

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 10th December 2015 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

15/125: Present: Vice Chairman M Day, Councillors J Atkinson, R Brown, N Ford, D Gilbert, B Hardwick, C Leuchars, R Meadows, 2 members of the public.

15/126: Apologies for Absence: Councillors A Howard and G Smid and District Councillor R Glithero.

15/127: Declarations of Interest: None.

15/128: Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th November 2015: approved.

Proposed: Councillor Ford Seconded: Councillor Brown

15/129: Matters Arising: Councillor Brown has yet to organise a Training Session on Parish Councillor communication using the Parish Council's Website; Mr K Howard has repaired the two old dilapidated benches; it was noted that anyone is able to use the Defibrillators; the trees at 35 Wood Road and 73A Wood Road have not been pruned yet.

15/230: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary (Dec) Deirdre McCumiskey - £262.00

HMRC - £63.00

Kings Cliffe Sports Association - £16.00

RJC Countryside Mgmt - £396.00

Eon - £371.59

Yoink Marketing Ltd - £57.60 (replacing cheque number 948)

BHT – £1,080.72 (reimbursed to Councillor R Brown who paid invoice)

Proposed: Councillor Atkinson Seconded: Councillor Leuchars

15/231: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances:- Current £30,664.81, Deposit £50,000.00, Bequest £4,731.80

Income:- £180.00 Cemetery Fees, £1.00 Rent

15/232: Planning Applications

15/02112 – Proposed kitchen extension to ground floor and loft conversion to provide 4th bedroom at 92 Wood Road, KC (No Objections)

Planning Applications granted by ENC

15/01767&15/01768 – Conversion and subdivision to four dwelling units at Huskissons Lodge Farm Buildings, Wansford Rd

15/01760 – Installation of secondary double glazing to five windows at 4 Park Street, Kings Cliffe

Planning Appeal Refused by ENC

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

15/233: School Development: Update

The Vice Chairman stated that the successful tender for the building of the new school will be decided by 14/12/15. The new school is due to open at Easter 2017. It appears that the Communities Facilities Grant Application for the footpath was rejected because there was no Planning Permission for the new school in place at the time of the application. A meeting to discuss the application will take place on 21/01/16.

15/234: Plans for Development of Old School Site & Middle School Site

The Parish Councillors discussed an e-mail received from Ms C Randall of King's Heart. King's Heart has sprung from opportunity (the former middle school, current endowed school and other potential village sites) and an exciting vision shared by a group of local residents and professionals who believe a gold standard model of 'early to older years' health and social care could be centred in Kings Cliffe. It was agreed to invite Ms Randall to the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan.

15/235: Sovereign Grange (Oak Lane): Update

It was agreed that the yellow boards advertising Sovereign Grange need to be taken down now that all the properties have been sold.

15/236: Pytchell: Update

It was noted that Jenny Dixon had been given the Licence Agreement but had not yet returned it. Councillor Brown is in the process of applying for funding for several plans such as the installation of gates at the Pytchell. The reclaimed table will be put into the Pytchell.

15/237: Willow Walk: Update

It was noted that the planning meeting between Councillor Howard and ENC had not yet taken place.

15/238: Village Field: Update

Councillor Brown stated that Wildplaces had planted a large number of trees in the Village Field. Mr C Tomalin of Wildplaces stated that 120 people had attended the Tree Planting Event.

15/239: Burial Board Report & Grass Cutting Tender

Councillor Gilbert confirmed that the gravestone markers had been purchased. The Clerk will contact Crowsons' Funeral Directors who will contact the stonemasons stating that 24 hours' notice will be required before any memorial is erected to ensure that the gravestone markers are in place. The Clerk will ask the current Grass Cutting Contractor to provide a Grass Cutting Tender for 2016.

15/240: Allotments

It was noted that the Clerk had sent out the Allotment Renewal Letter and Tenancy Agreement to every tenant. Mr K Neville, a tenant, had sent a letter of complaint about the increase in rent. The Parish Councillors noted his comments but felt that, due to ever-increasing demands on the Parish Council's expenditure and limited ways of increasing income, it was necessary to increase the Allotment Rents this year. The Parish Councillors believe that the Allotment Rents are low compared to other Allotment Rents in neighbouring Parishes.

15/241: Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Launch Meeting takes place on 13/12/15 and everyone is encouraged to attend.

15/242: Police – Crime Report

No Crime Report had been received.

15/243: Gazette Entry for January 2016

As the deadline for contributions had been brought forward, it was too late to send a contribution this time.

15/244: Correspondence Received

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

The Clerk had received an e-mail from a Woodnewton Resident who was unhappy with the increase in aircraft noise over the past few months. A general discussion took place and it was agreed to monitor the aircraft noise over Kings Cliffe.

15/245: Any Other Business**Kings Cliffe Underground**

Gareth Evans, Chair of the Trustees of Kings Cliffe Underground gave a short talk about the work and future plans for Kings Cliffe Underground. Kings Cliffe Underground has made a proposal to KCPC for funding 2016/17 - "Thrapston

Clerk

Town Council's contribution equates to £1.50 per person on the electoral role. Based on that rationale, KCPC's annual donation would be £1,666.50. Whilst this is an increase on last year, we feel that this reflects the developments we have made for young people in the village of all ages and further monies will enable us to continue to grow and be accessible. We are hugely grateful for the continued support of our Parish Council and welcome your thoughts".

It was agreed to discuss this proposal at the January Meeting.

Dog Fouling in the Village

It was acknowledged that this is an on-going problem that appears worse during the dark mornings/dark evenings. The problem of where to site additional Dog Foul Bins was discussed. It was agreed to remind residents that black bins can be used to dispose of bagged dog foul.

Councillor Brown gave an update about Gigaclear and Sovereign Grange/Oak Lane.

A number of potholes and faulty street lights were reported and will be dealt with by the Clerk.

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14th January 2016 in Kings Cliffe Active.

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