

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 9th December 2010 at 7.30.pm. at the Memorial Hall parlour.

10/121 Present : Chairman A. Howard, Vice-Chairman M. Wharton, Councillors L. Crane, M. Day, G. Kingston, C. Williams and B. Wyles

10/122 Apologies for Absence : Councillors J. Dixon, P. Lang Norris, K. Howard, and B. Howard

10/123 Declarations of Interest : None

10/124 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November 2010 : Approved

Proposed : Councillor M. Wharton

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

10/125 Matters arising

The Chairman has contacted the resident who enquired about the Moors Stile access to the footpath to the Willowbrook.

10/126 Clerks report

A request has been sent to Highways for all salt bins to be refilled; apparently this has been done..

An e-mail was sent to PCC regarding the large tree at the Cattery Junction at Wansford restricting visibility; they replied they will look into it.

The question of the ownership of Willow Lane; Highways have confirmed it is technically the responsibility of the landlords either side, but in the area in question, the School is the Landlord at one side. Therefore it is possible that NCC Property Services would need to be involved. The Clerk to contact NCC to clarify the position and to advise Cllr Heather Smith of our interest in resolving this matter

ENC have asked if we would consider buying a Dog Bin for Fineshade Close for the use of those whose dogs foul the footpath to Wood Road as they have had complaints and the Dog Warden feels this is needed. A dog bin costs around £130. This was discussed and Councillors felt that they could not justify this expenditure at this time

ENC has informed us that the Bus Passes and Tokens will be issued from April 2011 by NCC not them. Details will be forthcoming.

Water Troughs in field off Wood Road: Richard Hankins at ENC informs me the land is to be leased to a lady from Fineshade who has a few rare breed cattle.

The Street Doctor has been asked to investigate the standing water in the two hollows on Stamford Road.

Sue Scott the Enforcement Officer has informed me that Spire Homes are assisting Mr. Jolly in clearing his garden of scrap cars and general junk, following complaints.

MGWSP have written asking for our views on creating a footpath on cemetery side of Bridge Street from the Almshouses to the 30 mph sign. This was discussed and a reply will be sent suggesting it would be better to improve the footpath on the opposite side of Bridge Street. The far end was renewed some time ago, but from the top of School Hill to Walnuts Lodge is in bad repair.

10/127 Accounts payable : Approved

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Smith Hetherington : Grass cutting etc.	£ 217.00
Underground Youth Club, annual donation	£ 500.00
E-on : Maintenance charge ¼ to Dec 2010-12	£ 369.98

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams

Seconded : Councillor G. Kingston

10/128 Planning Applications

Applications

West Street/Wood Road : Proposed alterations to Electrical Supply (to go underground) : approved

Granted by ENC : noted

Phoenix House, 45 West Street : Proposed 2 storey extension : EN/10/01743/FUL

31 Wood Road : Two new dormers to front roof elevation : EN/10/01820/FUL

10/128 KCASP : Proposed changes to lease

Chatterton Solicitors have still not received the amended lease from KCASP's solicitors; until this is received no action can be taken. David Hellard has been advised that we have still not heard from their solicitors.

10/129 KC1 : Revised play area plans

A complete set of the new plans, including the Play Area and all landscaping etc., have been received from Tim Slater. The only observation from the Council concerns a small parcel of land at the entrance to the site, which does not appear to belong to the site. The Clerk will contact Mr. Slater regarding this. ENC planners will be informed that we have no further comments on the revised plans.

10/130 Landfill Planning Appeal : Progress report

Chairman Andrew Howard addressed the Appeal Enquiry for the Parish Council. He outlined the concerns of the community at length and also questioned the ability of Augean to deal responsibly with dangerous waste, following a serious incident which occurred recently at their Cannock Site. It is thought that the result of the enquiry will not be known until February or March 2011.

10/131 Old Playground Committee : funds dispersal

As discussed at the November meeting, letters were sent to all former Committee members, regarding the transfer of funds to the Parish Council for use by the new Playground Committee. No objections were received and this was passed by the Council.

Proposed : Councillor M. Wharton

Seconded : Councillor C. Williams

Mr. Court will be informed.

10/132 Precept for 2011/2012

The precept for Parish Council is not capped; but as explained by Cllr DC Glithero at the last meeting, if PC's within the area keep their precepts at the same sum as last year, ENC will benefit by their cuts being reduced from 28% to 25%.

It was agreed unanimously to request the same amount as last year i.e. £15500

Proposed : Councillor G. Kingston

Seconded : Councillor B. Wyles

10/133 Gazette Entry for January edition : discussed and agreed

10/134 Burial Board

Councillor M. Day will survey the cemetery extension with Mr. Guy Adams and arrange for the new roads to be formed.

Curator's remuneration to cover cemetery extension for 2011 will be discussed again in the Spring.

10/135 Neighbourhood Watch : Nothing to report

10/136 Other Correspondence Received : All items received covered in the agenda

10/137 Any Other Business

Councillor M. Wharton asked the Clerk to request MGWSP to trim the hedge to the left of the Old Railway Bridge again, possibly more severely than last year, as it is overgrowing the path.

Give Way signs at Station Road/Park Street and from Kingsmead onto Wood Road/Station Road. The Clerk will contact Councillor H. Smith and Sarah Barnwell at NCC for an update on progress.

Councillor C. Williams asked who is responsible for gritting Eagle Lane. There is a grit bin at the top of the lane for use of the public, this is the only way it can be done as the authorities would not consider it a priority.

Councillor B. Wyles complained that HGV's are using Blatherwycke Road as a rat run. He has been asked to note company names and registration numbers of the offending vehicles, as contacting various companies has been successful in stopping this practice in the past.

Councillor B. Wyles raised the question of a further light in Wood Road adjacent to no. 95. A quotation will be requested from E-on and the lighting in this area will be compared to other parts of the village

Councillors were again reminded there will a District and Parish Election in May 2011.

The Chairman wished everyone present a Happy Christmas and New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40.pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th January 2011 at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall Parlour.

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