

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2026 at 7.00pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors G Storey.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Rowley – 083/26 Stonepit land (member of GVFB)

079/26: PUBLIC SESSION

a) Questions sent in by the public

Any questions received will be raised under 085/26, "Correspondence".

Noted here that some councillors attended the recently held information session given by Grace Homes in the village hall. It had been quite well attended, with traffic calming measures and the traffic entering and exiting the development giving some cause for concern. Traffic calming measures may be able to be installed in this area with S.106 money or allowing for it via the Parish Council budget.

b) Reports from North Northants Councillor.

Councillors expressed disappointment that the NNC councillor Brendon Lovell-Moore was not present again. He has attended only one meeting since being elected in May.

ACTION 1:The clerk to email the NNC councillor to inform that councillors are disappointed that he has attended only once since the election in May although he is not required to attend.

080/26- MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of draft minutes for the Monthly Parish Council meeting held 10th November 2025.
(Matters arising were dealt with at the 8.12.2025 meeting).

All councillors were happy for the minutes of the November meeting to be signed by Cllr Rowley as a true record.

b) Approval of draft minutes for the Monthly Parish Council meeting held 8th December 2025.

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c) Matters arising - progress on outstanding actions.

10.11.25, action 1: (measuring up for EV charging points in Queen Street) – was it NNC who had been observed measuring for chargers. No reply has been received., the clerk to chase this.

NNC have sent an email dated 9.1.26 in which they state that funding has come from central government for EV chargers expansion, and they will carry out a consultation with Geddington at a later date.

12.12.25, action 2: (Traffic lights at Little Oakley on the day of this meeting, but it is unclear what

work has or will be carried out.

The clerk to check with Kier why notifications are not being received for Geddington Parish.

12.12.25, action 3: Checking of a cheque payment. The clerk confirmed that the cheque had not been written previously even though the payment had been approved, as she was waiting for the new cheque book to arrive.

12.12.25, action 4: Report of The Cross lights not working. The clerk to contact the electrical company that have already inspected the lights. Quotations / reports received.

12.12.25, action 5: (Stone pit land leases). The draft lease will be checked by Cllr Rowley and Cllr Bailey. It has still to be checked but Cllr Rowley has contacted GVFB to inform them that it is ready, but the Youth Club are going to be contacted plus trustees will change shortly.

12.12.25, action 6: (To meet with Youth Club representatives). Cllr Rowley will write to the Youth Club to obtain some dates, and will then liaise with Cllr Wrighting and Cllr Walker. The Youth Club has been written to but only a holding email has been received. Cllr Rowley will chase this this week.

12.12.25, action 7: At least one quotation for playground maintenance to be obtained if possible so that the Parish Council has some idea of how much a yearly contract would cost. The clerk has spoken to the village resident with knowledge of these matters. He has advised that it is inadvisable to be thinking about playground maintenance only, you need to think about it as a unit as a whole. Maintenance, vandalism, scheduled painting, replacing of grass mats all need to be budgeted for. As an example he advised that replacement grass mats in just one of the equipment areas cost £1000.00. Scheduled replacing or renewing on an ongoing basis also need to be included within the unit. A ball-park figure of £5000.00 a year is the average that is needed to maintain a children's playground in the way it should be maintained.

12.12.25, action 8: (email from resident 14.11.25 asking if New Road is to become 20mph road). Councillors had not heard anything to this effect. If the resident wishes to check this they need to contact NNC. The clerk to convey the above to the resident. The resident has been informed of this.

12.12.25, action 9: email from Brigstock Parish Council 17.11.25 informing of possibility of outreach Post Office weekly session. This would be carried out by the same person who ran it in Café Oak under the previous owners. Other options are that sessions may be able to be held in the church, the village hall or the Cricket Club. The clerk to write back and say that there is interest in this for the village. This has been actioned.

12.12.25, action 10: the clerk to add a notice to the boards informing residents that there are currently two vacancies for councillors – one for the Geddington ward and one for Newton ward. Actioned.

Cllr McCreith informed the meeting that she had chased the resident who may be interested in carrying out the nature champion role but she is not interested in the role.

LITTLE OAKLEY

No issues to report, but the potholes have not been filled. Cllr Rowley reported that on the NNC ratings North Northamptonshire had been re-graded from red to amber.

081/26-FINANCE

a) Bank statements. –

Community account statement	18 Nov – 17 Dec	£43,747.08
Business Saver account	18 Nov – 17 Dec	£15.75

b) Accounts received

None

c) Accounts for payment: -

James Stevenson 102149	tree removal - dog walking area-res garden.	900.00
Northants Calc Ltd 102140	Off to a flying start A Williams, L Gibson	127.20
Anita Curtis	Expenses Sep-Dec 25. (unable to access HP Smart acc. when needed in Dec).	37.47

It was proposed by Cllr Johns that the payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed by all councillors present.

