

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8th August 2002 at King's Cliffe Memorial Hall

02/48 Present: Cllrs. W. Court, I. Hetherington, L. Crane, D. Sharpe, A. Hill, J. Dixon, B. Howard, A. Howard

Apologies: Cllr. N. Ford

02/49 Declaration of Interest: The new regulations indicate that this item should appear on each agenda and if any Councillors consider they have any interests to declare from items on the agenda these must now be stated. The subject of dispensations will be again discussed with Mrs. Ding at ENC; the proposal that some form of permanent dispensation to cover some situations is to be investigated.

Proposed: Cllr. Hetherington

Seconded: Cllr. B. Howard

At this point, Cllr. B. Howard declared an interest in correspondence to be discussed in item 8. on the agenda

Cllr. J. Dixon joined the meeting

02/50 Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting on 11th July 2002 were accepted subject to a minor amendment

Proposed: Cllr. I. Hetherington

Seconded: Cllr. A. Hill

02/51 Matters arising:

There will be a meeting at the Resource Centre to discuss the proposed Skateboarding Facility on 13th August. Posters have been displayed and there is a notice in the Gazette. Cllr. Sharpe has asked the Council for their full support.

The Chairman has studied the insurance policies and many items on the inventory will be amended and/or deleted. The PCC will be contacted again regarding the contents of the old Fire Station, the majority of which are theirs and also the future of the building. Several items which are insured under the Policy with a £250 excess are hardly worth that amount and are consequently to be removed from the schedule. Public Liability is based on the village population and all property owned by the PC is covered by this. It is to be confirmed with the brokers that any volunteers especially senior citizens are covered, for personal accidents when on duty, up to the age of 80.

Standing Orders were tabled and will be discussed at the meeting in September

The gully drain in Rates Lane is still blocked and has again been report to Highways

There has been no progress on the stopping up order on the pavement at 72 West Street and apparently the house has been sold therefore this matter may no longer apply

The Community Safety meeting at Warmington is reported later in these minutes.

Parking problems at the school: Cllr. Court is to telephone the necessary contacts

02/52 Accounts

Curators Salary (August 2002)	£ 132.50
Clerks Salary (August 2002)	£ 166.66
Clerks Expenses (Copying, stamps)	£ 18.36
ENC Treatment of wasps at cemetery	£ 32.00
British Telecom (Qtr. July/Sept 02)	£ 39.40
Smith-Hetherington (mowing, various)	£ 171.00
W.R.Court (expenses)	£ 30.21

Proposed: Cllr. J. Dixon

Seconded: Cllr. I. Hetherington

Cllr. A. Howard entered the room

02/53 Planning

21 West Street: Single Storey front extension: EN/02/00671/FUL/PCLR

Cllr. Dixon reluctantly left the room after the Chairman pointed out that she technically had an interest in the above item

It appears from the plans that a large conifer will clash with the proposed extension; apart from this, the Council in principle had no objections to the plans.

Westhay Lodge: Stables and attached garage: EN/02/00565/FUL/PCLR

No objections apart from the observation that the proposed stables and garage are sited on the area, which was formerly the entrance and exit to this property. Therefore it should be stipulated that this must not under any circumstances be used as an entrance or exit to Westhay especially for horses riders and pedestrians, as this is an extremely dangerous blind corner from the direction of Kings Cliffe. It was noted that the trees in the vicinity of the proposed stables and garage had recently been pollarded which was detrimental to the general appearance of the property and landscaping proposals should be a condition.

3 Dakin Close: Single storey side and rear extension: EN/02/00440/FUL –Planning
Permission granted

Single storey dwelling house to replace stable complex: Freestone Lodge:
EN/02/00362/FUL –Planning Permission refused

10 houses (outline) rear of Fineshade Close: EN/99/00882/LPA – Withdrawn

COMMITTEE REPORTS

02/54 Burial Board: There has been no meeting of the Burial Board. The Specification for repairing and painting gates will be prepared and advertised for tender. The well in the Church Walk Cemetery will be discussed at the next meeting.

02/55 Village Design Group

There is to be a further meeting regarding the KG1 Site with Mr. Eacott of ENC and Cllrs. Richardson and Glithero in mid-September following the unsatisfactory outcome of the last meeting.

02/56 Amenities

Cllr. Sharpe has resigned as the Sub-Committee chairman, but is happy to continue the necessary work toward the Skateboarding facility. The Council registered their thanks to Cllr. Sharpe for all her hard work. The election of a new sub-committee chairman will be deferred until a decision has been made regarding the co-option of new Parish Councillors.

