

# KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th February 2007.

PCSO Paul Webster was unable to attend the meeting due to the adverse weather conditions.

**06/136 Present :** Chairman M. Day, Councillors B. Wyles, T. Isaac, D. Sharpe, and B. Wright

**06/137 Apologies for Absence :** Councillors N. Ford, L. Crane, K. Howard, J. Dixon and A. Howard.

**06/138 Declarations of Interest:** Councillor B. Wright declared an interest in the first planning item on the agenda

**06/139 Minutes :**

The minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January were approved

Proposed : Councillor B. Wright      Seconded : Councillor D. Sharpe

**06/140 Matters Arising :** Minute 06/129 : Councillor B. Wyles considers that the Hills & Holes Pit is part of the Hills & Holes as it certainly belonged to Col. Hodgkins in the 1930's who owned both areas. Councillor A. Howard has already volunteered to look through the archive files at Howard Farms to ascertain ownership.

**06/141 Clerks Report**

The trees reported as a nuisance in Station Road will not be pollarded as Atkins do not consider it is necessary. The trees in Kingsmead are ENC responsibility and I am awaiting a reply from them. The Highways Manager, Tom Callaghan has reported the problems with the roots raising pavements. He has also been informed of the lack of warning arrows on the speed humps in Wood Road and problems with flooding at 56 West Street during heavy rain, which has been reported several times with no success. A drain cover in Rates Lane has been replaced with a stronger one after a complaint from Mr. Bladen.

Letters have been sent to Barnes Glass and Apex Haulage again asking them not to allow lorries through the village. No replies have been received.

The bridleway from the Wood Yard to Fineshade is subject to a Temporary Closure Order for 6 months for tree felling. The Forestry Commission and Woodland Management have been reminded about the remedial work required to the Beech Tree. No response from either party.

Architect Ian Helliwell has been instructed to apply for planning permission for the proposed extended cemetery land, but ENC don't know how to deal with it, so I have had to send a site plan and a request for information on how to go forward with this.

It has been established that the fallen wall in the Pitchell is the PC's problem; this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

E-ON (Central Networks) who supply electricity to the village have kindly send us pack of essentials for a power cut and asked the Council to "show" this to parishioners, which is not really practical. The pack contains the following, which they suggest every household should have as a precaution against power cuts:-

- An analogue corded telephone (as cordless phones do not work during power cuts)
- A torch with batteries                      ● A wind-up mobile phone charger
- A battery operated radio                      ● A foil blanket

- A reusable hand warmer

I have asked if it possible for these kits to be purchased, but have received no reply.

**06/142 Accounts Payable :** The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
ABB Ltd. New Light in Bridge Street	£ 951.75
ABB Ltd. Replacement Light in Wood Road	£ 703.83
ABB Ltd. Lighting repairs Howard Meadow	£ 346.65
Powergen plc : Electricity charge ¼ to Jan 07	£ 423.48
British Telecom : Telephone charges ¼ to Jan 07	£ 70.82
Robin Hakes : Trimming of hedge in Orchard Lane	£ 450.00
J L Ashby & Co Ltd : Repair railings in Willow Walk	£ 235.00
ABB Ltd : Lighting repairs	£ 42.57

Councillor B. Wyles queried the difference in the ABB invoices for Wood Road and Bridge Street. The latter was a completely new light and connection, the former already had a power supply.

Proposed : Councillor D.Sharpe      Seconded : Councillor T. Isaac

### **06/143 Planning**

#### **Applications :**

#### **49 Park Street : Extension to garage for office studio : EN/06/02592/FUL**

The PC does feel that the development is too large for the site and wondered why the office needs to be incorporated into the garage as opposed being attached to the main house.

#### **114 West Street : Roof Light installation (retrospective) : EN/06/02466/FUL**

No objection but the PC feel the windows should be as specified by the Conservation Officer for this part of the village.

#### **29 West Street : Repollard four lime trees : EN/07/00165/TCA**

There are no objections in principle, provided the owner of Kings Cliffe House is content with this arrangement

#### **Endowed School : Internal door replacement etc. : EN/07 : No objection**

**Granted :** All noted

42 Bridge Street : Two Storey side extension : EN/06/02449/FUL

15B Bridge Street : Timber decking : EN/06/02356/FUL

39 West Street : Side extension and remodelling : EN/06/02188/FUL & 06/02184/LBC

Landfill Site : Various : EN/05/1264C

### **06/144 Land for Cemetery Extension**

The Chairman & Clerk had a meeting with James & Guy Adams on the proposed land; this was measured and the earlier suggested size amended to a fraction under an acre of land which fits in with the landscape and the boundary of the existing cemetery. Once planning permission has been granted, final negotiations will take place to purchase the land with the help of an interest free loan from ENC; this has been discussed with D.C. Roger Glithero, he has spoken to the Finance

Department who cannot envisage a problem with this.

#### **06/145 Grass Cutting Tender for Approval**

The annual tender for the above has been received and approved.

#### **06/146 Pocket Parks : Willow Walk**

The rails which have been vandalised at the Willow Lane end of the cutting have been repaired and the remainder of the work will be completed shortly.

#### **06/147 Cemetery Curator**

Mr. Smith wishes to give up this post; it will be advertised in the Gazette. He is willing to continue until a suitable candidate is found. Interested parties should contact the Clerk.

#### **06/148 ENC Restructure**

The Chairman felt the Parish Council should be aware of the document which outlines the restructure of the District Council hierarchy.

#### **06/149 Memorial Hall : New Hirer Conditions**

The Parish Council have received a copy of the above and reply will be sent approving the new conditions.

#### **06/150 Youth Club Funding**

A letter was received from the new Manager of the Resource Centre, asking if the Council are agreeable to support the Youth Club which they are hoping will re-open in the near future. It was agreed to support them by meeting the costs of the hiring of the rooms for a further six months when it will be reviewed.

#### **06/151 Sub-Committee Reports**

##### **Burial Board**

A recent meeting of the above was attended by only two members. They agreed that the new seat commemorating the Queens 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be installed in the cemetery.

##### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Chris Jackson, the new sub-committee chairman, has written that he has attended several local meetings and is still awaiting full details to call a meeting.

**06/152 Other Correspondence Received :** Various correspondence were discussed or circulated.

#### **06/153 Any Other Business**

Councillor B. Wyles suggested there should be a "No Cycling" sign at Coleman's Lane; also that the broken "School" sign on Wood Road, although reported, has not been replaced.

Councillor T. Isaac reported the dog fouling in Coleman's Lane, which is used by many children. There is regular fouling by what is obviously a large dog. If anyone knows who the culprit is, will they please contact the Clerk who will report this to the dog warden at ENC.

Councillor D. Sharpe reported that leaves need clearing on Church Walk between Gaudern's Lane and Rates Lane. A request will be sent to ENC.

Emergency pack from Central Networks. This has been reported in the Clerks report (above).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45.pm. The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007.