

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 7th June 2007.

07/020 Present : Chairman A.Howard, Councillors M. Day, L. Crane, B. Wyles, B. Wright, P. Lang Norris, B.Howard and J. Dixon, NW Chairman C. Jackson and one parishioner.

07/021 Apologies for Absence : None

07/022 Declarations of Interest : Councillor A.Howard in planning item 9, Councillor P. Lang Norris in planning item 3.

07/023 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th May 2007 : Approved

Proposed : Councillor M. Day

Seconded : Councillor B. Wright

07/024 Matters Arising : None

07/025 Clerks Report

The Clerk attended a Landfill Liaison meeting at the Resource Centre on 6th June. It was a very interesting meeting; Augean will be applying for permission to erect a "Terramundo" which apparently means "clean soil"; this is a washer for contaminated soil, which cleans and sort the soil. This will be at the far right of the site and looks like the aggregate sorting machines used at gravel pits. They also want to install a larger recycling centre for aerosols/contaminated packaging/treated timber/oil-filters/batteries/rags and wipes, which will basically be a large "dishwasher" for containers and washing machine for rags etc; to segregate, wash, shred etc. We will be consulted before permission is sought.

Heather Smith the new County Councillor attended this meeting and asked me to give her a "wish list" of outstanding highways items in the village, which I have done. This includes white lines, repainting of speed humps, Park Street pavements and the proposal for a "Give Way" sign from the Kingsmead junction onto Wood Road/Station Road.

A light reported out in Wood Road reported to ABB is a Central Networks power problem and it has been reported to them.

The Queens 80th Birthday memorial seat has been fixed in the cemetery. The invoice for this will come to the Parish Council for payment and will be re-imbursed by ENC. Daphne very kindly organised this for us.

Nick Evans has been asked to repair the wall in the Pitchell as soon as possible.

ENC have changed their minds about paying the precept quarterly and have reverted to half yearly, so we have a healthy bank balance again.

A letter has been sent to a resident in Fineshade Close, requesting him to cut his hedge, which is causing a hazard by fouling the pathway to Wood Road and obscuring his neighbours light.

The bad road surface by the kerb at the Park Street/Bridge Street which caused someone to fall last weekend has been reported as urgently needing attention to the Street Doctor.

Late this afternoon, Mike King from the Pathfinder Project, who works in the Resource Centre one day a week, called as a letter he sent two months ago had not been received by the PC; I intended giving everyone a copy of his report until I realised it was 22 pages long, so I have e-mailed it to those of you with e-mail addresses; other Councillors can pass it between themselves before the next meeting when he will be speaking to us.

07/026 Accounts Payable : These accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Clerks expenses (Jan – May 2007)	£ 71.24
Memorial Hall : Room rental account	£ 89.00
Robert J.Goodson : Insurance renewal	£ 599.92
Graham Young : Plinth for new seat in cemetery	£ 124.00
Smith Hetherington – grass cutting etc.	£ 196.00
ABB Ltd : Quarterly maintenance invoice	£ 354.97
ACRE : Annual subscription	£ 33.00

The 2nd precept payment of £3,500 was made on 25th May : ENC have now decided to pay half yearly as in the past, not quarterly.

Proposed : Councillor B. Wyles

Seconded : Councillor B. Wright

07/027 Planning

Applications :

54 West Street : Part demolition of boundary wall : EN/07/00865/LBC : No objection

54 West Street : Erection of garage : EN/07/00864/FUL

Comments sent to ENC : The erection of a garage will avoid on-road parking, but the Council has reservations regarding the direction of the roof i.e. other garages in this area have the apex towards the road, this proposal is the opposite. It is noted there is also a window in the garage gable but no height indication which suggests it will much higher than adjacent buildings. It is suggested this garage should be reduced in height and erected with the approach from the side to reduce the visual impact

100A Wood Road : Repainting of external woodwork : EN/07/00805/FUL : No objection

Land Adj. Malting's Lane : Fell 6 Ash trees : EN/07/00986/TCA : No objection

45-57 Bridge Street : Change of use to domestic gardens : EN/07/00990/FUL : No objection

22 Park Street : extension & garage (resubmission of plans) : EN/07/00919/FUL

No objection to the Garden Room and no objection in principle to the Garden Shed, apart from the marked similarity to stables, although the depth indicated belies this; it was felt this resemblance should be noted

Garage : there are concerns with the scale of this garage development and it is felt that the height and windows indicate an upper floor which could be used for other purposes. As a garden shed is proposed, giving adequate storage, this building would be more acceptable at a lower height and without windows.

Granted : all noted

67 Park Street : Conservatory : EN/07/00602/FUL

111 Wood Road : Single & two storey extension : EN/07/00418/FUL

King's Cliffe cemetery : Change of use for extension land : EN/07/00609/FUL

1 West Street : Roof restoration etc., : EN/07/00625/FUL & 00626/LBC

Laws Lawn, Stamford Road : Demolition & replacement dwelling : EN/07/00476/OUT

Withdrawn : noted

**Land Adj. 66 West Street : Conversion of derelict barns : EN/07/00642/FUL & 00643/LBC
07/028 Land for Cemetery Extension**

As Planning permission has been granted for proposed new cemetery land and the Chairman has declared an interest, it was agreed that Councillors M. Day and B. Wyles should negotiate with James and Guy Adams to purchase the land.

