutes – held 8th March 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr Batchelor and seconded by Cllr Rowley that the 8th March minutes be accepted. Approved by all councillors present, with one abstention (not present at the last meeting).

b) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

8.3.21 action 1: Notice: proposed yellow lines Queen Street and Bridge Street (NCC/Kier). Cllr Batchelor proposed that Cllr Goode responds to Sarah Brown at the Highways Agency confirming that the PC would like Highways to withdraw the application.

This was not a stated action point but the above was carried out, with Sarah Brown replying to Cllr Goode.

8.3.21 action 1: The clerk to report the non-cleaning of the vertical ironwork grids (drains) in Wood Street and request the cleaning of said drains for the whole of Wood Street.

The clerk relayed the last update for this request that had been added to Street Doctor.

ACTION 2: The Clerk will check to see if there is any further update and inform councillors if there is.

8.3.21 action 2: (Lack of transparency concerning comments made for planning applications). The clerk to ask KBC why they are not transparent.

It was stated that some applications do show consultee input, and any applications that go to Committee have consultee input published. Additionally, NK applications will have the comments shown in the future..

8.3.21 action 3: The clerk to action the above. (Barclays – wording of mandate). Barclays “Relationship Manager” has not sent the promised letter concerning the mandate and online banking issues, so the clerk confirmed that payments would revert to using cheques.

8.3.21 action 5: The clerk to reply to the Little Oakley resident, to inform him that Cllr Bailey regrets it if he did cause offence and that she believes that Cllr Bailey will be in touch with the resident informally in the next few days.

The clerk responded and Cllr Bailey did contact the resident shortly afterwards.

8.3.21 action 7: The organiser to be chased for answers to the queries sent to her.

(Concerning answers from the first responder to the queries sent.) This item will be covered on the agenda item “Correspondence, 7a”).

8.3.21 action 8: The clerk to chase for the measuring or measurement results with the KBC environment engineer. (Concerning the Bund).

This item will be covered on the agenda item “Correspondence, 7i”).

8.3.21 action 9: Cllr Batchelor will write up his notes of the meeting and send to Cllr Goode for comments and checking, before making it public. (Meeting with Boughton Estates on 25.2.21). There was no update to this action at this meeting.

8.3.21 action 10: Cllr Batchelor to obtain a quotation from Kensigns, and authorised to order the sign up to £100. (Concerning new signage for the varying depth of the water in the River Ise).

Kensigns have very kindly constructed the sign and installed it near the river.

ACTION 3: The clerk to send a letter to Kensigns thanking them for their ongoing support. Noted that their support for Geddington and its residents is second to none.

A Post Office update was then given by Cllr Rowley. The temporary Post Office at Café Oak has now been open for two weeks, on Wednesdays between 12.30 to 2.30pm. Between 10 – 15 residents have used each session. Cllr Rowley encouraged everyone to use it when they can.

c) Approval of Parish Council Extraordinary Planning meeting draft minutes – held 25th March 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr Batchelor and seconded by Cllr Goode that the 25th March minutes be accepted. Approved by all councillors present, with three abstentions.

d) Matters arising; progress on agreed actions.

25.3.21 action 1: Noted that two further applications have a deadline date for comments on 12th April (the date of the next Parish Council meeting). The clerk to ask for two days leeway for submission of comments.

This was requested for the two further planning applications.

ACTION 4: The clerk to send an email to Planning as per the suggestion above.

Cllr Rowley also added that at the present time there are still four separate Planning regions within North Northants Council.

223/21: FINANCE

a) Bank statements.

Community account statement as at 17.3.21 £42,675.78

Business Saver account as at 17.3.21 £10,780.21

b) Accounts received - £250.00 Geddington YC rental Stone Pit land.

c) Accounts for payment: -

Ncalc	579.06	Ncalc membership 2021/22
Cllr T Bailey	43.80	HMLR application fee +£3.80 for registered post.

