

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th September, 2005.

05/063 Present: Chairman M. Day, Councillors B. Wyles, D. Sharpe, J. Dixon, L. Crane, B. Howard and B. Wright.

05/064 Apologies for Absence: Councillors K. & A. Howard and N.Ford.

05/065 Declarations of Interest: None

05/066 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August were read and approved.

Proposed : Councillor B. Wyles

Seconded : Councillor D. Sharpe

05/067 Matters Arising – these are covered by the Clerks report.

Clerks Report

Hill and Holes Pit : no further action has been taken during the busy season of harvest. Discussions will take place with Howards in the near future.

Seat and bin at Horsewater : these were both dragged out of the ground by vandals; the chairman has made these both serviceable again.

A letter was sent to the owner of the house at the top of Royce's Lane asking him to trim trees overhanging his wall. Councillors report this has been done.

The comments of the Parish Council were sent to NCC and ENC regarding the Landfill Site planning application.

A resident of Park Street sent copy of the application which had been sent to ENC regarding a proposed conservatory. She has been informed that if planning was required, we would be sent the necessary papers by ENC.

05/068 Accounts : The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Smith Hetherington : Grass cutting	£ 216.00
ABB Ltd. : Lighting maintenance	£ 325.85

Proposed : Councillor B.Wyles

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

05/069 Planning

1 West Street : repair/re-roof as necessary : EN/05/00992/LBC : Refused : noted

05/070 New Cemetery

The Chairman explained to the Council that he wished to gauge their response to an approach he had made to Messrs. James and Guy Adams, regarding the possibility of the Council buying land to the west of the cemetery in Bridge Street. Messrs. Adams have indicated they are happy to discuss this proposition with the Council. There has been concern at the amount of money required to be spent on the Pitchell prior to using it as the new cemetery and he felt this would be a more practical way to extend burial space.

Several Councillors pointed out that this had been raised in the past without success as the area was not suitable; the Chairman had inspected the land and in his opinion it was perfectly suitable; basically if the land was purchased, a small amount of levelling would be required and the area would need stock proof fencing and hedging planted; the existing hedge would be trimmed back and the existing store shed would need to be moved to allow access. The costs would be within the Council budget; whereas to service the Pitchell would necessitate borrowing a large amount of money.

The Council unanimously agreed that the Chairman should enter into discussions with Messrs. Adams and report back to them on this matter

05/071 Wood Lane seat

The Clerk has sourced a reasonably priced “vandal resistant” seat to replace the one destroyed in Wood Lane. This will be ordered forthwith.

Proposed : Councillor B. Wyles

Seconded : Councillor B. Howard

05/072 Mobile Library

Following the letter reported in last months minutes that the Mobile Library would no longer be stopping in Bridge Street, the Clerk contacted Kettering Library who eventually admitted they had made a mistake and the library will continue to stop outside the old garage site.

05/073 Land for Proposed Playing Fields

Lyons Davison, the solicitors acting for SWEET have requested the name of the Councils solicitors to allow them to begin negotiations for the above. Kelhams of Stamford have been informed and the Clerk will sign their Terms of Business forms to signify the Councils agreement to them acting in this matter.

05/074 Garden Bonfires

A leaflet received from the Environment Agency states that bonfires for garden waste are not illegal, but stresses that thoughtfulness to neighbours and the environment should be used. With regard to bonfires on the allotments, a clause will be added to the Tenants Agreement that only

garden waste may be burned on the allotments; it has been reported that household rubbish and toxic materials have been burned by tenants and this is not acceptable.

05/075 Highway repairs

The total resurfacing of village streets is now complete. The Highways Agency will be thanked for carrying out these works with a minimum of disruption to the village. However, there are still some white lines to be painted and kerbstones to be replaced. Several Councillors said they felt the pavements were in need of urgent repairs; this was reported to Highway 12 months ago after the floods and the Council was told this would be reviewed when funds were available. A further request will be sent to them.

05/076 Memorial Hall

The date of the February 2006 meeting will coincide with Pantomime performances. The Chairman suggested that the Council should cancel the January meeting and meet instead on Thursday 2nd February. This was agreed and Mr. Court will be informed of this decision .

A letter was received regarding Trustees for the Memorial Hall. Mr. Court and Mr. Wagstaffe were the Council chosen representative, but unfortunately Mr. Wagstaffe is retiring as a Trustee. The Council discussed this and as several Councillors are Trustees representing various other organisations, it was felt that Mr. Court should be nominated again, but no further nominee was necessary.

05/077 Sub-Committee Reports

Burial Board

There had been no meeting therefore there were no minutes to approve. Councillor J. Dixon reported that Anglian Water had given an estimate of £700 to supply water to the Pitchell; this did not include excavating the trench from West Street to the site. In light of minute 05/070 above, this matter will be held in abeyance for the time being.

Neighbourhood Watch

Sub-Committee Chairman B. Wright reported that the Public Meeting had been very entertaining but very badly attended. No-one attended the arranged post coding session, which was very disappointing to the organisers. The general response to the efforts of NW in the village is to be deplored. There have been reports of more vandalism in the village; these have been reported to the Police.

05/078 Other Correspondence Received

Various correspondences were noted, circulated or discussed.

A letter and draft application to ENC for a grant for a Youth Shelter was received from Mrs. Penny Taylor. This matter had been discussed some months ago and no one could suggest a suitable site for this. The Council felt unable to sanction this application unless a site could be found and again it was decided nothing could be done at present. It is hoped that if and when the proposed new houses are built to on the Browns site, a location can be established. Mrs. Taylor has also written to inform the Council she will be standing down as coordinator between the NCC Youth Service and the Underground Youth Club.

05/079 Any Other Business

The Chairman report that the residents of 1,3 and 5 Blatherwycke Road had received letters from a firm of builders suggesting houses could be built in their gardens and this had caused consternation. Both Housing Associations state this is nothing to do with them and the residents should totally disregard these letters.

The rubbish on Wood Road left behind when a skip was removed has been reported to ENC and collection requested. The bin in Colemans Lane has not been emptied; a request will be sent.

Fly tipping is rampant again; an item in the Gazette will give details of Weldon Tip; it is only a short journey and the proprietors are very helpful.

A Councillor asked for the drains to be cleared following the road works. This work has actually been carried out.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40.pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th October 2005