

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 11th October 2007.

07/089 Present : Chairman A.Howard, Councillors M. Day, L. Crane, B. Wyles, P. Lang Norris, B. Wright, B.Howard, N. Ford and C.Williams

07/090 Apologies for Absence : Councillor J. Dixon

07/091 Declarations of Interest : Councillors M. Day and Councillors P. Lang Norris Agenda item 9

07/092 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th September 2007 : Approved following two minor amendments

Proposed : Councillor M.Day

Seconded : Councillor L.Crane

07/093 Matters arising : None

07/094 Clerks Report

The stile at the far end of the allotments has been repaired in a fashion. I understand the stile on the footpath to the Alders has been mended and the overgrowth over the river cleared, but have not inspected it.

After numerous complaints about the amount of money spent on re-surfacing Hall Yard, it transpires that this was scheduled to be carried out in the same year the village map was erected in that area and has only just reached the top of the list. We have complained bitterly that this was a waste of a great deal of money, but Debbie Strong from Highways said it was out of her hands as it was an ENC project.

E-mail received from Tamsin Dennis the TPO to inform us that some trees to the rear of Hall Farm are to be doctored and/or felled. Approval is not required for this

E-mail received today from Mike King, update for Rural Pathfinders Project; this has been belatedly added to the correspondence received.

The Bonney Law Charity has a new trustee, Anne Cockin. Lorraine White has asked me to thank Councillor Bernard Howard who volunteered if no-one else could be found for the post.

A letter was sent to Waite Construction asking them to remove their remaining clutter from opposite the old garage. Some of it has been removed.

Mr. John Barratt has kindly agreed to serve on the Burial Board committee.

A letter was sent to William Fenn asking him to trim the offending hedges below Westhay Lodge; he has indicated he is willing to do this.

Roger Glithero was invited to attend the November meeting; CC Heather Smith has relayed that he is unable to attend. Heather is looking forward to meeting everyone at a future meeting.

PCSO Tim Butter joined the meeting

The Chairman welcomed him to the meeting and introduced him to Councillor P. Lang Norris as the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. Tim Butter gave the following report:-

Monthly crime figures, these are not given in detail; there had been four crimes in the last month, but none were burglary or theft.

Councillor B. Howard asked that statistics be more comprehensive. Constable Butter said he would chase this up.

The Police have 43 villages in their immediate area. They indicate three priorities:-

- 1) Increased visibility and speed control. All villages deserve a regular uniformed presence.
- 2) Kings Cliffe, Glapthorn and Collyweston have been prioritised for speeding control.
- 3) Youth and Anti-Social behaviour : There has been a uniformed presence in the village daily after 4pm., there were relatively few incidents, apart from the evenings when the Youth Club meet at the Resource Centre.

There is to be a strong poster campaign through the area counteract anti-social behaviour; local shops will display signs saying 'No flour or eggs will be sold to anyone under the age of 16' and others. There will be increased patrols on All Hallows Eve and during the 'Guy Fawkes' season. Please let the Police know about any vulnerable people who made need additional support.

The Mobile Police Station will be in the village on 27th November, there will be posters advertising time and place.

The Chairman commented that there is a considerable amount of graffiti in the village; also that perhaps the lull in anti-social behaviour owes much to the weather and dark nights. Can we be assured these patrols will continue in the Spring?

PC Butter suggested photos should be taken of graffiti and sent to a web-site which deals with this.

He has paid a visit to the Endowed School and reported the concerns about traffic congestion outside the school, (this subject currently being targeted by the Chairman and CC Heather Smith, see Any Other Business).

Councillor B. Wright asked if the Police had the power to issue parking fines; no longer possible, this area is now covered by NCP Car Parks. However there are going to be Road Safety talks at local schools targeting the parking problems.

It is also reported that white and blue transit vans in the area are up to no good. Any suspicions, please report to the Police with registration numbers.

The Chairman thanked Tim Butter and reconvened the meeting.

07/095 Accounts Payable

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Smith Hetherington – grass cutting	£ 196.00
Nicholas Evans : Repairs to the Pitchell Wall	£ 1010.50
Resource at Kings Cliffe : Youth Club hire charges	£ 252.00 (two invoices)
Powergen ¼ to October, lighting charges	£ 438.13

Proposed : Councillor B.Wyles

Seconded : Councillor B.Wright

07/096 Planning

Applications

44 West Street : Various internal/external alterations : EN/07/01776/LBC – No objection

144 West Street : Installation of roof light : Appeal : EN/06/02466/FUL – No objection

Kings Cliffe Landfill Site : Soil Treatment facility : 07/00048/WAS

The Council have no objections as long as the equipment for this facility is efficiently screened/camouflaged and any noise and dust created is within acceptable limits.

