

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th NOVEMBER 2025 at 7.00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors M Rowley (Chair), G Storey, A Storey, B McCraith, L Walker, C Wrighting, G Johns, E Gibson, J Nolan,

APOLOGIES: Councillors A Williams T Bailey.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

054/26: PUBLIC SESSION

a) Questions sent in by the public

Any questions received will be raised under 059/26, "Correspondence"

Two members of the public were present.

A representative of Northants Fire and Rescue was present, his role being a Community Safety Officer. He spoke about fire and safety in the home as well as general safety. Several new contact organisations were suggested to him. He was thanked for the information he had given before departing.

The Boughton Estates officer was present to give updates:

1. It will be a few weeks before the sale of the old post office is completed.
2. Clay Dick track up to the barrel oak: Work has been carried out by Boughton Estates to widen the track and get it back to being a by-way. A lot of mess has been left by the contractors, and Boughton Estates are trying to get the contractor back to improve the mess that has been left. It was emphasised that it needs to be as accessible as possible for wheelchair users and push-chairs, even though work has been carried out for use of Boughton Estates vehicles.
3. Entrance into Newton from Newton Road – the three proposals were stated and the Boughton Estates preferred option (C) was explained by Cllr Rowley. It was decided that a meeting would be arranged in December/January involving Cllrs Rowley, Walker and G Storey, Boughton Estates and NNC Planning representative. Noted that the work would have to be carried out by NNC, then it would need to be adopted. Cllr Walker will check that this issue is in the Parish Plan.

b) Reports from North Northants Councillor.

Apologies had been received from NNC Cllr Brendon Lovell-Moore. No report was available.

Noted at this point that it is believed that someone has been measuring up for EV charging points in Queen Street. Noted that 3.5m space on the footpath is required.

ACTION 1: The clerk to enquire of NNC if it was themselves who had been observed measuring for chargers.

Cllr A Storey will raise the issue of potential EV charging points in the village hall car park, at the next Village Hall Committee meeting

055/26- MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of minutes for the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held 13th October 2025.

Subject to three errors being corrected, councillors were happy for the minutes to be signed.

d) Matters arising - progress on outstanding actions.

13.10.25, action1: Cllr G Storey to buy a padlock for car park extension – far gate. Cllr Storey reported that there was nothing else suitable that would be better than the lock that was already in place. He will inform the Bowls Club of this.

13.10.25, action 2: Cllr Rowley will base his abbreviated layman's version of the lease on the GVFB's version, and try to complete it by the November meeting. Carried forward to the December meeting.

13.10.25, action 3: (Mobile pizza van in village hall car park). The Clerk to notify the owners that this is acceptable, with a Wednesday or Thursday being probably the best days. Actioned.

13.10.25, action 4:-(Future use for the chapel). The clerk to reply to the resident to state that the Parish Council have considered the matter but are not aware of any community use. They will look at the planning application in detail when it comes forward for comments. Actioned.

13.10.25, action 6:- to include provision for traffic calming measures into the budget, for discussion on December/ January. An officer of Highways invited to attend a Parish Council meeting.

LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues had been reported.

056/26: FINANCE

a) Bank statements. –

Community account statement	18 Sep – 17 Oct	£49,627.61
Business Saver account	18 Sep – 17 Oct	£15.70

b) Accounts received

None

c) Accounts for payment : -

Northants CALC Ltd	Off to a Flying Start – Adrian Williams, Laines Gibson	127.20
WA Contracting	Works at Geddington recreation field (boundaries, shrubs etc)	650.00
Mr TW Harker	Fencing – Village car park, supply & install entrance/exit to children's park & reinforced slip through/gap	5638.53
Data commissioner (By Direct Debit)	Data protection fee	52.00
James Stevenson	Tree removal from dog walking area/ residents garden.	900.00

Proposed by Cllr McCraith that the payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Johns , agreed by all councillors present.

d) Quotations for tree maintenance schedule.

One quotation is £7820.00, another is £6540.00

ACTION 2:-A quotation will be obtained from a third company.

Cllr G Storey believed that the Parish Council do not have a full list of the trees they are responsible for.

ACTION 3:-The clerk to check with the former Lead for Environment to see if he has a definitive list.

e) Budgetary process for 2026/27 – discussion for potential projects/capital and other spend.

f) 2025-6 budget update.

g) Precept – discussion as to level of precept required.

