

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 14th July 2011 at 7.30.pm. in the Parlour at Memorial Hall.

11/053 Present : Councillors G. Caddick, L. Crane, M. Day, N. Ford, A. Howard, G. Kingston, C. Leuchars, R. Meadows, C. Williams, District Councillor R. Glithero, speakers from the Environment Agency, Kevin Burton, Roy Mantas and Norman Robinson.

11/054 Apologies for Absence : Councillors J. Atkinson and R. Brown.

Chairman Andrew Howard had asked Vice Chairman to open the meeting, as he may be late. Councillor Day welcomed and introduced the gentleman from the Environment Agency and stated this discussion would be held before the meeting proper (Agenda item 11.) They had been invited following issues on the monitoring of the Landfill Site raised at the June 2011 PC meeting.

Kevin Burton is the Regulatory Officer, Roy Mantas, Officer for Hazardous Waste and Norman Robinson, Manager (observing).

Councillor Leuchars (**CL**) : When the first consignments of LL Nuclear Waste were coming to the site?

Roy Mantas (**RM**): Don't know exactly. These were originally expected in August, but due to the appeal, it will probably not be until September. The Agency must satisfy themselves with demonstration 'dummy' loads that this waste will be dealt with in the correct manner.

Councillor Meadows (**Rob M**): Will this waste be coming from Harwell?

RM : That is correct. I have been to Harwell to check the waste; it is very low level, building rubble, pipe work etc., which is calculated to be well within the limits, in fact, the majority is suitable for ordinary landfill.

RobM : Is it coming from other locations? What about the ash from the Sawley incinerator?

Kevin Burton (**KB**) : This is mainly used burning hospital waste, low level isotopes are dispelled into the air or into ash. Some ash may come to King's Cliffe. It may be exempt but hazardous, as batteries are taken, therefore there may lead residue in the ash.

RobM : Can we have access to the schedules of loads? To know what is coming in.

KB : Yes. : ask Augean for consignment notes, this is an intelligence lead operation; interested parties can pick out those of interest. Or ask the Environment agency for list of tracked loads.

CL : There are already lots of 'nasty's coming there – does the Environment Agency ever say enough is enough. Is there a limit?

KB : We have no power to allocate percentages: this is a planning issue; it is not within our power to say Northamptonshire has had enough.

RM : We do look at persons with the most exposure and check levels e.g. inpatients in hospitals levels rise. All users must stop at a certain risk level; this does restrict how much can be taken. Techniques are used to safeguard the public and check levels in other parts of the world to find out what is happening. The containment is safer at 1/8th of the original request. Intrusion scenario, as future generation MAY dig the soil and grow food, therefore the use must be limited.

CL : So no limits? It will go on and on.

RM : Quantity is governed by the planning authority.

Chairman Howard joined the meeting.

Councillor Kingston (**GK**) : Has monitoring worked?

KB : LL Waste baseline survey – all boreholes test, looking for deviations. This will show pesticides and even residue from the old bomb dump. Any deviations and more assessments are carried out.

CL : Why is the old bomb dump not monitored?

KB : It has been, many boreholes have been tested; no more dangerous than the Buxton water bottle beside the Chairman!

Chairman Howard (**AH**) : We are pleased with what we have heard so far but would like to ensure that we are aware of the monitoring and that the Environment Agency should have told us that they are monitoring monthly.

KB : Augean have been testing water for years and the data is reviewed; some of the boreholes are dry and it has been recommended that they are re-drilled.

Councillor Day (**MD**) : How deep are the holes?

KB : Very deep - 32 metres – this is necessary to get the water pressure from the aquifers.

RobM : What about the spring water in the village?

KB : We are monitoring the Horsewater, although this is felt to be an unnecessary precaution; this is being actioned to satisfy local residents.

RobM : Why are there mounds of earth and tyres on the Landfill site?

KB : During the summer months, engineering work is carried out by a third party; they will shortly be excavating the Phase 5 new cell. Augean inherited the used tyres, these are shredded as they are ideal for the flowing of leachate into the sumps.