Proposed by Cllr Watson that the payments be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr Goode, approved by all councillors present.

c) Quotations for removal of graffiti/painting for the children's play area and shelter – for decision.

Three quotations had been received. Two were very expensive, the third quotation came from a firm that viewed the playground equipment in person.

A resident has suggested - why not remove the panels from the bandstand? It would then save the cost of painting the panels. It was pointed out however that youths did all the fundraising for the structure, and side rails would have to be installed if the panels were taken away. Also noted that it has been vandalised once since it was installed in (approximately) 2012. It was thought that this could be an option if the shelter is vandalised frequently in the future.

Anti-vandal paint had been queried with the firms providing quotations, with two of them replying that anti vandal paint cannot be used on children's playground equipment.

Cllr Batchelor proposed that the lowest quotation by Reids is accepted. This is for £800.00 net of VAT, seconded by Cllr Rowley, approved by all councillors present.

ACTION 5: the clerk to respond to the resident who suggested the removal of the side panels from the shelter.

ACTION 6: The clerk to confirm acceptance of the quotation with Reids Playground equipment.

d) Closure of Fortus (Kettering) office

The clerk confirmed that hard copies of the last financial year's documents had been posted back to her. She added that since the email had been received advising that the Kettering office would be closing, she had spoken to the senior manager Jane Midlane who she had dealt with for some years. She confirmed that they were more than happy to continue dealing with the Parish Council's accounts and she would work out the logistics of getting anything to them if the Parish Council wished to continue with the company.

Cllr Watson reminded councillors that Ncalc also provided the service, but the clerk was worried timewise as there is a tight time table for completing the accounts and the work for external auditors PKF Littlejohn which a change may impact upon. She added that with all the different officers she had dealt with concerning the annual accounts, the senior manager was the only person over the last few years who had consistently filled the PKF

Littlejohn audit form in correctly. Cllr Batchelor felt it was important that the clerk as the Responsible Finance Officer was happy with the continuity of dealing with the same people, in particular because Cllr Watson will not be a parish councillor after 6th May.

Cllr Watson confirmed that he did not have a problem with staying with the current company that was used. Cllr Padwick therefore proposed that the Parish Council continue with Fortus, seconded by Cllr Rowley, approved by all councillors present.

PLANNING

Cllr Rowley abstained from taking part in this Agenda item.

a) KBC Decision notices

NK/2021/0031: Mr A Cosgrove, 26 Queen Street, Geddington.

Replacement windows and doors.

Application has been withdrawn.

ACTION 7: The clerk to check with Planning and Enforcement – the work has been carried out even though the application has been withdrawn. It was noted that there was perhaps a

logical reason for this, but felt that it needed to be brought to the Case Officer's attention in case it should not be happening.

NK/2021/0105 and 0106: Mr N Batchelor, 1 West Street, Geddington.

Installation of secondary glazing to first floor windows. Approved.

KET/2020/0812: Mr J Overman, 18 Wood Street, Geddington.

Replacement dwelling with creation of pedestrian and vehicular access. Withdrawn.

KET/2020/0607: W M Elliot and Son Ltd, Dovecote Buttery and Farm Shop, Dovecote Farm, Access Road to Church, Newton.

Change of use of agricultural/horticultural land to self-storage caravan facility and associated works, including construction of landscaped soil bunds, landscaping and installation of security gate. Refused

KET/2020/0877: Boughton Estates Ltd, Corby Road (barns South of), Little Oakley.

Demolition of existing agricultural barns and erection of two dwellings with new shared vehicular access and new/replacement site boundary treatment. Refused

KET/2020/0541: c/o Boughton Estate Office, Boughton Wood Lodge, Boughton Wood Lodge Road, Geddington.

Demolition of the existing house and outbuildings, erection of a new house and garage and associated works to include photovoltaic panels and ground source heat pump to landscaping. Withdrawn.

b) Planning Applications for consideration

Cllr Rowley did not take part in this agenda item.