07/029 K.C.1 site

The Chairman stated this project has been going on for years, but a last seems to be going ahead apace. It has been approved by the Secretary of State. He has spoken at length to the ENC Planning Department who are in discussion with the developers, Parkers, and they are happy for the Parish Council to negotiate with Parkers, which was something that we originally requested.. Regarding the Planning Section 106 agreement which stipulate there must be a contribution for the village, Councillors discussed the possibility of a play area beside the Ex-Servicemen's Club, as opposed to the original plan of building affordable housing there, which can then be built behind this area. This would also result in retaining a green area in the village.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillors M. Day, J. Dixon and B. Wright along with three representatives from the Club would form a Working Group to meet with the developers

07/030 New Code of Conduct

All Councillors have been given a copy of the new Code of Conduct. The Chairman said there were only two fundamental points which had changed:-

- a) Parish Councillors and the Clerk were historically asked to withdraw when agenda items in which they had declared an interest were discussed. They are now allowed to comment on these items but will be asked to withdraw whilst decisions are made.
- b) Under the Freedom of Information Act all relevant correspondence is available to Councillors but they cannot demand copies; they should contact the Clerk to see correspondence and if they require copies there will be a charge for photocopying.

07/031 Sports & Playing fields project

The Sports Project is moving ahead, the land now belongs to the Parish Council and the Company can move forward; a great deal of money has already been allocated and things will begin to happen. The PC will not be involved but there will be a tenancy agreement. One Councillor raised the point that there must be a contract stating purpose of use. Another query was raised regarding the monitoring of how monies are spent. The Chairman replied that this will be thoroughly watched by ENC, Augean and SWEET; he again emphasised that land belongs to the Parish in perpetuity for public use and cannot be developed for any other purpose. These questions have been asked and answered during many meetings and he hoped this was now completely understood by all. Any Councillors who wish to be involved were asked to contact either David Hellard or Andrew Pick.

07/032 Burial Board

There is presently no Burial Board sub-committee; a new committee will be formed when the Council is back to full strength. The hand-over of responsibility from Mr. Court will hopefully be completed in the near future.

07/033 Neighbourhood Watch

The Chairman and NW Chairman Chris Jackson have had a long discussion and it would appear there

is little appetite in the village for a full committee, but there must be a profile. Mr. Jackson was asked if he wished to pursue this; he replied that PC Cliff Wilkins stated at a Community Safety meeting that the village does not need it; he feels there has been no back-up from the Police, but is prepared to do whatever the village wants. There is a low crime rate and very little for the co-coordinators to do and few people seem interested. He feels that the Neighbourhood Watch organisation as a whole is not well orchestrated.

The Chairman felt it is necessary for the Parish to be advised of relevant crimes i.e. the theft of lead from Churches, distraction burglaries etc. He suggested that PCSO Paul Webster should be contacted with a view to supplying relevant facts to the Clerk and/or any willing NW co-ordinators. Mr. Jackson said scant information was available; he also reported that the Police Mobile Unit had been in the village recently, but no notices had been placed therefore no-one knew about it. In the past, posters have been sent to the Clerk; it should also have been in the Gazette.

Councillors B. Wyles suggested that CCTV surveillance was driving crime out of town centres into the country. It was agreed the Clerk should write to the co-ordinators on the list to enquire if they were still interested – if so, Mr. Jackson would arrange a meeting with them all.

At this point the Chairman thanked Mr. Jackson and a parishioner for attending, but had to ask them to leave as they were excluded from the next agenda item

07/035 Other Correspondence Received : noted and one item will be on the next agenda

07/036 Any Other Business

Councillor B. Howard raised the subject of potholes in the road. As he is the PC Highways Representative, the Chairman asked him to write to the relevant authority. He also reported the overgrown hedge which is obstructing the road at Westhay Lodge and the large tree at the Kings Cliffe/Wansford junction at the Cattery which obstructs drivers' vision. These will be investigated.

Councillor P.Lang-Norris reported that the footpath to Blatherwycke via Alders Farm is badly overgrown. The Clerk will report this to NCC Footpath Manager, Bob Birkett.

Councillor B. Wyles reported an overgrown hedge in Fineshade Close, obstructing the footpath to Wood Road. The Clerk has already written to the owners.

Councillor J. Dixon reported the patches of repaired pavements being ineffective. County Councillor H. Smith has requested and been given a report from the Clerk asking for all pavements to be inspected and properly repaired.

Councillor L.Crane reported that children are playing on the road at the Wood Road roundabout and roller-blading between parked cars. This will be reported in the Gazette with a request for parents to be aware of the dangers.

There was no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15.pm. The next meeting will be on 12th July in the Parlour at 7.30.pm.

