

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 14th February 2008.

Vice-Chairman M. Day welcomed Gene Wilson, Group Technical Director and Simon Moyle, Site Manager from Augean, Roger Coulthard from Kings Cliffe WasteWatchers and Mr. Wilfred Court to the meeting.

07/160 Augean

Councillor M. Day introduced Gene Wilson and Simon Moyle. The reason they had been asked to the meeting was to clarify concerns raised over the Planning issues included in NCC Preferred Options Framework, which had been discussed at the Landfill Liaison meetings.

Gene Wilson reported that the plans for the Terramundo soil treatment plant had been approved. This will be sited in the back field, it will cause no noise or dust nuisance and will be below the tree-line; painted in drab olive and screened by the landfill site. No additional traffic movements will result from this. The equipment will recover up to 80% of sand, gravel and soil which will be exported or used on site. The 20% residue will be put into the landfill..

He also explained that the process of planning is routinely discussed 5 – 10 years ahead. Augean are obviously aware that NCC were preparing the framework and as they may wish to extend the site, NCC were made aware of this. This is consultation only, it is unlikely any application will be made before 2010. There would then be full nationwide consultation.

Gene asked for questions from the floor:-

Roger Coulthard : The Soil Recovery Plan sounds positive, but would the 20% of residue be a highly concentrated mix, therefore more toxic?

Gene Wilson : The regulations covering this are very strict and this mix will be no more toxic than substances currently being tipped.

Councillor Lang Norris : Has NCC come back with their decisions on the Options?

Councillor Day : Is it possible that NCC will refuse? This is not a foregone conclusion.

Gene Wilson : There are several rounds of discussions, then it is considered by various inspectors. There are many opportunities for comment. All comments and issues are taken into account.

Roger Coulthard: Is the Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan, which was the subject of a recent village meeting, involved with this consultation. It is understood they were Preferred Options and this has already been submitted to the Government.

Wilfred Court : This is not yet agreed but has been submitted to Government. Minerals and Waste were not mentioned in this report.

Gene Wilson : You are talking about two different plans. The Rural North documents are concerned with housing etc., nothing to do with Minerals and Waste. Any conflicts are sorted out between NCC and ENC.

Roger Coulthard : With the Rural North consultation, our comments were ignored. This proves that all consultations should really be sooner rather than later.

Gene Wilson : All consultations are thoroughly explained by Phil Watson from NCC at the Liaison meetings. As there were no further questions, he stated that he was always willing to talk to the community and inspections of the site by parishioners were always welcomed.

Councillor Day thanked him and Simon for attending the meeting and opened the meeting proper.

07/161 Present : Vice Chairman M. Day, Councillors L. Crane, B. Howard, J. Dixon, K. Howard, N. Ford, P. Lang Norris and C. Williams

07/162 Apologies : Councillors A. Howard and B Wyles

07/163 Declarations of Interest

Councillor J. Dixon in Agenda item 8 - Planning – 3 Bridge Street. Councillor M. Day Agenda item 11.

07/164 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2008 : Agreed

Proposed : Councillor N. Ford

Seconded : Councillor K. Howard

07/165 Matters Arising : None

07/166 Clerks Report

The very ugly post on the verge adjacent to 3 Wood Road is an electricity post to transfer power from Wood Road across to West Street. I spoke to Central Networks who said they did not need permission and they have put them in several village and people do get used to them!

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Central Networks to paint this or tone down the brightness of the metal.

Councillor B. Howard forwarded me information regarding the rumours of the closure of the Kings Cliffe surgery. A letter has been sent to Dr. Takhar and I have spoken to him. This is not yet Government policy and is not going to happen in the immediate future. The letter received by patients was to make them aware of what Central Government may propose. There is no immediate urgency to make any representation.

A letter was received from a lady in Northampton regarding an alleged fall in the cemetery and a complaint about lack of flowering shrubs etc. Cllrs. Day, Crane and Williams inspected the area involved and could see nothing amiss. I have politely replied to the letter.

