

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY 2024 at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors T Bailey, B McCreery, D Lomasney, J Padwick, C Wrighting.

APOLOGIES

M Rowley and C Buckseall.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

030/25: PUBLIC SESSION.

a) Questions sent in by members of the public.

Any questions sent in will be discussed under "Correspondence received".

b) Reports from North Northants Councillors.

No NNC councillor was present.

031/25: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

a) Approval of draft minutes for the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held 10th June 2024.

Cllr McCreery proposed that the minutes were approved subject to one amendment, seconded by Cllr Padwick, with all councillors present in favour.

b) Matters arising; progress on outstanding actions.

10.6.24, action 1: The clerk to write to Tollers to request urgently that the draft leases are sent out to the two parties by the end of this week, regardless of whether Tollers have the further information requested of the Youth Club.

The clerk reported that this was relayed to Tollers on 11th June.

There was some puzzlement as to why the draft leases have still not been sent out, as it appeared that the additional information that they needed had been sent to them on 11th June.

A long discussion then took place with the following being decided.

ACTION 1: The clerk to confirm with Tollers that the information sent to them by the Youth Club on 11th June was received, and re-send the relevant email in case it was not received. The age range of Youth Club users that Tollers have requested to be conveyed to Tollers as well.

ACTION 2: Cllr Bailey and Cllr McCreery (and Cllr Wrighting if she is available) to attend a meeting with Tollers Solicitors to sort out any remaining issues prior to an urgent send out of the two draft leases as GVFB also have not received their draft lease.

It was also thought that if the leases go out and the two clubs inform the Parish Council what they agree to and any issues which they are unhappy with, that an August meeting would be held so that the contentious issues could begin to be resolved.

10.6.24, action 2: The clerk to write to the Cricket Club that after a long discussion the Parish Council agreed to pay for the netting but the Cricket Club has to raise the nets at the beginning of every game and bring the nets down at the end of every game to ensure that they are not damaged in extreme weather. Given the close proximity of the boundary to the

car park the nets have got to be raised before and after each game. The Parish Council has accepted to pay for the current netting but the Parish Council cannot afford to replace it. The Cricket Club to also be requested to email a copy of their insurance policy details to the Parish Council.

The clerk updated councillors that the email was sent on 15th June but there has been no further correspondence from the Cricket Club. Enough time had passed however for it to be accepted that they agreed to the request as they had not written otherwise.

ACTION 3: The clerk to remind them that a copy of the Cricket Club's insurance was requested.

13.5.24, action 3: Cllr Wrighting to find out from the First Responder who attended the May meeting who the Area First Responder is. The contact to be forwarded to the clerk.

The clerk to contact First Responders to ask them to confirm that they are maintaining the defibrillator.

Cllr Padwick informed councillors that he had spoken to one of the two residents who has been checking the Geddington defibrillator and sending the data to CHT. The defibrillator is owned by the CHT and leased to the Parish Council on a managed service agreement for £126 per year. This covers all consumables, pads, battery etc and insurance. The two volunteers check the defibrillator monthly and the figures are logged on an app. The volunteers would be happy for somebody else to take on this task as they have carried it out since the defibrillator was installed.

ACTION 4: Cllr Wrighting requested a copy of the "invoice" (donation) for two years servicing of £252 sent from CHT to the Parish Council. She will then speak to CHT as a copy of the managed service agreement and evidence for the checks that have been carried out as well as replacement of pads and batteries etc needs to be seen before the invoice is paid.

The new Area First Responder will be in place shortly. Cllr Wrighting will send her details through to the clerk when she is in post.

Noted that Newton defibrillator is leased with a service agreement in place.

Little Oakley defibrillator is owned by the Parish Council. Cllr Wrighting believed that the recommendation would be to see if the First Responders would be willing to carry out the monthly servicing. They do not charge for the service, but ask for a yearly donation.

Cllr Wrighting concluded the discussion by saying that once the information needed had been obtained from CHT other options could possibly be looked at going forward.

10.6.24: action 5: Cllr Lomasney will get in touch with the First Responder who visited last month to find out more details as to what software is needed (for setting up a chain of response).

Cllr Lomasney now has contact details of the First Responder who visited the Parish Council meeting last month. He will contact him this week.

ACTION 5: Cllr Lomasney to carry out the above action.

10.6.24, action 6: The clerk to obtain a quotation for such a sign (A notice could be put on the gate to the berm. Suggested wording was "no BBQs, please take your litter home and please be aware that there is a live sewerage pump 50 metres upstream of the bridge. We are proud of our village!")

ACTION 6: The clerk has not yet received a quotation so will chase that this week.

Revised wording to be "We are proud of our village. No BBQs, please take your litter home and please be aware that there is a live sewerage pump 50 metres upstream of the bridge".

10.6.24, action 7: The clerk to check if anything relates to this in Dropbox, and check access to it for councillors. (The Tennis Club has been wound up and the Tennis Club account has been transferred to the Village Hall. It is thought that the Village Hall own it, but this needs to be checked.)

The clerk informed councillors that this action has not yet been carried out.

10.6.24, action 10: The clerk to ask the Public Transport Officer for some dates, and inform him that the Parish Council will also invite a representative from the school to the meeting. (Re. bus unable to get up Wood Street)

The clerk had sent an email but no suggested dates have yet been received. The clerk will chase this issue with the Public Transport Officer this week.

