

GEDDINGTON, NEWTON AND LITTLE OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th MARCH 2026 at 7.00pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors A Storey.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Rowley – 101/26- Stonepit land (member of GVFB)

Cllr Johns – Planning application 26/00208/HFUL (neighbour).

096/26: PUBLIC SESSION

a) Questions sent in by the public

Cllr Williams had been asked what was happening with the old post office and possible conversion to a shop. He was informed that as far as the Parish Council were aware, it was still all going through.

A resident had notified Cllr Rowley of the Anglian water issues.

Five members of the public were present, plus NNC Cllr Brendon Lovell-Moore.

b) Reports from North Northants Councillor.

Cllr Lovell-Moore reported that the budget cycle had been completed.

Potholes:- He intended to go out on his bike to see at first hand the areas of concern, including Little Oakley, and report back to Kier with photographs of his bicycle wheel down the potholes. Newton Road is another area of concern. The budget for dealing with potholes for this financial year is £18 million.

Cllr Gibson added that two residents had met with the NNC manager who over-sees potholing. He explained that there is a lack of funding for pothole repair work. The two residents intend to lobby the MP, Rosie Wrighting, for more money to be channelled into pothole repairs.

Cllr Lovell-Moore is working with other councillors on ensuring that slower road users such as cyclists are considered at future roundabouts and slip roads.

He met with residents of Castle Gardens as there are problems with heating in the bathrooms.

Cllr Lovell-Moore was thanked for attending the meeting.

097/26- MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Approval of draft minutes for the Monthly Parish Council meeting held 9th February 2026.

Pending typos being corrected, Councillors agreed for the minutes of the February meeting to be signed by Cllr Rowley as a true record.

b) Matters arising - progress on outstanding actions.

9.2.2026 -action 2: Cllr Wrighting will explore if any grants are available from English Heritage to light up their monument.

Update given within agenda item Finance (098/26).

LITTLE OAKLEY

There has been a proposal to have a horse box café in Little Oakley. There have been a lot of objections to it however. Boughton Estates had given permission but the resident had not obtained the permits she needed. Cllr Bailey will give a further update at a later stage.

098/26-FINANCE

a) Bank statements. –

Community account statement	17 Jan – 17 Feb	£39,393.02
Business Saver account	17 Jan – 17 Feb	£ 15.75

b) Accounts received

None

c) Accounts for payment : -

North Northants Council	Local Government Election 1.5.25, uncontested election costs	70.00
Sterling Press Ltd	Artwork , print and supply posters/flyers for Parish Plan survey	120.00
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Requisite Safety Group Ltd	Rental period – Newton defibrillator – from 24.11.25 for 13 weeks.	151.20
Anita Curtis	Clerk's quarterly salary Jan – Mar 26	1,382.39
Anita Curtis	PAYE made to HMRC Jan – Mar 26	346.00
Anita Curtis	Agreed depreciation of equipment Jan – Mar 26	65.00
Anita Curtis	Expenses Jan – Mar 2026 Printer ink £32.97, printer paper £4.99, pack 4 plastic wallets £1.79	39.75
Boughton Estates	Rent of recreation field 30.9.25 to 19.3.26	570.00
Boughton Estates	Slade footpath	0.05
Northants CALC Ltd	2 x Off to a flying start (AWilliams and L Gibson)	107.20

It was proposed by Cllr McCraith that the above invoices excluding the NNC invoice and the NCalc invoice be approved for payment. Seconded by Cllr Johns, agreed by all councillors present.

ACTION 1: The clerk to query the NNC invoice sent for the uncontested election.

The bank used by Ncalc have lost the original cheque sent. Ncalc has sent a replacement invoice (as listed above) which includes a £20 reduction to cover any charges that may be occurred with the Parish Council's bank.

Councillors were asked if they were happy to accept and authorise for payment the replacement invoice that has been sent. Proposed by Cllr Gibson that the invoice be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr Williams. Agreed by all councillors present.

d) Quotations for ground maintenance work/ installation of cycle rack in the Village Hall car park.

Four quotations had been received for the ground-work and installation of the cycle rack. Councillors had previously approved the cycle rack quote of £535 in an earlier meeting and approved the Finesse Services quotation for the ground-work and installation of the cycle rack, for £3425.76.

