

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 10th September 2009 at 7.30.p.m. at the Parlour, King's Cliffe Memorial Hall. The decisions taken at an interim meeting held on 27th August are included in these minutes

Interim meeting : 27th August 2009

09/065 Present : Chairman A. Howard, Vice-Chairman M. Wharton, Councillors L. Crane, B. Wyles, M. Day, G. Kingston, J. Dixon, and K. Howard.

09/066 Apologies : Councillors B. Howard, C. Williams, and P. Lang-Norris

09/067 Accounts : August 2009

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Smith-Hetherington : grass cutting etc.	£ 205.00
E-ON : Lighting charges	£ 579.00
BT : Telephone ¼ to July 09	£ 113.64
Parish Gazette : Annual subscription	£ 75.00

Proposed : Councillor L. Crane

Seconded : Councillor G. Kingston

09/068 Planning : This was not a full meeting, it has been called essentially to discuss the following planning item:- (Councillor J. Dixon declared an interest in the item below and remained during the discussion, but could not comment.)

46a West Street : Erection of double garage with office/studio : EN/09/01224/FUL

The Council is concerned that the with regards the overall size of the proposed garage, which comprises two floors, with study etc and the front view of the garage, which would show that it was similar to a 'cottage'. We believe that this is not within keeping with the size and style of other garages within the Conservation area and could result in its potential use as a Residential property. There is a similar dwelling in Bridge Street for which permission was sought and given for a garage and has now become a residential dwelling (enforcement reference EN/09/00133/PPD). With regard to the felling of trees, whilst acknowledging that some trees could be removed, to remove all the trees along the boundary would lead to the loss of a defined boundary and should be resisted.

09/069 : The Landfill submission was also briefly discussed, but will be an item on the agenda for further debate at the meeting on 10th September 2009.

Full meeting : 10th September 2009

09/070 Present : Chairman A. Howard, County Councillor. H. Smith, Councillors L. Crane, B. Howard, B. Wyles, G. Kingston and J. Dixon. PCSO P. Dobson, Mr. Kirk, Jenny Groves and Jessica Slater (members of KC WasteWatchers) attended for part of the meeting.

09/071 Apologies for Absence : Vice-Chairman M. Wharton, , P. Lang Norris, C. Williams, M. Day and K. Howard.

N.B. These minutes are recorded in the order as per the agenda, but were not necessarily discussed in that order.

09/072 Declarations of Interest : None

09/073 Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th June 2009 & 27th August 2009 : Approved

Proposed : Councillor L. Crane

Seconded : Councillor G. Kingston

09/074 Matters arising : None

09/075 Clerks report

Letters were sent to several residents of West Street asking them to remove self-seeded flowers which are obstructing the pavement and saying we did not want to ask to the Council to deal with these as a) they may spray and make it unsightly or b) charge for removing them. To date, only one resident has taken any action; if this is reported to NCC, they will also write to the residents in question; if NCC has to deal with this problem, they will charge the PC for their services.

The question regarding the garage to the rear of 54 West Street and whether this is a separate building or joined to the old stables (with the likelihood of it becoming a separate dwelling) has been raised with ENC : the planning consent was given on a re-submission of plans which we never received. A copy of these plans has been requested.

Two residents are very distressed regarding rabbits burrowing under their family grave, this has happened before. We cannot poison rabbits on public land, the ferreting gentlemen will not put their ferrets under a grave in case they need digging out. The couple concerned are now in touch with Richard Brown, the curator, and will try to come up with a satisfactory solution between them.

Spire Homes have been asked to remove a redundant “emergency call” box a house in Fineshade Close, which children hit regularly causing noise nuisance.

Richard Brown, the curator, needs a knee replacement. He has no wish to give up the job, but will need about three months off during the winter. He has asked if the Woodnewton curator, who is willing to do so can cover for him. He is happy to receive the same salary. This was agreed

The route of a footpath towards Spa will be ascertained with the Footpaths Officer at NCC, when we can actually confirm it is a footpath. This was raised by Councillor Lang Norris, but when we looked at the map, it does not appear to be marked and NCC need a footpath number before it can be dealt with.

A water leak in Willow Lane was reported to Anglian Water who repaired it the following day.

An allotment tenant has complained that eggs are being stolen from his and other allotments. He feels we should stop anyone apart from allotment tenants entering the allotments, apart from the footpath, but the path is a public footpath and therefore we can not restrict access

The Wansford clerk has been asked if they would contact PCC regarding the tree at the Cattery and also the possibility long discussed of changing the priority at this junction. No reply has been received.

09/076 Accounts payable : September 2009

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Smith-Hetherington : grass cutting etc.	£ 205.00
E-ON : Lighting maintenance ¼ to Sept.	£ 363.15
Anglian Water – cemetery water charges ½ year	£ 33.01
ENC : 1 st instalment of loan for cemetery extension	£ 1,750.00

Proposed : Councillor L. Crane

Seconded : Councillor G. Kingston

09/077 Planning

Applications :

Landfill Planning submissions : NCC (agenda item for discussion) – see below :09/079

Old Bomb Dump : Change of use application : EN/09/01000/FUL

A further application for the above has been submitted but ENC did not send it to the PC until 9 days before the planning application was due to come before the planning committee at ENDC and a day before the next Parish Council meeting . This does not allow sufficient time for the parish

Council to consider the plans and make comments. A letter will be sent to ENC and DC R. Glithero to ask that sufficient time is given to Parish Councils to raise planning matters at their monthly meetings.