NK/2021/0211: Mr P Frampton, West End House, 48 West Street, Geddington.

Removal of internal walls to open up kitchen area. Reason for Advertising BBAAABA

Councillors noted: -

- a Listed Building consent application.*
- no historic value to this part of the house.*
- the application is at the rear of the property, internal work only.*
- Cllr Goode proposed no objection to the application, seconded by Cllr Buckseall, all councillors present agreed with the proposal except for one abstention.*

KET/2020/0871: Camgrain Stores Limited, Northants APC, Newton Road (North of), Newton.

Erection of cereal processing plant, conveyors, silos and ancillary structures and car park with associated landscaping and infrastructure. Application Type Full Application.

The original application for this was discussed on 11th January, with comments submitted of no objection, subject to enforcement of the traffic management plan, and noise mitigation plans were noted. Amended plans were submitted on 16th March – Flood Risk Assessment, and concerning landscape and visual impact visualisations.

It was suggested that there was no reason to object to it when the previous application comments were of no objection (subject to enforcement of the traffic management plan).

It was therefore proposed by Cllr Goode that the Parish Council maintain the previous position of no objection subject to the said previous constraints. Seconded by Cllr Buckseall, agreed by all councillors present except for one abstention

KET/2021/0155: Mr Barley, 8 Access Road to Newton House, Newton.

Single storey side extension with solar panels, installation of air source heat pump replacement windows and doors, block up 2 no. first floor side windows, replace side shop window and central door with windows to match existing.

Insert 2 no. roof lights. Porch to front. Expansion of driveway and landscaping.

Cllr Watson stated that there were no objections to the application within Newton village.

Noted that the garden may be outside the village boundary, although the garden has been in place for many years.

Proposed by Cllr Watson that there was no objection to the application, seconded by Cllr Goode. Agreed by six councillors, with three councillors abstaining.

NK/0221/0193 Mr J Riding-Felce, 1 Corby Road, Little Oakley.

Erection of agricultural barn.

Reason for Advertising AAAAAAA

The comments made were as follows: -

- This butts an existing building, and the build would mostly be out of sight.
- Aesthetically it will not affect the village.
- However, it is outside the village boundary, but is identified as an agricultural building.
- The existing building it will adjoin is inside the village boundary, whereas the application for the barn is not.

- It does not keep to the original footprint.

- Agricultural query - why does one field needs its own barn?

Stated that the above items are concerns that the Parish Council would like to put to Planning.

Proposed by Cllr Padwick that the Parish Council object as it is outside the village boundary.

Seconded by Cllr Johnson, agreed by four councillors, with four councillors abstaining.

NK/2021/0206: Mrs R Askew, 16 Queen Street, Geddington.

Single storey annex within the side garden of the existing dwelling, with solar panels

Reason for Advertising ACACACA

Councillors were informed that the application is for a cabin/shed constructed of wood that is going to be used as an office. The Council were informed by the applicant that there will be no extra traffic generated in the street and no extra visitors as a result of the application. The shed will be hidden behind the wall of the Croft. The solar panels will also not be seen.

Cllr Buckseall proposed that there be no objection to the application. Seconded by Cllr Goode,

Agreed by all councillors present except for two abstentions.

NK/2021/0281: Miss C Leaton, 34 Skeffington Close, Geddington.

Single storey side extension.

Reason for Advertising SNESNES

Councillors were informed that only a very small part of the extension will be seen from the street view.

Proposed by Cllr Goode that there be no objection to the application. Seconded by Cllr Batchelor.

Agreed by all councillors present except for two abstentions.

KET/2020/0369: Larkfleet Homes, Stamford (land off), Geddington.

26 no. dwellings and all other associated infrastructure including access, drainage and public open Space.

Full Application. Comments deadline is 22.4.21.

Cllr Rowley conveyed that this application needs more documents adding to it but there is currently a backlog of adding documents to applications. He has agreed with the Interim Head of Planning and the Planning Officer that the 14-day consultation period for the further consultation will commence when the documents are added to the system.

