

## KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

**15/266: Present:** Chairman A Howard, Councillors J Atkinson, R Brown, M Day, N Ford, D Gilbert, B Hardwick, C Leuchars, R Meadows, 2 members of the public.

**15/267: Apologies for Absence:** Councillors J Dixon & G Smid, County Councillor H Smith

**15/268: Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Meadows declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in Planning Application 16/0003.

### Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a short report to update the Parish Councillors on the following issues:-

- State of the Roads - there have been problems with mud being left on the roads in West Street (Gigaclear work), Wood Road (foul water drain work) and at the old school site (clearing the site). The Parish Council is in contact with NCC about this and will continue to monitor the situation.
- Linear Walk - the Chairman had met with ENC to discuss the unsuccessful Community Facilities Fund Application. Whilst ENC were happy with the idea, there had been no planning permission in place at the time of the application. The Parish Council has been advised to re-apply to the Communities Facilities Fund and will hopefully receive funding in the next round of applications. At the same meeting, the Chairman had also discussed the Green Wheels' Project which is a pathway linking Market Harborough to Peterborough and the leasing of the land to create a walkway from Wood Lane to Park Street.
- Pathway from Kingsmead to the New School - the Parish Council has been successful in obtaining £15,000-£20,000 funding towards this from KCEA.
- Precept - the Precept has been set at £24,000 based on an estimated Tax Base as the up-to-date Tax Base was not available until after the Precept had to be submitted to ENC.
- Park Close - several Parish Councillors had met to discuss the problems with the trees and it was agreed to obtain a quotation for removing 3 - 4 trees. In addition, they looked at creating a roadway around the back of the houses but there is an issue of who owns the land and this will have to be established before any further action taken.
- Amenities Sub-Committee - there will be a village walk-around taking place on 20th February 2016.

**15/269: Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016:** approved.

Proposed: Councillor Brown          Seconded: Councillor Day

**15/270: Matters Arising:** Councillor Brown confirmed that he had organised a Training Session on Parish Council communication using the Parish Council's Website and it was agreed to monitor how successful this is over the next three months; Councillor Day agreed to speak to the residents of 35 Wood Road and 73a Wood Road about the overhanging trees in their gardens; it was agreed to either ask Kings Cliffe Underground to run a poll or to obtain details of the Tax Base to ascertain how much last year's donation had cost each household before making decision about this year's donation to Kings Cliffe Underground; the Chairman confirmed he had summarised the outstanding issues at Sovereign Grange/Oak Lane with Ms S Matthews of ENC and a meeting with the developers and ENC and NCC will be taking place.

### 15/271: Accounts Payable

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

HMRC - £63.00

Kings Cliffe Sports Association - £16.00

Splashweb - £180.00

Proposed: Councillor Ford          Seconded: Councillor Leuchars

**15/272: Financial Position: noted**

Bank Balances:- Current £25,636.36, Deposit £50,004.06, Bequest £4,737.70

Income:- £135.00 Allotment Rents, £1.00 Rent, £1.82, Bank Interest, £20.00 Refund of Land Registry Fee

### 15/273: Planning Applications

15/02275 – Proposed construction of new dwelling at land adjacent to 45 West Street, Kings Cliffe (Amended Plans) (No Objections)

16/00003 – Single storey extension to dwelling at 4 Park Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

16/00075 – To erect ten dwellings with associated access, landscaping and parking at land rear of Fineshade Close, KC (Although the Parish Councillors were supportive of this development which will contain 4 one-bed and 4 two-bed flats which are in short supply in the village, they were concerned about the inadequate parking facilities and potential sewerage issues. Councillor Leuchars had studied the Planning Application in detail and agreed to formulate the Parish Councillors' comments).

Importation of inert materials for the final restoration of the Stonehill Quarry including the creation of calcareous grassland, along with the extraction of a previously unworked small (around 7,500 tonnes) limestone reserve at Stonehill Quarry, Off Kings Cliffe Road, Northamptonshire PE8 6NU (Noted)

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 13/00120/MINVOC to extend time for in-filling and restoration operations at Collyweston Quarry, Peterborough Road, Duddington, Northamptonshire PE9 3QA (Noted)

### Planning Applications granted by ENC

None

### 15/274: Allotments

The Clerk reported that all the allotments are currently let and there is a short waiting list. Three tenants have not yet paid their rent and Councillor Day will contact them. If they have not paid by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, their tenancies will be terminated.

### 15/275: Sovereign Grange(Oak Lane): Update

This had already been discussed in the Chairman's Report.

### 15/276: New School: Update re Meeting held on 21/01/16

This had already been discussed in the Chairman's Report.

### 15/277: Willow Walk: Update

This had already been discussed in the Chairman's Report.

### 15/278: Burial Board Report

Councillor Gilbert stated there were no issues of concern. The Chairman will return the repaired family bench back to the cemetery.

### 15/279: Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee is in the process of designing the questionnaire.

### 15/280: Police – Crime Report

No Crime Report had been received. The Chairman had received a letter from the Adam Simmonds, Police Crime Commissioner regarding improving road safety in the county which he will scan and e-mail to the Parish Councillors.

### 15/281: Gazette Entry for March 2016

Discussed and agreed.

MD

AH

**15/282: Correspondence Received**

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

**15/283: Any Other Business**

Councillor Leuchars reported on the recent Augean Liaison Group Meeting.

Councillor Hardwick confirmed she was the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor Ford said that rubbish had been dumped at the Recycling Site and the bin was overflowing. It was agreed to request that the Clothing Bank is removed as this is attracting the rubbish dumping.

Clerk

Councillor Ford said that there are potholes in Park Close and outside 1 Park Street. The Clerk will report to the Highways Division, NCC. He said the adverse camber on the Wansford Road has not been dealt with. This will be reported to Councillor Smith for her to chase up.

Clerk

Councillor Atkinson said that she hopes the golden chippings will be re-laid once the Gigaclear work has been completed.

Councillor Brown said Kevin Howard had offered to donate an eight-sided seat for the Pytchell. It was agreed to accept his kind offer.

Councillor Day said there are three blocked drains in the village. He said that the bollards along the pedestrian crossing on Wood Road need replacing. The Clerk will report to the Highways Division, NCC.

Clerk

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Kings Cliffe Active.

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