

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

15/047: Present: Chairman A Howard, Councillors J Atkinson, R Brown, M Day, J Dixon, N Ford, D Gilbert, B Hardwick, C Leuchars, R Meadows, County Councillor H Smith, PCSO T Greening and 4 members of the public.

15/048: Apologies for Absence: Councillor G Smid and R Glithero.

15/049: Declarations of Interest: None. The Clerk will check that all Parish Councillors' Members' Interest Forms have been received by ENC.

15/050: Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2015: approved with the additions of "There will be a designated area for the spoil to be left" under 15/041 and "near the bomb dump" under 15/046.

Proposed: Councillor Ford Seconded: Councillor Gilbert

15/051: Matters Arising: The £1,000 Community Facilities Fund Grant already received will be added to £1,950 Northamptonshire County Council Grant and will be used to pay for the cost of a formal design plan for the planned Footpath (Proposed: Councillor Brown and Seconded: Councillor Meadows). The Clerk had not received a reply to her letters to the two Allotment Tenants regarding issues of concern but it was noted that one of the Allotment Tenants was now cultivating the Allotment in question. An Allotment Tenant had stated she is currently sharing her Allotment with her neighbour but would like to give up her half of the Allotment. It was agreed that the full Allotment should be offered to the next person on the Allotment Waiting List. Councillor Glithero had reported that the Jacks Green Development Plans will be considered in September 2015.

15/052: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary (current month) Deirdre McCumiskey	£252.00
HMRC	£63.00
Kings Cliffe Sports Association	£24.00
RJC Countryside Mgmt	£444.00
NCALC	£450.29
Countrywide	£10.00

Request for a grant for KC Underground Youth Club for the Summer Playscheme – It was agreed to donate £120.00.

Proposed: Councillor Meadows Seconded: Councillor Atkinson

15/053: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances:- Current £51,191.79, Deposit £22,140.80, Bequest £4,721.83

Income:- £4.80 Bank Interest

15/054: Planning Applications

Comments on the Northants Waste Management Framework 2011-31 which came into force on 1 October 2014. As the closing date for comments was 9th July 2015, it was agreed to ask Councillor Smith if it was now too late to submit comments.

05/00706 – Proposed conversion of outbuildings to a home office/painting studio and enlarge existing carport and addition of conservatory to main house (part-retrospective) at 90 West Street, KC (Amendment) (Already Granted)

Planning Applications granted by ENC

15/00706 – Proposed conversion of outbuildings to a home office/painting studio and enlarge existing carport and addition of conservatory to main house (part-retrospective) at 90 West Street, KC

15/00867 – Replacement of old worn and rotten wooden treated feather edged board fence and two gates with wooden treated feather edged board fence and two gates of similar style and type as existing at 26 West Street, KC

