

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 11th June 2015 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

15/027: Present: Chairman A Howard, Councillors J Atkinson, R Brown, M Day, J Dixon, N Ford, D Gilbert, C Leuchars, R Meadows, G Smid, Councillor R Glithero and 6 members of the public.

15/028: Apologies for Absence: County Councillor H Smith.

15/029: Declarations of Interest: None

15/030: Casual Vacancy (2 Positions)

The Parish Councillors discussed the seven applications and a secret ballot took place prior to the Parish Council Meeting. The successful applicants were Doug Gilbert and Bernice Hardwick. The Clerk will inform the unsuccessful applicants and thank them for their interest.

15/031: Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May 2015: approved

Proposed: Councillor Smid Seconded: Councillor Dixon

15/032: Matters Arising: none

15/033: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary (current month) Deirdre McCumiskey	£252.00
HMRC	£63.00
Kings Cliffe Sports Association	£24.00
Eon	£372.10
Stephenson Smart Ltd	£504.00
Robert J Goodson Ltd	£841.55
RJC Countryside Mgmt	£936.00

Proposed: Councillor Atkinson Seconded: Councillor Meadows

It was approved and authorised that the Clerk can operate the bank account and can give instruction to the bank (but not be a signatory to the bank account) and this will remain in force until it is cancelled in writing.

15/034: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances - Current Account £54,208.44, Savings Account £22,140.80, Bequest Account £4,721.83

The Clerk will e-mail the details of the income since 01/04/15 to the Parish Councillors.

The Clerk had had her annual meeting with Mr I Walker for Stephenson, Smart & Co to discuss the annual Internal Audit. There are no outstanding issues and the Annual Return has been completed and will be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and sent to the Audit Commission Accountants.

The following statutory statement is minuted below:

'The Council have adopted an approach that is sufficient in relation to the needs, size and circumstances of the Council, namely Internal Audit once a year at the completion of the financial year end and is based on the schedule in appendix 9 of the Governance and Accountability for local Councils – A Practitioners Guide March 2014 (England).

Proposed: Councillor Brown Seconded: Councillor Day

Councillor Glithero stated the Community Facilities Grant will continue. The Clerk will contact Ms S Matthews, ENC expressing the Parish Council's interest in applying when applications can be made.

15/035: Planning Applications

Comments on the Northants Waste Management Framework 2011-31 which came into force on 1 October 2014. The Chairman will circulate Councillor Smith's response and it will be put onto the Agenda for the next meeting.

15/00031 – Erection of a new one form entry primary school with ancillary nursery and new car parking at Kings Forest, Kings Cliffe (A letter will be written to NCC stating "Whilst the Parish Councillors are pleased to see the proposal for the New Primary School, concerns remain regarding the issue of access. They believe strongly that there should be a pedestrian access from Kings Mead to reduce the risk of future congestion in Kings Forest, which is in fact a cul-de-sac. This is not referred to in the Access and Design Statement, although there is path to the edge of the rear of the site on the plans. They believe this must be a requirement for the development.

The Parish Council has applied for planning permission on the adjacent land for a footpath and has been advised by ENC that this is not required; however it will not go ahead unless adequate funding is secured.

It is also noted that on the plans there is reference to Plot B relating to future development. To avoid any doubt, there should be no statement as to the adjacent plot being referred to a future development because the above application is only concerned with the New Primary School"). Copies to be sent to the Chief Planning Officer, ENC and County Councillor Smith.

Councillor Day stated that although ENC has confirmed that the Parish Council does not need Planning Permission for the Village Field it has to satisfy the Wildlife Trust that it has considered its associated responsibilities under such instruments as the Wildlife & Countryside Act {W&CA} (1981, as amended), the Countryside and Rights of Way Act {CRoW} (2000) and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act {NERC Duty} (2006), for instance.

15/00853 – To put a hardstanding surface down to place five portable stables and haybarn at OP2045 TL0197 Park Street, Kings Cliffe (Withdrawn)

15/00867 – Replacement of old worn and rotten wooden treated feather edged board fence and two gates with wooden feather edge board fence and two gates of similar style and type as existing at 26 West Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

Councillor Glithero will inform the Parish Council when the site visit to Jacks Green will take place.

