

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 12th September 2002 at King's Cliffe Memorial Hall

02/62 Present: Cllrs. W. Court, I. Hetherington, D. Sharpe, A. Hill, A. Howard, N. Ford,

Apologies: Cllrs. J. Dixon, B. Howard, and L. Crane

02/63 Declaration of Interest: There were no declarations of interest for matters on the agenda

02/64 Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting on 8th August 2002 were accepted and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Howard

Seconded: Cllr. D. Sharpe

02/65 Matters arising:

Cllr. Court hope to attend a meeting of Parish Church officers discuss matters of mutual interest

Stopping-up order for 72 West Street: a revised plan is being drafted and should be available at the next meeting.

A letter of support from County Councillor P. Padley has been received endorsing the PC's concerns regarding road-cleansing matters

Duck Race: Cllr. Court will speak to David Hellard regarding tidying of the Pocket Park area.

Nene Valley News: Only half the village is receiving this publication. The Clerk will speak to Barbara Ding regarding this matter.

Allocation of homes: Cllr. Hetherington stated that there appears to be no evidence that houses are being allocated unfairly to non-local tenants.

Appropriate signs have been placed at relevant road junctions to avoid HGV's going to the Landfill site coming through the village.

02/66 Accounts

Curators Salary (September 2002)	£ 132.50
Clerks Salary (September 2002)	£ 166.66
Smith-Hetherington (mowing, various)	£ 171.00
W.R.Court (August expenses)	£ 29.53
KC Resource Centre (meeting & printing)	£ 13.00

Proposed: Cllr. A. Howard

Seconded: Cllr. I. Hetherington

02/67 Planning

New Applications

Monopole Tower and equipment Willow Lane EN/02/00706/FUL/PCLR

No objections: However, the point was raised and enquiries will be made as to whether a single tower could be shared and used for more than one organisation

Iron Railings at All Saints Parish Church Hall Yard EN/02/00696/FUL/PCLR

No objections, assuming the railings are painted entirely black

Kings Cliffe House: Work on Trees in Conservation Area RAB/TCA241

The question was raised whether this work had been started, but this was not confirmed. Concern was expressed that random pollarding will spoil the line of these trees. There was agreement that this row of trees was very significant and there was a minority view that no work should be permitted. However, the conclusion was that permitted work should be carefully defined by the Tree Officer, that is should be undertaken only by a qualified tree surgeon who would “reduce and reshape” rather than pollard and grade the work done so that it would merge with the trees that have not been reshaped.

Stables & attached garage Westhay Lodge: EN/02/00565/FUL: ~Application withdrawn

Replacement windows: Cornforth Homes, 32 Bridge Street: Planning Permission Granted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

02/68 Burial Board:

A meeting of the Burial board was held on 3rd September and Cllr. Court reported this as follows:

The Cemetery was inspected and was generally in a very acceptable and tidy condition. The burglar proofing measures were felt to be reasonable. The main gates are kept padlocked except in the case of funerals.

Gravestones were inspected and work required on some was considered necessary either for safety or for “decent order”. It was agreed that after public notice, remedial work should be put in hand on loose headstones, by Mr. Colin Smith, with or without volunteer help. In the case of subsidence affecting kerbs etc., unless relatives are prepared to defray the cost of reinstatement, the Board should remove kerbs, concrete and chipping and grass over the plot to facilitate maintenance.

It was suggested that the Burial Board should act as an “advisory committee” and the Parish Council should ratify all recommendations. It was recommended that the Parish Council should extend its personal accident cover to “volunteers” working under the direction of and for the Parish Council up to age 80, and should meet the cost of a “doctor’s letter” which the insurers require for this cover.

The Board examined the application for a memorial to the late Mrs. I.M.Lattimore and recommends that it be approved subject to the answers given by the Funeral Directors.

Mr. Peacey passed on the appreciation of the PCC for the standard of grass cutting and maintenance.

The Board expressed support for the idea of recutting the inscription on the William Law tomb if external funding can be found.

Church Walk Future Cemetery: Capping of well: this is necessary for public safety and the Parish Council has said that it will pay for this. Work can only be done in dry weather. A single quotation has been received of £340.00 plus the cost of a standard manhole cover plus VAT. The licensee wishes to fit a more elaborate locking manhole cover, but will meet the extra cost of this herself. Although only the single quotation has been obtained (other contractors have not replied) the Board consider that it is good value, as is the offer from the Licensee, and acceptance is recommended. Cllr. Court said there were enough funds to cover this work.

Equipment appears to be in a satisfactory condition. Cllr Hill agreed to examine this, with Mr. Embleton if he agrees. Plant not being used should be checked and petrol drained for storage.

The Parish Council approved all the above recommendations

Proposed: Cllr. A. Howard

Seconded: Cllr. A. Hill

02/69 Village Design Group

Awaiting the outcome of the meeting with ENC scheduled for 18th September following the unsatisfactory outcome of the last meeting.

Invitations to ENC Workshops on 25/9/02 and 3/10/02 are to be extended to VDG members.

02/70 Amenities

Mr. Smith has cut the Linear Park free of charge.

The Parish Council will clear the ‘den’ from the Hills & Holes pit, once the foliage has died down in the Autumn and ENC will be asked to clear the garage doors

02/71 Proposed Skateboard Park

There was a meeting of supporters at Kingsmead on 3rd September. Cllr. Sharpe reported that Mr. Kevin Howard of Howards Packaging would prefer the site to be opposite, as opposed to beside

his unit. This was seen as a useful suggestion, as the relevant warehouse would act as a baffle against noise nuisance to local residents.

One of the supporters has offered to prepare an Environment Impact report. Planning Permission and/or Landlord's Consent will be sought from ENC. A scale plan will be drawn up for this purpose. Cllr. Sharpe will ask Roger Lovesay, the Sports & Leisure Officer at ENC to help and advise on all aspects.

02/72 Community Safety

No report was available as Cllr. B. Howard was not able to attend this meeting

The lack of a permanent Community Policeman was again discussed. A letter will be sent to the Police Authority pointing out that we are one of the largest communities in the area and do need our own officer; unless this happens, all the excellent work carried out by Kevin York in recent years will have been in vain.

02/73 Other Correspondence

Various letters and reports were read and noted

K-Club: The PC Chairman had written in support of an application they had made for a grant

The schedule of road inspections and proposed work received was considered totally inadequate and the Chairman will write

Flood Awareness: Cllr. Court will write to the Environment Agency to point out that flow of flood water in Willowbrook could be controlled by installing and using a sluice gate at the outflow from Blatherwycke Lake

02/74 Standing Orders

The draft Standing Orders were read and amendments to meet to the needs of Kings Cliffe Parish Council were agreed. The Orders will be edited and distributed to Councillors.

02/75 Any Other Business

EN Area Committee: Invitation to apply for Devolved Budget Funding: Cllr. Court said that an application was being prepared to improve Church Walk near the Hall as to road surfacing, disabled parking and flood water control and it was agreed to give this full support

02/76 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. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Michael Day will be invited to accept co-option onto the Parish Council, and consideration of the other candidates would be postponed until the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10.pm.

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

The next meeting will be held at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall on 10th October 2002