

## KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2003 in The Parlour, King's Cliffe Memorial Hall.

**03/037 Present:** - Councillors M.Day (Chairman), D. Sharpe, L. Crane, N. Ford, B.Wyles, B. Wright, K.Howard, J.Dixon, B. Howard and A. Howard

**Apologies:** - Councillor T.Isaac

### **03/038 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors B., K., & A. Howard declared an interest in the planning item: Erection of Conservatory 80 Park Street EN/03/00653/FUL/PRG

### **03/039 Clerks Report**

NCC Highways (Atkins) W.Atkins asked that the notices at the bottom of Wansford Hill should be removed or put behind the (nonexistent) fence. This has been resolved and they have promised the signpost will be repaired and replaced ASAP.

Robert Brown has cleared the fallen stone in Church Walk; the Chairman will contact Mr. Brown regarding the possible repair of this wall.

Grass cutting: there are several areas in the village, namely an area in Wood Lane and the banks in Willow Lane, which do not benefit from cutting by the Council and it is suggested we ask Colin Smith to clear these when necessary. An inspection will be carried out by Chairman/Clerk to ascertain what needs doing. Mr. Smith has now cut the whole of the Willow Walk.

NCC has e-mailed to say signs have been ordered for all roads in the vicinity to deter landfill lorries from taking shortcuts. However it transpires that the contractors who deal with these have changed and the present contractors have no knowledge of this. A request will be sent for their consideration.

The Chairman has spoken to Mr. & Mrs. Wade regarding the hedge in front of their house and they have assured him that hedging plants have been ordered to plant at the correct time in the Autumn.

A report received regarding building works at Westhay Lodge has been investigated and full planning permission does exist to convert a barn into an extension to the house behind the buildings.

The rubbish beside the bottle bank has been cleared, but more empty boxes have appeared. These will be reported.

The surgery has no objections to a litter bin outside the buildings and ENC will be asked for a new bin for this area and one for the bottom of Willow Lane.

The standing water and drain problems at the bus stop at the junction of Forest Approach/Wood Lane and under the bridge on Stamford Road have been reported to Clarence.

The kerbstones in Hall Yard and West Street have been re-seated.

The van dumped in the Hornstocks has been reported to the Police.

**03/040** The minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2003 were accepted and signed

Proposed: Councillor B.Wyles

Seconded: Councillor N.Ford

### **03/041 Matters arising**

The Chairman will repair the lock on the Willow Walk noticeboard

Councillor K. Howard reports that the new noticeboards are almost ready to install.

### **03/042 Accounts**

The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (June 2003)	£ 135.80
Clerks Salary (June 2003)	£ 187.50
Clerks expenses ( May – July)	£ 42.48
Smith Hetherington: Grass cutting	£ 171.00
The Royal British Legion	£ 100.00
ABB Ltd., Lighting Maintenance June ¼	£ 302.08
R.J.Goodson Ltd : Commercial Insurance	£ 508.74
Powergen plc ¼ to June 2003	£ 424.63
W.R.Court (expenses)	£ 5.61

Proposed : Councillor J. Dixon

Seconded : Councillor A. Howard

### **03/043 Planning**

Letter from Peterborough Homes, regarding land on Blatherwycke Road assures the PC that they have no intentions of developing the land until it is included in the village envelope

**NCC: Application for LBC for Re-building & Re-roofing Store at Primary School** : No objections

**Erection of 4 new dwellings etc., at 14 West Street: EN/03/00605/FUL/PDM**

Objections for reasons below:-

This site is too small to accommodate the four proposed dwellings; the project being totally unsympathetic to the site available ; the Parish Council would only consider the two semidetached dwellings (to be built in stone and Collyweston slate roofing) as a possible development for the following reasons:-

There is a total underestimation of parking facilities required in an already overcrowded part of the village. 8 parking spaces provided, a minimum of 18 are actually required, as there is no possibility of on-road parking in this area

The area does not lend itself to “courtyard development”

Dangerous and narrow vehicular access onto Forest Approach; unsuitable access for emergency vehicles.

The necessary destruction of many important trees is totally unacceptable.

**Demolition of walls of old Bakehouse to Forest Approach: EN/03/0060/CAC/PDM**

Objections for reasons below:-

This wall should not be demolished until a satisfactory planning application for this area has been approved.

**Erection of Conservatory 80 Park Street EN/03/00653/FUL/PRG: No objections**

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

**Two storey side extensions, Rose Lodge: EN/03/00283/FUL: Permission granted**

**New window & boundary fence, 7 Walkers Field: EN03/00265: “ “**

**03/044 Street Lighting**

The Chairman had looked at the lighting in Forest Approach, with regard to the suggestion that a further light was needed, but it is difficult during summer evenings to make an objective assessment. Therefore this will be brought up at a later meeting. Councillor D. Sharpe reported that the street light near the Ex-Servicemen's Club appeared dilapidated; this will be checked. The Clerk will find the report which was drafted last year and all the old lights will be inspected.

