

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 8th January 2015 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

14/176: Present: Chairman A Howard, Councillors J Atkinson, R Brown, A Day, G Caddick, L Crane, N Ford, C Leuchars, R Meadows, District Councillor R Glithero and two members of the public and the Clerk.

14/177: Apologies for Absence: Councillors G Kingston and C Williams.

14/178: Declarations of Interest: Councillor Howard declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in Planning Application 14/02225.

14/179: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th December 2014

Proposed: Councillor Caddick and Seconded: Councillor Leuchars

14/180: Matters Arising

It was noted that there are still potholes outside 15 – 16 Park Close and that the trees still need trimming at the back of Park Close.

The “walk-around-the-village” will take place at 11.00 am on 17th January 2015 meeting at The Cross.

The Clerk will invite the Planning Officer to the next meeting. He has not yet visited the site of the current school.

Councillor Howard will chase up Mr R Hankins regarding the lease for Willow Walk.

14/181: Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report. It was confirmed that Councillor Brown will arrange for the Clerk's current e-mail address to be changed as previously agreed.

14/182: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary (current month) Deirdre McCumiskey	£252.00
HMRC	£63.00
A E Blunt (Maintenance of Cemetery & Churchyard)	£370.00

Proposed: Councillor Crane and Seconded: Councillor Ford

14/183: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances - Current Account £11,836.04, Savings Account £3,140.44, Bequest Account £5,707.03
Income December 2014 – Allotment Rents £210.00, Cemetery Fees £100.00

14/184: Precept 2015 – 2016

A budget forecast was circulated to all Councillors. A discussion followed regarding predicted income and expenditure. It was agreed to increase the Precept from £21,500 to £23,000 as proposed by Councillor Caddick and seconded by Councillor Brown.

14/185: Planning Applications

14/02186 – Toilet facilities for visitors at 27 Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe – No Objections

14/02225 – Change of use of Jacks Green at Rockingham Forest Park to provide for a range of tourist accommodation at Rockingham Forest Park, Wansford Road, Kings Cliffe – Councillor Day took over as Chairman. Councillor Atkinson proposed an objection against the Planning Application and this was seconded by Councillor Brown. A vote took place - 3 (against), 3 (for) and 2 (abstained) and Councillor Day made the casting vote for the Planning Application. The following comments will be submitted to ENC: concerns about the planned access route both to the site and onto the site; the need for a survey be undertaken to assess the impact of the development on the environment; a request for a small shop selling basic foodstuffs is included on the site to reduce vehicle movements to/from the site and a request that the Glen Miller Memorial is both retained and maintained.

Planning Applications granted by ENC

14/01999 – Garage loft conversion to create hobby room at 2 Howards Meadow, Kings Cliffe

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

14/02020 – Proposed detached hot food takeaway at Elliotts Yard, Park Street, Kings Cliffe

Planning Applications refused by ENC

14/02137 – New three bedroom house at 63 Park Street, Kings Cliffe

14/186: Gigaclear : KAHSI

Councillor Brown stated that there is Schedule of Works and other information available on the KAHSI Website.

14/187: Parish Plan: Update

Councillor Atkinson stated that it is planned that the three dog foul bins will be sited as follows:- (1) next to the cattle grid on Willow Lane, (2) on the patch of grass on the corner of Wood Road/West Street/Blatherwycke Road and (3) at the bottom of Rates Lane/Church Walk. She has sent a location plan to Mr M Bailey of ENC for his comments as ENC will have to give approval of the sites.

Councillor Leuchars stated that the Noticeboard will be moved to a more central location. There are proposals to try to amalgamate all the different Kings Cliffe Websites onto one main Website and there would be funding available for this.

There is a meeting of the Parish Plan Committee w/c 12/01/15.

14/188: Sovereign Grange: Update

Although the positive news from Councillor Smith had been welcomed at the last meeting, it was agreed to contact her to ascertain likely timescales for the proposed work to be completed. It was agreed that there needs to be a barrier erected on the inside of the playground.

14/189: Willow Lane: Update

Councillor Meadows will visit Michelle Rickard to discuss the progress on the ownership of Willow Lane.

14/190: Burial Board Report

Councillor Crane reported everything was in good order. As the Curator had indicated that he is considering retiring, he will be asked to produce a Work Specification in readiness for obtaining new tenders from interested parties.

14/191: Police – Crime Report

E-mailed to all Councillors and noted. Sergeant A Hunt plans to attend a future meeting to discuss the future of policing in Northamptonshire.

14/192: Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Leuchars reported he has been in contact with ENC and will invite Mr M Burton to prepare a report and to attend the next meeting.

14/193: Village Field

It was agreed to request a photographic presentation of the Village Field Grants to the Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the first task to be undertaken on the Village Field will be drainage works followed by the erection of fencing.

14/194: Gazette Entry for February 2015

Discussed and agreed.

14/195: Correspondence Received

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

14/196: Any Other Business

Councillor Crane reported that there are several empty garages on Wood Road due to the excessive rents charges by Spire Homes. It was agreed to ascertain which District Councillors sit on the Spire Homes Management Committee.

Councillor Meadows reported on trees blocking the river near the new bridge on Orchard Lane. The Clerk will report to the Environment Agency.

Councillor Meadows reported that Kissing Gates have been installed on the Hills & Holes.

Councillor Meadows stated that he hoped that trees are planted on the green on Oak Lane and that no additional houses are built on Oak Lane.

Councillor Atkinson reported a large pile of dead leaves on Church Walk. The Clerk will report to ENC.

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

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12th February 2015 in Kings Cliffe Active.

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