

# KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th September 2001 at King's Cliffe Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. I. Hetherington (Chairman) W. Court, L. Crane, N.Ford, A. Hill, A. Howard, B. Howard, R. Wyles, D. Sharpe, J. Dixon. P.C. K. York was also present for part of the meeting.

01/60 APOLOGY RECEIVED: Cllr. A.Urquhart (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors welcomed Mrs. H. Blunt as the new Parish Clerk and expressed their thanks to Mrs. J. Rose, the retiring clerk for her excellent services to the Council.

01/61 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 09.08.01

The Minutes were approved

Proposed: Cllr. R. Wyles                      Seconded: Cllr. W. Court

01/62 MATTERS ARISING

None

01/63 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The reduction to the District Audit fee has been agreed; a credit note for £53.82 has been received which will reduce the amount to £527.38 (01/51 09.08.01)

The following accounts were approved for payment

Curator, August Salary	£ 129.20
Clerk, August Salary	£ 166.66
W.R.Court, photo-coping & postage	£ 15.91
Colemans of Stamford, stationary	£ 28.46
C.G.M. Grass-cutting	£ 195.56
District Audit Fee 99/00	£ 527.38
Remembrance Day wreath up to	£ 30.00

Proposed: Cllr. N. Ford                      Seconded: Cllr. J. Dixon

01/64 PLANNING

Re-instatement of the Old Bakehouse at King's Cliffe Watermill

The Parish Council has been advised that the development proposal for this property is not to proceed; therefore the application has been withdrawn

Framples Field, Wansford Road, King's Cliffe: Proposed change of use EN/01/00536/FUL

Permission has been granted for the change of use, however great concern was expressed regarding the change of access to Framples Field. This was considered to be very dangerous and it was proposed that a letter be written to ENC and NCC expressing these concerns.

Proposed: Cllr. B. Howard                      Seconded: Cllr. R. Wyles

Meadow Farm, Blatherwycke Road, and King's Cliffe: Proposed dwellinghouse EN/00/0073/FUL

Permission granted with limited user conditions and specified building materials.

2 Dakin Close, King's Cliffe: Proposed conservatory EN/01/00596/FUL

Permission granted

7 Howards Meadow, King's Cliffe: Proposed conservatory EN/01/00669/FUL

Permission granted

Badger Calvehay, King's Cliffe: Proposed Agricultural livestock building EN/01/00659/FUL

Permission granted

4 Park Street, King's Cliffe: Proposed change of use of former shop EN/01/00488/FUL

Permission granted

4 Park Street, King's Cliffe: Proposed internal door EN/01/00489/LBC

Permission granted

68/70 Park Street, King's Cliffe: Re-submission/ vehicular access & parking EN/01/00525/FUL

Permission refused

Westhay Lodge Farm, King's Cliffe: Proposed replacement windows EN1/00179/FUL

Appeal dismissed. . Concerns were expressed over the development of Westhay Lodge

EN Standards Board: Local Government Act 2000: New Ethical Framework

This matter will be dealt with a later meeting

Retirement of David Read & Terry Wilcock and New Management Structure

The retirement of these gentlemen was noted and the Parish Council recognise there will be a new management Structure at ENC.

Additional Planning items received: -

45 West Street, King's Cliffe: Proposed alterations to dormer windows, rendering and replacement entrance doors and windows EN01/00767/FUL

No objections.

Community Premises Entertainment Licence: Middle School, King's Cliffe

No objections

01/65 POLICE REPORT

The Chairman welcomed PC York to the meeting. On Thursday 20th September, the day of this meeting, a mobile police van and several policemen were working in the village. PC York said he was bothered by the upturn in minor criminal damage in the village, especially in Kingsmead. Groups of teenagers would seem to be causing these problems.

PC York has spoken to John Plowright of the Volunteer Bureau in Thrapston who have offered the use of their trailer and qualified youth leader. The Chairman agreed to contact the Bureau and to put them in touch with the Community Centre with a view to relaunching a youth club and with the Resource centre once this was fully operational.

PC York reported that despite warnings, there are still untaxed vehicles in the village; he has been patient with offenders to no avail therefore fines are to be imposed. A speed gun will be used to detect speeding vehicles on Blatherwycke Road and Wood Road, week commencing Monday 24th September 2001.

A four-wheel drive vehicle was stolen in the village in September. The police stopped this vehicle and the thief has been charged.

Crime detection this year is well up at 45%; although the crime rate has risen, so has the detection rate. However, vandalism and graffiti is still a problem. The police are working towards their objective of reducing garage and shed burglaries; so far this is on target. Shed alarms should be encouraged – these can be provided by Oundle Police Station. Details will be printed in the Gazette.

There is yet again a problem with deer poachers. Regrettably the Police do not have the resources to address this problem.

