

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th MAY 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES

T Bailey.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Rowley - member of GVFB, relative of Copley Lodge management.

011/25: PUBLIC SESSION.

a) i) Attendance by First Responder – explanation as to chain of community support for defibrillators.

The First Responder was asked if all defibrillators that are bought are supplied with pediatric pads. He informed councillors that they are usually supplied with adult pads. If a child under 8 years of age need to use a defibrillator ideally they need a child's pediatric pad. In reality you rarely need to defibrillate a child except for children with complex health needs or a child who has had cardiac surgery.

He did not think that pads were in the Geddington defibrillator cabinet by the old Post Office.

Noted that there is a defibrillator at the school, but the First Responder has not checked this one as it is not a Parish Council defibrillator.

He then highlighted that there needed to be a system put in place so that when a defibrillator was needed by a resident, the defibrillator could be quickly brought to that household.

The First Responder group would come and deliver a training session if asked, and attendees could then be asked if they were happy to be put on a circuit list. Software for this would need to be purchased.

There was some confusion over who supposed to be servicing the defibrillator in Geddington. A Geddington resident had been and still is doing this and was fundraising to cover the annual maintenance cost. The Parish Council had agreed to take this cost on board going forward (pre the First Responders attending a Parish Council meeting). Councillors were informed that the First Responders were not qualified to service the AED, although it was thought that the Area First Responder had been willing to take over the servicing. The First Responder present said that it was not part of their remit.

a) ii) Two residents of the Parish wished to speak in the public session to explain their request for a marquee and a screen to be set up in the recreation field, near the Cricket Club's tables and benches

It is a fund-raising activity with the screen being hired, not bought. It will overlap with the fete and siting of their activities. It would be used on specific dates at specific times: the list was provided in advance to councillors. The event would not be advertised outside the three villages. Noted that the members licence needs to be checked as the event will be held on Parish Council land. Insurance will also be needed.

ACTION 1: The clerk to send an email concerning the licence and the insurance.

Councillors were broadly happy with the principle of the event.

b) Questions sent in by the public

Any questions received to be discussed under agenda item "Correspondence".

c) Reports from North Northants Councillors.

There were no pressing issues to be reported upon.

012/25: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

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

Proposed by Cllr Rowley that the minutes be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr McCreery, approved by all councillors present.

b) Matters arising; progress on outstanding actions.

8.4.24, action 1: The Cricket Club to be reminded that they should not be telling people that they can use the field.

An email to remind them of this was sent to the Cricket Club: a reply was received stating that the Cricket Club always refers enquiries to the Parish Council.

8.4.24, action 2: The resident to be informed that if this was requested again, that the request should come to the Parish Council. Additionally, a copy of their insurance must be seen.

This was conveyed to the resident. A copy of their insurance has been received and filed.

11.3.24, 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 would be seeing the portfolio holder later this week. Any updates to be reported at the next Parish Council meeting.

11.3.24, action 3: Removal from storage of two traffic mirrors that a resident has been storing. The clerk reported that seven parish councils had been contacted to see if any of them needed a traffic mirror. One firm commitment has been given so far, for one of the mirrors. The clerk updated that a further parish council was interested in the second mirror, but it has not yet been collected. This has not yet been resolved.

11.3.24, action 4: Cllr Rowley will check tomorrow whether NNC would be happy to take over the maintenance of the outdoor gym.

Cllr Rowley reported that this would not be determined for several months, because of budgetary issues.

8.4.24, action 4: The clerk will circulate the Finance Committee draft minutes to councillors.

This had not yet been circulated.

8.4.24, action 9: Noted that the Cricket Club need to be invoiced for the ball stop netting.

Cllr Lomasney will find out the cost of the netting, for the clerk to then send the Cricket Club an invoice for the netting.

The clerk informed councillors that an invoice for the ball stop netting had been sent to the Cricket Club.

The thought was expressed that the Cricket Club had the responsibility of putting up and taking down the ball stop netting as the netting is there to protect cars and the children's playground. If a ball strikes a person or car then the player is responsible.

ACTION 2: The clerk to check back on previous minutes to determine that this was the correct action to take, and what was agreed to the responsibility of putting up and taking down of the ball stop netting.

8.4.24, action 10: The clerk to send an email to the former councillor and ask him if he wishes to continue as a trustee for Samuel Lees Trust.

This was sent and a reply has been given to the Samuel Lees Trust.

8.4.24, action 12: Cllr Lomasney will contact Weldon Trees so that category C trees from the tree survey that was carried out in August 2022 can be scheduled in.

Cllr Lomasney reported that this work will be carried out on or after 15th July.

LITTLE OAKLEY

Cllr Bailey was unable to attend the meeting to report any issues.

NEWTON

The village will focus on the solar farm application when it is submitted.
NNC has collected the rest of the rubbish.

013/25: FINANCE

a) Bank statements. –

Community account statement	16 Mar – 17 Apr 24	£39,607.71
Business Saver account	16 Mar – 17 Apr 24	£15.36

b) Accounts received

£30,000.00 - Precept rec'd 17.4.24 for 2024 - 5. (Note: paid into account 17.4.24 but not showing on the bank statement received – up to 17 4 24.

c) Accounts for payment: -

Northants CALC Ltd	Membership to May 2025	664.76
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Authorisation proposed by Cllr Lomasney, seconded by Cllr Buckseall, agreed by all councillors present.

