

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th FEBRUARY 2024 at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Cllrs C Buckseall, B McCreery, D Lomasney, J Padwick (Chair), C Wrighting.

APOLOGIES

Cllr M Rowley, T Bailey,

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

104/24: PUBLIC SESSION.

a) Questions sent in by the public.

Summer fete.

Two residents who were present had submitted an email informing councillors of the summer fete, to be held on 23rd June 2024. They are liaising with NNC concerning closing off or diversion of Queen Street traffic and they are looking into parking for the day. Unlike last year when any surplus money was given to charity, the decision has been made to purchase something that the village needs that can be a permanent fixture. This may be something connected with flood defences, to either put money towards or buy a relevant item or items.

The Parish Council committed to having a stall at the fete again and to help where possible. Parking will be at the bottom end of the field for stall holders only, to be accessed before the public arrive and depart after the fete has finished.

The extension car park will be completed by this date, and the Stonepit land car parking area can be used.

The GVFB will police access, parking/ Queen Street again, if Queen Street cannot be closed. A one- way system may be another option.

A hub will be on site for any incidents that occur.

Stonepit land – new leases.

Two members of the Youth Club were present. They were concerned about the lack of consultation and the length of time the process of getting new leases in place was taking. They added that S.25 notices had been issued to people that were no longer involved in the running of the club. There were concerns that the legal costs may have to be partly borne by the clubs, and none of this was necessary as there was a proforma that could have been completed if both parties have agreed to it. The length of the lease is another concern.

It was stated by councillors that the original lease was not satisfactory going forward. If it had been, a simple update would have been all that was needed.

The members of the Youth Club were informed that the legal process has unfortunately slowed everything down.

Councillors were aware that GVFB had also submitted an email with similar concerns raised relating to consultation.

Cllr McCreery informed the two members that once the draft lease is received the working group will meet with members of the two groups and discuss what is being suggested.

ACTION 1: The clerk to contact GVFB to obtain the new list of trustees following their AGM last week. The solicitors have the list of Youth Club trustees, and the GVFB list to be sent to the solicitors once received.

b) Reports from North Northants Councillors.

No reports had been received.

105/24: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

a) Approval of draft minutes for the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held 8th January 2024.

Proposed by Cllr Buckseall that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Lomasney, approved by all councillors present except for one abstention.

b) Matters arising; progress on outstanding actions.

11.12.23, action 2: The clerk to contact NNC - suggested closure of the bridge to traffic.

Cllr Rowley will speak to the portfolio holder to check the information that has been given.

Cllr Rowley reported that he was seeing the portfolio holder the next day.

ACTION 2: Any updates will be given at the next meeting.

11.12.23, action 13: (The shallow tree stump in front of the three benches concealed by grass}. Boughton Estates have some equipment that will grind the top of tree stumps.

Boughton Estates do not have a stump grinder, they use Weldon Tree and Landscapes when required. An estimate for both this job and removal of the fallen tree at the far end of the recreation field are within minute ref.107/24: Finance.

8.1.24, action 4: (removal from storage of two traffic mirrors that a resident has been storing).

There does not seem to be any other area or organisation who could make use of the two mirrors. A suggestion was made therefore to sell them on eBay or Facebook Market Place. s. The clerk now has the dimensions. The clerk will enquire as to another parish council may find a use for them. Alternatively, Cllr Bailey will make some enquiries as to a possibility of taking the mirrors to an Auction.

ACTION 3: This action to be carried forward to the March meeting.

8.1.24, actions 5 & 6: (Stonepit land, new leases).

The preferred solicitors had been contacted and the two clubs updated.

8.1.24, action 7: the clerk to contact Cobley Lodge to request the above variation to the contract.

This has been done; the clerk has not yet received the revised contract.

8.1.24, action 11: Cllr Rowley will check tomorrow whether NNC would be happy to take over the maintenance of the outdoor gym.

ACTION 4: This action to be carried forward to the March meeting.

106/24: VILLAGE SHOP

a) Update on Community Response.