The cycle rack will still be on the presently grassed area by the village hall, but it will now be further to the right, in front of the side kitchen. This is necessary as Anglian Water are installing a water tank near to the village hall entrance. Councillors were happy with the slight movement of where the cycle rack will be sited.

Gigaclear will also be installed in the Village Hall shortly.

Cllr Wrighting will meet with The Caretaker of the Village Hall to ensure that everyone is happy with placements.

Cllr Wrighting reported at this stage that she had been in touch with English Heritage regarding the Queen Eleanor lights.

ACTION 2: The clerk to ask Nat-for-Max to take a photo of the electrics just in case English Heritage need it in the future.

PLANNING.

a) NNC Decision notices

There were no decision notices received from NNC.

b) Planning Applications - for comments.

26/00208/HFUL (alternative ref: PP-14646607). 4 Wood Street Geddington NN14 1BG

Demolition of existing outbuilding and new garden room.

Councillors did not believe that there was anything contentious with the application.

The comments to go forward to Planning was to support the application.

099/26- NOTIFICATION: CORBY TOWN COUNCIL – UPCOMING COMMUNITY REVIEW, boundary changes that will affect this Parish: for comments.

Two maps were provided by Corby Town Council. Councillors were informed that this Parish's current boundary backs on to Little Stanion and extends down as far as Storefield Cottages by Barford Bridge. Corby have proposed that Corby's boundary extends down to the A43 relief road, which includes Little Stanion. The boundary comes down to the Weekley Hall Woods roundabout

to form a natural triangle. Cllr Rowley added that it was agreed with Corby Borough Council and Kettering Borough Council that that triangle would be sacred, it would not be developed upon with the exception of Weekley Woods. Corby Town Council proposal is to bring it down to the A43 but not on the Geddington side of the A43.

This will only impact on two cottages by Barford Bridge, both of whom it is believed do not associate themselves with Geddington anyway.

Councillors therefore had no adverse comments to feed into the Corby Town Council's proposals.

ACTION 3: the clerk to inform Corby Town Council of this by 10th March.

100/26- PARISH PLAN

a) Progress update.

The survey for the Parish Plan was included in the village magazine. Several residents have replied via the QR code or feedback obtained through outreach work.

The school has been involved and several replies have now been received from residents who were spoken to whilst waiting at the school. Cllr Wrighting will be carrying out some more outreach work, which will include the church. The school bus will be met, to try to catch opinions of younger residents. The pub, Cricket Club, knitters group and Castle Gardens have still to be contacted.

b) Letter from resident, with items of benefit to the Parish Plan.

A letter had been received from a village resident. The five points he raised were as follows:-

i) *Village Green to be used for car parking.*

The village green is protected land.

ii) *Waste ground on Bridge Street, east of the bridge to be used as a small car park.*

This is private land.

iii) *Land in front of the Woodyard on Grafton Road could become a small car park as well as drop-off and pick-up for children.*

This is private land and has an outline planning permission.

iv) *Boughton Estates looking to develop land off Kettering Road, could extra land be acquired with access to a car park behind Steel Road for use by Bowling and Tennis Clubs.*

The Parish Council wished to do this several years ago. However, with the new planned residential development it would cause too much speculation that the entrance was for a future phase two building plan.

v) *Identify and clearly mark some areas of West Street, Grafton Road, Wood Street and Bridge Street for residents only parking.*

Spaces for residents only parking result in spaces for visitors parking, which would result in less space and the residents having to pay for a car parking space.

ACTION 4:- The resident to be thanked for his letter, which will feed into all the comments and suggestions that are being received for the survey for the Parish Plan.

101/26- STONEPIT LAND – lease update.

Cllr Rowley reported that the Youth Club had agreed to the lease. The maps have still to be inserted as well as details of the rent.

The rolling seven-year lease will then be signed by the clerk and the trustees. All councillors were happy with this.

ACTION 5: Cllr Bailey will send the relevant maps and details of the rent to Cllr Rowley or the clerk.

102/26- . SUMMER FETE.

This was discussed within the public session.

a) Evidence requested.

