

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 10th July 2014 at 7.30.pm. in the parlour of the Memorial Hall.

14/054 : Present : Chairman A. Howard, Councillors Day, N. Ford, R. Brown, G. Caddick, R. Meadows, G. Kingston, C. Leuchars and District Councillor R. Glithero.

14/055 : Apologies for Absence : Councillors L. Crane, C. Williams and H. Smith

14/056 : Declarations of Interest : None

14/057 : Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2014

Approved, following the deletion of Councillors Caddick's name, incorrectly added to the Burial Board Committee.

Proposed : Councillor Caddick

Seconded : Councillor Leuchars

14/058 : Clerks Report

Nothing to report which is not within the agenda.

14/059 : Matters Arising

Although the blocked drains have been reported, no action has been taken. This will be requested again.

14/060 : Accounts Payable

Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 303.40
Curator : Cemetery & Churchyard (plus extra grass cutting)	£ 370.00
HMRC : Clerks PAYE	£ 11.60
E-on : Electricity charges : ¼ to July	£ 617.66

Proposed : Councillor Ford

Seconded : Councillor Kingston

14/061 : Financial Position : noted

Bank balances:- Current account £ 9,225.81; Deposit account £ 3,139.63; Bequest account £ 5,695.08

14/062: Planning

Applications

72 Park Street : Division into two properties : 14/00984/FUL : No objection

Top Lodge, Fineshade : 70 cabins and associated buildings; new access road : 14/01156/FUL

The PC have not yet been formally consulted on the above application : a reply will be sent when required.

Granted by ENC : noted

22 West Street : To replace all windows and external doors : 14/00731/LBC

44 Forest Approach : Skylight to ensuite bathroom at front of property : 14/00785/FUL

31 West Street : Demolish wall and replace with gates, new driveway and various : 14/00931/FUL

14/063 : Parish Plan : Update

Councillor Atkinson reported that there were problems with finding a company who were prepared to print this at an affordable price. Councillor Glithero will look into this with ENC. It will be published on the Parish Council web-site in the meantime.

14/064 : Reorganisation of Local Schools

Parents had been invited to a meeting where plans were displayed to give an idea of where the new Primary School would be sited once the old Middle School is demolished and various ideas regarding the sale of land for housing etc., was discussed. The PC was not made aware of this meeting.

The Chairman has spoken to our County Councillors and asked that we be kept informed of future meetings as this should involve the whole village ie both current and future parents

14/065 : Village Field : Update

Councillor Brown has a draft of the ideas and the necessary quotes to complete Phase 2 of the process for obtaining a grant. He will complete the forms which need to be at ENC by 12 noon on 21st July 2014.

14/066 : Willow Lane : Update

The Chairman has spoken with Michelle Rickard and the investigations into ownership are on-going.

14/067 : Sovereign Grange : current issues

Chicanes : Since the meeting two months ago with ENC and Councillors, despite much e-mail correspondence, little progress has been made. There seems to be some conflict between NCC and ENC; the latest e-mail from ENC Enforcement stated that if nothing has been decided, a Breach of Conditions will be issued on 20th June. Councillor Glithero suggested we should again write to all those involved and say we want these road calming measures now. The PC sent the first complaint more than 2 ½ years ago as this work should have been completed before the first houses were built. Certainly the 'rumble strip' and 'give way' signs are a priority from safety point of view.

Councillor Brown asked if the money due to the schools had been agreed; the Chairman said it had, but has Persimmon been invoiced for this?

Flooding : during heavy rains there was flooding into properties in West Street; the surface water drains are allegedly blocked with builders rubble; there was some work being carried out at the bottom of the Park, as this is where the main soak-away from the site is.

Councillor Brown felt that as this facility is within the land we may be asked to take responsibility for, the PC should be very careful what is agreed to. This also applies to the LAP and LEAP – would this belong to us, or Persimmon? A letter will be sent to ENC to update them on what is and what is not happening.

14/068 : Request for Dog Bin : Wood Road/Oak Lane

A quote has been received from ENC for this, but in view of the work discussed in the previous agenda item, which we hope will be carried out shortly, it was decided to wait until these are finished, to ensure the bin is in the right place and does not have to be re-sited or damaged when the works are carried out.

14/069 : World War 1 Commemoration 2014

NCC recently contacted us regarding LIGHTS OUT, a UK-wide shared moment of reflection, taking place on 4th August, 100 years since the outbreak of World War 1. This amounts to each household agreeing to switch their lights off between 10.p.m. and 11.p.m. on that date. We agreed to leave this matter to individual households to decide

The Chairman said there will be a Church Service on Sunday 3rd August with relevant readings and prayers and time to reflect on this anniversary

14/070 : Traffic problems : NCC Highways

A meeting is arranged with Sarah Barnwell from NCC Highways on Friday 10th July to discuss traffic problems and possible solutions throughout the village.

14/071 : Clerks post : update

The closing date for applications is Monday 14th July, after which the appointed panel will review the applications and arrange interviews as appropriate

14/072 : Gazette entry for August 2014 : discussed and agreed

14/073 : Burial Board

The first interment in the new area has taken place; several plots have been purchased. The extension grass is being cut when necessary.

14/074 : Police : Crime Report : read and noted.

14/074 : Correspondence Received : NCALC notification of raised subscription next year

This subscription is due to rise from £280.00 in 2014 to £ 450.00 in 2015 and it is felt this is a very big rise and that this should have been raised gradually. We do find the service extremely useful, but this is a massive increase. The Clerk will also enquire about NCALC charges for carrying out the internal audit of accounts, before they are submitted to BDO Audit Commission each year.

14/075 : Any Other Business

District Councillor Glithero was invited to speak. He explained that as this was the largest village in his Ward, he felt we should be aware that we could be granted Assisted Area

Status, which allows redundant farm buildings to be renovated for business use with tax allowances. Any buildings to be considered must have been empty for at least one year. The only downside, in his opinion, is that they have to be maintained as such for seven years. If anyone is interested, please let him know.

Councillor Leuchars reported that he had attended a Landfill Liaison meeting on 24th June. Very little to report; the dumping of LLNW was much lower than had been anticipated. The spring at the Horsewater is still being tested regularly.

Councillor Brown informed the meeting that we are on the list for high speed broadband.

Each Councillor was given a laminated copy of the Parish Council photograph. A donation will be sent to Phillip Wright for his good work on this.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 9.30.pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th August in the Parlour at 7.30.pm. (Actual meeting held on 7th August 2014)