

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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

The Chairman reported that a bouquet of flowers had been sent to Hilary Blunt following her recent illness.

14/132: Present: Chairman A Howard, Councillors R Brown, G Caddick, L Crane, M Day, N Ford, G Kingston, C Leuchars, R Meadows, one member of the public and the Clerk.

14/133: Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Atkinson and C Williams and District Councillor R Glithero.

14/134: Declarations of Interest: None

14/135: Presentation by Mr B Nicholls

Mr Nicholls explained that he had been approached by developers who had expressed an interest in building a Petrol Station/Shop on his land on the edge of Kings Cliffe. To enable this to be progressed, a Housing Needs Survey would need to be completed and the Cross Keys Housing Association was willing to undertake one. A Housing Needs Survey would upgrade the Village Plan into a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Parish Councillors agreed that the Village Plan Sub-Committee who intends to look into producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan in 2015 should consider the need for a Housing Needs Survey when they next meet.

The Parish Council agreed to write to Mr Nicholls and advise him of this course of action.

14/136: Presentation by Mr D Hellard

Mr Hellard, accompanied by Ms G Scotney, gave an update of the closure of the Middle School and confirmed that the transition for the children had gone well. The poignant closure of the Middle School had been celebrated in a positive way. The Middle School has been stripped empty and items have either been used at Oundle School or recycled. The proposed new Primary School will be built allowing for a two-form entry for 4 to 11 year olds, plus accommodation for pre-school age children and will open in September 2016. An outline plan was shown and everyone invited to attend a Drop-In Session on 11th December 2014 to examine the outline plan and discuss any concerns.

The Parish Council's only concern is the issue of the siting of the main entrance on Kings Forest which is a cul-de-sac. This will lead to traffic chaos when the children are taken to and fetched from the Primary School.

The Parish Council believes that the main vehicular entrance should be via Kingsmead where there is plenty of room for parking and the route would not be through a residential area. Councillor Smith is to be advised of our views on this.

14/137: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October 2014

Proposed: Councillor Ford and Seconded: Councillor Brown

14/138: Matters Arising

There had been no progress with arranging a meeting with Michelle Rickard to discuss the progress on the ownership of Willow Lane. The Clerk will seek to arrange a meeting between the Chairman and Michelle Rickard.

14/139: Clerk's Report

The Clerk stated that there had been initial problems with sending e-mails and re-routing the telephone number but this is being dealt with. It was agreed to change the Parish Council's e-mail address to clerk@kingscliffeparishcouncil.co.uk

upon the advice of Mr D Moody, Chief Executive of NCALC, proposed by Councillor Ford and seconded by Councillor Caddick.

14/140: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary (current month) Deirdre McCumiskey	£252.00
BT	£11.12
Kings Cliffe Memorial Hall (Rent 01/04/11 – 31/03/14)	£334.00
A E Blunt (Maintenance of Cemetery & Churchyard, plus extra grass cut)	£430.00
RBL (Poppy Wreath)	£30.00

Proposed: Councillor Kingston and Seconded: Councillor Crane

14/141: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances - Current Account £13,501.82; Deposit Account £3,140.05; Bequest Account £5,704.84

14/142: Planning Applications

14/01405 - Proposed alteration works and extension at 21 West Street, Kings Cliffe (Amendment to Boundary Line) – No Comment

14/01593 - Single storey extension to create bedroom at 85 Wood Road, Kings Cliffe (Withdrawn)

14/01789 - Variation of condition 2 to change the colour of cladding from green to buttermilk at Elliotts Yard, Kings Cliffe – No Comment

14/01793 - Change of use and alterations to form agricultural dwelling and erection of a new agricultural barn at land on Morehay Lane, King Cliffe – Deferred until the December Meeting

14/01887 - Domestic garage with attic rooms over at 48 Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe – No Objection in principle for the garage but it was felt the size of the garage could provide the potential for residential use which is the same concern made about a neighbouring property which subsequently required enforcement action.

14/01999 - Garage loft conversion to create hobby room at 2 Howards Meadow, Kings Cliffe – (The Chairman declared a Non Pecuniary Interest). No Objection but it was felt a glazed window should be fitted in the gable end.

14/02020 – Proposed detached hot food takeaway unit at Elliotts Yard, Kings Cliffe – Deferred until the December Meeting

14/02112 – Proposed porch to the rear, replacement gates and alteration to 2 No. window cills to first floor windows to rear (North) elevation at 13 Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe – Deferred until the December Meeting

The Planning Applications were deferred as they had not been received in time to go onto the Agenda for this meeting.

