

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 13th November 2008 at 7.30.pm. in the Parlour at Memorial Hall.

08/108` Present : Chairman A. Howard, Vice-chairman M. Day, Councillors B. Wyles, C. Williams, M. Wharton, B. Howard, L. Crane and J. Dixon

08/109 Apologies : Councillors P. Lang Norris and K. Howard

08/110 Declarations of Interest : Chairman A. Howard, Councillors B. Howard and M. Wharton declared an interest in the second item under 08/115 'Planning'.

08/111 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2008 : Approved

Proposed : Councillor B. Wyles

Seconded : Councillor C. Williams

08/112 Matters arising : None

08/113` Clerks report : Nothing to report

08/114 Neighbourhood Watch

This agenda item was brought forward as PCSO Mohamed (Taz) Thaseen was at the meeting. He read the monthly crime report, which shows that there were ten reported crimes during the month of September, five of which were thefts from motor vehicles. The Mobile Police station will be visiting the village again in the near future. The facility at the Resource Centre for the police is proving to be very useful. The police are patrolling the village regularly, although one Councillor asked that there should be more policing in the village.

The Chairman thanked Taz for attending the meeting; he replied that he would spend the rest of the evening patrolling the village.

08/115 Accounts payable : Approved

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Smith Hetherington, grass cutting	£ 205.00
E-on : lighting repairs	£ 27.58
BT : Telephone account 3 months to November	£ 192.09
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP : National Audit charge	£ 158.63
Royal British Legion : Wreath for Remembrance Day	£ 30.00
ACRE : Annual subscription	£ 34.00

08/116 Annual Audit : final approval and auditors comments

The Audit Commission have approved the annual accounts and the necessary notice was posted on the notice board. The Chairman asked for approval from the Council

Proposed : Councillor L. Crane

Seconded : Councillor J. Dixon

08/117 Planning

Applications

Primary School : Removal of large flowering cherry tree : EN/08/01262/TPO : No objection

The Chairman and two Councillors left the room and Councillor M. Day took the chair for the next item

Rosary Farm : Retrospective change of use from piggery : EN/08/01951/FUL : No objection

Granted by ENC : All noted

**The Rectory, Hall Yard : Removal & tree pruning : EN/08/01441/TPO
Land adj. 66 West Street : Demolition of boundary walls : EN/08/01326/LBC**

Refused by ENC : Noted

Lawns Lawn, Stamford Road : Change of use/new dwelling : EN/08/01467/FUL

08/118 Rural Pathfinder Project : Update on any volunteers

As no volunteers have come forward and the Parish Council cannot follow this up unaided – Northamptonshire Acre will be informed that this project can now be concluded.

08/119 Highways Issues – update

Highways have informed the PC that there are additional funds available for single project; as they have been informed of all outstanding issues in the Parish and these will not be included, few ideas were forthcoming. It is noted that all signs and signposts in the area are in need of cleaning. Richard Woodhouse, the Highways Manager, will be invited to speak at the December meeting when problems can be raised.

There were several very strong comments on the lack of respect from drivers of vehicles in Hall Yard during a recent funeral and the Chairman will talk to Rev. Philip Davis with regard to signs being provided for Hall Yard for use when funeral or indeed weddings are in progress.

08/120 Report on overgrown hedges

Letters will be sent to all land owners; if no action is taken, this will be reported to Highways for them to take enforcement action

08/121 Roads at Westhay/Augean

There is still a big issue with mud on the Stamford Road. It was suggested that perhaps the Augean should be asked to stop road washing entirely. This is an issue that Highways rather than the Parish Council can deal with.

It was agreed that the signs to and from the Landfill site, including the ones supplied by P. C. Howard Ltd., were exactly what has been needed for a long time. Councillor M. Day thanked the Howard Company on behalf of the PC for their contribution.

08/122 Gazette Entry for December : discussed and agreed

08/123 Burial Board

Four memorial applications were discussed and approved

Councillor M. Day, Burial Board Chairman feels that new dustbins should be purchased for the cemetery and suggested that these should be put at the bottom of the driveway, as these are frequently full and heavy for the volunteer who puts them out for the bin-men each week. A sign will be displayed asking visitors to take their dead flowers etc., to these bins.

He also raised the subject of raising cemetery prices; ENC rules say that cemeteries should be self-financing and this is not possible, but considering the monies spent on enlarging the cemetery, a slight raise in charges would help and be in line with other parishes. The Clerk will compare charges with other nearby villages.

It was also suggested that when the new cemetery comes into use, headstones only will be allowed, not kerbs, to facilitate ease of grass cutting and therefore ensure a tidier appearance.

Removal of the spoil heap will also be arranged in the near future.

08/124 Other Correspondence Received : noted or circulated

08/125 Any Other Business

Councillor M. Wharton was concerned about the water which stands in the first hollow from the village on the Stamford Road. Unfortunately, although there is a culvert, this frequently becomes blocked. Drivers are reminded to take care during heavy rain.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10.pm. The next meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall Parlour at 7.30.pm. on 11th December 2008