Granted by ENC : Noted

70 Wood Road : Insertion of window in gable end : EN/09/808/FUL

Bridge House, 17 Bridge Street : Two storey extension of office use : EN/09/00944/FUL

25 Bridge Street : Felling of three fruit trees : EN/09/00858/TCA

Huskisson's Lodge : Alterations to single storey entrance

09/078 Youth Club : request for redirection of funding

The following request has been received from Katy Weeks with regard to funding the Youth Club room hire:-

“The Parish Council currently fund the hire of Resource for the use of the Youth Club once a week. From September, the Youth Club is taking over the tenancy of the current Resource space and would ask the Council if they are still willing to provide an annual donation.”

It was agreed that the Council would continue to provide support to the Youth Club in the form of any contribution towards the costs of the Youth Club . It was agreed that this would be £500 per annum

09/079 Landfill Planning submissions

This matter again provoked a long debate as below:-

CC Heather Smith and the Clerk had attended a Liaison meeting on Wednesday 9th September which was poorly attended; there was only one representative from Collyweston Parish Council, no other Parishes were represented. It was also noted that Augean had sent out a further newsletter to the village and their representative said if parishioners wish to ask questions of Augean on any matters, they should contact them directly by telephone – 01780444900. It was agreed that there are many more questions which needed addressing regarding public health, monitoring of the site over possibly hundreds of years and the actual levels of radiation already present in the area.

Other Councils now appear to be taking this matter more seriously, but none apart from Kings Cliffe have actually held a Public Meeting.

CC Heather Smith reported that to date NCC Planning had only received three comments from Public organisations. It appears there is as yet no government policy for the disposal of Low Level Nuclear Waste, although a draft policy was made in July of this year; NCC has asked for guidance on this.

With regard to comments from the Public to NCC, it was pointed out that quantities of identical objections with different signatures would in essence be treated as the same objection.

Kirk said they were organising petitions not only in Kings Cliffe but in surrounding towns and village. It was suggested that the local petitions carry more weight than any taken in towns such as Peterborough and Stamford.

Regarding a second Public Meeting, the Chairman had had a meeting with MP Phil Hope, who prefers not to attend Public meetings and it was felt Augean had already presented their points of view, as had NCC Planning and the Environment Agency. He had also had a discussion with Kirk prior to this meeting. It was eventually decided that each householder in the village will receive an invitation to decide whether or not they feel a second meeting would benefit the community; replies will be collected at the three village shops and a decision made after these have been collated. It was agreed that we would need a minimum of 75 responses wanting a meeting in order to call a second public meeting

A quorum of Councillors agreed this would be actioned immediately.

The Council also agreed to ask NCC and the EA for an extension of the final date for objections.

09/080 Children's Play Area

It was hoped that Donald Pollock, who has formed a dedicated team, would attend the meeting to give an update on the new Playground Committee. However, he was unable to attend and will hopefully attend the next meeting.

09/081 KCASP : Nothing to report

09/082 Sheltered Accommodation : No details have yet been received to enquiries made into this.

09/083 Speed Warning Signs

A request has been made for temporary signs from the Police who now administer this service. The possibility of purchasing flashing signs one by one will be discussed at length at a future meeting.

09/084 Gazette Entry for October : Discussed and agreed

09/085 Burial Board

Cemetery extension : quotations have been received for fencing the new area, but it was debated whether the new roads should be completed before fencing; Councillor M. Day, BB Chairman will look into this.

A request to erect seat in the cemetery was approved.

09/086 Neighbourhood Watch

PCSO Phil Dobson attended the meeting and reported the latest crime figures which show a drop in local crime. He reported that he had spoken to residents in West Street regarding car parking. He will look into the parking problems at the Endowed School. Councillor B. Howard complained that a report of poachers in the forest had not been followed up by the Police.

09/087 Other Correspondence Received : A ballot paper for nominations to the Standards Board was agreed and completed : all other correspondence noted and/or circulated.

09/088 Any Other Business

County Councillor H. Smith announced a new public transport service "Call Connect" which will operate in response to pre-booked requests for a 'dial a bus' service. Leaflets available from the Post Office.

Councillor B. Howard complained that the fence in front of the spinney at the bottom of Wansford Hill is falling into disrepair. The Chairman suggested now that the trees have grown, this fence is probably no longer necessary – but it is hoped the reflective discs can be retained.

Councillor B. Wyles along with other Councillors complained that drivers are not respecting the 'Give Way' white lines at the junction with Station Road and Park Street. The Clerk will ask for a 'Give Way' sign to be erected at this junction.

There are numerous complaints regarding horse droppings on the road and pavements throughout the village. Although acknowledged that riders cannot clear these droppings whilst riding, they will be asked to return and clear any mess they have made in the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45.pm. The next meeting will be held on 8th October in the Memorial Hall Parlour at 7.30.pm