

## KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.30.pm. at the Memorial Hall parlour.

**10/103 Present** : Chairman A. Howard, Vice-Chairman M. Wharton, District Councillor R. Glithero, Councillors L. Crane, G. Kingston, C. Williams and Mr. W. Court.

**10/104 Apologies for Absence** : Councillors J. Dixon, H. Smith, P. Lang Norris, K. Howard, M. Day, B. Howard and B. Wyles,

Councillor K. Howard has written asking for a six month sabbatical for health reasons. This was agreed and everyone expressed their best wishes for his return to good health.

**10/105 Declarations of Interest : None**

**10/106 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010** : Approved

Proposed : Councillor L. Crane

Seconded : Councillor G. Kingston

**10/107 Matters arising**

The Chairman asked the Burial Board to speak to Mr. Guy Adams with regard to pathways in the cemetery extension.

A letter from a parishioner regarding the stile to the Moors in Park Street had been received, complaining it is difficult to negotiate with pushchairs or for the disabled. The Chairman will speak to the lady; whilst access for the disabled is ideal, it was unclear how a wheelchair would be used to cross the field which can be wet especially close to the river.

The Clerk will write to Peterborough City Council regarding the visibility at the Cattery junction to Wansford.

**10/108 Clerks report**

The light at the bottom of Eagle Lane has been replaced. Several blocked drains have been reported.

**10/109 Accounts payable** : Approved

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Smith Hetherington : Grass cutting etc.	£ 217.00
BT (cheque repaid to Clerk, paid to avoid surcharges)	£ 84.51
E-on Electricity ¼ to September	£ 591.59
E-on : New light in Eagle Lane	£ 280.82
British Legion : Wreath : Annual donation	£ 30.00

Proposed : Councillor L. Crane

Seconded : Councillor C. Williams

**10/110 Planning Applications**

94 West Street : Replacement windows & doors : move gate : EN/10/01696/FUL : No objection

**Notification**

Relocation of agricultural buildings : EN/10/01494/PNA

The Clerk will ask ENC if a planning application is likely to be received for the above. Our District Councillor agreed to speak to the applicant on this matter

**10/111 Sports Project : Proposed changes to lease**

Chatterton Solicitors have provided a copy of the section proposed to be changed and have advised this is legally acceptable. This was agreed on principal, it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign any proposed amendments to the lease as long as it does not cover other issues which have not been discussed.

### **10/112 KC1 : Report of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Westhay**

A meeting held at Westhay was attended by Parish Councillors, District Councillor R. Glithero, Planning Officers Sue Wheatley and Anna Lee from ENC and Tim Slater and Adam Knight, for the developers.

The Chairman confirmed this had been a good meeting; all relevant points of contention were discussed and most were resolved. The developers have agreed, since the meeting to reduce the number of houses to 145. However, the number of affordable houses will remain at 30. It was agreed that both the Leap and the Lap play areas should be adjacent to the Ex-Servicemen's Club, and that a fence was required around the play area and also to separate the area to be used by the- 4- 6 year olds and the older children.

There is a proposed footpath from Mazewood Gate to Willow Lane, which is welcome. A discussion took place regarding the need to improve the area of Willow Lane from the top of the adopted road up to the bridge . This would give access to the New Sports Area..

The problem in doing this appears to be uncertainty over the ownership of this Green Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council would investigate this and if necessary seek to gain title to this strip of land to allow work to be undertaken. Councillor Glithero will investigate this with the Planning department

It was agreed that residents of King's Cliffe should be given priority when applying for affordable housing. However, Spire Homes have reiterated that this only applies if applicants have the requisite number of 'points'. To apply to be on the waiting list, and it is essential to apply as early as possible, the longer a person is on the list, the better the chances, telephone Nene Valley Home Choice, for the necessary forms on 08456032227.

The Clerk will provide details to the Club for them to display.

### **10/113 Landfill Planning Appeal : Progress report**

The Chairman had attended the appeal and will be speaking during the final week; he intends to focus on the concerns regarding community safety and the monitoring of the site. He will also be speaking on behalf of P.C. Howard Ltd and his family. As always, there was a long discussion giving the views of the majority of councillors who are against the submissions. Cllr D.C. Glithero commented that there were very strong feelings that if the LLW is so harmless, why is it being moved hundreds of miles to King's Cliffe; why not leave it where it is?

### **10/114 Playground Committee : Letter from W. Court re funds**

The Chairman invited Mr. W. Court to explain the problems regarding funds in a very old account, set up many years ago to raise funds for a playground in the village. Mr. Court explained that there is £428 in an account of which he is sole signatory.

He has been unsuccessful in convening a meeting of the original committee members as he was not actually a member of the committee..

The Chairman commented that this was an unusual situation, but the remit of the new playground committee was the same, to raise money for equipment. It was decided that the Clerk will write to original committee members asking if this money can be paid to the Parish Council, who will then pass it onto the new playground account. If they do not object within a given period, Mr. Court will be willing give a cheque for the above amount to the Parish Council.

### **10/115 Underground Youth Club : Parish Council annual contribution**

The meeting agreed that the Parish Council should give £500 to the Youth Club as in previous years.

### **10/116 Old Fire Station : Quotation for repairs**

A quotation received from Nicholas Evans was approved and he will be asked to begin the work. New locks will be purchased once the renovations are completed.

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

**10/117 Gazette Entry for December edition :** Agreed prior to meeting to meet closing date

**10/118 Burial Board**

A memorial application from Crowsons was approved.

An increase in salary for the curator to cover the extra work for the extension will be discussed at the next meeting.

**10/118 Neighbourhood Watch**

Police Report on Speeding and Anti-Social Behaviour : The Police had carried out speed checks in various areas of the village; no speeding was detected in West Street, in Wood Road and Bridge Street, two verbal warnings and one warning letter were issued. Advice has been given to young people playing in the sunken garden in Station Road, and several names and addresses were taken.

**10/119 Other Correspondence Received :** Discussed and/or circulated.

**10/120 Any Other Business**

The Chairman invited District Councillor to address the meeting; as follows:-

Councillor Glithero stated that ENC will lose 28% of their grants, which is a considerable amount, due to Government cuts. He is asking all Parish Councils in his area not to raise their annual precept. This will result in the cuts being reduced to 25%. Savings will be made by not filling job vacancies; many of the volunteer sections will no longer be funded. ENC have been careful with their accounts, but over 3 years costs must be reduced by £2.5 million. There will be agreed task sharing with Corby, Rutland and other District Councils to save money. Councillors agreed unanimously to keep the precept as last year.

Chairman A. Howard thanks DC Glithero for attending the meeting.

The Chairman announced that there will be Local Council Elections in May 2011, currently three Parish Councillors are on sabbatical leave and it was important for residents to consider standing for Parish Council. The last contested election was in 1991; since that time, Councillors have been co-opted onto the Council when vacancies occurred. Throughout the last year, many residents have addressed current issues and could further their support by standing for election.

Councillor L. Crane reported that animal water troughs had appeared on the rough land above Fineshade Close. The Clerk will investigate this matter.

Councillor M. Wharton voiced the long standing complaint about water in the two first hollows on the Stamford Road. This has been an issue for many years and will be report to Highways again.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35.pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall Parlour.