

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 9th June 2011 at 7.30.pm. in the Parlour at Memorial Hall.

AGENDA

11/029 Present : Councillors J. Atkinson, R. Brown, G. Caddick, L. Crane, M. Day, N. Ford, A. Howard, G. Kingston, C. Leuchars, R. Meadows, C. Williams, County Councillor H. Smith and Donald Pollock.

11/030 Apologies for Absence : None

11/031 Declarations of Interest : Councillors Brown and Caddick : non-pecuniary interest in planning item for 29 Bridge Street.

11/032 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2011 : Approved with two amendments

Councillor Leuchars declared an interest in the Augean agenda item, not KC1 as originally stated.

Councillor Meadows advised that we had formed a subcommittee relating to liaising with the developers of the KCI

Proposed : Councillor Caddick

Seconded : Councillor Day

11/033 Matters arising : With regards to a second trustee for the Memorial Hall, Mary Wharton has agreed to remain on the committee to represent the Parish Council, along with Councillor Meadows.

11/034 Clerks report

A Street Closure Order has been received for the Active Festival on Sunday 17th July. Kingsmead to Station Road, Wood Road, West Street and Forest Approach will be closed to vehicular traffic from 13.45 until 15.30. ENC will display relevant notices.

Highways have been asked to trim the hedge by the old railway bridge; Councillors confirmed this has been trimmed.

A large pothole in the pavement outside 30 West Street has been reported; ditto various loose kerb stones in the village. Councillor Atkinson stated that a poor repair had been effected by Anglian Water; this will be reported to Highways.

The fence in the lane from Fineshade Close to Wood Road has been repaired by Spire Homes; an inspection of the garden at 5 Blatherwycke Road is still in the pipe-line, this has been chased up.

You will note in the accounts an additional cheque for me. Barclays managed to lose one of my cheques, I reported this and they have acknowledged this and stopped the original cheque.

The trees on the green opposite the Endowed School : permission will be needed to prune these, as they are within the Conservation Area, this will be sought in the autumn.

Can all Councillors please ensure they have all sent a 'None' expenses claim to ENC re the PC Elections?

A light standard with a dangerous fuse box in Willow Lane was reported and has today been repaired.

11/035 Chairman's report

The Chairman asked for nominations to a Liaison subcommittee with for the KC1 development and associated traffic calming etc. Councillors Howard, Caddick, Meadows, Ford, Atkinson and Day confirmed they are happy with being on this committee. This was not formally reported in the last minutes.

The PC had been asked to give permission for a Parachute Display at the King's Cliffe Active event on 17th July 2011; as a reply was needed before this meeting, an affirmative letter had been sent with the caveat that the PC accept no liability for this activity, after more than half the councillors had indicated that they agreed

11/036 Accounts payable

Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 240.00
Clerks April cheque (lost by Barclays Bank!)	£ 160.00
Richard Brown : Cemetery & Churchyard etc.	£ 320.00
Richard Brown : first cut of cemetery extension	£ 50.00
HMRC : Clerks PAYE for May salary	£ 40.00
ENC : fee for Parish Poll	£ 546.74
SEED Co : remainder of ACRE grant (Pathfinders)	£ 2299.00
E-on : Quarterly maintenance	£ 377.86
Stephenson Smart : Internal Audit fee	£ 447.30

Proposed : Councillor Williams

Seconded : Councillor Day

11/037 Planning

Applications

29 Bridge Street : Installation of oil tank to rear of property : EN/10/02051/FUL : No objection

29 Bridge Street : Outdoor combi boiler : EN10/01742/LBC : No objection

48a Bridge Street : Single storey triple garage to front of property : EN/11/00672/FUL : No objection

63 West Street : Removal of internal wall : EN/11/00832/LBC : No objection

Refused by ENC : Noted

31 West Street: Conversion of outbuildings into 2 residential units : EN/11/00295/FUL & LBC

11/038 KCASP : Playground Report : Donald Pollack

The Chairman welcomed Donald and asked for a report on the Play Area at King's Cliffe Active. He reported that they are pricing for additional equipment in the play area to purchase with the grant money of £27,000. He agreed that some attention is needed to the area in the way of weed control etc., but it was proving to be very popular. The cheque for the remainder of the Pathfinders Grant was given to Donald.