He suggested that the clerk write to Planning to convey that “as per the agreement with Cllr Rowley, the Parish Councillors will review all the documents for the above application when they are added to it. In the meantime, could we request a holding status for the Parish Councils response”.

ACTION 8: The clerk to send an email to Planning as per the suggestion above.

224/21: TO CONFIRM TIMINGS DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE MAY MEETINGS.

It was confirmed that the Parish meeting, annual meeting and normal May Parish Council meeting will go ahead if at all possible, on Monday 17th May if the Village Hall is available.

ACTION 9: B Leaton is aware of the potential change of date, the clerk to check again with B Leaton as to availability.

225/21: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND CIRCULATED - to note or comment upon.

a) Communications concerning First Responders.

A letter was sent to the coordinator of the First Responders scheme, who has now replied addressing most of the queries raised. A resident wishes to volunteer as a First Responder, to undertake the training and be the First Responder for the village. Funding would be needed however, and this is up to £1500. There has been some confusion as to what this entails, and one question asked by residents was does it delay the arrival of an ambulance in an emergency? Other questions asked included what is the vetting and selection process.

Cllr Goode has spoken to East Midlands Ambulance Service and Connor McClelland (the County co-ordinator and training officer) who confirmed the validity of the North Northants Community First group, one of eight schemes in Northamptonshire. Each trained volunteer has to commit to 200 hours per year of duty work plus fundraising work, with a portable defibrillator one of the items that are purchased.

Cllr Batchelor proposed that the co-ordinator be invited to address councillors at any time after 7.40pm on 17th May Parish Council meeting. Seconded by Cllr Goode, all councillors present agreed to the motion.

ACTION 10: The clerk to action the above point for 17th May as soon as the Parish Council meeting in the village hall is confirmed.

b) Letter and document from C Milner 8.3.21 concerning present and future work on the Chase/Clay Dick area.

This was a letter from a resident who had seen the discussion on Facebook as to trees being cut down in the Chase, and she also spoke of cutting of the verges in the Chase, and could they not be cut less often to aid wildlife. She had contacted Cllr Rowley about two years ago when grass verges had been cut when they were in flower (not cut by Boughton Estates or KBC).

Cllr Goode stated that Boughton Estates are willing to have a fairly open dialogue with the Council, and this can be raised at the next meeting with them, as to suggestions from residents. As per residents' previous requests, all the tree trunks that have been cut down in the Chase have now been collected. It would therefore be appropriate for the Parish Council to contact them and thank them for moving them on (as per residents' request), and to add in that this is another issue that has been raised by a resident that it would be helpful if some point feedback could be given.

Proposed by Cllr Padwick that the clerk contacts Boughton Estates, thanks them for removal of the tree trunks and convey the interest shown in not cutting the Chase grass verges so often, and ask if Boughton Estates were thinking of actioning any environmentally friendly alternatives going forward. Seconded by Cllr Goode, approved by all those present.

ACTION 11: The clerk to contact Boughton Estates as above.

c) Parking Grafton Road - Wood Street – email received dated 22.3.21.

A resident has written to the council concerning parking issues in the area of Wood Street and Grafton Road. He has made two suggestions: the first is that the Parish Council has in the past encouraged people to park in the village hall car park. He suggests encouraging them to park in the Stonepit land. Additionally, he believes that some of the school staff park in the street whereas they could park in the Stonepit land which is closer than the village hall car park. However, when measured the village hall car park is considerably closer than the Stonepit land. Another councillor pointed out that teachers quite often arrive with items they need for the day's lessons, books that have been marked, or other teacher essentials, and there are only five spaces in the staff car park. Additionally, the Stonepit land has a chained-up gate which would need to be opened very early in the morning, remain open all day, and be closed at the end of the day once all teachers had finished their work. This would allow access to the Stone pit land, Youth Club and Fire station. A further councillor said that the teachers were not parking illegally when parking in this area on the street. The Stonepit land suggestion included the Parish Council providing CCTV at Stonepit land to make it safer. One councillor commented that he did not think it was right that the Parish Council and by default residents of the village should pay to install security when the teachers that are parking on the road are doing so legally. They may not wish to walk to Stonepit land and an expensive scheme may end up not being justifiable because of lack of use. Additionally, The Youth Club and GVFB have shared use of the car park and need a right of way over the land, so other cars would not be able to obstruct their access. (Noted that their leases are just the footprint of the building).