10.6.24, action 11: The clerk to inform the Village Hall Committee that the Parish Council has supported the Village Hall for many years and the Parish Council board has been on display for many years. If they do not wish it to be installed again in the lounge, it could be installed in the hallway area.

The caretaker will request that this item is added to the next Village Hall Committee agenda.

LITTLE OAKLEY

Cllr Bailey said that for information only, the poor state of the approach road to Little Oakley had been reported, as has the 30mph sign that had been found in a ditch. The Chief Executive of NNC has been written to and Cllr Rowley has been copied in.

NEWTON

Cllr McCreery updated that the road sweeping which had been reported on Street Doctor had been carried out.

032/25: FINANCE

a) Bank balances.

Community account statement	18 May – 17 Jun 24	£39,547.10
Business Saver account	18 May – 17 Jun 24	£15.42

b) Accounts received

None

b) Accounts for payment : -

Community HeartBeat Trust	Annual support 27.10.22 – 27.10.23	£126.00	252.00
	& annual support 28.10.23 – 27.10.24	£126.00	

The above invoice was carried over from 10th June meeting. As maintenance to the defibrillators was still being sorted out, this will be carried over until the August/ September meeting.

033/25: STONEPIT LAND

a) update.

Issues/update concerning Stonepit land were discussed and dealt with at 031/25b).

PLANNING

a) KBC Decision notices

No decision notices were received.

b) Planning Applications - for comments.

NK/2024/0373, Mr P Dredge, 23 Skeffington Close, Geddington.

Two storey rear extension

Full Application

Noted that this would not be visible from the road. Proposed by Cllr Lomasney that there be no objection. Seconded by Cllr Wrighting, all councillors present approved the proposal.

The Solar Farm application has not yet been submitted.

034/25: OUTDOOR GYM.

a) Update.

There was no update given.

035/25: CORRESPONDENCE - received and circulated, to note, comment upon, consider or action.

a) Email received 14.6.24 asking permission for using the football field on the recreation ground for a presentation party on 22.6.24.

Email was circulated & reply was sent.

b) Email received from resident 15.6.24 concerning traffic on A4300 and lack of speed awareness measures.

Councillors noted that this is outside their area of responsibility, but they can contact Highways and convey the resident's concerns.

Also noted that since the link road was constructed, the A4300 through Geddington has seen a reduction of HGV vehicles but the traffic speed has increased as a consequence of less lorries using the road.

Community speed awareness was carried out in 2023, and drivers who were over the speed limit were sent a letter, but no warning signs were installed in Geddington which it was thought would happen.

ACTION 7: The clerk to write to Highways and inform them that councillors continue to have concerns with the speed vehicles use on the A4300 through Geddington. There is a need for speed measures, as shown by the serious accident on the A4300 just past the crossroads and for which the Police have all the details. What can Highways offer in terms of traffic calming measures? To also inform them that Speed Awareness was carried out by volunteers in 2023.

ACTION 8: Additionally. Cllr Lomasney will get in touch with the officer dealing with Speed Awareness, and inform him that Geddington did have a speed awareness week/fortnight but there is still a speeding issue on the road through Geddington.

Money was available for traffic difficulties in Geddington from the Corby new development, with Kier proposing a raised junction using s.106 money. Could this money be used for other speed awareness measures such as speed indicators by Highways?

ACTION 9:The Clerk to inform the resident that Highways have been contacted as had the Community Speed Awareness.

c) Email received from resident 18.6.24 concerning water quality in the River Ise.

The Chair had not been able to find the relevant information about the water quality.

ACTION 10: The clerk to respond to the resident to inform him that councillors are aware of the concerns and are equally concerned. This subject had previously been raised with the authorities and the Council is continuing to try and find more information as to what can be done. A sign will shortly be installed warning people of the sewage outlet.

ACTION 11: Cllr Lomasney to inform the W.I. as their focus for the current year is quality of water and river safety. He will also investigate the Clean Rivers campaign.

Cllr McCreery added that the clarity of the river has deteriorated over the last few months.

d) Email received 19.6.24 concerning blocked footpath.

A map of the public footpath route had been circulated. It was believed that some of the route was within the Little Oakley boundary, and part was outside the Little Oakley Parish. It was thought that the farmer had redirected the footpath.

ACTION 12: The concerns raised to be passed to the Rights of Way Officer. The footpath is overgrown, A locked gate obstructs the footpath. The footpath is also quite a long way from where it used to be.

ACTION 13:- Cllr Padwick will write an article for the next newsletter asking if any resident would like to volunteer as a Footpath Warden. The quality of water issue could also be highlighted.

036/25: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

No issues raised.

037/25: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – to be held 12TH August? Decision to be made.

It was agreed that if there was any feedback received for the Stonepit land lease or the Boughton Estates Solar Farm application was submitted to Planning, that there would be a need for an August 12th meeting to be held. Councillors were urged to try to keep this date free just in case a meeting was required.

AOB.

In reply to a query, Boughton Estates are looking for possible alternative premises for a village shop.

The Housing Needs assessment needs to be renewed for Geddington. This was requested and chased in 2023 but appears to need chasing again. This will help concerning needs of this community for housing and any planning applications that are submitted.

It was noted that an invitation to the new Member of Parliament that covers this Parish could be invited along to a Parish Council meeting so that they could convey their plans for this Parish

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.