

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 28th March 2002 at King's Cliffe Community Centre

Present: Cllrs. Hetherington, A. Urquhart, L. Crane, W. Court, N. Ford, B. Howard, A. Hill, D. Sharpe, R. Wyles

Apologies: J. Dixon, A. Howard, H.Blunt (Parish Clerk)

Minutes: The Minutes of the meetings for 13th December 2001 and 17th January 2002 were agreed and accepted.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Sharpe

Seconded: Cllr. N Ford

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

PC Kevin Yorke attended the meeting and was invited to speak

He reported an increase in local crime recently mostly involving sheds and outhouses. He asked everyone to be vigilante and report any suspicious incidents. A newsletter would be distributed shortly

ACCOUNTS

ABB Lighting Maintenance	£298.99
ABB Repairs	£31.96
ACRE subscription	£30.00
NALC subscription	£152.00
ENC rates for cemetery	£80.74
District Audit	£436.22
Cllr Court expenses Feb 2002	£42.03
Cllr Court expenses March 2002	£79.00
Clerk's salary March 2002	£166.66

PLANNING

Slipe Clay Pit – The operators of the landfill site have applied for permission to deposit Asbestos in addition to the other hazardous waste previously permitted. No objections were raised although the Parish Council continues to express concern that the supervision of the site be the responsible Agencies should be rigorous. The Parish Council welcomes the establishment of a Liaison Group. Parish Council representatives are Cllrs D. Sharpe, W. Court, and B. Wyles.

Hall Farm - Tree work: No objections.

Detached House and garage West Street (adjacent 2 Church Walk):

No objections subject to:

The southern boundary wall must be retained at its current height and no vehicular access allowed from Church Walk. It was noted that the house walls are close to the site boundary.

BURIAL BOARD

Minutes of the meeting on 25th February have been issued.

The proposed increase in the curator's salary was agreed, as follows:

April 2002 to Sept 2002	£132.50 per month
Oct 2002 to March 2003	£73.80 per month

(Old rates as in minutes of 1st March 2001)

April 2001 to Sept 2001	£129.20 per month
Oct 2001 to March 2002	£72.00 per month)

Proposed: Cllr. W Court

Seconded: Cllr. D Sharpe

VILLAGE DESIGN GROUP

Minutes of the meeting on 27th February have been issued and were accepted.

A meeting is to be held on 15th April involving ENC Officers and elected members and some members of the group to discuss access to the KC1 site.

AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

Nothing to report

Golden Jubilee

CLLR Urquhart reported on the latest liaison group meeting and provided an updated draft programme of events to be organised by village organisations

Social Housing in Kings Cliffe

This topic was covered under the Design Group heading

Village Lighting

A lighting survey undertaken by Cllr B Howard was accepted. Various details were discussed. It was agreed that the Chairman is to arrange to meet with the ABB surveyor to discuss a phased replacement of old lights over 3 years.

Local Councils National Code of Conduct

An extensive debate followed on this topic and there was agreement that the regulations were heavy handed and inappropriate for Parish Councils. However there was a Statutory requirement and Parish Councils were obliged to comply. A formal resolution to bind the Council to the Code of Conduct would be put to the April meeting of the Council.

The decision as to whether individual Councillors would sign a declaration that would bind them to the Code of Conduct and making a formal declaration of their personal interests would be a matter for individual Councillors. Any Councillor not making such a declaration before the May Council meeting would be required to stand down.

No prior notice of Other Business had been received

Signed.....

Dated.....

The next meeting will be a Public Meeting at King's Cliffe Memorial Hall at 7.30.pm. on 18th April 2002.