It was made clear both at the open meeting and at this Parish Council meeting that this was not a Parish Council-run project. The Parish Council were not involved, they were only acting in a facilitating role by setting up the open meeting and pointing people in the right direction as

to where they may obtain help and more information. The majority of people as per the questionnaire wanted to go ahead with a community shop, but not paid for or run by the Parish Council.

Cllr Wrighting therefore gave feedback of the open meeting that was held on 17th January.

About 40 people attended the meeting at which Cllrs Wrighting and Rowley were present. Of these, 14 people were keen to take the community shop idea forward. Two Boughton Estates officers had been contacted, and another meeting would be held on 1st March in the church again at which a Boughton Estates Manager would be present. He will go through where the Estate is with the issue. Cllr Wrighting stated that at that stage she will pull out of the facilitating role.

LITTLE OAKLEY

a) Defibrillators (Little Oakley and Newton)- update.

Cllr Bailey was not able to be present at the meeting to give a Little Oakley update. The Little Oakley defibrillator is due to be installed this Thursday.

b) Defibrillators - Chain of Community Support.

. The three villages will very shortly each have their own defibrillator. Cllr Wrighting has highlighted that people living alone or who are elderly and have a heart attack may not be able to get to the defibrillator and administer it themselves. A Community First Responder has been contacted to set up a chain of response, with a list of First Responder or residents who can use a defibrillator. The First Responder is happy to come to a Parish Council meeting to explain how it works.

ACTION 5 Cllr Wrighting will contact the First Responder to see if he can attend the March meeting.

c) British Coatings Federation- information concerning painting of kiosks.

Cllr Buckseall understood that Little Oakley volunteers are preparing to paint their phone box ready for when the defibrillator is installed. They have had the paint donated by the British Coating Federation.

NEWTON

The Newton defibrillator is booked for Thursday but may not arrive in time so the electrician will have to re-book to carry out the electrical work. If there is any surplus paint after the Little Oakley telephone kiosk is painted, it would be useful if it could be used to refresh the Newton kiosk,

107/24: FINANCE

a) Bank statements. –

Community account statement	16 Dec 23 – 17 Jan 24	£70,255.04
Business Saver account	16 Dec 23 – 17 Jan 24	£4.16

b) Accounts received

£523.73 (HMRC VAT).

c) Accounts for payment: -

None

Zurich Municipal	PC insurance 6.2.24- 5.2.25. Policy YLL- 2720875163 (Recommendation by the Finance Committee)	842.55
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Defib Solutions.co.uk	Initial delivery and commissioning charge £75.00 +VAT	90.00
Adyant Electrical Services Ltd	To install 2 defibrillators and mounting cabinets and electrical equipment for each kiosk ((<i>Recommendation by the Finance Committee after usage of Adyant for the electrical fitting was approved at previous Parish Council meeting</i>)).	681.60

Proposed by Cllr McCreery that the above payments be approved. Seconded by Cllr Lomasney, approved by all councillors present.

Tree blocking river in the recreation field. – Quote from Weldon Tree and Landscapes was £500 plus VAT. This will include the tree being chopped up and removed.

The second quote from David Cliffe was £425 to remove fallen tree from river and leave brash and main trunk either side of footpath, replace broken fence, replace 3 missing rails and cut tree stump (by notice board) to ground level, £625 total, plus VAT.

Cllr Buckseall proposed that the David Cliffe bid be accepted, seconded by Cllr McCreery, approved by all councillors present.

108/24: STONEPIT LAND - update.

Stonepit land issues were discussed within the public session (minute ref. 104/24a).

PLANNING.

a) KBC Decision notices

NK/2023/0629: Mr & Mrs Richardson, 23 New Road, Geddington.

2 no. single storey rear extensions, loft conversion with 2 no. dormers and 1 no. rooflight to front elevation

Full Application

Approved.

NK/2023/0459: Mr & Mrs M Tate, 43 Wood Street, Geddington.

Single storey side and rear extension

Full Application

Approved

b) Planning Applications for consideration.

NK/2024/0009: Mr A Cosgrove, 26 Queen Street, Geddington.

External flue to the side

Full Application

Councillors decided “no comments” for this application

NK/2023/0795: Mr & Mrs C Scott, Boughton Wood Lodge, Boughton Wood Lodge Road, Geddington.