RobM : Unpleasant odours have been reported from the site.

KB : These emanated from the soil treatment plant; soil being treated was from an old gasworks and the 'cokey' smell came from this; the management were asked to cover this immediately, which was done. This was a natural material.

There were no further questions.

The Chairman thanks the gentlemen for attending and the meeting proper began:-

11/055 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman again explained that this item of the agenda was very important and always included. An e-mail had been circulated to all Councillors reiterating that all interests must be declared on any agenda item. The regulations state that all decisions must be free from bias and this must be strictly adhered to avoid the possibility of our decisions being challenged. One Councillor has taken advice from the Monitoring Officer at ENC.

11/056 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2011 : Approved, following a signed amendment.

Proposed : Councillor Day

Seconded : Councillor Ford

11/057 Matters arising

The Augean Workshops at the Haycock have been rescheduled and all have been informed of the changes.

Councillors Day, Howard and Leuchars are named for invitation to the Liaison meeting on 20th July.

11/058 Clerks report

The pothole outside 30 West Street has been reported several times to Anglian Water; the repairs are scheduled for 15th July (tomorrow).

5 Blatherwycke Road : The skip and furniture in the garden were removed on 13/14th July followed months of complaints from this Council.

A thank you letter has been sent to Chris Jackson for painting the fire station doors. Nick Evans has replaced the loose slate free of charge.

Letters have been sent to local undertakers to inform them that there will no longer be a spoil heap at the cemetery and they should arrange for their gravediggers to dispose of surplus spoil, as is normal practice in other cemeteries.

Cemetery fees : this was briefly mentioned at the last meeting; there does not seem to be a definitive list of charges. The fees will be on the next agenda for discussion.

Augean workshops : I trust everyone saw the e-mail from Augean' no doubt some of you will be attending. I have asked that Councillor Leuchars is included in the mailing list for the Liaison meetings : the Councillors involved confirmed they have received the agenda for the meeting on 20th July.

11/059 Chairman's report : Nothing to report

11/060 Accounts payable : Approved

Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 240.00
Clerks expenses Jan – June 2011	£ 143.88
Richard Brown : Cemetery & Churchyard etc.	£ 320.00
Richard Brown : cemetery extension grass	£ 50.00
HMRC : Clerks PAYE for June salary	£ 60.00
Robert J. Goodson Ltd : Commercial Combined insurance	£ 874.86
E-on : Street lighting charge : ¼ to June 2011	£ 617.99
Colemans of Oundle : Stationery	£ 35.98

Proposed : Councillor Caddick

Seconded : Councillor Day

11/061 Financial Position

As at 6th July, the balances as per our cashbook were £ 9,194.94 for our current account, £6,133.43, for our deposit account, £ 10,014.94 for the bequest account.

11/062 Planning

Applications

KC1 : Discharge of condition 14 : EN/05/00620/OUT and EN/11/00755/CND

(This will be discussed under agenda item 12 as traffic calming is the only item in these plans for which PC comments are required. Drawing no. 210 on-line on ENC planning portal)

Endowed School : Tree trimming : EN/11/01064/TCA : No objection

Granted by ENC : Noted

29 Bridge Street : Installation of an oil tank to rear of property : EN/10/02051/FUL

22 Park Street : Extension to rear of existing dwelling to provide new orangery : EN/11/00474/FUL

Application withdrawn

50a Bridge Street : 3 year consent to let residential annex : EN/10/02222/FUL

11/063 Environment Agency speakers : Kevin Burton, Regulatory Officer & Roy Mantas

This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting, see above.

11/064 Traffic Calming & crossing : Wood Road : discussed with planning item EN/11/00755/CND

The plans for the two chicanes planned for Wood Road were accepted; however there was no mention of a crossing in Wood Road, which has been discussed at length and consultation letter to residents proved there would be resistance to an official zebra crossing. This matter will be referred back to NCC Highways, as it is felt that if a crossing of some kind is not constructed at this point, when residents realise there is more pedestrian traffic from the new houses, it will be too late to ask the developers to provide this facility.

