

# KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 11th December 2008 at 7.30.pm. in the Parlour at Memorial Hall. Vice-Chairman M. Day took the chair.

**08/126 Present :** Vice-chairman M. Day, Councillors B. Wyles, C. Williams, M. Wharton, L. Crane and P. Lang Norris

**08/127 Apologies :** Chairman A. Howard and Councillor J. Dixon

**08/128 Declarations of Interest :** None

**08/129 Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November :** Approved

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams

Seconded : Councillor M. Wharton

**08/130 Matters arising :** None

**08/131 Clerks report**

Christmas tree shredding will take place at the Bottle Bank from 1.pm. – 3.30.pm. on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Highways have been informed of the damage to the lights at the A47/Kings Cliffe junction; also that the GIVE WAY sign from the Collyweston slip road to the A47 is on the ground.

The gritting of Wansford Road – a complaint from received from a resident; Heather Smith chased it up and was assured the road would be gritted the following day at 7.pm. This did not happen, so this must be monitored closely. However, the “Road not gritted sign” in place and care should still be taken on this road during frosty weather

A further complaint was received that the road sweepers from Augean were working after dark, which the complainant considered is quite dangerous. This will be relayed to Augean, however, it was decided at an earlier meeting that this is actually Highways, not a Parish Council problem; there will be a Liaison meeting in January and this point will be raised.

Richard Woodhouse, Area Highways Manager will be attending the January meeting to give a short presentation and answer any questions.

**08/132 Accounts payable :** Approved

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 205.00
Clerks expenses : July – December 08	£ 79.75
Smith Hetherington, grass cutting	£ 205.00
Richard Brown – cemetery hedge trimming	£ 60.00
E-on : Lighting maintenance : ¼ to Dec 08	£ 363.15
Parish Gazette : annual contribution (re-issued)	£ 75.00

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

**08/133 Planning**

**Applications**

23 Park Street : Remove Leylandii and Acacia trees : EN/08/2070/TCA : No objection  
110 Wood Road : Replace existing UPVC windows with wooden : EN/08/02054/FUL : No objection

### **Granted**

128 Wood Road : Rear S/S extension for disabled adult : EN/08/01637/FUL : Noted

### **08/134 Freedom of Information Act : Adoption of Model Publication Scheme**

FIO Model Publication Scheme needs to be adopted by the Council before 31<sup>st</sup> December. It was hoped the web-site would be up and running by the year end, allowing public access to all records. However, this has not happened yet, therefore there will be a poster in the notice boards, saying that records and information of the Parish Council can be viewed by appointment in the Clerks office. A charge of 10p per sheet will be charged for copies of documents.

The Clerk therefore requested a proposal to formally adopt the Model Publication Scheme as outlined above.

Proposed : Councillor B. Wyles

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

### **08/135 Precept for 2009/10**

After discussion it was decided that the Precept should remain at the same amount as last year which is £15,000.

Proposed : Vice-Chairman M. Day

Seconded : Councillor P. Lang Norris

### **08/136 Grass cutting tender for 2009**

It was agreed to gratefully accept the tender for grass cutting in the Churchyard and Pocket Parks received from Smith-Hetherington at the same price as for the last four years.

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams

Seconded : Vice-Chairman M. Day

### **08/137 Highways Issues – update**

Several points were raised, but it was decided that any pertinent questions will be put to Richard Woodhouse, Area Highways manager, when he attends the January meeting.

### **08/138 Overgrown hedges : update**

Following letter sent to land-owners on the Blatherwycke and Stamford Roads regarding overgrown hedges, it is gratifying to see that some of the Blatherwycke Road hedges have been trimmed. Thank you to the owners for reacting so promptly. However, if the outstanding ones are not dealt with during January, we will have no alternative other than to report this to the Highways Enforcement Officers.

### **08/139 Memorial Hall trustees**

Following the retirement of Mr. Wilfred Court as one of the two Parish Council trustees of the Memorial Hall, the remaining trustee, Councillor P. Lang Norris, outlined what this position entailed and Councillor C. Williams kindly volunteered to fill this post. A letter will be sent to the Memorial Hall Chairman.

### **08/140 Request to use Malting's Green**

A request to use Malting's Green in conjunction with the Memorial Hall for a party in March was approved.

#### **08/141 Gazette Entry for January**

There will be no entry in the Gazette for January.

#### **08/142 Burial Board**

Vice-Chairman M. Day apologised for not having a Burial Board meeting, but it was agreed there as there is no urgent business at the moment, it can be dealt with within the Parish Council meetings.

Quotations for various tasks at the cemetery : The Curator has given quotations for several additional tasks in the cemetery, including repainting the gates. These quotations were accepted unanimously. The meeting also asked that Mr. Brown is thanked for all the hard work he has put into the cemetery over and above the specified tasks.

**08/143 Neighbourhood Watch** : Nothing to report.

#### **08/144 Other Correspondence Received :**

A letter was received from Mr. M. Kirk with regard to the parking of cycles outside the Village Store, proposing that a cycle rack should be affixed to the wall of the shop to prevent these being laid on the pavement with the possibility of damage from cars parking outside the shop. The Council would have no objection, but planning permission may be required for this, as the shop is within the Conservation area.

Other correspondence were discussed or circulated.

#### **08/145 Any Other Business**

Councillor B. Wyles considers that the Council road sweeper which services the village is far more efficient than the sweepers used at the Landfill site. This will be raised at the forthcoming Liaison meeting. He also raised a point regarding the inconvenience being caused by the replacement of drains at the Park Street/Station Road junction. The Vice-Chairman will ascertain how long this work will take.

Councillor C. Williams reported offensive graffiti on a gate in Church Walk. This will be discussed with the owners.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20.pm. The next meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall Parlour at 7.30.pm. on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009