The dangerous, deep pothole at the entrance to Morehay Lane from Bridge Street has been repaired after much nagging to NCC.

The licence papers for the Pitchell for the coming year have been signed by me and the tenant.

I have complained to the Police regarding the invitation to the Safer Community Team meeting being sent to both Cllr. Lang Norris and myself two days before the meeting. They have contacted me and promised to give more notice in the future.

Colin Smith has confirmed that he will undertake the grass cutting in the Churchyard, Malting's Green etc., for the same price as the last two years.

07/167 Accounts Payable : agreed for payment

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
ABBA : Annual subscription	£ 90.00
British Telecom : Quarter to January	£ 74.21

Proposed : Councillor L. Crane

Seconded : Councillor J. Dixon

07/168 Planning

Applications

3 Bridge Street : Various alterations : EN/07/02455/FUL/02456/LBC : No objection

44 West Street : Various alterations (resubmission) : EN/07/02431/FUL/02430/LBC

No objection, but the comment was made that the dormer windows in the original plans were preferable to rooflights.

72 Park Street : Proposed 2 Storey extension & garage : EN/08/00052/FUL

Objection and comments : - Whilst having no objections to the extension, the Council would insist this should be roofed, at least to the road frontage, in original Collyweston to match the other houses in this terrace. It is considered the garage should be refused on the grounds that this is total overdevelopment of the site. It should also be noted that the next door resident of 70 Park Street was enforced to remove a garden shed from his front garden.

Land adj. 66 West Street : Amended details : EN/06/01892/FUL

The Council would refer the Planning Panel to our comments, which are still relevant, on the original application, which was withdrawn. The addition of an extended dormer window to the rear and subsequent rise in roof height is considered to be completely unacceptable in this area of West Street

Laws Barn, Hall Yard : Internal & external/roof repairs EN/08/000115/FUL/02394/LBC :
No objection

2 Park Street : Dem. old/construct. new garage/room above: EN/08/00124/FUL/00125/LBC
No objection

Kingsmead, Station Road : 6 Small Business Units & associated works : EN/08/00195/FUL

After lengthy discussion concern and surprise was expressed at the extent of this development, particularly to the West of the 'hammerhead' which is presently open access to the Willow Walk pocket park. The additional traffic movements which will be involved especially as this will be the access road to the new Sports Complex must be addressed. It should also be noted there is already permission for more 'private' units at the Sewerage Works site in the village, questioning whether more units are required. There are also concerns with regard to the fact that this area is considered a conservation area for adders. It is hoped that the Wildlife Trust have been informed of this application. The Parish Council feels unable to make any comments by 27th February and need to consult with the planners so this can be discussed in depth. It would be helpful if a planning representative could address the next Parish Council meeting which will be held on 13th March.

Granted by ENC : Noted.

116 West Street : Roof light : Granted following a successful appeal : EN/06/00238/CAE

Rear of Quarry Cottages, Apethorpe Road : Erection of steel barn : EN/07/02118/FUL

97 Wood Road : Two storey extension (resubmission) : EN/07/02324/FUL

Landfill site : Soil Treatment facility : EN/07/01838/NCC :NCC/07/00048/WAS

07/169 Purchase of Cemetery Land : Agreement minute required

Chattertons solicitors have requested a minute to agree to three conditions of sale for this land. It was agreed by the Parish Council to abide by these conditions for the purchase of this land as follows:-

1. The existing hedge which adjoins the new cemetery area is to be retained in perpetuity and to be laid in a traditional manner (with willow binders and stakes when the hedge is in a

suitable state).

2. The new cemetery boundary is to be stock fenced and a new hedge planted in the first year and thereafter maintained by the Parish Council. All boundary fencing will become the responsibility of the Parish Council.

3. The land will be used for burial and associated purposes only, and no other development or use will be permitted.

In addition, the Parish Council agree to pay the Sellers costs for this transaction.

