

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th FEBRUARY 2025 at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors M Rowley (Chair), C Buckseall, B McCreery C Wrighting, T Bailey, B McCraith and L Walker.

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Padwick, D Lomasney

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Rowley – for minutes item 072/25: Stone pit land – leases (member of GVFB) and Solar panels.

Cllr McCreery - 072/25: Stone pit land – leases

069/25: PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was present.

There has been some vandalism to cars recently in the centre of the village near the well. The member of the public wondered if it was linked to youths congregating in the evening at the far end of the car park. It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council so that the awareness of the issue was made known but the member of the public has reported it to the Police. The resident will also find out if a neighbour can add the incident to the community Facebook page,

ACTION 1: The clerk to find out who the Community Police Officer is for Geddington. The Police to be asked if they can include the village hall car park and car park extension in their patrols.

a) Questions sent in by the public

Any questions sent in were included under 073/25 “Correspondence”.

b) Reports from North Northants Councillors.

Cllr Rowley carried out a tour of the village and has reported all the broken lights to NNC. Kier has not replied yet concerning the flooding issues.

Little Oakley have had three signs repaired/ replaced. The road markings will probably not be carried out until the Spring as the paint may freeze at low temperatures.

Pre-elections – this will commence in mid-March and extend until 1st May.

Solar panels – (£106 money that the Parish Council would like to have allocated to improve the entrance to Newton). Highways have contacted Cllr Rowley to clarify the issue and they now need to contact Boughton Estates to find out what was agreed with the Parish Council.

070/25: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

a) Approval of minutes for the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held 16th January 2025.

The minutes were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

b) Matters arising; progress on outstanding actions.

16.1.25 action 1: (Flooding in Stamford Road – attenuation pond). Cllr Rowley will check with Highways to confirm that they are contacting the land owner concerning the pond.

ACTION 2: This will be carried out shortly.

16.1.25 action 2: (Defibrillator training).

The resident concerned will be asked to carry out two training sessions.

ACTION 3: The request will be conveyed shortly.

ACTION 4: (EV charging) The clerk to find out from other parish councils if they have EV charging points in their village hall car parks (or similar places in their area), what their usage is, is the scheme working well, what are their thoughts about them, and any other issues.

ACTION 5: an article to be added to the village newsletter stating that this issue is being considered for the village hall car par, and what are residents' thoughts.
Cllr Rowley will check to see if it is too late to submit an article.

16.1.25 action 5: email from resident 18.12.24 asking for parish councils to answer some environmental questions. An email was sent back answering any relevant questions but most of them were not applicable.

LITTLE OAKLEY.

A street light needs to be repaired. Noted that any street lights need to be reported to Cllr Rowley.

NEWTON

The residents of the manor house have queried if a footpath can be moved. It runs along the street, then along-side the front of the manor house and then to Newton road. It was not thought that this would be allowed.

071/25: FINANCE

a) Bank statements. –

Community account statement	16 December – 17 January	£30,472.34
Business Saver account	16 December – 17 January	k £15.54

a) Accounts received

None

b) Accounts for payment: -

Zurich Insurance Company Ltd	PC Insurance 6.2.25 – 5.2.25	979.55
Geddington Parish Council	Deposit for current account for Unity Trust bank progression	50.00
Geddington Parish Council	Deposit for business account for Unity Trust bank progression.	50.00

Proposed by Cllr McCreery that the above cheques be approved. Seconded by Cllr Wrighting, agreed by all councillors present.

072/25: STONEPIT LAND – updates.

a) Email update from the Youth Club.

A letter was sent to the Youth Club and a reply has been received stating that they will reply to the Parish Council's letter by the end of February.

b) Email received forwarded from Tollers relating to GVFB.

The GVFB have listed some items that need to be clarified, and they are enquiring about a lease longer than seven years (possibly a rolling lease). The meeting was informed that the trustees changed last Friday.