The Chairman congratulated PC York on their success in reducing the crime figures and on the clear up rate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

01/66 BURIAL BOARD

Cllr. W. Court reported that the board has experimented on straightening crooked gravestones successfully and more will be attempted. The graveyard grass will be cut once more this season

01/67 AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

Pocket Park

The proposal to apply for a grant for a boardwalk is endorsed by the Parish Council. Seven pupils from Oundle School are giving 2 hours work to the Pocket Park. Cllr. Sharpe has asked them to help either with moving granite chippings to alleviate the muddy condition of the path, or to help with clearing weeds on the path. Enquiries will be made into the possibility of putting appropriate matting underneath the chippings to prevent them from sinking into the mud. It was agreed that a JCB be hired to help with the moving of the granite chippings. The costs would have to remain within the Amenities budget

## Allotments

Some of the allotments are in serious need of attention. There seems to be no demand for the vacant plots, and some of the new tenants have not used their plots. It was agreed an advertisement; should be put in the Gazette in an attempt to attract new tenants.

### 01/68 VILLAGE DESIGN SUB-COMMITTEE

Cllr. Court is calling a meeting of the Committee on 27th September 2001 to discuss the Village Design.

Cllr. J. Dixon and Cllr. A.Hill gave their apologies and left the meeting.

### 01/69 COMMUNITY SAFETY & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A letter will be sent to the EN Community Safety Partnership asking them to ensure that all villages given notice of meetings.

### 01/70 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Parish Council have received the report from Housing Needs Survey which finds there is an ongoing requirement for affordable housing in King's Cliffe, which covers the full spectrum of households including single person housing, young couples and families, as well as small need for bungalow accommodation for the elderly. The need in King's Cliffe is predominantly for properties to rent; however, there is also a small requirement for houses to be purchased on a shared ownership basis and via the open market.

### 01/71 AUDIT COMMISSION: PATHFINDER AUDIT

The Audit Commission asked the Parish Council if they wish to participate in the new Pathfinder Audit – this it was agreed that this should be investigated if the outcome was likely to be a reduction in the burden of disproportionate audit costs.

### 01/72 AUDIT REPORT 200/2001

A favourable audit was reported and received by the Council. It is noted that the Clerks salary should be quoted annually and that the 2002 precept had not been noted. Several minor matters were raised and internal audit procedures were queried. The relevant form will be returned to the Auditors to acknowledge receipt of the report

### 01/73 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

A press release has been received from the Wildlife Trusts reporting their acquisition of the 115-acre site of Old Sulehay Forest & Quarry.

The NCC Transport & Planning questionnaire was received and noted

A letter was received from Communicare regarding the de-fibrillator appeal. A reply will be sent.

Highway Issues: NCC will arrange for a new fingerpost – Park Street/Station Road – when finances

permit

Highway Boundary: Urns on kerbside - 42 Wood Road: This matter is being pursued and the new residents will be informed as to the limits of the public highway at this location.

The Highways Authority have reported that overhanging trees on Apethorpe Road have caused several accidents and have asked for the names of the relevant landowners. The PC will investigate and will reply accordingly.

NALC: Event & Planning Training Sessions – it was agreed if any Councillor wished to attend the Parish Council will pay the fee.

#### 01/74 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- It was proposed that there should be a road survey of the road surfaces between the A47 junction and Westhay – also the road from Wansford to King's Cliffe. The Chairman stated that he felt the village streets were a higher priority. It was agreed that the NCC should be approached and asked what their priorities are for Kings Cliffe before any further demands were made
- The Boundary Cross is now back in position
- Flooding precautions –A further approach should be made to the emergency planning services at ENC
- Clerks Mandate: The Council agreed that the existing Clerks Mandate with the Bank should be transferred to the new Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr. Hetherington Seconded by Cllr. W. Court

- Jubilee Weekend: It was agreed that the Parish Council should host a meeting of village organisations to share proposals for events to take place during or around the Jubilee weekend in June 2002. Letters will be sent to organisations inviting them to the meeting.
- It was reported that the garages and pathway at Colemans Lane is very untidy and needed weeding. A letter will be sent to ENC.
- ENC are to be asked to reschedule the roadsweeper to cleanse during the week, not at week-ends, when the volume of parked cars make it impossible for the kerbsides to be efficiently cleansed.
- Concern was expressed about the damage caused by large tractors mounting the kerbs to negotiate the streets in the village. Nothing can be done about this without Police action
- The British Legion has received quotations regarding additional names to be added to ex-servicemen's memorial in the Church. The quotations range from £422 to £1444 for supply and fixing these and the Legion has requested a contribution from the PC. . It was agreed that the Legion should be asked what steps were being taken to secure private subscription for this project.
- The Village Directory is in need of editing.
- Other sundry items were agreed or noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50.pm.

Signed.....Dated.....

The next Meeting will be held at King's Cliffe Community Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2001