Proposed : Councillor N. Ford

Seconded Councillor J. Dixon

07/170 KC1 Site : letter from ENC

ENC have discussed with the developers the sums of money required for maintenance of the Play and Recreation areas for a 20 years period, but there were many queries regarding whether the amount quoted was sufficient. The Chairman will talk further with Sue Wheatley and it was suggested the we ask other towns and villages who have been in the same position for their guidance, It was also noted that the number of houses to be built is now 150; ENC have intimated that of these 15 would be social i.e. Housing Association houses and 15 dedicated starter homes. Misgivings were expressed about the amount of houses in total and whether so many houses can be accommodated on the site and are they actually practical for the village.

07/171 KCEA & KC Community & Area Sports Project :update

The lease for this land has now been signed and sealed.

07/172 Highways Issues : update

A reply from NCC Highways to our letter was read to the meeting. All issues raised have been answered and hopefully the outstanding issues will be implemented in the fullness of time.

07/173 Options for Growth Consultation meeting : response

A suitable response to this Consultation will be sent to ENC. Several apparent omissions were noted.

07/174 Parish Plan

A response from Cheryl Arnold has informed the Council that Mike King is leaving the council on February 22nd, and she is in the process of taking over direct involvement of some of his work.

She will shortly be reviewing the report alongside the others in the pilot scheme, and will make the agreed amendments in accordance with the Parish Councils comments raised in the January meeting.

07/175 Apethorpe Footpath : update

The work on the footpath is well underway. The Council would like to give their very grateful thanks to Apethorpe secretary, Pat Howells whose hard work and determination has ensured this project has been achieved.

07/176 Burial Board

A meeting of the Burial Board meeting held at 7.30.pm. on 15th January 2008 at 87 Wood Road, Kings Cliffe attended by Councillor M. Day (BB Chairman), C. Williams, L. Crane and J. Barratt (PCC)

Apologies were received from Councillor N. Ford

There were no matters arising from meeting on 19th September 2007

Churchyard : The wall on the Hall Yard side must be monitored as there is considerable cracking. All headstones and railings are to be visibly checked. Councillors C. Williams and L. Crane have agreed to do this.

Cemetery : Councillor M. Day feels it is time for the spoil heap to be removed. He will obtain quotes for this work. The Curator will be asked to quote for clearing any hedging which is coming through the metal railings. He will also contact Mr. Gordon Isaac to use his ferrets to clear the rabbits in the cemetery. The Curator will be asked to quote for clearing any hedging which is coming through the metal railings.

Memorials : - no requests have been received

The next meeting has yet to be arranged.

07/177 Neighbourhood Watch : Nothing to report

Citizens Success : Councillor B. Howard asked the Council to thank Alan Gorbett, Barry Hurcombe and Joanne Bird for spotting a thief purloining a trailer from outside the Post Office. Also thanks to Dickie Elliot who pursued the thieves and persuaded them to abandon the trailer.

07/178 Other Correspondence Received : Various correspondences were discussed or circulated

ENC have asked for an audit on graffiti in the area. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

07/179 Any Other Business

Mr. Court has asked the Council to support his request for new and clearer signs to the Memorial Hall and Resource Centre. It was agreed that help will be available when further details are to hand.

Councillor B. Howard reported dangerous potholes on the Stamford Road; he will identify these with photographs to enable these to be reported to Highways. He also mentioned the broken stile into the Moors; however it was decided not to ask the NCC Footpaths to deal with this, as this would result in a wooden stile. Councillor N. Ford will ask Howard Farms if they are willing to repair it.

Councillor C. Williams report that the light on the 'Give Way' sign by the Wood Road roundabout has failed. The Clerk will report this.

Councillor L. Crane reported a broken hydrant in Forest Approach; Councillor Day will inspect this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15.pm.

The next meeting will be held on 13th March 2008 at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall Parlour.