

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 9th September 2004

Before the meeting proper, by prior arrangement Barry Tempest showed the Council some fascinating aerial photographs of the Landfill site and surrounding area. Anyone wishing to see these and/or purchase copies should contact him direct.

04/51 Present: Vice-Chairman A.Howard, B.Wyles, B. Howard, L.Crane, D.Sharpe, B. Wright, J. Dixon

Apologies: Chairman M. Day, Councillors K. Howard, T. Isaac and N. Ford

04/52 Declarations of Interest: Councillor L.Crane declared an interest in the Planning Item regarding Wood Lane

04/53 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 12th August were read and approved

Proposed: Councillor D.Sharpe Seconded: Councillor L.Crane

04/54 Matters arising :

The supply of sandbags discussed in the minutes had been implemented and there are still some sandbags and sand remaining in the old Fire Station. Anyone still requiring these should contact the Clerk or the Chairman

04/55 Clerks Report

Michael Andrew and I took it upon ourselves to buy and sand bags and made them available for two Saturdays at the old Fire Station. Quite a few Parishioners took up the offer and were very grateful.

It has been have arranged with Colin Gilder of Atkins that we will list all “dropped” and “low” kerbs in the village which need raising to avoid problems with flooding.

Following last months meeting a letter was sent to Police Area Headquarters regarding the loss of our community policeman. They have replied saying that there will now be officers operating from Oundle 24/7 and we will be getting a new beat officer.

The Landfill Liaison meeting is to be arranged after the open day – although whether this will happen with the current road works, we don’t know. We will contact with them about this.

Northants Fire & Rescue have been contacted after reports that the first fire engine to attend the recent fire at Apethorpe allegedly took 40 minutes to arrive, asking for their comments.

A reminder has been sent to Peterborough City Council regarding the proposed change of priorities at the Cattery Junction as they have not been in contact since 15th July.

04/56 Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 135.80
Clerk Salary (current month)	£ 187.50
Clerks expenses (April – August 2004)	£ 81.02
Parish Gazette – Annual contribution	£ 75.00
ABB Ltd – Lighting repairs	£ 162.11
Terry Curtis – Lawn mower repairs	£ 36.59
Memorial Hall – hire of hall Jan-March 04	£ 10.00

Coles of Oundle – sand and sandbags £ 78.50

Smith Hetherington – Grass cutting/weed control £ 191.00

Proposed : Councillor B.Wright

Seconded : Councillor D.Sharpe

04/57 Planning

Applications:

Conservatory at 5/7 West Street : EN/04/01254/LBC/ EN/04/01557/FUL : No objection

Conservatory at 76 Park Street : EN/04/01630/FUL

Comments were that the decoration on top of the conservatory were too elaborate and not in keeping. The base of the conservatory should be stone for the same reason. It is also considered that these plans need Listed Building Consent, which has not been received

Increase in roof height & 2 dormer windows at 16 West Street : EN/04/01668/LBC

No objection

4 dwelling houses at Wood Yard : EN/04/00139/OUT : Appeal papers

Comments made after original application to stand

Granted : (noted)

Single Storey extension at 12 West Street : EN/04/01226/FUL

Erection of 4 dwellings etc. at 14 West Street : EN/03/00605/FUL – 00606/CAC

Refusal : (noted)

Single dwelling at 100 Wood Road : EN/04/01346/FUL

Withdrawn :

Residential development (KC1 Site) : EN/02/00838/OUT

This development was noted with regret by the PC as affordable housing is still needed in the village.