<p>15/055: Sovereign Grange: Update</p> <p>Councillor Smith had no update on installing of the chicanes. She will continue to try and get an update. The Chairman will investigate the issue of the ransom strip.</p>	
<p>15/056: Willow Walk: Update</p> <p>The Clerk will chase this up with Richard Hankins, ENC and Councillor Glithero.</p>	Clerk
<p>15/057: Willow Lane: Update</p> <p>Councillor Meadows had already updated the Parish Councillors about Willow Lane. The Parish Council has now been advised not to attempt to register an interest in it. It was agreed to ascertain whether Willow Lane could be registered as Common Land. Councillor Meadows will contact Mr P Wright.</p>	RM
<p>The Clerk will ask NCALC if any other Parish Councils have experienced this problem and how it was dealt with.</p>	Clerk
<p>15/058: Village Field: Update</p> <p>Councillor Brown reported that following the receipt of three quotations for the fencing work, the contract had been given to KA and JP Willis of Polebrook. The gates to the field will be installed in the next 3-4 weeks.</p> <p>There is a problem with mounds of earth on the field and it was agreed to contact Landtech who had carried out the recent work on the Village Field.</p> <p>Councillor Brown will ask the Wildlife Trust for advice about the problem with the ponds drying up as well as the problem with mounds of earth.</p>	RB
<p>Councillor Smith gave Councillor Brown contact details of the Grounds Manager of NCC who also may be able to offer advice.</p>	RB
<p>15/059: Burial Board Report</p> <p>It was noted that the spoil heap had been removed at last. Councillor Gilbert and the PCC were thanked for all their hard work in tidying up the churchyard. Councillor Ford will contact Lee Isaac who had been asked to undertake maintenance work in the churchyard to see when he would be able to carry out the work. It was noted that edging around two gravestones had been damaged although the contractor could not recall damaging them. It was agreed to obtain a quotation for repairing the edging and possibly make a claim on the Parish Council's insurance (subject to any excess).</p>	NF
<p>15/060: Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan Application has been approved and an advertisement will be placed into the Gazette asking for volunteers for a Steering Group to drive the process forward. Members of the Steering Group will attend the Village Tea Afternoons to publicise the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
<p>15/061: Police – Crime Report</p> <p>PCSO Greening reported on the four recently reported crimes that had taken place in the village. He will look into the practicality of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.</p>	
<p>15/062: Gazette Entry for August 2015</p> <p>Discussed and agreed.</p>	
<p>15/063: Correspondence Received</p> <p>Discussed during the Agenda or e-mailed to all Councillors.</p>	

15/064: Any Other Business

Community Orchard:- See below under Pytchell Lease.

Pytchell Lease:- After discussion, it was agreed to advertise this area of land in the Gazette to enable any interested parties to apply as follows "The Pytchell is a the plot of land immediately to the west of the church stretching from Church Walk down to the banks of the Willowbrook. Originally purchased by the Parish Council from the late Donny Giddings as a graveyard extension but rendered superfluous after the expansion of the main graveyard, this plot has been maintained by Jenny Dixon. With the lease overdue for renewal, the Parish Council is proposing to continue to engage Jenny Dixon to maintain the southern section and the access to it on the western side and use the northern part for a new Transition Community Orchard. Whilst this site has always been open to the community, this is fact is possibly not well known so the Parish Council will install a new sign describing the Pytchell's status. Before entering into new agreements to achieve the above plan, the Parish Council would like to give the community the opportunity to submit alternative proposals for the site's use. Any plans must be based on the site being an amenity for the village and proposals would need to demonstrate sustainable management and funding. Proposals should be sent to the Parish Clerk by 31st August 2015".

Maltings Green:- The plans for Malting Green submitted by Wildplaces had been discussed and finalised with Mr C Tomalin.

Councillor Brown reported that the work being undertaken by Gigaclear had been stopped by the Highways Division but it is hoped that it will recommence very soon.

Councillor Dixon stated that another Parish Council Representative is needed on the Village Hall Committee. She and Councillor Meadows will discuss the role with Councillor Hardwick.

Councillor Hardwick asked if it would be possible to erect a barrier to dissuade residents from dumping rubbish at the old Recycling Site. It was noted that there is no rubbish there at present. The Clerk will try and establish how long the Salvation Army Charity Bin will remain on the site

Councillor Meadows reported on a recent meeting with the Footpaths Officer who had agreed to install additional stiles and gates on some of the village footpaths.

Councillor Smith explained that the Planning Application for the New School has been submitted and tenders are being sought so not to delay the process. The Endowed School will keep back one school year group who will use the mobile classroom. Planning Permission has been agreed for the demolition of the Middle School. The Endowed School and its surrounding land will be marketed once it has been finally closed which should be in July 2016.

Councillor Smith has donated £8,000 from the Community Facilities Fund to Kings Cliffe Underground Youth Club.

Councillor Smith had been delighted with the excellent turnout from the village for the International Women's Cycling Tour.

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th September 2015 in Kings Cliffe Active.

Signed _____

Date _____

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Clerk