

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 10th June 2004

04/20 Present : Chairman M. Day, B.Wyles, B. Howard, A. Howard, L.Crane, D.Sharpe, B. Wright, J. Dixon, K. Howard, T. Isaac and three parishioners

Apologies: Councillors N.Ford

By prior arrangement Mr. Garry Lang-Norris, Chairman of the Kings Cliffe Environmental Association attended to answer questions; therefore agenda item 10 was brought forward and Councillor D. Sharpe gave the following report after attending an open day of the association. The Chairman declared an interest and Vice-Chairman A. Howard took the chair for this part of the meeting

04/21 King's Cliffe Environmental Association

The Landfill Tax Credit Scheme was introduced in 1996. Registered landfill site operators are able to make voluntary contributions for projects. The regulations allow for 5 categories of projects. In return, the site operators receive tax credits.

KCEA was established in January to allocate grants from Wastego's site at King's Cliffe. Similar organisations have been set up around the country to deal with their local landfill sites. It is a registered charity and SWEET, based in Bristol, manages the paperwork and administers the charity.

KCEA held an open day on Saturday 22nd May. Members of KCEA were available to answer questions and to give advice on any potential projects which members of the public were considering organising. Leaflets and information about how to apply for grants was given out. The application forms are available from KCEA.

All projects have to be registered with the Official Regulator, ENTRUST. Once the project has been allocated a number by ENTRUST, a KCEA committee member will visit the project and be a contact person for the life of the project

So far, Wastego's contribution has been £70,000 which was used to re-roof the parish church. There is currently a further £300,000 available to be spent on other community projects.

Mr. Lang-Norris congratulated Councillor D. Sharpe on the accuracy of the report but stated that the Association had not been officially established until the day of the above meeting and it is currently being registered as a charity. He said the meeting had revealed much emotion and mistrust in the community regarding Wastego and their activities, but this was largely dispelled after discussion and explanations. He then invited for questions.

Councillor A. Howard asked how the association will be regulated; how is the £300K going to be spent and how will projects be identified.

Reply : The KCEA committee do not decide on projects, neither does the Parish Council; the village decides. Projects which are principally the responsibility of the County, District and Parish Council i.e. road repairs etc., are unlikely be considered. There will be no bias; individuals or village organisations

make their applications and ENTRUST and SWEET review these and make the decision. A committee member then takes on the project and assists the applicant to bring it to fruition.

If planning permission is needed for a project, the PC will have their standard right to comment upon and possibly influence the application decision.

Councillor A. Howard stated that £300K is a vast amount of money and voiced his concern that this money could go to a minority cause without the consent of the majority of parishioners.

Mr. Lang-Norris replied that this was extremely unlikely. This village is very lucky as this money is designated only for Kings Cliffe and is not shared with other communities. He does not envisage any problems.

Councillor K. Howard asked how long the money will be available. Answer : The money remains with SWEET until it is used, possibly for the lifetime of the landfill site – 10 to 12 years at least. Councillor B. Wyles asked if £300K is all the money available. Answer : No, that sum is just for this year, it will increase and accumulate if not used.

Councillor D. Sharpe said that application forms are available with leaflets in public places and this has been publicised. Mr. Lang-Norris said that a few small applications had been made but very few enquiries had been made. He urged that the community should contact members of the committee who are very willing to help.

Councillor B. Howard stated that the village needs must be identified quoting improvement to the Almshouses as an example. Mr. Lang-Norris replied that the PC must understand the committee do not make the decisions – if a project qualifies, it will succeed.

Councillor T. Isaac for the Children's Play Area sub-committee said although no decision will be made until September regarding the proposed site in Wood Lane, could they apply now? Mr. Lang-Norris replied that if a site could be identified they should apply. Councillor A. Howard suggested as far as the Playground was concerned, perhaps it was time to think again and look for land to purchase, as opposed to relying on using ENC land.

Councillor J. Dixon said was the money likely to go on one big project or lots of little ones? Mr. Lang-Norris said there must be liaison; quoting the example that was being bandied about; new village hall versus re-vamping the old one. The money will be given on a first come, first served basis, but there should be further money next year and the PC has a very important role in encouraging the community to use this money for betterment of the village.

Councillor A. Howard thanked Mr. Lang-Norris and concluded by saying this sounded like an excellent opportunity to acquire a playground which has been needed for at least 50 years and handed the chair back to the Chairman.

04/22 Declarations of Interest: The Chairman declared an interest in item 6. No. EN/04/00923/RWL

04/23 Minutes : The minutes of the AGM held on 13th May were read and approved

Proposed : Councillor A. Howard

Seconded : Councillor T. Isaac

04/24 Clerks Report

The new seat has been sited in Hall Yard.

A letter was sent Peterborough Highways and copied to Wansford Parish Council regarding the suggestion that the priorities at the Cattery junction should be changed; no reply has been received from Peterborough but the Wansford clerk replied that this has been discussed in Wansford

The redundant pole in Hall Yard has been removed which improves the area greatly

The large and ugly Portakabin next to the telephone exchange has been reported, both by the clerk and by Major West to the Enforcement Officer and Planning Department at ENC.

ENC have been asked to attend to the light at Kingsmead which is obscured by trees; they will arrange a site visit

A complaint received from a Collyweston resident regarding a near accident due to alleged negligence by the road sweeper from the Landfill site was sent to Wastego who have assured the PC that the driver will be reprimanded and this will not occur again.

