

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 12th January 2017 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

16/171: Present: Chairman A Howard, Cllrs J Atkinson, R Brown, M Day, N Ford, D Gilbert, B Hardwick, C Leuchars, R Meadows, G Smid, Mr M Burton, Principal Planning Policy Officer ENC and 3 members of the public.

16/172: Apologies for Absence: County Cllr H Smith

16/173: Declarations of Interest: Cllr Day reported a Non Pecuniary Interest on Planning Application 16/02292 and the Chairman declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in Planning Application 16/02324.

16/174: Chairman's Report

The Chairman stated that all items that he would be reporting upon were on the Agenda already.

16/175: Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th December 2016: approved.

Proposed: Cllr Hardwick Seconded: Cllr Meadows

16/176: Matters Arising:

- Mr D Hawkins – the Chairman will contact Mr Hawkins for an update about dialogues with the Management Committee.
- Joint Action Group (JAC) – the next meeting will take place on 16th January 2017.
- Dog Bins – Cllr Leuchars had established that ENC will not provide a Dog Foul Bin on Oak Lane as it is the responsibility of Persimmon Homes to provide one. The Clerk will ask Cllr Glithero to speak to ENC regarding the on-going charge for emptying the new Dog Foul Bin.
- Clerk's Salary Review – the Chairman had not yet met with Cllr Brown and Cllr Day to discuss this but will arrange to do so.

AH

Clerk

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16/177: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary - £252.00
HMRC - £63.00
Kings Cliffe Active - £16.00
Riding for the Disabled - £75.00
Eon - £1,087.58
RBL (Poppy Wreath) - £30.00
RJC Countryside Mgmt - £756.00

Proposed: Cllr Hardwick Seconded: Cllr Gilbert

Accounts to be Discussed

Orange Sacks for Cemetery - £60.77 (for 25) (It was agreed that these were not necessary)
Eon: Street Light outside 17 Bridge Street - £330.00 + VAT (Cllr Brown will look into this)

RB

Precept 2017-2018 – the Chairman had produced a 12 months' budget forecast for 2017/18 which was circulated and discussed. Cllr Brown proposed that the Precept should be increased by 2% to £24,480 but Cllr Leuchars proposed that the Precept should remain at the same level as 2016/17 and this was carried after a vote made by the Parish Councillors.

ENC District Councillor Community Based Projects Funding - £1,000.00 – Noted.

Section 106 Agreement – Willow Lane/Wood Road - £3,740.79 – this money is available for community use. It was suggested that this could be spent on refurbishing Orchard Lane, installing speed monitoring signs at the entrances to the village or installing more substantial "Unsuitable for HGVs except for access" signs on Station Road - we will obtain some quotes.

Clerk

16/178: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances:- Current £22,115.30, Deposit £50,028.99, Bequest £4,758.54

Income:- Allotments £135.00, Bank Interest £9.26

16/179: Planning Applications

16/02292 – Garden room extension to rear of house at 98A Wood Road, Kings Cliffe (No Objections but comment that this might need Listed Building Consent)

16/02324 – Removal of a 17 m high telecom. monopole and installation of a 20 m high telecom. lattice tower and associated ground-based equipment cabinets within the existing fenced compound at T Mobile Communication Station, Willow Lane, King Cliffe (No Objections)

16/02349 – Conversion and extension of existing double garage to provide a two bedroom dwelling at The Old Wheatsheaf, 56 Park Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

Planning Applications granted by ENC

None

16/180: Oak Lane

See under Matters Arising below.

16/181: Walkway to New School

The Chairman reported that he had submitted additional information (plus a copy of the initial application) for the Parish Council's application for funding from the Community Facilities Fund to build a Walkway to the New School as required for the second stage of the application process. It was agreed to state that the delay in starting the project is annoying and Parish Council was trying to resolve this in the interests of the village when in fact this should have been resolved in the programme for building the school.

AH

16/182: Willow Walk Lease

The Chairman, Cllr Brown and Cllr Day had examined the paperwork regarding the Lease and were happy with it. Cllr Brown proposed that the Lease is signed; this was seconded by Cllr Ford and agreed by all present. The Chairman reported that there had been delays caused by the solicitors due to a high turnover of staff.