02/57 Community Safety

Cllrs. B. Howard and A. Hill attended a Community Safety Partnership meeting at Warmington Village Hall on 17th July.

The Cllrs. who attended were very disappointed by the content of the meeting. It was noted that W.S. Atkins, the contractors who deal with Highway matters, now employed Mr. Colin Gilder. There will be a liaison officer to whom complaints and suggestions can be reported. Mr. Murray stated that Kings Cliffe had had the most money spent on its road repairs, which the P C find totally unbelievable. Cllr. Hill declared the meeting to have been a total waste of everyones time. Cllr. Howard has suggested that we request that a Senior Police Officer should attend a Parish Council meeting to listen to the concerns of the people in rural areas. A long discussion then ensued, the conclusion being that we still need a Community Policeman, but in the absence of this, the old Neighbourhood Watch principle of the 'pyramid' relaying of facts to the village i.e. that the Police have advised that a particular car/person etc., should be treated with caution or reported to them, should be re-instated in some way or other. Cllr. B. Howard will research and report on this at the next meeting.

02/58 Rockingham Speedway

Cllr. Court attended a meeting a Bulwick for concerned Parish Councils: There are many and varied events planned for the speedway and these will all be monitored for noise and nuisance to discover what is acceptable by the local communities. Understandably the Corby townspeople are in favour of the speedway as it provides both employment and entertainment

in the locality. The general opinion of KCPC was that this really is not our concern and it should be left to Corby and the surrounding area to manage.

02/59 Other Correspondence

ENC Committee Reports: Cllr. Court had scrutinised these and repeated his view that the street cleansing policy will not function properly with different departments being responsible for different aspects of, for instance, the clearing of weeds and litter. Coleman's Lane is the sole responsibility of the District Council and its condition has been reported.

The Volunteer Centre, they are to visit the village to research the possibility of bringing their trailer.

ACRE: The Annual Report was noted; the various grants available were discussed and the possible of asking for grants for the Memorial Hall.

King's Cliffe Heritage: Regarding the Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath MD2 (Apethorpe) and Creation of Two Footpaths, they have written to NCC strongly protesting against this proposal

O2 Airwave Service will be utilising a further aerial to be erected in Willow Lane

NCC Bus Strategy: this letter was noted and they will be asked to send the relevant section for the PC to discuss

NCC: An invitation to apply for devolved funding was discussed and ideas will be brought to the next meeting for consideration

A representative from Smith Stuart Reynolds will attend and address the October meeting in respect of the Howard Farms Consultation

KC Community Association have asked for permission to use the Pocket Park in connection with the Annual Duck Race. A letter will be sent agreeing to this request subject to the clearance of any litter

Proposed: Cllr. A Howard

Seconded: Cllr. B Howard

The non-delivery of the Nene Valley News to some parts of the village will again be reported to Mrs. Ding at ENC

ENC: Home Energy promotion will be investigated

SERVE: Care in the Community: The leaflet will be displayed in the Surgery, published in the Gazette and the Evergreen Club will be informed of the service

Several other items of correspondence were read and noted.

02/60 Any Other Business

Allocation of Homes to local applicants: Concern has again been raised regarding the allocation of Council Houses to non-residents, while residents are being allocated houses away from the village. The allegations made were questioned. Cllrs. decided that this must be investigated. Cllrs B. Howard and I. Hetherington are to look into this matter.

There is again concern regarding the recent spate of burglaries. (See also Minute 02/57 above). It is essential that a greater police presence be seen in the area.

Overhanging trees in West Street, also a number of large self-seeded buddleia need attention.

A resident of Fineshade Close has expressed concern over the incidence of Skateboarding and Rollerblading in the passageway leading to Wood Road. Again, it was stated that there is no effective way to curtail these, as any signs cannot be enforced. This lady was also concerned that the flowerbeds in this area are sadly neglected. The Housing Association will be informed of both of these concerns and the PC will again seek advice.

Cllr. Hetherington raised the matter of bulk tipper lorries accidentally coming through the village to the landfill site, as there are no signs at Bulwick to direct them onward via the A43/A47 to the designated turn to King's Cliffe Landfill. Atlantic Waste will be asked to deal with this, as part of the conditions enforced by the Planning Authority. The NCC has been reminded about the promised meeting/visit of the Liaison Committee

02/61 Co-option of New Councillors

This matter was declared to be confidential under the LGA 1972 Schedule 12A Part 1 and the public and press were excluded from the meeting. Expressions of interest have been received from four parishioners and the Parish Council discussed and agreed the procedure that would be followed in selecting two candidates for co-option at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.01.pm.

Signed..... Date.....

The next meeting will be held at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall on 12th September 2002