The resident also says that encouraging them to park in the village hall creates more traffic in the village. A further councillor noted that most of the school's teachers come from Kettering, and it should actually cut down on village traffic if teachers can be encouraged to park in the village hall car park.

ACTION 12: Cllr Rowley proposed that the Parish Council write to the school to remind them that if they could, to please use the village hall car park. Seconded by Cllr Johnson, approved by all councillors present.

ACTION 13: The clerk to reply to the resident, summarising the result of the discussion.

d) Email received 28.3.21 concerning sheltered seating area.

This was discussed at agenda item 223/21c).

ACTION 14: The clerk to write back to the resident – summarising the result of the discussion.

e) Road traffic - Kettering Road, Geddington. Email from resident 29.3.21

A relatively new resident has written to the Parish Council with several questions concerning the speed limit, and asked why the speed limit was not being enforced.

The enforcement scheme was run by the County Council. Cllr Rowley added that the Police have carried out a speed check which was posted on Facebook two months ago. The results showed that it was an area that the Police would carry out more surveys. The Community Speed Camera team have trained up (or will be training up) some members of the village.

Cllr Goode felt it was relevant at this point to update as to Vehicle Activation Signage.

He met with Steve Barber (Highways Safety Officer) on the 14th April concerning this issue. Steve Barber confirmed that the Community Speed Camera team work is currently on hold because of the pandemic.

He confirmed that the main road is suitable for speed signage, and the Vehicle Activation signage may be admissible for funding under the Police Commissioners Safety Scheme which is available at the present time.

With speeding down Queen Street and West Street, the 20mph speed zone/limit area does not comply with the zone requirements at the present time.

At Newton, the road has a 60-mph limit with 40 mph advisory signs, but Highways cannot put vehicle activated speed signage on any road that has a speed limit of more than 40 mph.

He then advised that the Newton turn area may be suitable for a scheme such as at Pitsford, where a vehicle will trigger two signs saying "caution – vehicle emerging from side road". He will forward details to Cllr Goode, and advised that it costs approximately £6000.

ACTION 15: Cllr Goode will list these issues as bullet points for the clerk to respond to the resident, and the bullet points could go into an article for the newsletter as well.

f) Remote meeting consultation, closes 17.6.21 (Ncalc update 1.4.21)

This item to be deferred to the May meeting.

g) Alteration to a listed wall at The Croft NN14 1AZ – Email received 22.3.21

A black stone in the listed wall appears to have been rubbed off and replaced with a plaque. The resident also copied in Planning Enforcement and Historic England. It was confirmed that this is not a Parish Council issue. Cllr Rowley confirmed that it was a planning enforcement issue.

h) Email received from R Broughton and C Curtis 27.3.21

This had been covered within the public session

ACTION 16: The Clerk to send a formal response: a meeting to be arranged between 10th and 17th May.

i) Survey of the bund - Email from Dylan Smith 24.3.21

It was decided that it would be more productive to defer this to the May meeting, as the above meeting will also have taken place by then.

Further correspondence had been received as follows: -

j) Email received by Cllr Batchelor from Jane Rowley, who had been leading the Scouting group in Geddington.

The Scouts will be closing at the present time, due to lack of support from adults. The children are still keen to join such a group. It will be some time before all the goods and equipment are sorted out, so it was asked if their container can stay on the Stonepit land at the present time. All councillors were happy for them to remain in situ until the end of the year.