The above three issues were discussed within the one conversation.

Any project that residents or councillors have put forward need to be discussed, including projects that may take several years to put money aside for the completion of it. In answer to a question, Cllr McCraith stated that the two quotes for cycle racks came in at £535.00 and £350.00. The quotes do not include fitting costs however.

A Community Fund application form will be submitted, to be completed by Cllr McCraith.

Councillors were happy for the funding form to be submitted.

PLANNING

a) NNC Decision notices

No decision notices received.

b) Planning Applications.

Footpath GT1 diversion, Newton NN14 1BW

Ref. No: 25/01444/FDO | Received: Thu 27 Mar 2025 | Validated: Wed 15 Oct 2025 | Status: In progress

Bridleway GT2 diversion, Newton NN14 1BW

Ref. No: 25/01443/FDO | Received: Thu 27 Mar 2025 | Validated: Thu 27 Mar 2025 | Status: In progress

057/26- PARISH PLAN – update .

The existing Parish Plan has been examined, with Cllrs Walker and Wrighting elevating items that are a priority.

Those items that are a priority are traffic congestion and signage. A one-way system could be considered, or double yellow lines. Street lighting issues, flooding, dog mess, public transport and facilities for teenagers and adults are other items to be considered. Next steps are for the two councillors to discuss other items that they believe are a priority and suggest the elevation of these to councillors at the next meeting.

Various methods of consulting with all residents were discussed.

ACTION 4: The clerk to circulate the previous Parish Plan.

058/26:- STONEPIT LAND – lease update.

The GFFB are happy to sign the new lease.

ACTION 5:-The Clerk to contact Tollers solicitors to send the lease to Cllr Rowley.

ACTION 6:- Cllr Rowley will base his abbreviated layman's version of the lease on the GVFB's version, and try to complete it by the November meeting.

059/26: CORRESPONDENCE.

- A representative for the Nature Championship scheme had been requested.
-

ACTION 7:- Cllr McCraith to approach a resident in Steele Way to be a representative for the Nature Championship scheme.

- A councillor representative for Magna Park had been requested.
- Cllr A Storey offered to be the representative.

ACTION 8: The clerk to send her contact details to the Magna Park organiser.

- A representative for "the big 50" had been requested.

ACTION 9: Cllr Nolan offered to be the representative for this group.

-

060/26: DEFIBRILLATOR - update.

Checks need to be carried out once a month to make sure the pads and battery are in working order. The former volunteers have said that they do not wish to do the checking anymore. Until the First Responders take over the monthly checks, two councillors will volunteer to do the checking.

061/26: STANDING ORDERS – review/ discussion

All councillors had a copy of the Standing Orders, but it was decided that discussion of the Standing Orders would be deferred to the next meeting, or an initial discussion could commence when an informal meeting is held shortly with the new councillors.

062/26: FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS - review/ discussion

All councillors had a copy of the Financial Standing Orders, but it was decided that discussion of the document would be deferred to the next meeting, or an initial discussion could commence when an informal meeting is held with the new councillors.

063/26:- URBAN HIGHWAY GRASS CUTTING – LEVEL OF SERVICE CHARGE - level of service change and option for consideration and discussion.

Grass cutting is being standardised across North Northamptonshire. The grass is currently cut six times a year, this will reduce to three times a year. NNC will pay this council £708.70 if this council wishes to take over the grass cutting, with the Council having to agree to cut it a minimum of three times a year.

There are two queries – where are all the different areas of grass that are currently cut and could be taken over by the Parish Council? No list has been provided.

The second query – how much a three-cut would actually cost.

ACTION 10: The clerk to write to NNC and state that we can't make a decision whilst we don't know the answers to these two questions.

064/26:- ENVIRONMENT.

a) Updates from Lead for Environment.

Cllr Storey had discussed the lack of a comprehensive list for trees.

b) Flooding prevention work -an article to be put into the newsletter informing residents of the flood prevention measures that had been carried out.

c) An email had been received from a resident with some further flood knowledge. Cllr G Storey will meet him the next day.

065/26:- CYCLE RACKS – update

This was discussed at 056/26g).

066/26:- SPEED RADARS - discussion

To be carried forward to the December meeting.

AOB.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 9.24pm.