

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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

06/154 Present : Chairman M. Day, Councillors L. Crane, B. Wyles, T. Isaac, D. Sharpe, and B. Wright, N. Ford and A. Howard

06/155 Apologies for Absence : Councillors K. Howard, J. Dixon and B. Howard.

06/155 Declarations of Interest: The Chairman and Councillors B. Wyles, T. Isaac and L. Crane declared an interest in the fourth planning item on the agenda. Councillor A. Howard declared an interest in agenda item 8.

06/156 Minutes :

The minutes of the meeting on 8th February were approved

Proposed : Councillor T. Isaac Seconded : Councillor A. Howard

06/157 Matters Arising : None

06/158 Clerks Report

NCC sent a letter regarding Adult Learning Community Projects; this has been referred to Debbie Bamber at the Resource Centre, as they are looking for a venue for courses.

NCC Kettering Library has asked for our minutes monthly; this was agreed and they will be e-mailed monthly.

Mrs. Johnson in West Street is delighted that at long last Highways have installed a new drain to cope with the flooding outside her house due to bad road camber.

Mrs. Bould reported blocked drains again; Atkins responded very quickly, but told her, as they did last time that there is a broken pipe; they have been asked to urgently repair this, to avoid this recurring problem.

There have been numerous complaints that the Elephant Trap is full; it has been reported.

Councillor Sharpe asked for the Spa to be on the agenda; it was omitted by me and will be discussed under any other business below.

06/159 Accounts Payable : The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
ABBA : Annual subscription	£ 82.00
NALC : Annual subscription	£ 203.00
ABB Ltd : Maintenance ¼ to 31 st March 07	£ 319.02
ENC : Planning fee for cemetery extension	£ 132.50
Mrs. J. Dixon : contra payment for Pitchell lease	£ 20.00

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

06/160 Planning

Applications :

The Rectory : Fell one tree : EN/06/02401/TCA : No objection

116 West Street : Roof light to rear : EN06/02459/FUL : No objection

70 Park Street : SS rear extension & roof light : EN/07/00113/FUL : No objection

100 Wood Road : Two storey dwelling & associated works : EN/07/00284/FUL

The Parish Council object to this as an overdevelopment of a small site; there are concerns regarding the use of the wall to Coleman's Lane as part of the dwelling. The garage is a Listed Building which has been refurbished, therefore there should be no alteration to this and a summerhouse is not appropriate. It is also felt that this dwelling will not be in keeping with adjacent properties in a conservation area. An almost identical application was refused by ENC in the autumn of 2004 (EN/05/01346/FUL)

Granted

Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate : Retrospective for glass recycling : NCC : noted

Withdrawn

49 Park Street : Garage extension : EN/06/02592/FUL : noted

Councillor N. Ford brought the matter of an application for an operators licence, published in the local press for Leedsgate Farm, Wansford (opposite Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate). A letter will be sent to the Traffic Commissioners asking for traffic restrictions to be included in any licence to prohibit HGV's using any access other than from Wansford.

06/161 Land for Cemetery Extension

The planning application for change of use on this land is proving to be somewhat complicated; however, hopefully all relevant questions will be answered and the application will be granted.

06/162 Malting's Green : Request from Gardening Club

A request by the Gardening Club to use Malting's Green for their annual show was granted.

06/163 Fallen Wall : Pitchell

Local builders will be contacted to give quotations to repair the wall

06/164 Cemetery Curator

This post has been advertised and applicants can apply until the end of March.

06/165 Green Waste Scheme

All Councillors had read the information on the new scheme for green waste collection which was published in the Nene Valley News. It remains to be seen how many residents subscribe to this collection

06/166 Sub-Committee Reports

Burial Board

An application for a memorial approval

Neighbourhood Watch

A Neighbourhood Watch held on 5th March at the Resource Centre was regrettably very badly attended. Sub-Committee C. Jackson has not yet given a report; possibly the meeting was not advertised widely enough but Councillors questioned whether there is enough interest in the community for this group to continue.

06/167 Other Correspondence Received : Various correspondences were discussed or circulated.

06/168 Any Other Business

Councillor D. Sharpe gave a report and photographs of the Spa, which is in a badly neglected state. Although within Southwick Parish it is felt this matter must be pursued and Councillor Sharpe has written to Councillor Richardson at Southwick. Councillor A. Howard has also agreed to speak to him. The PC has been told in the past by ENC that it is not the problem of this Parish.

Councillor B.Wyles again reported lack of white lines in many parts of the village. This has been reported to Atkins many times to no avail. He also suggested there should be a STOP sign from Kingsmead to Station Road, as opposed to the existing GIVE WAY sign.

The scaffolding at the West Street end of Forest Approach was discussed and it was agreed both drivers and pedestrians should take extra care whilst this is in place.

Also of concern were drains in the village, many of which are full of silt. A request will be sent to Atkins again.

It was suggested that an allotment inspection was needed before renewal notices are sent to tenants, as there is a waiting list for allotments and several are obviously not being cultivated. Councillors L. Crane and T. Isaac and the Clerk will inspect the plots and report back.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45.pm. The next meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting on 5th April

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