04/25 Matters arising

Councillor B. Howard reported that the matter of repainting the Royal Mail boxes is progressing.

04/26 Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (Current month)	£ 75.65
Clerks Salary (Current month)	£ 187.50
Smith Hetherington – Grass cutting & various	£ 306.00
ABB Ltd : Lighting Repairs	£ 26.26
R.J.Goodson : Commercial Combined Insurance	£ 532.42
H. Blunt : Siting & securing seat in Hall Yard	£ 30.00
Anglian Water : ½ year to May 04	£ 40.00
N.Ford : Petrol for mowers	£ 18.50

Proposed : Councillor A. Howard

Seconded : Councillor J. Dixon

04/27 Planning

Applications:-

Change of use of agricultural land :Bridge House/Almshouses and formation of gateways to the Almshouses

EN/04/00944/5/FUL/LBC

These applications (00944/5/FUL/LBC) were discussed in tandem and refusal was strongly recommended for the following reasons:-

Bridge House already has sufficient parking space and adequate access and there is no demonstrable need to provide an additional driveway and parking areas.

The land in question is identified in the Village Framework as Important Open Land and the boundary walls are within the conservation area. The pavements in this area are high and narrow and gateways would not be a practical proposition in this already dangerous and narrow area of Bridge Street. The demolition of stonewalls to form gateways and parking has previously been refused on at least two occasions within the conservation area and this is no exception. There is no pavement opposite to one of

the proposed new gateways, which would cause problems for pedestrians.

Detached garage with first floor accommodation 66 West Street EN/04/00851/FUL

Refusal was strongly recommended for the following reasons:-

This is overdevelopment of a very small site in a sensitive part of the conservation area. There are concerns that this building will become a separate dwelling and not a garage for 66 West Street thus causing yet more unwelcome on-street parking in an already congested area; it is suggested that the opening is not owned by the tenants who currently only have pedestrian access to this area. There is no space to manoeuvre a vehicle into the proposed garages due to the narrow driveway

Renewal for detached house adjacent to 38 Wood Road :EN/04/00923/RWL : No Objection

Demolition and alterations for sunroom 56 Park Street : EN/04/01018/LBC : No Objection

Two and single storey extension to 55 Bridge Street : EN/04/00951/FUL : No Objection

Strip & restore Oak beams, 72 West Street : EN/04/00867/LBC : No Objection

Granted :-

Attic extension 8 Bridge Street : EN/04/00746/FUL : Noted

Single storey garden room 41 Park Street : EN/004/00462/FUL & LBC : Noted

Refused :-

Erection of 4 dwelling houses, Wood Yard, Wood Lane EN/04/00139/OUT : Noted

Proposed Public weighbridge, Wood Yard Wood Lane : EN/04/00193/OUT : Noted

04/28 Highways Issues

A letter has been received from NCC Highways informing the PC that various roads will be resurfaced in the village during June and July; excluding West Street. The Clerk has asked Highways to ensure that residents are made aware of dates to ensure that all parked cars are removed to facilitate this. Councillor D. Sharpe recalled that some years ago, a proposal was made to alter the roundabouts in Hall Yard to create more room and more parking for the Church. She will ask Mr. Court if he still has the relevant paperwork and pursue this matter again.

04/29 Resource Centre : Enterprise Skills

Application forms were given out to Councillors who showed an interest in these courses.

04/30 Landfill site

The Chairman gave a brief report on the Open Meeting given by the Peterborough Primary Care Trust dealing with health issues. He believed that this meeting was very helpful, but was disappointed that more parishioners did not attend, given the amount of grievances aired by local people. The Environment Agency had been much criticised, but Councillor A. Howard said they were doing an excellent job in monitoring problems at the site. The Chairman agreed they are doing their job very well in a difficult situation. The various agencies that check the site are now making a difference. The odour problem was again discussed at length, as were the road conditions.

04/31 Sub-committee reports

Amenities : Councillor B. Wyles reported that Mr. Smith had cut the pathway from Morehay Lane to the Hills and Holes.

Councillor D. Sharpe reported that with Jackie Neesham she had applied for Landfill Tax money to improve the Horsewater pond. The 10% of goodwill money required will be paid in free labour for the project if successful.

Burial Board : There had been some informal discussion within the committee about applying for money to restore the William Law tomb. This will be raised at the next BB meeting, as Sub-committee Chairman N. Ford was not at the meeting. More quotations are required for the repainting of the church gates.

Neighbourhood Watch & Community Safety : Sub-Committee Chairman B. Wright said there will be a meeting on 21st June, but she was having problems obtaining NW videos; her e-mails were getting no replies. She reported a lack of feedback from Northampton, which was discouraging. An item will appear in the Gazette .

Councillor B. Howard said there were still problems with parking at the Primary School; Councillor T. Isaac said that some parents were arriving up to one hour early to get a parking space to collect children. It was suggested that the school should be approached with a view to asking parents to collect their children on foot whenever practical. The Police are aware of this problem, but nothing has been done.

Children's Play Area : Nothing to report.

04/32 Correspondence Received

Various correspondences were discussed, noted or circulated to Councillors.

04/33 Any Other Business

Councillor J. Dixon suggested that Mr. Smith should be asked to clear the weeds around the Memorial in Hall Yard.

Councillor B. Wyles again raised the issue of road conditions in Forest Approach. These have been reported to Highways.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20.pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th July 2004

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