RG

Planning Applications granted by ENC

15/00561 – Two storey side/rear extension to existing property providing 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, study and kitchen/dining space at 113 Wood Road, Kings Cliffe

15/00565&566 – Sub division of part converted barn into two dwellings at Wellington House Farm Buildings, Forest Approach, Kings Cliffe

15/00583 – Installation of external wall insulation to all walls of dwelling at 7 Wood Road, Kings Cliffe

15/00771 – Extension to first floor over existing utility room to provide larger bedroom and en-suite bathroom at 35 Oak Lane, Kings Cliffe

15/036: Sovereign Grange: Update

The Chairman reported on his recent meeting with Mr J Welham, Persimmon. There is no progress on building a path onto Willow Lane; the plans for traffic calming measures and the proposed flood scheme are with NCC; Persimmon are completing the last few houses on the development and it was agreed that they will leave a ransom strip when they leave the site.

15/037: Willow Walk: Update

The Chairman and Councillor Day had met with Richard Hankins, ENC who stated that although the Willow Walk Lease had expired, it was an old style lease and could continue as a rolling lease. He stated that ENC will probably hand it over to the Parish Council. Councillor Glithero will follow this up.

RG

15/038: Willow Lane: Update

Councillor Meadows had already circulated detailed information about the progress he had managed to make on Willow Lane. He plans to put up a Public Consultation Notice which will need to be displayed for between 28 – 60 days. The Parish Councillors authorised this.

RM

<p>15/039: Village Field: Update</p>	RB
<p>Councillor Brown stated that he had received a quotation for the fencing work but was awaiting another quotation.</p>	MD
<p>Councillor Day agreed to resolve who would be undertaking the spraying and re-seeding work.</p>	
<p>The e-mail received from a resident regarding her views on plans for the Village Field was considered.</p>	
<p>15/040: Surgery: Update</p>	
<p>There had been no progress on the Surgery.</p>	
<p>15/041: Burial Board Report</p>	NF
<p>It was noted that the spoil heap had still not been removed. It was agreed to make an additional charge of £25 per burial for all funerals in the future unless the Funeral Directors can prove they have removed the spoil. There will be a designated area for the spoil to be left.</p>	
<p>Councillor Ford kindly agreed to spray off the weeds on the footpaths.</p>	
<p>15/042: Neighbourhood Plan</p>	
<p>The Consultation Period for the Neighbourhood Plan ended on 8th June 2015 and now ENC has to give permission before the Neighbourhood Plan can go ahead.</p>	
<p>An advertisement asking for residents to join a Steering Group will be put into the Gazette once permission has been received.</p>	
<p>15/043: Police – Crime Report</p>	
<p>The Clerk had received an explanation as to why the Police Crime Report is no longer circulated. The Parish Councillors were disappointed that no Police Representative had attended the meeting.</p>	
<p>15/044: Gazette Entry for July 2015</p>	
<p>Discussed and agreed.</p>	
<p>15/045: Correspondence Received</p>	
<p>Discussed during the Agenda or e-mailed to all Councillors.</p>	
<p>15/046: Any Other Business</p>	
<p>Maltings Green:- The Amenities Committee met on 6th June 2015 at the site to discuss the suggestions put forward by the Wildplaces Group. The Amenities Committee will meet with the Wildplaces Group to discuss the suggestions made.</p>	
<p>Land known as the Pitchell- This land, which is adjacent to the Churchyard, is currently let by the Parish Council for grazing on an annual basis. The Parish Council intend to review whether this is the best use of the land by inviting interest from Parishioners. We will do this in the autumn as the renewal is normally for one calendar year.</p>	Clerk
<p>Allotments:- The Annual Inspection of the Allotments has taken place and the Clerk will write to two Allotment Tenants regarding issues of concern. The Clerk will e-mail the Allotment Waiting List to the Parish Councillors.</p>	
<p>A resident had recently dumped garden rubbish on Kings Cliffe Meadow. It was agreed to state that the Parish Councillors consider that the Kings Cliffe Meadow is a pleasant village amenity and are concerned that it should not be used as a dumping ground for residents' garden or household rubbish in the Gazette. It was noted that this is the responsibility of ENC not the Parish Council.</p>	RM
<p>Councillor Meadows stated that Tree Preservation Orders need to be applied for from ENC for the hedges and trees</p>	

in Willow Lane.

Councillor Leuchars reported on the recent Augean Liaison Meeting that he had attended. There will be an Open Day on 18th July 2015.

Councillor Ford reported that the street lights in Kingsmead are not working again. They have been repaired but soon stop working. The Clerk will report this to ENC.

Councillor Brown reported that the bollards near the bomb dump are covered with mud and difficult to see.

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 9th July 2015 in Kings Cliffe Active.

Signed _____

Date _____

Clerk