14/143: Planning Applications granted by ENC:

14/01576 - Two storey side extension at 4 Forest Approach, Kings Cliffe

14/01643 - Removal of existing conservatory and replace with sunroom at 71 Park Street, Kings Cliffe

14/144: Gigaclear : KAHSI

Councillor Brown reported that Sovereign Grange residents are now included after all. The installation work will begin w/c 17th November 2014. A Wayleave Agreement for the erection of a box on the green opposite the Endowed School was signed, proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Day.

14/145: Parish Plan: Update

Councillor Leuchars handed out a leaflet about Dog Fouling that will be included in the Gazette.

14/146: Sovereign Grange: Update

Mr G Russell, Enforcement Officer at ENDC had responded regarding the following issues:-

Chicanes in Wood Road - These works are subject to agreement between the developer and the Highways Department. He is led to believe by the Highways Department that although they have received the drawings for the works, they have yet to receive a formal application from the developer under the Highways Act to initiate the works. This is a matter for the developer and the Highways Department to resolve.

Path across Leap and Lap to Wood Road – a recent visit by an Officer noted that this pathway has been constructed to the gate in the stone wall. However, the final tarmac surface has yet to be laid. He would envisage that this will be done at the same time as the development's final footpath surfacing.

Path connecting the development to Willow Lane - this matter rests with the developer to provide a link if and when access rights were available from the landowner of Willow Lane. Because Willow Lane is not adopted highway, the developer does not have rights to implement. The situation is an "impasse", in that ENDC cannot insist the developer provides a link.

He had contacted the developer last week in an effort to gain an update on matters but had yet to receive a reply. The Executive Director of ENDC is aware of the situation and will attempt to resolve the issues at a higher level if ENDC do not hear from them shortly.

The request for a Planning Officer to attend a Parish Council Meeting has been forwarded to the Development Control Manager for his attention.

The Chairman stated he had met with Mr S North, Leader of ENDC. It was agreed to send copies of correspondence to Mr North to highlight the frustration of the Parish Council in its attempts to get the issues dealt with. It was suggested that, if nothing is done, the Parish Council will consider contacting the media to highlight the outstanding issues.

14/147: Willow Walk: Update

The Chairman had contacted Mr R Hawkins, ENDC confirming the Parish Council's interest in extending the lease and this will be discussed at a future Committee Meeting.

14/148: Burial Board Report

Councillor Crane had obtained two quotes for the work required to be completed in the churchyard. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the quote from Lee Isaac subject to confirmation of the materials to be used.

She had obtained a quote for the work required on the hedges and trees from Mr R Coles and it was agreed to go ahead, proposed by Councillor Kingston and seconded by Councillor Meadows. It was agreed to use the Bequest Account to fund these works.

14/149: Police – Crime Report

E-mailed to all Councillors and noted. The Chairman had been informed that Oundle Police Station is due to be closed soon. It was agreed to contact Mr A Simmonds, Police & Crime Commissioner for clarification on the future of policing in the area.

14/150: Gazette Entry for December 2014

Discussed and agreed.

14/151: Correspondence Received

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

14/152: Any Other Business

The Chairman gave an update on the Community Facilities Fund Grant Application for the Village Field and it was agreed that the Clerk will sign the Grant Agreement. The application for a further grant will be discussed at a Full Meeting of the Council in December 2014.

The Chairman will forward details of a Planning Application for a Holiday Development at Jacks Green in Rockingham Forest Park to all Parish Councillors. (He declared Non Pecuniary Interest).

The Chairman reported that ENDC is publicising public access to the Nature Reserve in Wood Lane.

Councillor Kingston reported that the footpath to Kirks Lodge is overgrown and needs attention.

Councillor Ford reported that the Bottle Recycling Bins had been removed from the Recycling Area. The Clerk will contact ENDC to find out why and when they will be returned.

Councillor Ford reported that the street light outside Mr & Mrs Dews, 33 Wood Road is obscured by tree foliage. The Clerk will contact the owners and request that the tree is pruned.

Councillor Ford reported that the footpath between Oak Lane and the Ex-Servicemen's & Social Club becomes water-logged when it has been raining. It was agreed that photographs will be taken to report the problem to ENDC.

Councillor Ford reported that there are potholes outside 15 – 16 Park Close.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.55 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11th December in the Memorial Hall Parlour.

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