ACTION 17: Cllr Batchelor to forward the email to the clerk.

k) The school have asked if they can have their sports day on the recreation field on Thursday 7th July. They have also written to the Village Hall Committee. Councillors agreed to this.

ACTION 18: Cllr Batchelor will reply to the school.

226/21: SITE SPECIFIC PART 2 LOCAL PLAN (SSP2) – Main Modifications Consultation (closing date 31.4.21)

There was a query on two areas that were classed as local green space but were now removed. The two areas were asked by the Parish Council to be removed as they were inaccurately described. (The White Lion pub car park and horse area had been inaccurately designated as a green space). Five main modifications apply to Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley. The revisions were quite administrative rather than changing items.

It was therefore decided that there would be a nil return.

227/21: ENVIRONMENT.

a) Labosport UK/Cricket Club update and agree course of action

Cllrs Batchelor, Goode, Padwick and Watson met with the Cricket Club representatives and an ECB representative was also present. Two areas were considered – the aspect of the risk assessment from Labosport and also the planning application for the extension car park. The parties concerned wished to work towards agreeing a recommendation to put forward to the Parish Council.

Risk management of the cricket ground:

It was acknowledged that the ground had been used for playing cricket for 30 years, but the new information was the Labosport ball strike risk assessment and the requirement for fencing. If the Club is only playing from the central wicket the requirement as per the risk assessment would be for 10 – 15 metres high fencing around the boundary. This requirement is not normally seen at this level of cricket. The guidance was then given by the ECB as to what would be accepted for this area. This is being taken forward as a proposal for the Parish Council to consider for risk mitigation. It is that the Cricket Club would stop playing on the first four wickets (closest to the clubhouse). A 3.7-metre-high fence would be needed on the edge of the existing car park, behind the trees. This would be funded by ECB. Signage would need to be installed stating the need for caution when cricket matches were in progress. All senior play would be on pitches that were further back on the recreation field, and the Cricket Club would make use of any car park spaces that were seen to have a higher risk level.

The proposal for the Parish Council is a risk mitigation for the risk assessment report that was received.

The stated height of the fencing (netting) and the area it will cover was again confirmed, and the fact that it would be put up at the beginning of the season and taken down at the end of it. This would be monitored by the Village Hall Committee with the Cricket Club putting it up and down. It was queried as to the impact on fencing required if the extension car park is approved? The planning application currently states a higher level of fencing at 6 metres which would also be

installed and taken down again at the end of the season. The ECB had originally objected to the application, but the dis-use of the first four wickets would mean that they would not have any objection to the planning application and they would forward their recommendation to Sports England.

It was noted by a councillor that a 3.7-metre-high fencing would mean that trees would need to be cut back, which would look odd in the winter as the cutback would be square shaped, just for where fence installation was needed.

Also noted that some play has taken place on the first four pitches. This may have been juniors. Junior cricket and the lowest leagues will be played on the first four pitches.

It was summarised by stating that the proposed measure give a higher level of safety than was in place previously.

Cllr Goode proposed that the Parish Council accept the proposal and the Cricket Club put the measures in place. Seconded by Cllr Batchelor, approved by all those councillors present.

b) The Geddington Brickyard Garden – theft

Cllr Batchelor

This to be discussed at the May meeting (time issues)

c) Parking issues on Halls Close.

Cllr Rowley has reported this to KBC Head of Housing as it is KBC land.

NEWTON

No issues raised

LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues raised

AOB

The lights at the Cross have been reported as being out. Cllr Goode has spoken to TJ Electrical who will carry out the repair and maintenance work needed. This is under emergency spend.

There has been an accident concerning the bridge with part of the bridge structure at the Queen Street end demolished. Cllr Goode has spoken to Historic England and Highways. It will be repaired subject to an approved scheme by Historic England.

The meeting finished at 10.00pm.