AH

16/183: Grass Cutting

Cllr Hardwick had circulated information about grass cutting in the village prior to the meeting. It was agreed to concentrate on grass cutting the larger areas in the village but to defer any decision until the February Meeting to give Cllr Smid time to talk to Kings Cliffe Active and Cllr Day to talk to another contractor. It was agreed that the Lap and Leap will need to be included in the areas to be cut.

GS
MD

16/184: Allotments

To date, five tenants have indicated they do not want a water supply and three tenants have indicated that they do want a water supply at the allotments, therefore on this basis we will not proceed with this proposal.

16/185: Burial Board Report

Cllr Gilbert reported that the trees have been trimmed back.

The Clerk had contacted ENC to request that the Black Wheelie Bins were emptied as a matter of urgency following a period of 6 weeks when they were not emptied. Cllr Day expressed his frustration when also requesting this and requested that the Clerk sends a letter of complaint to ENC (cc Cllr Glithero).

Clerk

<p>16/186: Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Cllr Leuchars had circulated information on his thoughts as to how the Neighbourhood Plan could help the Parish Council secure the desired developments or 'aspirations' (care home/assisted living/offices/starter homes, etc) for the village. He had also circulated the Steering Group's recommendations for Policies to go into the Neighbourhood Plan for consideration and discussion.</p> <p>With regards to the Settlement Boundary (currently based on RNOT Plan), it was noted that this needs to be amended to include the Middle School Playing Fields as it is likely that part of this site will be sold for a housing development. If the Parish Councillors wish to specify what they would like to see on this site, they will need to work closely with Northamptonshire County Council (the landowner). If ENC has ratified the Neighbourhood Plan before NCC seeks planning permission for a housing development, the Neighbourhood Plan will have to be taken into account.</p> <p>Mr M Burton, Principal Planning Policy Officer ENC discussed various scenarios at length with the Parish Councillors and gave details of what information had been included in other Parish Councils' Neighbourhood Plans. It was noted that Neighbourhood Plans can include whatever information that is considered important; there are no mandatory inclusions/exclusions. He urged the Parish Councillors to study the Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The Clerk will arrange a day/date for the Parish Councillors to meet to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	Clerk
<p>16/187: Police: Crime Report</p> <p>A Crime Report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p>16/188: Gazette Entry for February 2017</p> <p>Discussed and agreed.</p>	
<p>16/189: Correspondence Received</p> <p>There was no correspondence received that had not already been circulated.</p>	
<p>16/190: Any Other Business:</p>	
<p>Road Markings at The Cross</p> <p>The Clerk had contacted Northamptonshire County Council to request that these are re-painted.</p>	
<p>Traffic Calming on Wood Road (circulated)</p> <p>It was agreed to reply to the letter from Mr C Bond, Northamptonshire Highways stating that the Parish Council feels that there should be traffic calming measures at the end of Oak Lane rather than on Wood Road and to point out that the road crossing apparently leads to a point where there is no footpath.</p>	AH/ Clerk
<p>Kings Cliffe Meadow and Kissing Gate</p> <p>Wildlife Places are proposing to install a stock-proof Kissing Gate between Kings Cliffe Meadow and the railway cutting section owned by F&A George. This is at the point where the Meadow and the path in the cutting are level with each other, so there are no issues with steps, etc. F&A George are happy with this and ENC (who own the Meadow) require an e-mail from Kings Cliffe Parish Council confirming that the Parish Council has no objection. It was agreed that the Clerk will send an e-mail to ENC confirming that the Parish Council has no objection.</p>	Clerk
<p>Village Hall</p> <p>Cllr Hardwick asked if anything could be done to alleviate the problem of mud at the parking area at the Village Hall and if/when the proposed cycle racks will be installed. The Clerk will send Cllr Brown information about the amount of money left over from the funding for the Village Hall Parking, Pytchell Community Orchard and 'Quiet Place' Projects.</p>	Clerk/ RB

Street Light

It was noted that the street light outside 84 West Street is not working. The Clerk will report it to Eon.

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 9th February 2017 in Kings Cliffe Active.

Signed _____

Date _____

Clerk