Councillor Meadows asked if the area was sufficiently insured. The reply was affirmative and no liability is attached to the Parish Council as the landowners. It was agreed that more signs are required in the area.

11/039 Audited Annual Accounts for approval – 2010/11

The Chairman talked the meeting through the account; we had not increased the precept for the present year as a result of the governments request not to increase precepts.

We had spent more during the year than we had received but this was accounted for by payments on the cemetery extension, which must be a priority due the shortage of available grave spaces in the old cemetery. There will also be an invoice for circa £2,400 to pay for the recent election.

The Clerk will carry out the annual check with Chatterton's to confirm they hold the Deeds for all land owned by the PC which will be confirmed at the July meeting. Three areas undocumented, the Hill and Holes Pit OS 3792 0.491 acres, the Rush Hill pit OS. 9321 0.301 acres and the plantation at the bottom of Wansford Hill OS 254 0.505 acres. The Land Registry has been contacted in the past, but the matter has not been pursued as it would prove too costly; all areas have been in the care of the PC for more than 25 years. In view of the costs we will not pursue this at present.

Whilst discussing land the matter of the top of Willow Lane was raised again. The track up to the old Railway Bridge is very rough and maintenance is down to the owners of the land adjacent. The LEA is the owners of the right hand side and the new property developers the left hand side. C. Councillor Smith will talk to NCC about the former. This however, is not a Public Right of Way. If the Parish Council were given this land, this track will be used more once KC1 begins as a short cut to King's Cliffe Active.

11/040 Augean Appeal result : Augean workshop information

Councillor Smith stated the result was not what we had wanted. The EA permit began on 1st June 2011. She recalls that it had been stated that if permission was granted there should be a £5 per ton levy on the in-fill. She

will follow this up.

The Chairman suggested we should invite a member of the EA to speak at the next meeting to explain the monitoring processes in detail. The Clerk will arrange this.

Councillor Leuchars had studied the report from Eric Pickles MP and raised several points which he felt were contentious.

Condition 4 : The amount of LLW to be deposited was up to 250,000 tonnes

Condition 8 : The signposting from the site directing vehicles to turn left only.

Condition 10 : The wheel-washing facility, which he felt was not being used regularly.

Condition 11 : Fencing of the site.

He also considered that Augean self-monitoring the site was not satisfactory.

C. Councillor Smith suggested that the PC should nominate Councillor Leuchars and one other to be invited to the quarterly Landfill Liaison meetings with NCC. The Clerk will ask Phil Watson to include them in the mailing list.

The forthcoming Augean Workshops at the Haycock : Councillors would like to attend, but many cannot take time during the week to accomplish this. The Clerk will ask Augean if they could be moved to week-end dates and if non Parish Councillors could be invited

Chairman Andrew Howard stated that Councillors were not expected to be experts in Landfill management. A lengthy discussion followed.

11/041 Surgery : possible re-location – discuss

The Chairman said the reason for this agenda item was that this matter had been discussed locally. Councillor Caddick had spoken with one of the practice Doctors; they feel that the present surgery is not fit for purpose and the parking problems engendered in West Street are totally unacceptable nowadays.

Councillor Caddick proposed that the PC could use land either above the proposed Play Area adjacent to the Club or alternatively, and within the Sports Field, borrow monies to build a new surgery and lease it to the practice, thus raising a good profit

The Clerk had ascertained with NCALC that there was no question of the Parish Council borrowing money for such a purpose, this is purely a Health Authority matter, and therefore there is no point in further investigation into this. Councillor Ford pointed out that the existing surgery in West Street, if sold, would provide considerable funding.

