

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 18th September 2008 at 7.00.pm. at the Cemetery followed by a full meeting in the Memorial Hall Parlour.

08/075 : Present : Chairman A. Howard, Vice-chairman M. Day, Councillors, B. Wyles, C. Williams, V. Wharton, B. Howard

08/076 : Apologies : Councillors J. Dixon, P. Lang Norris, L. Crane and K. Howard

08/077 : Cemetery visit : The Chairman and several councillors inspected the existing cemetery and viewed the land for the extension.

08/078 : Declarations of Interest : None

08/079 : Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th August 2008 : Approved

Proposed : Councillor M. Wharton

Seconded : Councillor C. Williams

08/080 : Matters Arising : These are covered in Clerks Report and agenda

08/081 : Clerks Report

The drains in West Street and Bridge Street have been inspected with CCTV and cleared as necessary. Various street lights have been repaired.

There have been more accidents adjacent to the Landfill Site during the wet weather, local concerns were reported to the site.

According to Anglia Water, the water leak in Station Road will be dealt with on Wednesday 24th September.

08/082 :Accounts Payable : The following accounts were approved:-

Curators Salary (current month)	£	150.00	
Clerks Salary (current month)	£	200.00	
Smith Hetherington, grass cutting	£	205.00	
E-on (formerly ABB Ltd) maintenance charges ¼ to Aug	£	371.04}	
E-on (formerly ABB Ltd) Walkers Field	£	67.88}	One cheque
E-on (formerly ABB Ltd) Walkers Field	£	55.15}	
Coleman's (Stationery)	£	47.75	
Chattertons, new land for cemetery (already issued)	£	21,620.73	

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams

Seconded : Councillor M. Day

08/083 : Planning

Applications

62 Park Street : Internal alterations : EN/08/01079/LBC : No objection

66 West Street : Demolition of boundary walls : EN/08/01326/LBC : No objection

Blatherwycke : Details and CD for information only : EN/08/01360/LBC : circulated

Granted

KC1 Site : Outline residential : EN/05/00620/OUT : Noted

08/084 : Purchase of Cemetery Land : Completion and discussion

The Chairman reported that the inspection of the cemetery was very satisfactory; everything looks very neat and tidy. The purchase of the additional land has taken a long time but the Council can now go forward for quotations to fence and landscape the area.

08/085: KCEA & KC Community & Area Sports Project :Update

Comprehensive aerials photographs were circulated which give an excellent idea of how this project is progressing; Councillor Day pointed out that much more had been achieved since the photos were taken.

08/086 : Highways Issues

Although the Council still have frequent complaints regarding various issues, the Chairman pointed out that the following task had been completed or were in progress:-

- i) Footpath to Apethorpe : the tarmac section from Kirks Lodge is complete and it is noted that walkers are using the improved verges from that point. The more it is used, the more user friendly it will become; of effect, forming a firm pathway.
- ii) Landfill site : the complaints of mud on the road have hopefully been addressed. The Council had suggested that a 'dry'sweep should be employed when there is only dust on the road, to avoid the road sweeper actually creating a slippery surface. The signs on the bends have been completed and the work on the A47 junction is almost complete, which should make this junction much safer. However, we would again ask that everyone to drive carefully past the site entrance and through the woods to the junction at all times, regardless of road conditions.
- iii) Gritting of the Wansford Road during winter months: County Councillor Heather Smith had achieved a miracle by persuading the powers that this road should be gritted. The PC has been asking for this for years without success. We extend our most grateful thanks to her for this.
- iv) White lining in and around the village : As there are several areas where alterations have been made to roads, Highways have stated that when the road lining vehicle is in the area, it is hoped that all outstanding lining and re-lining will be carried out in one fell swoop.

It is noted that an area of kerbstones have been damaged in Bridge Street. This will be reported to Highways.

08/087 :Gazette Entry for November : As this meeting is a week late, the entry has already been sent.

08/088 : Burial Board

BB Chairman M. Day reported that there were concerns regarding the churchyard wall in Hall Yard; this is being watched for movement.

A memorial application was approved.

It was suggested that when the new cemetery land comes into use, a clause should be added to the rules that after say, 50 years, kerbstones only can be removed from grave plots to allow for easier maintenance of the land.

08/089: Neighbourhood Watch

A number of cars have been broken into in the village, without apparent damage to locks, and contents stolen. One notable fact is that service manuals have been stolen; this enables thieves to 'clone' cars, as these usually contain all the necessary information. The Police would ask that owners do not keep these, or any other vehicle documents in their cars, as these seem to be the main target for these criminals.

If any finds their car unlocked and manuals missing, PLEASE report it to the Police; several victims have said the only indication they had was that their vehicle was unlocked, when they were sure they had locked it

08/090 : Other Correspondence Received : Various correspondences were discussed and/or circulated

08/091 :Any Other Business

Councillor B. Wyles stated he is still not happy about the mud on the road at the landfill site.

Councillor B. Howard again raised the matter of overgrown hedges on the Blatherwycke and Stamford Road. The Chairman has asked all Councillors to make a note of these on their travels before the next meeting and landowners will be contacted, by the PC or reported to Highways for them to action.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20.pm. The next meeting will be at the Memorial Hall Parlour at 7.30.pm. on 9th October 2008

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