

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 11th October 2001 at King's Cliffe Community Centre

PRESENT: Cllrs. I. Hetherington (Chairman) W. Court, A. Hill, A. Howard, D. Sharpe, J. Dixon.

GUESTS: County Cllr. Priscilla Padley was present for part of the meeting.

01/75 APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Cllrs. B. Howard, B. Wyles, L. Crane, and N. Ford.

01/76 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20.09.01

The Minutes were approved

Proposed: Cllr. W.Court Seconded: Cllr. J. Dixon

01/77 MATTERS ARISING

None

01/78 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The following accounts were approved for payment: -

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| Curator, September Salary | £ 129.20 |
| Clerk, September Salary | £ 166.66 |
| King's Cliffe Memorial Hall | £ 70.00 |
| W.R.Court, photocopying & postage | £ 11.53 |
| ABB, Public Lighting maintenance | £ 298.99 |
| C.G.M. Ground maintenance | £ 195.56 |
| Ms.D.Sharpe, matting for PP path | £ 30.00 |
| Powergen, | £ 424.63 |
| M. Day, hire of JCB & tractor | £ 30.00 |

Proposed: Cllr. J. Dixon Seconded: Cllr. A. Howard

01/79. PLANNING

Detached dwelling 49 West Street: EN/01/00812/FUL

The Council had no objections, subject to clarifying the parking arrangements and the status of the rear garden.

Hall Farm, King's Cliffe: EN/01/00542/LBC

Noted that permission had been granted

K C 1 Development Site

An informal scheme has been brought forward for up to 150 houses on this site encroaching on new areas not designated in the agreed design brief. No formal application has been placed with ENC; there are now added difficulties as the land to the West of the KCI area, designated for social housing, is now effectively, without road access as a consequence of the failure of the ENDC to secure an access from Wood Lane.

It was suggested that possibly the whole scheme should be completely reassessed. Councillor Padley stated that East Northamptonshire has actually used almost all of their 'new rural house allocation within the County Structure Plan therefore any potential development would be an exception to the Plan

Additional item: D.Cllr. Padley reported that she had been in discussions with County Officers to provide a paved surface and drainage to the rear of the Memorial Hall; so far with little success. They had, in principle, agreed to a 3 feet wide footpath, but this would not be satisfactory as it would not be wide enough for wheel chairs, also vehicles would, of effect, damage such a path, due to the lack of sufficient width. Cllr. Hetherington thanked Mrs. Padley for attending the meeting and she left..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

01/80 BURIAL BOARD

Cllr. Court presented the record of the meeting of the Burial Board in September. Thanks were given to Cllr. Dixon for her hard work in tidying the Pitchell and to Mr. Embleton for the clearance in the corner of the Churchyard. These works are ongoing. The application for various vases and additional inscription were approved.

There are about half a dozen broken gravestones which need attention. It is proposed that these should be temporarily removed to a flat area of the Churchyard, until a decision is made regarding these. It is thought unlikely that any funding will be available to actually repair these stones, as the Parish Council is not responsible for damage to gravestones. The Chairman made an informal offer to attend a PCC meeting to try to resolve this problem with them

Cemetery Rules: A draft of rules and outline of leaflets had been circulated and discussed. Further work is needed on these and they will be brought back to a future meeting.

The Burial Board has to decide whether to use the present contractors for grass cutting next year or to ask for tenders.

The Licences for the occupation and maintenance of the Pitchell must be signed before the end of the year.

A further meeting will be called when progress has been made on the gravestones.

01/81 AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

Pocket Park

Cllr. Sharpe reported that matting and gravel had been laid in Willow Walk. Mr. Day is hoping to clear the other end of the walk during the Autumn.

Allotments

Cllr. Sharpe has reported that approximately half of the allotments are in good order. New lettings during October are very encouraging, but action could be taken regarding the untidy state of half of the plots. Letters will be sent to tenants asking why they have not used the ground and if they will require to rent them again in March. A suggestion was made that the tenancy should run from January to December, instead of April to March, to allow earlier cultivation by new tenants.

01/82 VILLAGE DESIGN SUB-COMMITTEE

Cllr. Court reported on a meeting held in September. The Village Design Roadshow had attracted 22 visitors despite the weather. The proposed 50 houses accessed near Fineshade Close were discussed, including an acknowledgement that this access was unsatisfactory. Many of the points raised by the PC in the item above (01/78Planning KG1) were discussed. The group agreed that the local needs housing identified in the Housing Needs Survey should be built without delay. It was suggested that the PC should invite the District Councillor, Planning Officers and the Housing Association to meet for discussion. Anne Cockin asked if there was information of other villages with similar problems. King's Cliffe remains a "working village" while many others have already become "dormitory villages".

Eamon Doherty reported that he had written to the Ombudsman regarding the District Councils handling of the Walkers Fields application.

01/83 COMMUNITY SAFETY & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Council was concerned that they had not been notified about Community Safety Partnership meetings and will write accordingly.

01/84 GENERAL BUSINESS

Street Lighting: ABB replied to a letter regarding response to lighting failures that these should be dealt with within 5 working days.

A letter from W.T.Parker was received offering maintenance services as an alternative to ABB. A letter will be sent asking for a quotation, costed proposals and a survey.

Village Map: An informal approach had been made by Kings Cliffe Heritage regarding the siting of a King's Cliffe Map to be presented in an attractive display case. After a lengthy discussion, it was

decided the most appropriate place would be on Laws Wall. There is also a seat to be sited, which could possibly be combined with the siting of this map. These recommendations should be conveyed to Kings Cliffe Heritage.

It was agreed that the dedicated telephone line for the Parish Council is transferred to the new clerk and an entry is placed in the telephone directory for King's Cliffe Parish Council

01/85 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Flooding in Fineshade Close: EM Housing say the works are completed to their satisfaction; however the bark chippings dislodged by water are still very untidy and the broken fence rail has not been replaced. The water stop valve still needs repairing a letter should be sent EM Housing.

Stopping-up order for footpath in West Street beside the Wheel House. It is debatable as to who actually owns this land and a letter will be sent to the Highways Planning Department to clarify this matter.

Highways & Transport Schemes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

01/86 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- It is reported there is a burnt out car on the Wansford Road. As this is on private land, it is the responsibility of the landowner. It is unlikely that any action can be taken over this.
- Old Garage site: ENC will be asked to take action to clean up this site.
- Enquiries have been made with regard to Disaster Planning in view of the 11th September. Apparently there is no longer any such organisation and no resources are available.
- Flooding: Enquiries will be made as to who owns and is responsible for the sluice at the Watermill.
- New House, Morehay Lane: Cllr. Court reported that a substantial fence has been erected whereas the plans specified a hedge. Enquiries will be made to ENC
- New House adjacent to cemetery roadway: The hedge has not been re-instated as specified in the permitted planning agreement. A letter will be sent to ENC
- Other sundry items were agreed or noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15.pm.

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

The next Meeting will be held at King's Cliffe Community Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st November 2001