The Chairman, although agreeing re-location would be good, the PC has fought long and hard to retain the green area on Wood Road, when all other green areas in the village have been developed in one way or another and would not like to lose this now.

Two further suggestions were the land to the rear of Mazewood Gate, which would be ideal and close by for many elderly residents, and the open space in Kingsmead which has permission for industrial units, but has not been used. Councillor Meadows made the point that many people would not want the surgery to be out of the village centre. In conclusion, although this has been debated at some length, it is for the Doctors practice to take this all forward with ENC and the planners although the Parish Council will express our views to the ENC.

At this point, a Councillor reported that a child had 'absconded' from the Endowed School by climbing over the playground wall and shinning down the sign on the pavement. The Clerk has, since the meeting, spoken to the school who are dealing with this.

11/042 KCPC : Web-site : Suggestions for additions

Councillor Brown has created an overview of the accounts for the year. This was discussed and will be displayed after a few amendments to the layout; the Chairman felt there should be a section indentifying the precept figure. Councillor Brown also suggested forums for various on the web-site organisations on the site. It was agreed that a map indentifying the location of items in the Asset Register should be displayed. He and the Clerk will liaise on this matter.

11/043 Traffic Calming & crossing : Wood Road

There seems to be very little action on this proposal. The Clerk has spoken to Sarah Barnwell at NCC and nothing has yet been decided; as residents in the location have made it clear they do not want an official pedestrian crossing, an alternative option could be to have a paved raised crossing in the area where kerbs have been dropped. C.Councillor Smith will follow this up.

11/044 King's Cliffe Active : Parachute display : Sunday 17th July 2011 : See Chairman's Report above (11/035)

11/045 Memorial Hall : parking area in Church Walk : posts : Coin week

Councillor Meadows reported that the Memorial Hall committee are still discussing the replacement posts. Katy Weeks had asked for suggestions for Coin Week – volunteers from Prince William School undertaking tasks for the village. She had suggested clearing the dyke across Maltings Green. Also suggested was the weeding of Eagle Lane/Church Walk.

11/046 Dogs Bins : survey

All the Dog Bins in the village are being well used. It is felt an additional bin should be placed in Willow Lane, Councillors, position to be decided.

11/047 Mobile Library : alterations to service : Details of alterations are still not available.

11/048 Gazette entry for June 2011: Discussed and agreed.

11/049 Burial Board

Minutes & Report on Burial Board meeting held on 1st June were circulated to all Councillors.

Councillor Crane is the new Burial Board Chairman. She is arranging for quotations for all the works required for the cemetery extension. Mr. Derek Gunn from Crowsons has been consulted regarding the lay-out of the new ground and has given some very useful advice. He has also kindly volunteered to mark out the new grave spaces to enable them to be on the data-base. It has been decided that, due to the shortage of available grave spaces, no further plots will be sold in advance until the new area is ready. Several more meetings on site have been arranged to meet contractors and landscape gardeners.

The fees for the cemetery will be reviewed, as this Council has not raised these for more than twelve years. The Clerk will circulate the charges recommended by the Association of Burial Boards for Councillors to peruse.

The Chairman has spoken to Rev. Philip Davis regarding holding a multi-faith blessing of the ground possibly on 17th September this year.

The Churchyard wall by the Horsewater is causing concern, the corner of the wall has again moved. Councillor Crane will obtain quotations for repairing this; the PCC will also be asked if they are willing to contribute to this, as it will certainly be a very expensive undertaking.

Fire Station doors : Chris Jackson has painted these and they look very smart. He will be thanked for this. It is noted that there is a loose slate on the building. The Clerk will ask Nick Evans to have a look and it will be repaired as soon as possible.

11/050 Neighbourhood Watch : The latest crime figures were circulated.

11/051 Other Correspondence Received : None.

11/052 Any Other Business : None

The meeting was closed at 10.05.pm. The next meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall Parlour on Thursday 14th July at 7.30.pm.

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