The insurance for the event had been sent to the Parish Council.

The NNC officer responsible for risk assessment had said she did not have any health and safety concerns from the event held two years ago and was satisfied with steps put in place for this year's event. She was concerned about the lack of parking in the village. The parking plan was circulated, the stallholders will be told that they cannot leave between the hours of 9.00 and 4.00pm unless there is an emergency, plus the gate at the end of the car park will be locked.

b) Any further updates.

Viking re-enactment – it will be in a small roped-off area. They have public liability insurance and risk assessments.

It was also confirmed that there are no bowls, football or cricket matches on that day.

It was confirmed that all councillors were happy for the event to take place.

103/26- NNC COMMUNITY FUND - CYCLE RACK IN VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK.

Updates for this were given with Finance 098/26.

104/26- ENVIRONMENT – ANGLIAN WATER AND SEWERAGE DISCHARGES.

a) Update.

The sewage pipe between the pumping station 40 yards upstream on the River Ise and the main sewer suffered a pipe breaking a week ago. This resulted in sewage covering an area on the recreation ground and the path near the children's play area, puddling by the entrance to the berm. The pipe is 1.8 to 2 metres below ground. The area that has been affected has been fenced off and Anglian Water intend to leave it there for several weeks to allow the land to dry out. The land will then be scraped, topsoil added and re-seeding carried out. There are other small areas that will need to be scraped and re-seeded. However, the fence was taken down the next day so Anglian Water has been contacted.

One tree had to be removed which was next to the pipe.

b) Further information - email from resident 3.3.26 concerning Parish Council awareness of sewage discharges.

ACTION 6: The resident to be thanked by the clerk for his email, which fed into the knowledge obtained from Anglian Water. Cllr Gibson also met the resident, who gave her information that had been obtained in 2018 relating to discharges from the pumping station in heavy rain.

105/26- STRATEGIC TOWN AND PARISH FORUM – Corby and Kettering. *Tues 24th March 2026, 6.30 for 7pm, to 9pm, at Council Chamber & Committee Room, Bowling Green Road, Kettering . Parish Council representation requested.*
No volunteer was available to attend the meeting.

106/26- KETTERING EAST LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETING [In-person], *Thurs 12th March, 10 – 12pm at the North Park Pavilion, Kettering. PC representative requested.*

Cllr McCraith will attend the meeting if she is able to.

107/26- CORRESPONDENCE.

a) Email from CPRE - draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
“An opportunity to respond to the consultation”, closing date is 10th March.

No comments were made concerning this agenda item.

b) Email from NNC 20.2.26 concerning bund responsibility (CSC783872746).

The clerk had chased the query submitted to NNC asking for confirmation that the bund was the responsibility of NNC for maintenance and measuring the height of it every two years. A reply had been received stated that the officer knew nothing about it. He asked for maps and information relating to it. The clerk had replied stating that all the information was with KBC therefore the transfer and all the documents were now with NNC.

ACTION 7: The clerk to ensure that they are aware that the berm is also their responsibility.

c) Email from Ncalc – engagement sessions being held for its next strategic plans on

Monday 23 March 2026 – 10.00am to 11.30am or 19.00pm to 20.30pm.

This was not discussed.

d) Email from Gigaclear 24.2.26 – wishing to give information regarding providing a package for Geddington Village Hall.

The Village Hall are at present considering a package. Concerns were raised as to would the route across the car park to the village hall be left in the same condition as some of the footpaths in the village were.

e) North Northamptonshire BIG50 initiatives, sent 27.2.26. For information.

f) NNC - Leisure services resident engagement, sent 3.3.26 – opportunity to feed into the document (by 10.3.26).

This was not discussed.

AOB.

Cllr Johns raised a query: are the old black Victorian streetlights in the conservation

area protected? She was informed that they are not protected, and they are owned by NNC as the lighting authority. They are not within the Balfour Beatty contract.

ACTION 8: The clerk will query this with NNC.

Two lights were reported as out of action to Cllr Lovell Moore. One is on the main road by the crossroad with Grange Road (light is not working). The other one is by 42 Queen Street, light out again.

There being no more business, the meeting therefore closed at 8.47pm.