04/58 Closure of A47/ Stamford Road for Repairs

The Vice-Chairman explained that mid-afternoon on Thursday 2nd September the Clerk and P C Howard were advised of the proposed closure and a period of chaos ensued. The Clerk received numerous complaints from residents. The Highways department at NCC has apologized profusely to all parties for the lack of communication. It is understood that the road will be widened by one metre and the work will take up to seven weeks. NCC Highways will be asked for a copy of the scheme. The diversion routes were specified by NCC and safety must be the first priority. Howard Farms have trimmed back some of the overhanging trees on the Wansford Road and Highways have promised to do the rest, but some wing mirrors on HGV's have been broken. Councillor B.Wyles pointed out that this was the responsibility of the Forestry Commission on the 'Purlieus' side, but it was decided not to contact them as this might take too long to implement. Although the situation is far from ideal, the PC have been hassling Highways for this work to be done and although they were given the opportunity to put this work back 2 or 3 months, it was decided it was better to have the inconvenience before the dark nights and icy roads begin. There have been complaints of vehicles coming through the village via Bulwick. Adam Share the Wastego MD will again write to his contractors condemning this practice. The Clerk had asked for diversion signs to be placed on the A43 at Bulwick but Highways consider this unnecessary and pointed out there are no weight limits between that point and

Kings Cliffe. A further request will be sent. The Vice-Chairman urged that everyone should drive with extra caution whilst the work continues.

04/59 Proposed “Disaster” Committee

The Clerk explained that she had done some research on this through ENC and had several useful web sites to look into for advice Barry Tempest and Mrs. Lorna Haseler have offered their help in forming a committee. The Vice-Chairman warned that the community must stay open-minded about this and advice must be taken from the authorities. A Public Meeting will be called to recruit volunteers and Wilfred Court said the Memorial Hall Committee offered the hall for any meetings and/or emergencies. NCC will be contacted and asked to provide a qualified speaker to help with the formation of the committee and to give some ideas on what is required. The general opinion was that although the recent floods were the obvious priority it must be remembered that we live close to an active RAF station and that terrorists do not always choose large conurbations as Russian people have tragically discovered recently.

04/60 Oundle Online

Councillor D. Sharpe had been contacted by Oundle On-Line with a view to Kings Cliffe having a Parish Council page on this site. It has been in existence for quite a long time and Collyweston and Easton-on-the-Hill PC’s use its services. It is a free and will provide tuition if required to assist the PC in posting minutes and news onto the site. The Kings Cliffe web site seems to be stationary at the moment, but if this eventually becomes a reality, the PC would use this in tandem with the Oundle site. The Council unanimously agreed to these proposals.

04/61 Horsewater Restoration

Councillor D. Sharpe explained that a grant has been agreed by Kings Cliffe Environmental Association to renovate the Horsewater in Hall Yard. The grant was for £3,000 but 10% must be raised independently; she asked if the PC would be prepared contribute £200 towards this as they had funded the original restoration some 12 years ago. An active discussion took place. The Contractor who has agreed to do the work has given excellent advice and several councillors said it was an excellent idea. However, one councillor was totally against the idea; a vote was taken and the proposal was agreed

Proposed : Councillor D. Sharpe

Seconded : Councillor B. Wright.

04/62 Sub-Committee Reports

Burial Board

A quotation had been received for the restoring and re-painting of the church gates; in the absence of the sub-committee chairman the PC agreed the work should go ahead

Proposed : Councillor J. Dixon

Seconded : Councillor B. Wyles

Amenities : Nothing to report

Children's Play Area :Nothing to report

Neighbourhood Watch

Sub-Committee Chairman B. Wright said she would call a meeting of co-coordinators before the end of September. All the zones must be put into place but there was still a lack of volunteers in some areas of the village. The new community policeman should be contacted as soon as he had been nominated and asked to both NW and PC meetings. Councillor D. Sharpe suggested there should be a NW newsletter but Councillor B. Wright said she really did not have the time to do this at the present time.

04/63 Correspondence received

Letters will be written in answer to correspondence received from Mr. & Mrs. Hadman, Mrs. M. Knights and Mrs. B. Wilshaw.

It was noted with regret that Citizens Advice Bureau will not longer giving advice from the Resource Centre.

Other correspondences were read and noted.

04/64 Any Other Business

Councillor B. Howard raised the issue of the re-surfacing of West Street and Wood Road; apparently NCC has money for roads at present and Highways had said these roads needed a total remake; therefore we should pursue the matter urgently. He also raised the matter of dropped kerbs, which is being addressed by the Chairman and Clerk but he has volunteered to inspect these and make a detailed list before the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15.pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th October 2004