

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 11th January 2007.

06/119 Present : Chairman M.Day, Councillors N. Ford, B. Howard, D. Sharpe, L. Crane, J. Dixon, B. Wright and K. Howard.

06/120 Apologies for Absence : Councillors B. Wyles, T. Isaac and A.Howard.

06/121 Declarations of Interest: The Chairman declared an interest in Agenda item 9 and Councillors B. Howard, K. Howard and N. Ford declared an interest in Agenda item 10, Councillor L. Crane declared an interest in Agenda item 12

06/122 Minutes :

The minutes of the meeting on 14th December were approved

Proposed : Councillor N. Ford Seconded : Councillor B. Howard

06/123 Matters Arising : None

06/124 Clerks Report

As you will see in Planning, the parking space at 70 Park Road has been refused and the wall is to be reinstated. The Chairman has pleaded a special case with ENC who are looking into this; the argument being that any off road parking is essential and the old wall has gone. We accept that the planners will probably insist on the shed being removed.

The Community Safety Officer, Paul Webster, has contacted the Parish with regard to having the PC details on their web-site; this was agreed.. He will contact Chris Jackson with regard to Neighbourhood Watch. Paul will be coming to the February PC meeting to outline what they do.

The old wall light at the bottom of Rates Lane needs replacing and the residents are quite happy with the suggestion. ABB will be instructed to replace it.

Bus token forms are now available at the Post Office and there is an explanatory poster on the Noticeboard.

A report has been made regarding lights out in Howards Meadow via Street Doctor. We are trying to ascertain whether or not this area is adopted.

April meeting : it is proposed that we have that and the Annual Public meeting on the 5th instead of the 12th. Last year we had AGM and Public meeting together, but as there may be an election in May, we cannot do that this year Can I, as Clerk ask Councillors to please put up for election unless they are certain we will have plenty of new candidates; there is no way of knowing until the lists are published and several Councillors have intimated they may stand down; this could result in the co-opting old Councillors back on and/or trying to recruit new co-optee's. We currently have full quota of Councillors which makes for an efficient team. (Meeting date was agreed.)

06/125 Accounts Payable : The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Clerks expenses : Sept – Dec. 2006	£ 49.58
Nicholas Evans : Repairs to Pitchell wall	£ 1104.50
ABB Ltd. Lighting repairs	£ 26.26

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

It should be noted that VAT is reclaimed on all amounts where applicable.

06/126 Planning

Applications :

15B Bridge Street : Erection of timber decking (retrospective) : EN/06/02356/FUL : No objection

Granted

Hither Miers : Variation of Section 52 Agreement : EN/06/01712/VAR : Noted

Hither Miers : Residential development : EN/06/01790/OUT : Noted

37 Park Street : Two Storey extension : EN/06/02124/FUL : Noted

Refused

70 Park Street : Removal of stone wall : EN/06/02064/CAC : Noted

70 Park Street : SS extension, shed and add. Works : EN/06/02058/FUL : Noted

06/127 Land for Cemetery Extension

Measurements will be taken for the proposed extension and planning permission needs to be applied for before any firm decisions are taken. The Chairman and Clerk will arrange this.

06/128 Pocket Parks : Willow Walk

Councillor D. Sharpe took the chair for this minute. She has obtained quotations for the clearing of the Willow Walk path from Kingsmead to Willow Lane, which is badly overgrown and needs attention. She pointed out that this walk will be of even more importance once the proposed Sports Project is up and running. The quotations were discussed at length, it was agreed that this work must be done and the quotation from M. Ashby was accepted

Proposed : Councillor N. Ford

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

It was also agreed that the rails which have been vandalised at the Willow Lane end of the cutting should be repaired immediately as the lack of rails is very dangerous. Mr. Ashby will also undertake this work.

06/129 Hill & Holes Pit

A letter has been sent to Howard Farms asking them to carry out the work required whilst waiting for a lease and/or proof of ownership to be established. They have verbally acknowledged this.

06/130 Bonney Law Charity : Nomination of New Trustee

Councillor B. Howard volunteered to become a Trustee until the time of the election in May.

06/131 Allotments : Hedgecutting

Only one reply has been received from offers to tender to cut the hedge in Orchard Lane. It was agreed to accept this very reasonable offer,

Proposed : Councillor B. Wright

Seconded : Councillor J. Dixon

06/132 Letter from Phil Hope MP

A letter has been received from Phil Hope regarding illness which will involve him taking time out of office for treatment etc. He does, however, assure us that he hopes to be able to continue working with the help of his excellent staff.

06/133 Sub-Committee Reports

Burial Board : Nothing to report

Neighbourhood Watch

Councillor B. Wright reported that she had had a good meeting with new Sub-Committee Chairman Chris Jackson and had passed on all the relevant paperwork. He will be arranging a meeting in the near future.

Councillor B. Howard reported that there had been a lady PCSO on duty in the village on foot and encouraged everyone to introduce themselves to her.

Other Correspondence Received : Various correspondences were discussed or circulated.

06/135 Any Other Business

The very elderly light fitment in Rates Lane will be replaced.

Letters will be sent to several haulage firms whose vehicles regularly use the village as a rat-run, either to Corby or to Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate on Wansford Road.

Following complaints of the trees in Station Road being dangerous in windy weather, Spires Homes will be contacted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45.pm. The next meeting will be on 8th February 2007.