The new budget and cash flow sheet needs further work for next month.

d) Maintenance of Geddington defibrillator – notification by the resident who services the defibrillator that no payment has been made for two years (no invoices have been sent).

There was some confusion as councillors thought that the First Responders were going to carry out the maintenance of the Geddington defibrillator.

ACTION 3: The clerk to contact First Responders to ask them to confirm that they are maintaining the defibrillator. The Area First Responder to be contacted.

014/25: STONEPIT LAND UPDATE.

a) Updates.

Cllr Bailey was not present so there was no update. It was noted that the draft leases need to be sent out to the two clubs as soon as they are received.

ACTION 4: The clerk to send an email to Cllr Bailey to ask if the working group can reconvene quickly so that the draft lease can be sent out to the two clubs as soon as possible.

PLANNING

a) KBC Decision notices

NK/2024/0095: 11 Grafton Road, Geddington, NN14 1AJ

Replacement windows and doors. Full Application.

Approved

NK/2023/0799: Dr R Miles, 4 Grafton Road, Geddington.

Installation of interior, aluminium, secondary-glazing to two first floor windows

Listed Building Consent Application.

Approved

b) **Solar farm application** - Scoping report available to view now.

Comments

NK/2024/0223: Ms L Ingram, 12 Bakehouse Hill, Geddington.

Replacement windows and doors

Listed Building Consent Application

Cllr Padwick proposed that the application was supported, seconded by Cllr Rowley, approved by all councillors present.

NK/2024/0136: Mr Reddan, 10 Bakehouse Hill, Geddington.

Replacement windows and doors

Listed Building Consent Application

Cllr Padwick proposed that the application was supported, seconded by Cllr Rowley, approved by all councillors present.

Appeal

23 Queen Street (application no. NK/2023/0353).

An appeal has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

The householder has said that it is notable that the Parish Council has not objected to the application. This is incorrect as an objection for the application was submitted, and the reasons for it were given. She added that 17 Queen street removed nine feet of wall. The is also incorrect as it was widened at some point many years ago, and the last planning application required the builder to reinstate a small amount of wall.

ACTION 5: Proposed by Cllr Rowley that the clerk to reply to the Appeal to inform them that the Parish Council did object, the objection is filed with NNC and the Parish Council still objects on the grounds that it breaks the conservation area as it is a significant wall and the splay lines are non-existent in this area. It also would not save two parking spaces. Seconded by Cllr Buckseall, agreed by all councillors present.

015/25: VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK/ RECREATION FIELD.

- a) The far end fence to the extension car park is not yet completed – Cobley Lodge are awaiting delivery of the barrier gate.
- b) More gravel will be added once the present gravel is bedded down by vehicles.

016/25: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND CIRCULATED, to note, comment upon, consider or action.

- a) **Email from Highways agreements Engineer: Changing from a full raised table to a raised crossing on A4300. Feedback on new proposal required**

Cllr Rowley has emailed the engineer to ask him what are Highways trying to fix. The original and now amended proposal appear to be developer- led.

ACTION 6: The clerk to email the officer and inform him that councillors still do not agree with the amended proposal. To be recorded that the scheme is objected to and councillors do not understand what they are trying to fix.

- b) **Email from Project Officer NNC - Strategic Planning, Design and Delivery -Planning Advisory Service Review 2024**

Noted that a Planning Advisory Service has recently been set up, which will improve the standards of the Planning department.

Complaints are being heard relating to planning applications focusing in on delays, error in judgement, errors with the process. The policy of double-glazed windows in listed buildings is not popular, and planning applications have sometimes still not been signed off after completion of the work.

- c) **Email from Ncalc - Community Governance Review (CGR),**

Items c) and d) relate to the same review: the clerk to reply to NNC.

- d) **Email from Head of Electoral Services, NNC: Parish and Town Council Community Governance Reviews – views to be emailed by 15th May.**

ACTION 7: The clerk to reply to NNC, answering the questions that have been sent out. To emphasis that primarily this Council id looking to reduce the number of councillors.

- e) **Email from resident: The gate at the end of the dog park nearest to New Road – repair request.**

It was agreed that it needs to be repaired.

ACTION 8: The clerk to obtain a quotation.

- f) **Email from resident: The far gate to the berm has collapsed. Repair request.**

This needs to be repaired as soon as possible as it has to be locked when there is a flood. Proposed by Cllr Lomasney that it be repaired, seconded by Cllr Buckseall, agreed by all those present but with one abstention.

- g) **Email from resident: approval & permission from the Parish Council for a small screening area for the Euro 2024 games.**

This was dealt with within the public session (agenda item 011/25a) ii)

- h) **Email from resident: request to put the budget figures for 2024-5 in the village newsletter**

It was decided that the clerk write to the resident, and inform her that finance and spend is discussed every month, and residents are can come along to the meetings to find out how the budget is progressing.

ACTION 9: The clerk to carry out the above action.

017/25: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

The provision of electric charging points in the Village Hall car park was raised. It was decided that this should be added to the June agenda for discussion.

AOB.

Cllr Padwick added at this stage that concerning the outdoor gym, the working group is waiting for the response from the grant organisation, which should be given in mid-June. The outstanding item for the grant application is maintenance arrangements. He has contacted other companies to find out what maintenance quotes might be, and it appears that £325.00 is an average figure. This is not included in the bid.

ACTION 10: The clerk to add this item to the June agenda, as a decision on the maintenance of an outdoor gym needs to be sent to the grant organisation.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.51pm.