The lease will be a land lease not a building lease and this has resulted in some additional questions.

c) Update from the Stonepit land leases – working group.

There were no updates.

ACTION 6: The working party will arrange a meeting with the Youth Club

PLANNING

a) NNC Decision notices

No decisions had been received.

b) Planning Applications - for comments.

NK/2025/0049: Mr J Wood, 5 New Road, Geddington.

First floor side and rear extension, convert garage to habitable accommodation, brick up door and insert first floor window to side elevation, alter window and door to rear elevation, extend existing hardstanding to front of property, erect shed to rear garden

Full Application

Noted that the footprint will not change.

Proposed by Cllr Buckseall that there be no objection, seconded by Cllr Wrighting, agreed by all councillors present.

073/25: CORRESPONDENCE.

a) Email from Ncalc 21.1.25 – Parish path warden scheme.

Noted that the Parish Council has a Parish path/bridleway warden already.

ACTION 7: The clerk to reply and state that this Parish Council are carrying out this function already.

b) Email from resident 29.1.25 re. white lines to be painted on entrance to the old print works in Queen Street.

This has been agreed and has been scheduled by Kier as soon as the weather is warmer because of paint freezing issues.

c) Consultation on lithium battery campaign.

For information. No reply needed.

d) Email from Kier 30.1.25 re. Drainage issues on Wood Street, Geddington

For information.

e) Email from Skeffington Close resident 28.1.25– tree report.

A sycamore tree is shedding its branches: a resident is concerned that maintenance to it is needed. Trees are surveyed on a regular basis but work to the trees are not always needed. another near neighbour queried maintenance to the tree approximately two years ago and they were told that sycamore trees self-shed.

ACTION 8: Cllr Rowley will email the relevant officer and ask again if this particular tree

needs maintenance work carrying out to it.

f) Email from Cricket Club-proposal for event 18th – 20th July 2025 - request council approval for event.

The Parish Council are happy to give their permission. Reiteration to be given that no cars to be parked on the field. The marquee trailer can access the field, and loading and unloading only at the beginning and end of the day. The fire engine is allowed to be parked on the field.

The applicant to be asked to email a copy of the licence and insurance.

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

g) Email from Ncalc 3.2.25 re. Northamptonshire Climate & Nature Action Survey letter from Kier 17.1.25 re. drainage concerns, Stamford Road.

If an individual councillor would like to complete this survey that is fine. Cllr Wrighting will ask Cllr Lomasney next week if he wishes to complete it. If not, she will complete it.

h) Letter from Kier 17.1.25 concerning drainage concerns in Stamford Road.

Cllr Bailey noted here that a facility for disabled access is being considered whilst the Little Oakley hut has work carried out to the floor and kitchen. Councillors said they would be happy to consider contributing towards this in principle but needed more details and an estimate.

074/25: CHARGING POINTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK – update.

Approximately 30 parish clerks have replied to the email sent out by the clerk to find out from other parish councils if they have EV charging points in their village hall car parks (or similar places in their area), what their usage is, is the scheme working well, what are their thoughts about them, and any other issues. A complete list of the replies will be compiled for the March meeting.

Noted that provision of the work will be explored if this project goes ahead, and the work can go out to tender if there are any costs involved.

075/25: VILLAGE HALL - approval of the quote for the disabled parking bays – decision required.

Cllr McCreery obtained a quote from the contractors used by NNC and also from Cobley Lodge who had carried out the work to the car park extension. A third quote needs to be obtained however.

076/25: TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

If the two new councillors wish to stay on as councillors past the May elections, they may wish to consider undertaking the “off to a flying start” Ncalc course.

AOB.

Election nomination forms will be available in March. The clerk will circulate them when they are received.

Cllr Wrighting wished to add at this point that the post lady's contribution to village should be noted following her retirement, as 36 years of delivering Geddington's post is quite an achievement. It was decided to add this item to the March agenda.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.