

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 8th January 2009 at 7.30.pm. in the Parlour at Memorial Hall.

08/146 Present : Chairman A. Howard, Councillors C. Williams, M. Wharton, J. Dixon, B. Howard and K. Howard.

08/147 Apologies : Vice -Chairman M. Day, Area Highways Manager, Richard Woodhouse, County Councillor H. Smith, Councillors P. Lang Norris, L. Crane and B. Wyles

08/148 Declarations of Interest : None

08/149 Presentation and Q & A session by Richard Woodhouse, Area Highways Manager

Mr. Woodhouse sent his apologies and will now attend the February meeting.

08/150 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December : Approved

Proposed : Councillor M. Wharton

Seconded : Councillor B. Howard

08/151 Matters arising

There are still concerns regarding the A47 junction to Kings Cliffe; these will be discussed with Richard Woodhouse at the next meeting.

Other matters arising are reported in the Clerks report.

08/152 Clerks report

County Councillor Heather Smith has obtained funds for a dog bin at Kingsmead, to serve the Sports Field. This has to be in Kingsmead – i.e. on the public highway, to ensure it is emptied. It has been agreed this will be sited on the left side, between the Sports entrance and the Willow Walk.

Sports Field - David Hellard has reported that a ‘spring has sprung’ by the OurSpace area, and this is being piped away at the moment. The pitches will have soil and grass seed spread in March. They are hoping to finish the fencing and plant trees next month. They have an excellent quotation for indigenous plants and will plant, with the help of the other village organisations.

In the accounts, there is a large bill for repairs to the light by the Club; this was queried, as they normally ask before doing major repairs, but apparently it had to be reconnected and a new box fitted.

We are still getting complaints that the Wansford Road is not being gritted; these have been passed these on to Heather Smith, she has suggested everyone rings the Street Doctor to complain.

The letter last month from Mr. Michael Kirk proposing bike stands outside the Village Store has been discussed with ENC Planning. Planning permission would be needed for a fixed stand adjacent to the footpath. A freestanding contraption would not need permission, but would be open to vandalism. The Chairman will discuss the findings with Mr. Kirk and the shop proprietors to see if a solution can be reached.

Councillor Wyles has again complained about Augean – he feels that by dry sweeping the mud is being forced into the tarmac and then there are more problems when it does rain, or they wet sweep. Again, this will be discussed at length at the next meeting. In the meantime, we would urge people to cut their speed on this section of road and to advise highways on 01604 883400 if there is a problem

08/153 Accounts payable : Approved

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
E-on : Lighting repairs adj. to 69 Wood Road	£ 315.10
Resource Centre : Room Hire for Youth Club Apl/Sept.08	£ 360.00
HM Customs & Revenue : repay overpayment by them	£ 304.71

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams

Seconded : Councillor K. Howard

08/154 Planning

Applications:-

1 Church Walk : Infill Conservatory & triple garage : EN/08/01994/FUL : No objection

The two following applications were withdrawn after the agenda was issued but before the meeting:-

18 Park Street : Replace UPVC with timber windows : EN/08/01471/FUL

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08/155 Gazette entry for February

Various matters were discussed and the entry agreed.

08/156 Burial Board

Three memorial inscriptions were approved.

Councillor M. Day will obtain quotations for the work of fencing the cemetery extension and trimming the existing hedge to the vendors' satisfaction. Once this work is complete, the roadway will be extended onto the new land.

08/157 Neighbourhood Watch

The monthly and annual Crime Reports were discussed. It was generally felt more detail is needed in these reports from the police.

08/158 Other Correspondence Received

Various correspondences were discussed or circulated and several were taken by the Chairman for investigation and then discussion at future meetings.

08/159 Any Other Business

As reported last month, the overgrown hedges on the Blatherwycke Road have been trimmed, but there is outstanding work on hedges on the Stamford Road. Councillor M. Day has contacted the owner and will remind them again. However the Council wished to record their thanks to all those that have cut their hedges it is much appreciated

The Chairman said there are still grave concerns about the mud on the road from the Landfill site. A letter will be sent to Highways and copied to other relevant persons, as despite constant complaints, nothing appears to be done.

The Environment Agency is carrying out a consultation on the new Planning permission sought by Augean and the Chairman proposes a meeting with them by members of the PC.

Due to ill-health, Councillor N. Ford tendered his resignation from the Council last month; Vice-Chairman Michael Day instructed the clerk to follow the set procedures with the Electoral Office at ENC, which they have acknowledged.

The Clerk advised the Council that we have received one application from Mrs Gill Kingston, the council unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs Kingston on to the Parish Council

Councillor K. Howard reported a loose tile on the roof of the recently renovated house on the corner of Forest Approach. The Clerk will contact the contractors.

Councillor B. Howard reported that all the signs and signpost in and around the village are in need of cleaning. He also reported broken kerbs in Bridge Street. The Clerk will request cleaning and report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall Parlour at 7.30pm. on 12th February 2009