11/065 The Queens Diamond Jubilee 2012

The PC will arrange a meeting on Thursday 22nd September at the Community Centre at 8.pm. to attract individuals or groups who are interested in forming a working party to organise festivities for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in June of next year. The PC will be acting as a facilitator in this instance, they will not be arranging the activities . Everyone is welcome to attend with offers of help and ideas.

11/066 Memorial Hall : parking area in Church Walk

The Memorial Hall committee are awaiting quotations for the renewal of the posts.

11/067 Dogs Bins : Price of additional bin

The price of a Dog Litter bin is approximately £160.00. It was decided to provide one adjacent to the bus stop lay-by in Station Road, a site visit by ENC will be requested.

11/068 Willow Lane footpath

Enquiries as to who is responsible for Willow Lane have not given any definitive answers. NCC confirms there are no records for right of access. As it will become obvious user-friendly path will be needed for access to the Sports Field once the KC1 development begins, this matter will be pursued further to ascertain the possibilities of providing this.

11/069 Sports Project – update

Councillor Kingston said she has nothing new to report. There will be a meeting after the King's Cliffe Active week-end activities. The Chairman said he understands the building is not yet complete to a VAT complication.

An issue was raised relating to the accounts for the Sports Project, these do not appear to be in the public domain, a number of Parishioners have asked why this is not the case. Councillor Glithero said he had spoken to David Hellard regarding this; he feels we should ask Adrian Urquhart, Treasurer for a copy of all the

accounts, which we agreed to do

11/070 Gazette entry for August 2011 – discussed and agreed.

11/071 Burial Board

Quotations for work on the cemetery landscaping and Church wall.

Cemetery landscaping : four quotations were considered. It was agreed to award the contract to RJC Countryside Management. The work should begin in the autumn.

Repairs/re-building of the Church Wall in Hall Yard. Three quotations were received; however, this will be a very expensive undertaking and it was decided that the PC cannot afford to undertake this work at the present time. The movement of the wall will be closely monitored. The ivy growing on this wall will be cut and removed once the growth has died.

Councillor Crane, Burial Board chairwoman reported that the 1st phase of the new roads in the cemetery extension are complete and look very good. Mr. Gunn from Crowsons has kindly volunteered to measure out the area to enable the Clerk to create a database of plots which will be available for purchase. An increase in cemetery fees will be discussed at the next meeting, as these have remained static since 2002.

11/072 Neighbourhood Watch : The crime figures for May show one theft in the village.

11/073 Other Correspondence Received : None

11/074 Any Other Business

The Chairman invited DC Glithero to report to the meeting. Councillor Glithero was pleased to have the opportunity to meet some of the new Councillors.

He reported that bin collections in the village will be changing shortly. All details will be sent to parishioners; basically ENC are aware that there must be much more recycling of rubbish. There will be two wheelie bins in future, one for food waste and one for recycling. Initially this will be quite informal, but at a later date there may be financial enforcement for those not complying with the new regulations.

He also informed the Council that 20% of the development tax should be available for improvements to the village, once the KC1 site is underway. This could help with the footpath in Willow Lane and various other essential projects.

The Chairman mentioned the Coin Week project, which is due to start on Monday next. The original plan was for the ditch from Church Walk to the river to be cleared to take flood water; however, Councillor Meadows states that water voles have been seen in this ditch. Councillor Day will talk to Katy Weeks to discuss an alternative plan for this voluntary work. Maltings Lane and Gaudern's Lane could be possible sites for clearing of weeds.

Councillor Ford asked if a request could be sent to NCC to drop the kerbs in Park Close to enable the elderly with mobility scooter to use the pavements instead of the road. The Clerk will request this.

With regard to the next meeting, the Chairman has suggested that unless there was any urgent business, there will be no meeting in August. This will be confirmed at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.