66 West Street : Conversion of barns : EN/07/01863/FUL

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The two applications, 01864/FUL/01863, were discussed in tandem. The Council have no objection to the buildings but feel most strongly that a condition should be imposed to restrict parking to within the curtilage of the site. Parking in the village is a major problem and additional cars in West Street would be a hazard. When the new site behind Wood Road is developed the road access will be virtually opposite this site and any on-road parking there would cause considerable congestion which is totally unacceptable.

07/097 Land for Cemetery Extension : application for loan

Chattertons Solicitors have been formerly requested to go ahead with the purchase of the land.

07/098 KCEA & KC Community & Area Sports Project

The lease for the land has yet to be finalised. Chattertons will be chased up over this, as SWEET is waiting for an estimate for legal charges.

The Chairman said that once we have a draft agreement a Councillor will be nominated as a Parish Council watching brief. The Peoples Millions organisation is also waiting for this draft.

It was agreed in minutes of an earlier meeting that the current Chairman and Clerk are authorised to sign any legal documents.

07/099 Footpath to Apethorpe : update

Councillor M. Day reported that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting at Apethorpe with Andrew Forbes, Apethorpe Meeting Chairman and Secretary Patricia Howells, Debbie Strong N.C.C., Nainesh Patel, N.C.C. and County Councillor Heather Smith who chaired the meeting.

There was a long debate to discover what had gone wrong to delay the project and to find a way forward. The costs of providing a paved or tarmac surface are prohibitive, therefore it was decided to ask for the area from the Second Drift to Apethorpe to be levelled and reseeded to form a walkable surface for pedestrians to get off the road.

The path from Kings Cliffe to Kirks Lodge has been sided out and made passable, but the spoil has been dumped at the side of the path which is not really acceptable.

There will be a further meeting in November to discuss progress.

07/100 Landfill Liaison Meeting : report

The Chairman, Councillor B. Wright and the Clerk attended a meeting of the above on 26th

September.

The current Planning application was discussed at the meeting; there appeared to be very few problems. Augean says the planned soil washing apparatus will be painted in camouflage colours and will only be visible to anyone very close to the site. The Council have no objections as long as the equipment is screened/camouflaged and noise and dust created is within acceptable limits.

There was some discussion on the renaming of the site as many people do not like it being called Kings Cliffe Landfill site; nothing was decided but it was felt this subject will be raised again at future meetings.

07/101 Burial Board

The Burial Board has nothing to report as there had been no meeting. The Council expressed their respects and sympathy to the Embleton family on the loss of Norman, who was a well-respected and long-serving Parish Councillor and had continued to service on the Burial Board until last year.

07/102 Neighbourhood Watch

Councillor P. Lang Norris had nothing to report. Road Safety is discussed below.

07/103 Other Correspondence Received : Various correspondences were circulated.

07/104 Any Other Business

The Chairman had attended a meeting at the Endowed School and reported there were serious concerns regarding road safety, traffic congestion and speeding.

All agreed that care must be taken in this area and there were suggestions that more warning signs are required, especially from the Park Street direction. A crossing warning and 20mph signs were suggested. There is a decided lack of road marking. This was discussed at length and the conclusion reached was that it is mainly parents and buses bringing the children to school causing the congestion in the area. It was suggested that the school talks to parents and ask those living within the village to walk their children to school or arrange a walking bus. Another area for concern is the link from the Middle School across to Coleman's Lane. Again it was unanimously agreed more signs are needed. NCC Highways will be approached with suggestions.

Councillor C. Williams suggested all heavy vehicles should use Wood Road as a matter of course. Councillor N. Ford suggested a sign into the Westhay depot would stop HGV's from 'missing' the yard and ending up in the village, but this would have to be agreed by Highways. CC Heather Smith will be asked to assist with all the above.

Councillor B. Wyles complained that a van parking on one of the humps on Wood Road is causing tractors with wide equipment to damage the stone wall opposite the humps.

He also suggested a study should be made once the houses in Baileys Yard are complete, as there appears to be very little provision for parking on the site.

Councillor B. Howard reported that the stile at the top of the Moors is in bad repair. It was decided it would be more effective if Howards could repair this, as NCC footpaths would replace it with a wooden stile, which would be less pleasing. However the Clerk will speak to Bob Birkett, the Footpaths Manager.

Councillor C. Williams reported a dangerous tree branch in Church Walk. Councillor N. Ford agreed to inspect this and deal with it as necessary.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15.pm. The next meeting will be in the Memorial Hall Parlour on 8th November 2007 at 7.30.pm.

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