

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 9th October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Parlour.

14/112: Present: Chairman A Howard, Councillors J Atkinson, R Brown, G Caddick, L Crane, M Day, N Ford, G Kingston, C Leuchars, one member of the public and the Clerk.

14/113: Apologies for Absence: Councillors R Meadows and C Williams and District Councillor R Glithero.

14/114: Declarations of Interest: None

14/115: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2014

Approved - Proposed: Councillor Ford and Seconded: Councillor Kingston

14/116: Clerk's Report

The Clerk stated that there had been initial problems with sending e-mails and re-routing the telephone number but these are being dealt with.

14/117: Matters Arising

The Chairman is still waiting for a meeting with Michelle Rickard to discuss the progress on the ownership of Willow Lane.

The Chairman had written to the Club regarding the new fence on their boundary.

The Chairman had written to Councillor Smith requesting updates on the chicanes on Wood Road and the closure of the Middle School. He had written to Ms S Matthews, ENDC requesting updates on the funding of the new Primary School; the S106 monies; the Communities Fund; and the issues with Sovereign Grange. He not yet received a reply.

14/118: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary (current month) Hilary Blunt	£291.80
Clerk's Salary (current month) Deirdre McCumiskey	£252.00
A E Blunt: Cemetery & Churchyard (plus extra grass cutting)	£430.00
HMRC: Clerk's PAYE Hilary Blunt	£ 11.60
HMRC: Clerk's PAYE Deirdre McCumiskey	£ 63.00
E-on: Lighting Repairs 47-49 Park Street	£ 28.16
BDO: Auditing Accounts for the Audit Commission	£120.00
Shaw & Sons: Bespoke Right of Burial book of grants	£343.20
E-on	£638.41

Proposed: Councillor Day and Seconded: Councillor Ford

A Mandate to change the name and address of the Parish Clerk was signed.

It was noted that the conditions of the CCF Grant for the Village Field need to be checked.

14/119: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances: Current Account £15,074.99; Deposit Account £3,240.05; Bequest Account £5,702.26

14/120: Planning Applications

14/01643/FUL 71 Park Street : Remove conservatory and replace with sunroom : No Objections

14/01576/FUL 4 Forest Approach : Two storey extension : Amendment : No Objections

14/01740/FUL Top Lodge, Fineshade : Erection of 70 cabins etc. : Reapplication : The PC reiterated the previous comments made and was concerned to see that apparently the area of land has increased, rather than decreased.

14/01405/FUL 21 West Street : Proposed alteration & extension : Amended : The PC considered the revised drawings (1073-11 Revision E and 1073-12 Revision E) and made the following comments:-

1073-11 Revision E: The timber cladding on the north elevation which is visible from the road is totally out-of-keeping with the conservation area and the PC objects to the timber cladding in this sensitive position. Parts of the roof on the extension including the north elevation are visible from the road and remain in blue slate which is totally out-of-keeping with the conservation area and the PC feels that Collyweston slate or Collyweston imitation slate should be used instead.

1073-12 Revision E: It appears that the garage fronting West Street has been removed and the PC is happy with this but request that this is confirmed by the Planning Department.

The PC reiterates its previous comment that the proposed new driveway will result in the loss of yet more roadside stone walling in the conservation area. It feels the Tower (with its flat roof) is out-of-keeping with the conservation area. It reiterates its previous comment that although it welcomes the fact that this historic building is being renovated, it feels that its original character must be retained to maintain the integrity of the conservation area.

The Clerk was asked to request that amended Planning Applications show clearly what the actual amendment is.

14/121: Planning Applications granted by ENC: none to date

14/122: BDO: Final End of Year Accounts

Approved - Proposed: Councillor Ford and Seconded Councillor Day

14/123: Gigaclear : KASHI

Councillor Brown reported that Sovereign Grange residents are no longer included as part of the target numbers which are now at 76%. Gigaclear will be signing up the remaining 24% and work will commence at the beginning of November 2014. It was agreed to give permission for the erection of a box on the green opposite the Endowed School.

14/124: Parish Plan: Update

There had been two recent meetings and the two priorities identified were dealing with dog fouling and the development of a Directory of Local Services/Clubs/Websites.

14/125: Sovereign Grange: Update

The various issues relating to this development remain outstanding and the Parish Council continues to chase the District Council for enforcement action.

14/126: Dog Bins: Willow Lane and one other

An application for two additional dog bins had been submitted to Councillor Glithero for funding from his Empowerment Fund. It was agreed to move the dog bin from Hall Yard to Church Walk.

14/127: Gazette Entry for November 2014

Discussed and agreed.

14/128: Burial Board

Councillor Crane reported that the hedges need trimming and the trees need pollarding down the avenue. She will obtain a quote from Richard Coles. She reported that the small gate in the churchyard needs two new gateposts and the gate and the lower gate need to be re-painted – she will obtain three quotes. It would be useful to put a sign stating “Please Close the Gate” on the lower gate.

14/129: Police: Crime Report

E-mailed to all Councillors and noted. It was also noted that there had been three fires in the village the previous weekend.

14/130: Correspondence Received

Discussed during the Agenda or e-mailed to all Councillors.

14/131: Any Other Business

Mr B Nicholls had expressed an interest in undertaking a Housing Needs Survey and it was agreed to invite him to the next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting of the Sports Association will take place in December 2014.

Councillor Caddick commented that the Hills & Hollows area is full of nettles and needs tidying up. Councillor Day will look at it in the spring. (The Chairman expressed an interest in the adjoining land and the Vice Chairman took the Chair).

Councillor Leuchars requested training in planning matters. It was agreed to have a “walk-around-the-village” during the Christmas Holidays. It was agreed to ask if an ENDC Planning Officer could attend a future Parish Council Meeting.

Councillor Kingston reported on a recent Policy Community Panel held in the Yarwell Village Hall.

Councillor Ford reported issues with trees on Willow Walk. A letter will be written to Mr R Hawkins, ENDC.

Councillor Crane and Day reported on problems with street lights on Millwood Way and outside the Old Rectory. The Clerk will report this.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13th November in the Memorial Hall Parlour.

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Date _____