

# KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 12th July 2007.

**07/036 Present :** Chairman A.Howard, Councillors M. Day, L. Crane, B. Wyles, B. Wright, P. Lang Norris, K. Howard and B.Howard

**07/037 Apologies for Absence :** Councillor J. Dixon

**07/038 Declarations of Interest :** Councillor A.Howard agenda item 8, Councillor P. Lang Norris agenda item 11

**07/039 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007 :** Approved

Proposed : Councillor B.Howard

Seconded : Councillor B. Wright

**07/040 Matters Arising :** None

## **07/041 Clerks Report**

The bad state of the footpath to Blatherwycke has been reported to the Footpaths Inspector Bob Burkett – does anyone know if this has been rectified? Councillor P. Lang Norris replied it has not been done. This will be reported again.

The overgrown hedge in Fineshade Close which was obstructing the footpath to Wood Road has been trimmed following a letter to the owner.

Two lights damaged by a lightening strike in Bridge Street on 22 June were promptly repaired by ABB.

Councillors have received a report regarding the Pathfinder Project; Mike King would like to speak to the Parish Council at our August meeting.

A damaged light standard in Walkers Field has been reported to NCC who asked the PC to repair it; there is an ongoing problem with these houses in that the road is not adopted and will not be unless a substantial amount of remedial work is carried out to the road to the satisfaction of NCC.

## **07/042 Planning**

### **Applications :**

**72 West Street : Demolition of old/erection of new garage etc : EN/07/01063/FUL :** No objection

**Adjacent to 66 West Street : Barn conversion & associated works : EN/07/01214/LBC**

**Adjacent to 66 West Street : Conversion of derelict barn to dwelling (resubmission) /01212/FUL**

The above items were discussed in tandem and the following objections raised:-

Whilst the plans state natural slate, the Council feel the roof should be of Collyweston slate or blue slate to match existing dwellings. Despite the explanation that there are in fact only seven rooflights, it is still felt these are out of character and that dormer windows would be more suitable in this part of the village.

**Granted :**

**19 West Street : Erection of 2 storey structure & ass. works : EN/07/00773/LBC & FUL : noted**

**Refused :**

**13 West Street : Roof garden : EN/07/00433/FUL : noted**

**07/043 Land for Cemetery Extension**

A price has been agreed for the purchase of the land from Messrs. Adams and instructions will be given to the Councils solicitors.

The Clerk has ascertained that ENC are willing to lend the money to the Council in the form of an interest free loan but a formal resolution needs to be passed to achieve this:-

Kings Cliffe Parish Council agrees unanimously that a loan should be negotiated between themselves and East Northamptonshire Council once the necessary DCLG application is approved.

Proposed : Councillor B. Wright

Seconded : Councillor K. Howard

It was also agreed that 3 quotations should be obtained for fencing the area to allow budgeting for this; as regards landscaping and roads, there is no urgency until the negotiations are complete.

**07/044 K.C.1 site : Report on meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the Club**

The Chairman reported that the above meeting had proved to be very helpful. The meeting was attended by himself, Vice-Chairman Michael Day, Councillor Jenny Dixon, Club Steward Richard Lattimore, Club committee members June Hakes and Mark McVitty, Tracey Isaac (formerly involved with a committee to provide a children's play area), Adrian Smith and Keith Williams, representing the developer and Hilary Blunt, Parish Clerk.

The main discussions were:-

- a) A proposal to move the LEAP play area on the outline plans (approximately 40 x 40 m.) to the West of the Club for the use of the whole village as opposed to being just for the use of the new houses. The Club will discuss their involvement with their full committee and the developers were happy with the idea. The developers indicated that a fund will be provided and the interest from this would provide an income to maintain this facility.
- b) A proposal to form a new footpath from Willow Lane to the new Sports Project. This footpath, if agreed, would encourage the public to walk to this new facility instead of using the vehicular access which will be through the Kingsmead Industrial Estate.
- c) The developers were asked if there was a possibility of the land above the proposed KC1 site being purchased for use as a Cricket Field. The village has a thriving Cricket Club, but relies on the Middle School for pitches and facilities and this could be linked to the Sports Project which will be on the opposite side of Willow Lane.

The Chairman said it had been a very agreeable meeting, the developers appeared to be happy with these suggestions and will report back in due course.

Councillor M. Day added that following the results of a survey and agreement with ENC the approved number of affordable houses will included in the KC1 site.

Councillors had various question, but the Chairman suggested we should be sure we can have these amenities and the details can be discussed when all is agreed.

The details of this meeting have been sent to ENC for their perusal and approval

#### **07/045 New Code of Conduct : Official acceptance**

The Chairman proposed that the New Code of Conduct be accepted, including Section 12(2); this was unanimously agreed and this minute will be sent to ENC.

#### **07/046 Sports & Playing fields project**

The Parish Council officially own the land and are in discussion with the company regarding the preparation of a relevant lease for this. There will be further report at the next meeting.

#### **07/047 Burial Board**

The trimming of the Cemetery hedge trimming and the pollarding of the avenue trees will be postponed until the end of August.

The fee paid by the Rauchfleisch family for a memorial in the Cemetery will be refunded to them via Crowsons funeral directors as requested.

A memorial application by Anglia Co-operative for the Bollans family was approved.

The overgrown roses on some plots will be pruned if the owners have not done this.

#### **07/048 Neighbourhood Watch**

Letters have been sent to all co-ordinators on the NW list supplied by Chris Jackson. There has been some positive response. The Chairman suggested that those willing to participate should be given the monthly report from ComPaSS to distribute relevant facts to their area.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council will put a Neighbourhood Watch section in their monthly gazette article when necessary.

#### **07/049 Casual Vacancies : Parish Council**

As there five candidates, voting slips were given to Councillors for a secret ballot. Mrs. Christine Williams and Mr. Nigel Ford were duly elected as Parish Councillors.

The unsuccessful candidates will be asked to serve on Sub-Committees to help the community.

#### **CSPC Paul Webster joined the meeting**

He expressed enthusiasm that the NW was being at least partially re-formed and will contact the official local or-coordinator.

He again stressed the importance of reporting even the most trivial incidents to the Police as these can build a profile of criminals in the area. There have been several attempted burglaries in the village and

cases of aggressive cold calling, which amounted to the bullying of elderly residents in one case.

The Clerk will become the local contact for ComPaSS (Community profiling and problem solving) who will send regular e-mails outlining local problems or potential problems.

**07/050 Other Correspondence Received :** Various correspondences were noted or circulated.

**07/051 Any Other Business – none.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00.pm.

The next meeting will be in the Memorial Hall Parlour on 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30.pm.