**03/045 Children's Play Area**

As Councillor T. Isaac was unable to attend, the report was not complete; but the Chairman had spoken to District Councillor Glithero regarding the land above Daleswood Rise and there appears to be no reason why this area cannot be used, at a peppercorn rent. Stephen Baker from ENC is to inspect the area. Councillor T. Isaac has researched the possibility of grants and is very optimistic about the project

**03/046 Slipe Clay Pit**

There will be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Liaison Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> July, which the Chairman will attend. This has been called to discuss the concerns following the fire at the Pit two weeks ago. The cause of the fire has yet to be established. There have also been several complaints regarding noxious smells from the pit.

**03/047 Highways, Roads & Pavements**

The Chairman and Clerk will make an inspection of the village for potholes, dropped trenches etc., and compile a report for the Highways Agency. Councillor D. Sharpe suggested that the Parish Council and individual parishioners should report road damage after work has been carried out by the Gas, Electricity, Telephone and Water Authorities directly to them, as they are pledged to leave roads in a sound condition after works are completed.

**03/48 Report on Corby Catalyst & Regeneration Meeting**

Councillor B. Howard gave an interesting report on this meeting and had raised many points, essentially regarding lack of money for facilities in country areas, whereas the towns seemed to take first priority.

Councillor B. Howard gave his apologies and left the meeting at 8.30.p.m.

**03/49 Grass Cutting**

Mr. Colin Smith will be asked to cut grass in several areas of the Parish which are consistently ignored by ENC.

**03/050 Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Burial Board**

Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Board held on 8<sup>th</sup> July were circulated.

Quotations are being sought for the painting of the church gates, also for repairs to the wall in Hall Yard and the retaining wall to the Pytchell. The Community Policeman will be asked for advice regarding youths climbing onto this wall and causing damage. It is hoped that the works on the new manhole cover in the new cemetery will begin shortly.

Mr. Colin Smith has agreed to cut the grass in the cemetery whilst the curator is recovering from his injuries after a recent accident. Councillor B. Wyles has kindly volunteered to clear the rubbish in the cemetery

Emmanuel College, Cambridge will donate £1,000 towards re-cutting the inscription on the William Law tombstone. Help will also come from the Alms House Charity Trustees.

**Amenities**

Sub-Committee Chairman B. Wyles reported that there will be an Allotment Meeting next week

**Village Design Group**

Nothing to report

### **03/051 Community Safety & Neighbourhood Watch**

Sub-Committee Chairman B. Wright report a very positive Neighbourhood Watch meeting had been held. B. Howard had reported that lack of support and the loss of the neighbourhood policeman had caused a lack of interest in the past.

It was felt that updates in the Parish Gazette and close links with the new policeman Phil Conaty would help greatly. Various useful names were put forward as co-ordinators.

It is important to be aware of dangerous actions, vandals etc., not only crimes. Low cost shed alarms must be promoted.

The re-launch of Neighbourhood Watch will be on 10<sup>th</sup> September at the Community Centre at 7.30.pm. Posters will be displayed well in advance

Various previous members will be contacted by members of the committee. The next meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup> July at 1 Howard's Meadow.

### **03/052 Other Correspondence Received**

Memorial Hall: Notice of AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> August: Noted

King Cliffe Surgery: e-mail agreeing to Litter Bin outside surgery

The Clerk will request two new litter bins, one for the surgery and one for the bottom of Willow Lane

House of Commons: Surgery Dates for Phil Hope MP: Noted

HLB AV Audit: Audit Documents for 02/03 Audit

The Clerk will hand these and the accounts for 2003/2003 to Councillor A. Howard for him to check and internally audit.

ENC: Performance Plan 2003/2004: Noted & given to VDG Chairman

ENC: Councillors Information Circular (to be circulated)

ENC: Managing the Release of Housing Land in E Northants :to be circulated

Kings Cliffe Memorial Hall: Change of PC Meeting date in October

The meeting arranged for October will be arranged one week earlier to fall in with the plans of the Kings Cliffe Players. It was also decided that the December meeting will be brought forward one week.

NALC: Update and various: to be circulated

Barker Signs: Invoice for Road Signs: An account received for the signs at the bottom of Wansford Hill was discussed. PC Howard has agreed to pay for one of these signs and Atlantic Waste will be asked if they will pay for the second one.

The Countryside Agency: Common Land & Open Country: Noted

ENC: Standards Board: Local Authorities Code of Conduct Regulations: Noted

The Residents of Forest Approach: Complaint regarding skateboarding

A letter received from the above has been forward to the Community Policeman and a letter will be sent in reply.

STOP: Campaign to prevent expansion beyond the County Structure Plan  
This literature was given to VDG Chairman

### **03/053 Any Other Business**

Councillor B. Wyles reported that Colemans Lane and the garage area are in a disgusting state. A letter will be sent to the Housing Association at Rushden

The sign on the green at the top of West Street is to be re-sited.

Hedge cuttings have been dumped on the verge at the far side of the Stamford Road railway bridge and at the bottom of the Willow Walk for the past two years. A letter will be sent to the perpetrators, asking them to clear them away.

An excess of ragwort has been reported in the Kingsmead area; a request will be made for this to be cut and cleared.

A letter will be sent to the Electricity Board regarding the regularity of power cuts in the area and asking if any action is to be taken to alleviate these.

Tony Peacey is progressing well with his work on web-site and will keep the PC up to date with any further developments. It has been suggested that the PC should join the scheme being developed by the Resource Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20.pm.

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

The next meeting will be held at 7.30.pm. on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2003 in the Parlour of the Memorial Hall