

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th June 2003 in The Parlour, King's Cliffe Memorial Hall.

03/024 Present: - Councillors M.Day (Chairman), D. Sharpe, L. Crane, N. Ford, B.Wyles, B. Wright, K.Howard, J.Dixon, B. Howard and T.Isaac

Apologies: - Councillor A. Howard

03/025 Acceptance of Office

Councillors B. Howard and T. Isaac signed their acceptance of office and bank mandate documents

03/026 Declaration of Interest

Chairman M. Day and Councillor L. Crane declared an interest in the planning item regarding the proposed roofing works on 26-32 Bridge Street

03/027 Clerks Statement

Chairman Day explained to the meeting that it was proposed that the Clerk should give a report of matters dealt with throughout the month many of which would be matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting as follows:-

The Clerk apologised to Councillor B. Wyles for mistakenly naming him as a proposer for the Chairman of a sub-committee in the previous months' minutes. Also omitted from the minutes was an item regarding the new chairman of the VDG who is Councillor D. Sharpe.

A replacement signpost for the Wansford Hill/Stamford Road junctions has been requested. Councillor B. Howard has obtained and fixed direction signs to P C Howard Ltd and the Landfill Site at the same junction. The displaced kerbs on the roundabout in Hall Yard are to be replaced.

A leaflet – "Parish Councils Online" has been given to Tony Peacey; he has been to a useful course regarding setting up a village website and will keep the PC informed of progress.

English Nature have been asked to continue the litter picking through the Hornstocks

The Dedicated Air Ambulance Fund has been asked if their services include this area before a decision is made regarding a contribution. No reply to date.

A letter has been sent to Jon Owen Transport asking them to ensure their lorries do not come into the village when travelling to the Landfill Site.

Long discussions with ENC Planning and the Forestry Commission ensued after a report that hardwood trees were being felled in the area of the Beech tree; assurance

was given that this tree is part of the Ancient Trees Management Plan and was pollarded regularly to prolong its' life but would not be felled.
Councillor A. Howard has informed the clerk that there were grants available for road works in the Parish; contact with Debbie Strong at NCC revealed that the PC will be invited in October to apply for a grant.

A further complaint had been received regarding chickens in the cemetery, but following a further letter to their owners, this matter seems to have been resolved.

03/028 The minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2003 were accepted subject to minor amendments and signed

Proposed: Councillor B.Wyles

Seconded: Councillor D.Sharpe

03/029 Matters arising

The external paintwork on one house in West Street will be painted and not stained. The owners of the second house are to ask for Planning Permission to allow the stained paintwork to remain.

Street Lighting : A quotation has been received regarding a further light in Forest Approach; Councillor B. Wyles reports that after discussions with residents it would appear unnecessary. The Chairman asked councillors to inspect the area and give their opinions at the next meeting.

The very expensive quotation to remove the redundant post in Hall Yard was considered far too high and it was decided there was no justification for spending this money; therefore no action be taken.

Litter bins : A letter will be written to the Surgery regarding the possible placing of a litter bin on the pavement on the west side of their bay window.

The Royal British Legion had replied to a letter regarding the dedications on the proposed plaque for the Church. It was decided a donation of £100 will be sent to them after the next meeting.

Proposed : Councillor B. Wyles

Seconded : Councillor B. Howard

03/030 Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (June 2003)	£ 135.80
Clerks Salary (June 2003)	£ 187.50
W.R.Court: Expenses & Petrol for mower	£ 16.27
Anglian Water: Cemetery Dec to May	£ 34.59
Smith Hetherington: Grass cutting	£ 171.00)
Smith Hetherington : Work on gravestones	£ 60.00) 1 cheque issued
HLB AV Audit plc : Audit charges	£ 141.00

03/031 Planning

Letter from Peterborough Homes, regarding land on Blatherwycke Road

This letter outlined a proposal for affordable housing; however, the unanimous decision of the meeting was that the KC1 site will in due course fulfil all the foreseeable housing needs for the village therefore this proposal would be recommended for refusal

Replacement of Collyweston slates with concrete tiles 26-32 Bridge Street
EN/03/00255/FUL/PRG

No objections

Skateboard facilities at Kingsmead, Station Road : EN/03/00258/FUL

As this application was in the name of the Parish Council, no comments could be made.

