

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 10th March 2011 at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall parlour.

10/181 Present : Vice-Chairman M. Wharton, Councillors M. Day, G. Kingston, L. Crane, C. Williams, B. Wyles, J. Dixon and B. Howard

10/182 Apologies for Absence : Councillors A. Howard and K. Howard

10/183 Declarations of Interest : None

10/184 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2011 : Approved

Proposed : Councillor G. Kingston

Seconded : Councillor M. Day

10/185 Matters arising : None

10/186 Clerks report

ENC have asked the PC to suggest names for roads on the KC1 Estate. The Chairman has suggested that we should reflect the Forest, i.e. Oak Drive, Beech Drive, Elder Way etc. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting, so put your thinking caps on and come up with some bright ideas!

Chatterton's have confirmed that the new Legal Charge and Deed of Variation for the lease on the Sports Field have been accepted.

New red tape by the Inland Revenue insists that the Parish Council must register as an employer, with the Clerk and Curator 'on the books'. Although this is unnecessary, as Clerk I supply HMRC with a self-assessment each year and Richard Brown does not want to be treated as an employee and has agreed to become a contractor, this has to be applied in law.

The forms for the Election should be with sent shortly – they will either e-mail them to Councillors, or can collect from me.

Nick Evans has been paid for the Fire Station repairs; although painting the doors was not on his original quotation, it was taken for granted this would be done. He has promised to do this and make good when the weather is suitable.

10/187 Accounts payable : Approved

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Anglian Water : Water for cemetery ½ years to Feb.	£ 29.36
KCACSP Ltd. Monies from old playground committee	£ 428.92
Richard Brown : hedge trimming in cemetery	£ 168.00
E-on : lighting maintenance ¼ to March	£ 377.86

Proposed : Councillor G. Kingston

Seconded : Councillor M. Day

10/188 Planning

Applications

Augean, Stamford Road : New scoping and draft proposals : NCC

The Parish Council will strongly oppose any application to extend the time and area for proposals on the above Landfill Site and surrounding area.

31 West Street : Pruning and felling of lime trees : EN/11/00333/TCA : No objection

Approved by ENC

KC1 Site (land between Willow Lane & Fineshade Close) : EN/10/01277/REM: Noted

10/189 Proposed Village referendum on LL Nuclear Waste issue

Vice-Chairman M. Wharton attended a meeting of the group Local Democracy in Action at Nassington on Monday. The original wording on the first draft for a referendum has been declared as unlawful by David Oliver, the Chief Executive Officer at ENC. New wording has been suggested, this will be discussed at a Parish Meeting called by LDA on Monday 14th March, which will be chaired by PC Chairman A. Howard and a multilateral decision will be taken regarding the wording and the calling of a referendum. The PC will abide by the decision of the public at this meeting.

10/190 Highways : Give Way sign, zebra crossing etc.

A site meeting of officials will be convened to discuss these at length and decisions made with NCC and Charles Church Construction.

10/191 Gazette Entry for April edition : discussed and agreed

10/192 Burial Board

The Curator has asked to be recognised as a Contractor for his duties as Curator of the Cemetery, the Church Yard and Maltings Green. The amount of £3840 for the annual contract has been agreed, to be paid in monthly instalments. Any additional tasks will be paid separately

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams Seconded : Councillor J. Dixon

Bequest from Mrs. J. Bevin : The monies bequeathed to us by Mrs. Bevin have been put into a separate bank account, which if not used immediately, should earn a little interest.

The Chairman will speak to Rev. Philip Davies regarding dangerous gravestones in the cemetery. Rev. Davies can then discuss this with the PCC.

The hedge between the old cemetery and the extension needs to be cut and laid when it is sufficiently grown for this to be done. This hedge has been sided for the time being.

Councillor J. Dixon has agreed that the fallen tree in the Churchyard can be disposed of in a bonfire in the Pitchell.

10/193 Neighbourhood Watch

Councillor M. Wharton reported that there had been one crime reported by the Police in February 2011 and there was a total of 26 crimes in 2010, which for a large village, in this day and age, was not too dreadful. She has tried, in vain to resurrect the actual Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village and there is little or no interest in this.

Councillor M. Wharton again re-iterated that the public must report anything suspicious, especially unfamiliar vehicles acting suspiciously, with the registration number and a brief description, to the Police on 03000 111 222. All incidents, however small, should be reported and a crime number obtained, to allow these to be followed up if anyone feels these have not been dealt with fully.

10/194 Other Correspondence Received

Discussed or circulated. Most correspondence and circulars are now received by the Clerk by e-mail and circulated to Councillors in the same way.

10/195 Any Other Business

It would appear more Dog Bins are required in the village; this will be an item on the next agenda.

Several Councillors feel that the new “Give Way” sign at the Station Road/Park Street junction is too high to be seen easily. The Clerk will contact NCC Highways regarding this matter.

A broken manhole cover, which is causing considerable noise nuisance, in Wood Road has been reported to Anglian Water. They have intimated that the road will have to be closed to enable repairs.

Councillor B. Howard complained that the up-keep of roads is being neglected by NCC Highways, Another Councillor pointed out that due to current cuts in expenditure; it was unlikely that annual resurfacing would happen in the coming year.

The Clerk and Councillor B. Howard has a sharp exchange of words after which the Vice-Chairman asked for a vote of confidence for the clerk, which was generously given.

Councillor J. Dixon reported that a boat had been abandoned on the land at the Pitchell on the banks of the Willowbrook. Would anyone who knows who owns it let the Council know, or could the owner please take it away!

Councillor M. Wharton, who represents the PC on the Memorial Hall Committee, asked if the matter of the height of the posts in the parking area in Church Walk could be discussed on the next agenda; these cannot be seen when reversing into the parking spaces and have caused several dented bumpers and broken fog lights!

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45.pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual Public Meeting in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 14th April 2011 at 7.30.pm.

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