Variation to NK/2021/0458 in respect of conditions 14 (outbuildings on site to be removed prior to first occupation), 17 (restrict domestic curtilage), and 19 (approved plans/details)

Delete/Change/Vary Conditions (S73 TCPA) Application
Decision level description

Councillors were unsure as to if this property is within this Parish, but had no comment to make relating to it.

109/24: CAR PARK EXTENSION -updates.

The ground works are due to commence in a week's time, but this is dependent on the weather.

110/24: FLOODING

a) Updates.

The Flood Plan should be circulated or made available to any resident that wishes to view it.

ACTION 6: Cllr Padwick will take it to the next Flood working group meeting.

The flood warden (for the River Ise barriers) and the Bright Trees Road resident have been asked to keep a log of events - how many times the berm and the bund flood.

Cllr Padwick and the flood working group have had a further meeting, which included four members of the GVFB, a flood warden, a resident from Bright Trees Road and Cllr Bailey, representing Little Oakley. It was a productive meeting, with the GVFB keen to establish a chain of command so that residents know who to turn to when help or advice is needed.

The Boughton Estates manager has been contacted, and he is linking with the Environment agency and NNC to move forward on the attenuation pond in the Chase.

Newton Road gullies have been clean, but it is felt that it is only superficial mud that is cleared out, and that the gullies need a deeper clean, by "rodding".

Residents also need to be aware that they can buy air vent covers and door shields to help prevent flooding.

b) The Rain project – email from NNC Innovative Flood Resilience Project Officer

Flood and Water Management Team. Update, for information.

It was thought that this is worth exploring, as it covers two areas of North Northamptonshire. Harpers Brook, Newton and Little Oakley plus the Chase are included in the two areas. It does not cover Geddington. Cllr Padwick will be meeting with the officer involved with this project, plus Boughton Estates to see if any help can be provided for a flood plan for this area.

a) Letter from resident 18.1.24- questions asked concerning flooding on 2.1.24 in Stamford Road and Newton Road. for comments and reply.

Maintenance of the ditch that runs parallel and just outside the boundaries of the properties in Stamford Road. The Riparian responsibilities are explained in the Flood Tool Kit. Noted that the homeowners of each individual property are responsible for the part of the ditch that is immediately outside their property boundary.

Who is responsible for the fields to the west of Stamford Road behind and beyond the last few houses as you leave the village? It was thought that this would be Boughton Estates or tenant farmers.

ACTION 7: The clerk to check this with Boughton Estates.

The letter from the residents stated that they are in the process of contacting other local residents at risk of flooding with a view to seeing if anything can be done to prevent any of the houses being flooded in the future.

It was thought that that they could be directed towards the Flood Tool Kit.

ACTION 8: Cllr Buckseall will check the web address that directs you to all the information booklets that contain everything that is relevant relating to flooding.

The Gov.uk website has regular updates relating to levels at Barford Bridge.

ACTION 9: The Clerk will do an email search for a copy of the Flood Plan as this is how it was originally circulated to councillors.

Cllr Padwick has written an article that the residents may care to read that will be in the next newsletter.

ACTION 10: The clerk will reply to the residents.

111/24: OUTDOOR GYM - Update.

The bid is due to be submitted at the end of February.

112/24: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND CIRCULATED - to note, comment upon, consider or action.

a) email from resident 15.1.24 concerning summer fete.

This matter was discussed with the public session (see minute ref. 104/24a).

b) Email from T James 9.1.24 chasing payment for invoice (attending the lights by the Cross.

The clerk has already replied to T James, following the initial reply sent in October 2023. It was stated in the letter that no work was carried out by the electrician and no quotation for any work was provided.

113/24. Village Hall Committee – Approval required for Parish Council representative (Cllr McCreery).

Approval proposed by Cllr Padwick, seconded by Cllr Lomasney, approved by all councillors present.

AOB.

A Green Day will be held in the Church on 8th June. The organisers would like a representative from the Parish Council to be present to mainly take views on what people think and their opinions on Parish Council related work. Cllr Lomasney is happy to be the representative.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.56pm.