

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th February 2004 in The Cross Keys, King's Cliffe

03/153 Present: - Councillors M.Day (Chairman) B.Wyles, B. Howard, A. Howard, L.Crane, and N. Ford

Apologies: Councillors D.Sharpe, B. Wright, J. Dixon, K. Howard and T. Isaac

03/154 Declarations of Interest: None

03/155 Clerks Report

The forms to apply for Bus Tokens are at the Post Office, Angie can authorise, as last year.

A letter has been sent to Peterborough Homes, in the same vein as the last reply, saying we are still looking for ward to the KC1 site being developed

At the meeting at 50 Bridge Street on 25th Jan. to discuss plans to develop the plot to the rear of 27 West Street, the plans were recommended for refusal.

After many e-mails and phone calls, the litter at the Bottle Banks has been completely cleared to date. Two addresses were found by the Clerk and Chairman amongst the litter, and letters have been sent to the people responsible, both from me and from ENC.

A blocked drain at the entrance to Mazewood Gate has again been report; Mr. M. Jackson has asked again for a grit box at that point – NCC Highways refused last year to re-instate the box removed from Hall Yard to this position; however, there is a quantity of salt in the Fire Station, and if there is further bad weather, a container will be placed in the area filled with salt if this is agreeable.

03/156 Matters arising

Chairman M. Day will order a replacement seat for Hall Yard after the Council agreed on the model to be purchased.

03/157 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings on 8th & 28th January 2004 were accepted and signed

Proposed: Councillor A. Howard

Seconded: Councillor B. Wyles

03/158 Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Curators Salary (Nov 2003)	£ 75.65
Clerks Salary (Nov 2003)	£ 187.50
BT ¼ to January 2004-02-04	£ 52.51
Smith Hetherington (G.Stones & trees)	£ 110.00
ABBA Annual subscription	£ 75.00
Colemans of Stamford (Stationery)	£ 20.86
ABB Ltd: New lighting (2 invoices)	£ 1645.00

Proposed : Councillor A. Howard

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

03/158 Planning

Removal of internal wall 12 West Street EN/04/00154/LBC : No objections

Erection of single storey timber conservatory Rosary Farmhouse EN/03/01326/FUL
Granted: Full & LBC

There will be an emergency planning meeting on 24th February to discuss further applications which must be decided before the next month meeting. Details will be posted on the PC Noticeboard

03/159 Horsewater : Hall Yard

Councillor D. Sharpe had alerted the PC to the fact that this area is in need of attention. A Parishioner had obtained a quotation to clear dead reeds with a mechanical digger, but the estimate was too high to be considered. This pond was formed in 1991 by former Parish Councillor R. Elliot and has created a lovely haven for wildlife; however, it is rather late for any substantial clearing to be carried out this year, as the moorhens will shortly be nesting; two Councillors stated they did not think any clearing was required, but the majority opinion was that some clumps of reeds could be safely removed. However, the plants are very deep-rooted and the water too deep to enter the water in waders. A notice will be put in the Gazette, asking for strong and willing volunteers to contact Councillor D. Sharpe with offers of help and ideas. Councillor B. Howard stated that the whole of the Willowbrook is clogged up and in urgent need of dredging. The Chairman said the owner of the Mill is hoping to rein-state the mill mechanism and is hoping to clear at least part of the river.

03/160 Quality Parish & Town Council Schemes

A decision was made not to participate in this scheme as it was felt that both Councillors and the Clerk performed their services quite adequately without further training

03/161 Police Boundary Changes

The proposed boundary changes, due to come into force in April will extend the area including Kings Cliffe to Wellingborough which, it is felt, is bound to extend emergency call-out times. Letters of protest will be sent to the Police Authority.

03/161 Children's Play Area

The Conservation report is still awaited before further action can be taken.

03/161 Landfill Site (Slip Clay Pit)

The minutes of the Liaison Meeting on 14th January were circulated and accepted as a true record. Concern was expressed by one Councillor regarding the formation of an organization to help the village to benefit from the available funds from the Landfill company regarding moral values of applying for funds from a company when so many problems were being experienced by the community. The Chairman responded with the fact that if this money is not used to benefit the community, it is paid directly to the Government. Councillor A. Howard reported that there were still unanswered questions regarding odours from the site, despite the deodorising mechanism which was intended to dispel the unpleasant smells but was not succeeding. Despite numerous requests the Howard depot has still not received a satisfactory answer to what substance is causing this very odious situation and there were obvious concerns for the well-being of the staff working there. It had been reported that this had resulted in coughing and a burning sensation on lips. The question was raised as to why the odour was still there, when the offending barrels had been dumped during December. There have also been the usual spate of complaints regarding mud on the road and a letter will be sent to Wastego in respect of all current concerns.

03/162 Burial Board

A meeting of the Burial Board was held on 9th February. A record of the meeting was circulated the recommendations were approved in principle; the following matters arising were discussed.

Pollarding of the trees in the cemetery drive is underway. The paths need regravelling and it was agreed that gravel should be ordered for this purpose. The paving slabs under the Howard seat are still displaced, Councillor A. Howard has promised will be rectified.

It was ascertained that LBC consent is not needed to repair/replace part of the church gates and tenders will be sought to re-furbish them.

The path from the Church to the new cemetery needs to be widened; the Chairman and Councillor N. Ford, BB Chairman will liaise on this matter. This also applies to the considerations for the construction of a ramp and a store shed to the new cemetery. The PCC will be consulted before any decisions are made.

The Clerk will ensure the leases for the Pitchell are signed and settled.

A tender received from Smith-Hetherington for grass-cutting was accepted.

03/163 Village Design Group and Parish Plan

The Chairman reported that parishioners were asking what is happening in respect of the above. In his opinion, these two projects should be amalgamated and asked for volunteers to form a new committee; it is proposed this organisation is not run by the Parish Council, but it is hoped any new committee would include some councillors. This will be discussed at the next meeting, when it is hoped more councillors will attend (current absentees are due to pantomime commitments)

03/164 Amenities

Sub-Committee Chairman B. Wyles reported a quantity of polythene rubbish behind the units at Kingsmead. It is thought this is mainly due to vandalism of the Lovells skips which are parked in the area whilst new kitchens are being fitted to homes in the Wood Road/Kings Forest area. The Chairman will liaise with Kingsmead tenants and monitor the situation. Although, as reported by the Clerk, the rubbish has been cleared in the Bottle Bank area, there are still bags of rubbish on the bank, these can hopefully be removed in the Spring, when they will be easier to access; the Clerk will check why and by whom an ash tree had been felled and logged on the bank.

03/165 Community Safety & Neighbourhood Watch

At a recent meeting the “telephone tree” to report problems has been set up.

03/166 Other Correspondence Received

Various correspondences were received and dealt with as necessary or circulated to Councillors

03/167 Any Other Business

Councillor B. Wyles requested that a letter should be sent to British Telecom regarding telephone directories. The free directory provided is for the Stamford area and it was agreed that this was not wholly satisfactory as it did not cover the Peterborough area.

Councillor B. Howard asked that further letters be written to the Highway Agency regarding road

conditions and to the Police Authorities regarding crime rates.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.0.pm.

An emergency meeting will be held to discuss planning applications at Freestone Lodge on Tuesday 24th February at 6.30.pm.

The next monthly meeting will be held on 11th March in the Memorial Hall Parlour at 7.30.pm.

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