Entertainment Licence : The Walnuts, Bridge Street : 00212/PELOMC

No objections

26 West Street : Two storey extension : Full & LBC Granted : Noted
22 Park Street : Removal of stone wall & new fence : Granted : Noted
11 Walkers Field : Amendment to garage erection : Granted : Noted
Single storey dwellinghouse : Freestone Lodge : Appeal dismissed : Noted
Applications received post agenda

Pedestrian gateway in boundary wall to Church Walk, 43B West Street :EN/03/00404/
FUL/PMAP

No objections

Loft conversion: 9 Bridge Street: EN/03/00571/FUI/PMRW

No objections

Detached bungalow Millfields Lodge 44 Bridge Street: EN/03/00569/RWL/PMAP

No objections, but comment made that when detailed planning is applied for, it should be positioned further back on the site

03/032 Children's Play Area

Councillor T. Isaac report that a committee had been formed and a very productive meeting held with District Councillor Martin Glithero. He had suggested the area behind Millwood Way could be a possible area for the purpose. This land which belongs to ENC might be leased for a small rental. The Committee will investigate the matter along with any grants which may be available to them. Councillor Isaac promised that the PC will be kept informed of any progress.

03/033 Sub-Committee Reports :

Burial Board

The minutes of a meeting of the Burial Board held on 27th May were circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the capping of the sump well should go ahead as soon as possible. The additions to the grave of J. Compton were approved, as was the request for a gravestone received from Mary Embleton.

Proposed : Councillor B. Wyles Seconded : Councillor D. Sharpe

It was agreed that Councillor J. Dixon should purchase weed-killer, rose fertiliser etc., for the new cemetery garden.

Village Design Group

The Clerk apologise for not adding to last months minutes that the new chairman of this Committee is Councillor D. Sharpe

Proposed : Councillor M.Day Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

Councillor D. Sharpe was awaiting a meeting with W. Court for an official take-over of the chair and therefore had nothing to report

Amenities

Councillor B.Wyles reported fly-tipping by the bottle banks and that the lid on the green-waste bin needs repairing, which will be reported. The notice board lock is broken and it is pointless to display posters there, as vandals invariably remove them. Councillor M. Day will inspect this to see if it is possible to fit a vandal proof lock. The whole length of Willow Walk needs cutting and Mr. Colin Smith will be asked to do this.

Kings Cliffe Willows (Sue & Kirk) have asked for permission to use of the Maltings Green Pocket Park for willow-weaving and various other activities. After consultation with the committee Councillor B. Wyles has written to them agreeing to this, as long as all insurance and safety aspects are covered and the area is left in good order after the events.

03/034 Community Safety & Neighbourhood Watch

A new community constable has been appointed; no details were available but will be requested for the next meeting. As there has been more criminal activity in the village it was generally agreed that action towards an active Neighbourhood Watch committee must be achieved as soon as possible.

03/035 Citizens Advice Bureau

A letter has been received from CAB asking for a further contribution to funds. A review was minuted for April 03 and as this service is fairly well used at the Resource Centre, it was agreed to send a further £250.

Proposed : Councillor B. Wright

Seconded : Councillor J. Dixon

03/036 Other Correspondence Received

The Auditors had sent a notice finalising the accounts for the financial year to March 2002 which has been displayed

NCC : A document detailing Residential Land Availability 2003 was noted

An invitation was received from Corby Catalyst and Regeneration to a meeting which Councillor B. Howard will attend

Various ENC reports and minutes were circulated. Various leaflet and documents from NALC were also circulated

W. Court had forwarded an invitation to Design in the Countryside at Wadenhoe. This was passed to Councillor J. Dixon

03/037 Any Other Business

Councillor B. Howard raised the matter of the repairs needed to pavements, roads etc., also the lack of grass cutting in several areas. Chairman M. Day suggested that road repairs should be an agenda item for the next meeting

Various outstanding planning matters will be dealt with by the Chairman.

Councillor B. Wyles report the puddles at the top of Forest Approach adjacent to the bus stop there; this will be reported to Clarence/W.Atkins

Councillor D. Sharpe will put the Clarence telephone number and e-mail address in the PC report in the Gazette

Councillor T. Isaac requested to be on the Neighbourhood Watch and Amenities sub-committees. This was gratefully accepted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25.pm.

Signed.....Date.....

The next meeting will be held at 7.30.pm. on 10th July 2003 in the Parlour of the Memorial Hall