An updated budget sheet was circulated by Cllr Rowley and the updated figures were discussed.

d) Parish Council indemnity Insurance – quote for 2026-2027.

The insurance of £1002.85 is less than that allowed for in the budget. Noted that this online insurance is the last of a three-year agreement. Proposed by Cllr Johns that the insurance quotation be accepted, seconded by Cllr Bailey, approved by all councillors present.

e) Parish Council budget for 2026-7 – for decision.

This was discussed at some length.

. New projects are £4,500 allowed for the fencing to the recreation ground – by the bridge, and £4,500 for provision of a bike rack if the application for a grant is not successful. Total budget costs are £37,971. Election costs must also be built in and allowed for, plus additional grass cutting costs. The updated Parish Plan that is currently in process may also result in additional expenditure.

f) Parish Council precept for 2026-7– for decision.

After a prolonged discussion it was proposed by Cllr Williams that the precept would be £31,500, seconded by Cllr McCraith, agreed by nine councillors, against by one councillor. The proposal was therefore passed.

Cllr Bailey stated that he did not think that Little Oakley received any benefits from the Parish Council. The main concerns were road markings, the many potholes around and the floods within the village.

A short discussion of email addresses and reading of documents then took place.

ACTION 2: The new domain address to be an agenda item on the February agenda.

PLANNING.

NNC Decision notices

No NNC decision notices received.

b) Planning Applications - for comments.

Reference: 25/01101/HFUL. UPRN: 100032141816. Deanbrook 37 Newton Road Geddington.

(resubmitted for comments as incorrect address recorded as per Planning dept.) -

Comments from Parish Council to be "No objection".

Reference: 25/00841/LBC. Alternative Reference PP-14012203. Newton House Access Road To Newton House Newton.

Replace existing windows and doors with new Heritage timber windows and doors.

Comments from Parish Council to be "To support the application".

082/26- PARISH PLAN – update .

Cllr Walker and Cllr Wrighting have written an article for the February newsletter, informing of a survey that will be circulated. Feed-back from councillors was received with only a few resulting minor wording changes needed. The survey and QR code will be also circulated to points and groups in the village to try to include residents that it is harder to reach. The survey closing date will be 31st March.

There will also be a note asking if the resident would like to be involved either as a councillor or to help in a voluntary capacity, such as within a working group for a specific item from the Parish Plan.

083/26- STONEPIT LAND – lease update.

GVFB are having their AGM very soon so their completed and agreed lease can be finalised following it. The Youth Club has been asked for dates for a meeting but no dates have been supplied and so Cllr Rowley will chase this.

084/26- COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2025-2026 - for information and discussion.

The review of number of councillors, ward size, and coverage had been requested some years ago. A reduction in the number of councillors for this Parish had been requested, as the full quota of 13 councillors had not been reached for several years. However, the numbers for the Parish Council have increased to near maximum numbers now, and all councillors agreed that they were happy to keep the number of councillors for this Parish the same. Proposed by Cllr Rowley that this Parish Council was happy with councillor numbers and the three wards within the Parish. Seconded by Cllr Gibson and agreed by all councillors present.

ACTION 3 : The clerk to inform NNC of the councillors' decision.

085/26: CORRESPONDENCE.

- a) email from resident to Cllr McCraith. Safe crossing at Weekley (local priorities for improving active travel routes).

Councillors were informed that Weekley are requesting a safe crossing at Weekley because the village is split in half, with two sharp bends in the road. This was looked at two years ago but the road was judged to be too narrow for its proposed placement. This has been looked at again, with thoughts that the pedestrian island is feasible in the middle of two roads, the grassed area being the pedestrian island.

Proposed by Cllr Wrighting that the crossing for Weekley be supported by this Council, seconded by Cllr McCraith, with all councillors in favour of the motion.

ACTION 4. The clerk to find out who the letter of support needs to be directed to.

b) email from resident concerning the old post office dated 22.12.25.

The clerk has replied to the resident.

c) email from NNC for Anglian Water – road closure (Wood Street) on 16th to 20th February.

This work will not now be carried out until May 2026.

d) email from NNC Democratic services – Highways briefings Monday 19th January: 10am to 12pm, or 6pm to 8pm at Corby Council Chamber, Corby Cube for one cllr from each PC.

Cllr McCraith volunteered to attend.

e) Email from NNC Senior public transport officer -changes to local bus services from 1.1.26.

086/26: ENVIRONMENT– updates

Cllr G Storey, Lead for environment, has asked for some help at the current time. Cllr Williams offered to help.

AOB.

Emergency item: Two more quotes are needed for repairs/ maintenance to the Queen Eleanor Cross lights.

ACTION 5: Cllr Wrighting will explore if any grants are available from English Heritage to light up their monument.

Cllr McCraith is still waiting to hear if the funding application for the bike rack in the Village Hall car park has been successful. There is also the possibility of free cycle racks if the application is not successful.

There being no more business, the meeting therefore closed at 8.32pm.