

# KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.30.pm. in the Parlour at Memorial Hall.

**08/092`Present** : Chairman A. Howard, Vice-chairman M. Day, Councillors B. Wyles, C. Williams, P. Lang Norris, L. Crane and J. Dixon

**08/093 Apologies** : Councillors M. Wharton, B. Howard and K. Howard

**08/094 Declarations of Interest** : Chairman A. Howard declared an interest in the first item under 08/099 'Planning'.

**08/095 Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008** : Approved

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams

Seconded : Councillor M. Day

**08/096 Matters arising** : None

**08/097` Clerks report**

The water leak in Station Road was dealt with on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, as promised by Anglian Water.

Bridge Street will be closed for one day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for a property to be connected to the gas main. NCC has promised they will have the advance warning signs in place 10 days beforehand.

The residents of 2 Park Street have been asked to trim the tree which is obscuring the Give Way sign at the Cross.

The Freedom of Information Act is changing and in January everything must be available to the Public. By then we will hopefully have an up and running PC Web-site, so this should not be a problem. This will be an agenda item next month to enable the new Act to be officially adopted by the PC.

There have been further complaints about the motor-home parked across the pavement at the top of Kings Forest; reported to the police but no action can be taken as the vehicle is legal and as it is not a 'through' road, the fact that it is blocking the pavement is not considered an important safety issue.

**08/098 Accounts payable** : Approved

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 205.00
Smith Hetherington, grass cutting	£ 205.00
Anglian Water : Cemetery water rate (6 months)	£ 47.77
E-on : Electricity charges July/Sept	£ 561.84

Proposed : Councillor B. Wyles

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

## **08/099 Planning**

### **Applications**

The Chairman left the room and Councillor M. Day took the chair for the next item.

**Laws Lawn : Conversion of barns to dwelling : EN/08/01467/FUL : No objection**

The Chairman returned to the meeting

**128 Wood Road : Rear S/S extension for disabled adult : EN/08/01637/FUL**

No objection in principle but further clarification of the rather confusing plans would be appreciated. We would add the previous extension does not appear to be shown on the plans and we need to see the full picture please.

### **Granted**

9 West Street : Proposed first floor extension to existing room : EN/08/01410/FUL : Noted

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## **08/100 Rural Pathfinder Project**

Northants Acre wishes to know how the PC wants to go forward with the results of the above project. There have been a number of consultations and a large amount of information about the village has been collected. However, projects are being accomplished in Kings Cliffe at the moment and a number of suggestions put forward to Rural Pathfinder are either happening or were completely out of the question.

ACRE wants to know whether we want closure on this, or if we wish to go forward. A meeting was held in the Memorial Hall but very few suitable candidates came forward.

The Chairman feels it is unlikely there will be any additional funding or anything constructive happening. The three options are for the PC to form a group, or independent individuals to do the same, or we can do nothing. Several Councillors felt any further action would be a waste of time. Another felt there may be newcomers to the village would like form a group. An invitation will be issued in the November Gazette for volunteers.

The Chairman feels we must be totally straightforward regarding this and ACRE will be informed of our action.

## **08/101 Highways Issues – update**

We have been asked to complete a form from Highways setting out the top ten priorities for the village. The Chairman will complete this and return to them after liaising with Heather Smith. The management structure has been changed back to the old method of each area having a dedicated manager.

The island at the A47/Kings Cliffe junction has now been completed, although several Councillors suggested the junction to Collyweston should be adapted in the same manner.

The Clerk will contact Spire Homes again regarding the dangerous tree roots in the pavements on Station Road.

A further comment was made that all footpaths in Yarwell had been renewed, whereas the bad condition of Kings Cliffe pavements appears to be ignored.

#### **08/102 Report on overgrown hedges**

It was decided that a polite request is placed, both in these minutes and in the Parish Gazette to land owners regarding this. In several areas, hedges are severely restricting visibility on the roads.

Therefore, before officially reporting this to Highways, we would ask that farmers and owners of smaller fields adjacent to the Stamford Road up to A47 junction and along the Blatherwycke Road as far as Blatherwycke please inspect the hedges which are overgrowing the highway and trim them back accordingly. This is the landowner's responsibility, not the Councils.

#### **08/103 Gazette Entry for November : Discussed and agreed**

#### **08/104 Burial Board**

Two memorial applications were approved.

#### **08/105 Neighbourhood Watch**

Councillor P. Lang Norris reported a disturbing burglary in Wood Road when thieves entered the house during the night when the residents were in bed. There has also been a spate of car break-ins. The Police have carried out 38 hours of patrols in the village. As always, lock all vehicles and house doors and be vigilant. Report anything suspicious to the Police, however trivial it may seem.

#### **08/106 Other Correspondence Received**

With regard to the invitation to the KC&ASP opening; Councillors L. Crane, C. Williams and J. Dixon will attend.

All other correspondences noted or circulated

#### **08/107 Any Other Business**

The Clerk will ask that the wreath for the Remembrance Service is delivered to the Chairman in time for the service.

Two street lights will be reported as faulty.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30.pm.

The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall Parlour.

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