

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 10th May 2007 at 7.30.pm. at the Parlour, King's Cliffe Memorial Hall.

Prior to the meeting, by pre-arrangement, Councillor J. Dixon explained that her planning application for 19 West Street was purely an addition of one window to an existing approved application.

07/001 Election of Chairman

Proposals for Chairman were requested. Councillor M.Day proposed Councillor A Howard. There were no other proposals.

Proposed : Councillor M.Day

Seconded : Councillor B.Wyles

07/002 Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman asked for proposals for Vice-Chairman; Councillor B. Wyles proposed Michael Day. A further proposal failed to gain a second.

Proposed : Councillor B.Wyles

Seconded : Councillor J. Dixon

07/003 Apologies for Absence : None

07/004 Declarations of Interest : All Councillors declared an interest in Item 1 under planning (Cemetery extension). The Chairman declared an interest in the planning application for Laws Lawn & 13 West Street; he and Councillor M. Day, both non-pecuniary and the Clerk in the application for 13 West Street and Councillor J. Dixon in the application for 19 West Street.

07/005 Formation of Sub-Committees

The Chairman proposed this should be deferred until the Council is back to full strength.

07/006 Appointment of Wardens

Tree Warden : Councillor J. Dixon

Pocket Parks Warden : Mr. C. Smith

07/007 Nominations to Other Bodies : No nominations required at this time

07/008 Dates of Meetings for the Coming Year : Approved

07/009 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th April 2007

The minutes were approved

Proposed : Councillor B. Howard

Seconded : Councillor M. Day

07/010 Matters arising : None

07/011 Clerks report

During the County Council Elections it is noted that Heather Smith was elected as our new County Councillor.

A letter has been sent to Highways requesting a STOP sign at the Kingsmead junction; also that the white lines there and elsewhere in the village be repainted. Sadly despite repeated requests for these appear fall on deaf ears.

The Elephant Trap has at long last been repaired and cleaned out; it was most annoying that when Mrs. Margaret Knights rang ENC the job was done the following week whereas I have been asking for this for two years. Mrs. Knights has kindly written to me regarding this.

The new Curator, Robin Hakes, is now tending for the cemetery. Colin Smith, Pocket Parks warden had a useful meeting with Pocket Parks co-ordinator Ruth Douglas from NCC.

The damaged light from the Wheel House is being repaired and will be replaced in the fullness of time.

All allotments are now allocated after a great deal of juggling; however there is still a waiting list for plots.

Although we can do little about the repairs needed to the Spa, Daphne Sharpe has e-mailed to say that the Conservation officer is currently in the process of tracking down the new owners and they will let us know once they have received this information. Although she has retired from the Council, Daphne will continue to pursue the matter.

Thank you letters have been sent to retiring Councillors and to Priscilla Padley.

07/12 Accounts Payable

Curators Salary (Current month)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (Current month)	£ 200.00
Parish Gazette (annual contribution) 2005/6	£ 75.00
British Telecom ¼ to April 07	£ 64.18
Smith Hetherington : Grass cutting	£ 196.00
Viking Direct (Mrs. Blunt) – Stationery	£ 40.31

Proposed : Councillor L. Crane

Seconded : Councillor M. Day

The first quarterly payment of the precept - £3,500 - was received on 27/04/07

0713 Planning

Applications:- Those who had declared an interest left the meeting at the relevant time.

Kings Cliffe Cemetery extension : Change of use : EN/07/00609/FUL

Although there is no right to reply as the Parish Council is the applicant, the meeting expressed their wholehearted hope that this application will be approved by the Planning Committee and trust this will be taken into consideration when this is discussed

1 West Street : Restoration work to roof & dormers : EN/07/00625/FUL : No objection

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13 West Street : Roof garden to single storey : EN/07/00433/FUL

Objection on grounds of local privacy and impact on neighbouring properties

Land Adj. 66 West Street : Conversion of derelict barns : EN/07/00642/FUL

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The two applications were discussed in tandem at length and the Council expressed severe reservations on the visual aspect of the excessive number (14) of roof lights which are not acceptable in this Conservation area. It was felt that dormer windows are more normal to the village, when lighting is required in roof space. The Council would also insist on roofing materials and woodwork decoration must match neighbouring dwellings

19 West Street : Replacement of garage to new two storey : EN/07/00767/FUL : No objection

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Laws Lawn, Stamford Road : Demolition & replacement dwelling : EN/07/00476/OUT : No objection

07/14 Vacancies for Parish Councillors

Seven parishioners have expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council. There will be a note in the Gazette and Noticeboards; application forms will be available from the Clerk. These will then be considered and successful applicants will be invited to join the Council.

07/15 NHS Trust : Request for members

Application forms for membership were given to interested Councillors.

07/16 Pitchell wall repairs : Quotation

Only one contractor replied to the requests for quotations for the above. Therefore the project has been given to Nicholas Evans.

Councillor J. Dixon reported a problem with a tree in the garden adjacent to the Pitchell; the owners of the tree will be asked to remedy this problem.

07/17 Burial Board

Nothing to report.

07/18 Correspondence Received : Various correspondences were circulated or discussed.

07/19 Any Other Business

Councillor M. Day reported that contracts for purchasing land for the proposed Sports Centre will be finalised on 16/17th May. He considers this is a milestone for the community. Councillor B. Howard again expressed reservations; the Chairman replied that will be a wonderful amenity and has been discussed many times. He reiterated the reasons for the land officially belonging to the Parish and that this is not actually being funded by the Parish Council. Whatever happens in the future, the land will still be in Parish ownership. Councillor B. Wright enquired about any change of use in the future; the whole point is to stop any individual in the future selling it for development at a profit. Councillor B. Howard asked that it be minuted that any issue must be brought before the Parish Council.

Councillor B. Howard also raised the matter of the proposed renovation of the footpath to Apethorpe. The Clerk will contact Mrs. Howells, the Apethorpe secretary and report back.

Councillor J. Dixon reported that lorries delivering to the new houses in Forest Approach were causing problems in West Street. Councillor M. Day has volunteered to speak to the building contractor regarding this.

At this point PCSO Paul Webster entered the room. He gave all Councillors forms to complete regarding their Policing concerns for the village. He also gave a warning that distraction burglaries were taking place in the area and the theft of vehicles, especially 4 x 4 vehicles and Volvos had risen dramatically in the area and urged everyone to lock their cars at all times.

The Chairman thanked PC Webster and closed the meeting at 9.10.pm.

The next meeting will be on 7th June at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall Parlour

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