

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 13th February 2014 at 7.30.pm. in the parlour of the Memorial Hall.

13/170: Present : Chairman A. Howard, Councillors M. Day, L. Crane, C. Williams, R. Meadows, G. Kingston, C. Leuchars, G. Caddick, J. Atkinson and District Councillor R. Glithero

13/171 : Apologies for Absence : Councillors Ford and Brown

13/172: Declarations of Interest : Councillor Caddick (Local Schools).

13/173 : Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2014 : Approved after one small alteration

Proposed : Councillor Leuchars

Seconded : Councillor Caddick

13/174 : Clerks Report

The Buxton seat : It has been decided that this needs a plinth; this will be constructed when the weather improves; I made the mistake of thinking we could save the £152 + VAT the firm wanted and that it would be simple to erect, but will remedy this by standing the cost of the plinth.

Allotments: All rents have been paid; one relinquished and given to first on the waiting list. The two untended ones; the tenant has promised to cultivate them and accepts that she will be evicted without notice at the end of March , if this doesn't happen.

Regarding the repairs to a light in Daleswood Rise. Despite e-mails and phone calls, which have been going on for a couple of months, it has not yet been repaired.

A pre-planning proposal has been received regarding Forest Holiday homes in the forest. Councillor Glithero will talk about this.

ENC have informed us that they have received grants for Kings Cliffe Meadow. This was e-mailed to all Councillors, with a very handy map of the village; this is purely for your information, as we are not actively involved.

The rubbish at Kingsmead was eventually cleared by an independent contractor for ENC; they did not leave it very tidy; I have complained further and asked about moving the bins to the hammer-head; as yet, no reply from them.

Endless blocked drains have been reported to the Street Doctor, but don't expect much action at the moment.

13/175 : Matters Arising

As no reply has been received from the Tree Officer at ENC regarding various tree problems, another reminder will be sent.

13/176 : Accounts Payable : agreed

Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 312.00
A. E. Blunt : Grass cutting etc., burial grounds : December	£ 320.00
HMRC : Clerks PAYE for month	£ 3.00
BT : ¼ Telephone invoice : Nov/Jan : repay to Mrs. Blunt	£ 110.69
E-on : Lighting charges ¼ to January	£ 636.61

13/177 : Financial Position : noted

Bank balances:- Current £ 5,917.58; Deposit £3,138.85; Bequest account: £ 5,683.55

13/178 : Planning : noted

Application withdrawn

100 Wood Road : Construction of new detached garage : 13/02105/LBC : notified as withdrawn

Granted (by ENC)

100 Wood Road : Construction of new detached garage : 13/02104/FUL (NB : one LBC, one FUL)

30 West Street : Single/Two storey to rear extension : 13/01995/FUL/02022/LBC

8 Kings Forest : Single storey extension : 13/01894/FUL

Proposed : Councillor Crane

Seconded : Councillor Williams

ENC have written to ask if we would accept electronic consultation on planning as opposed to hard copies sent by post. This was discussed and it was decided that the Council prefer to have hard copies of plans for ease of discussion.

Proposal for Holiday Cabins in Fineshade Wood

Although not within our Parish, the PC have received a pre-planning proposal from Forest Holidays plc, who have seven sites in the UK, to build 76 holiday cabins on 69 acres of land in Fineshade Woods. DC Glithero informed the Council that this company was partly Forestry Commission and Camping Club. They are communicating with ENC and have spoken to Fineshade residents and Duddington PC. Any development would have significant impact on the A43 road and adjacent minor roads. If actual plans are presented, the PC will, no doubt, be consulted officially

13/179 Reorganisation of Local Schools

As at last months' meeting, a long discussion took place on the future of schooling in the parish in particular the closure of the middle school and the proposed move from 3 to a 2 tier system . Regarding the suggestions that the existing Middle School would be replaced on that site with the school for the first tier of education, the future of the Endowed School buildings and land was also discussed at length.

There are grave concerns that, at the moment, it appears that only parents are invited to the various meetings in the pipeline. This should not be the case, everyone must be involved to ensure the very best education for the children of this community, not just for the present pupils, but for those in the foreseeable future. Many who have recently moved into the village have expressed concern, as they moved here for the excellent facilities. To this end, it is the Parish Council will produce a leaflet to be delivered to every household, encouraging all members of the community to put their views to NCC for the consultation.

13/180 : The Park/Village Field/Willow Lane : Update

There are still numerous complaints regarding house levels in the new estate. However, the Clerk consulted the Building Inspector at ENC regarding their role in this; Sovereign Grange is using the NHBC and not ENC for building control matters. However, the Enforcement Officer at ENC is still very much involved in the actual planning matter. Persimmon has stated that they do not intend to follow the footpath from the estate into Willow Lane as this does not belong to them. The PC is still pursuing this matter as this is considered a totally incorrect decision by Persimmon Homes.

The Park Play Area : nothing has yet been heard about the transfer of the maintenance of this land, either to the PC or an independent company, as the matters precedent have not been dealt with

Vice-Chairman Day has spoken to the contractor who fenced the cemetery extension at a very competitive cost, for a quotation and suggestions on how to secure the Village Field.

DC Glithero is to meet on site with the Vice-Chairman, to inspect all the outstanding issues from the ENC point of view.

13/181 Parish Plan : Update

The first draft of the Parish Plan is complete and should be published within the next two months.

13/182 Horsewater renovation : Update

Councillor Meadows has been in touch with the Conservation Trust Volunteers who are very enthusiastic about clearing the Horsewater. However, they do charge for their services. After discussion, it was decided this would be money well spent and he will instruct them to do the work

Proposed : Councillor Caddick

Seconded : Councillor Atkinson

13/183 Gazette entry for March 2014 : discussed and agreed

13/184 Burial Board : nothing to report.

13/185 Police : Monthly Crime Statistics : circulated and noted

The Chairman had reported to the Clerk 'nuisance knockers' going round the village recently and this was reported to the Police.

There have also been two thefts, one of heating oil, at the P C Howard depot at Westhay.

13/186 Other Correspondence Received : discussed and/or circulated to all Councillors

13/187 Any Other Business

Councillor Leuchars brought to the attention of the Parish Council the Community Orchard behind the Endowed School, where 30 fruit trees have been planted, and urged the need to protect it during any changes to the site caused by the possible schools reorganisation

Rubbish has been dumped in Morehay Lane; this will be reported, but unlikely to be removed, in which case Councillor Day has volunteered to remove it, as it is adjacent to his farm.

Again, will anyone able to identify those dumping rubbish, please let the Clerk know? It was agreed to remind everyone of the opening hours of the Kettering Road, Weldon Recycling centre, which will accept practically every kind of waste; their opening hours are 8.am. – 6.pm. and 8.am. – 8.pm. April to September; 5 days per week (closed Wednesday and Thursday).

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting 9.pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March 2014 at 7.30.pm. at the Community Centre (NB : Change of venue)