

09/100 Speed Warning Boards

Following a request to Highways for temporary speed warning boards for the village, the Police, who now handle these request, have given the Parish a number of boards will be displayed for short periods of time, to remind drivers to curb their speed on the roads. It had also been agreed that the PC would look into buying permanent ‘flashing’ signs; we will liaise with County Councillor Smith who has offered help with this project.

09/101 Adoption of Walkers Field by NCC

A letter from NCC has informed the Council that they are in consultation with the residents of Walker’s Field and will be adopting the road in due course.

09/102 Burial Board

A memorial application was approved. Arrangements for the cemetery extension fencing etc., will be discussed at a Burial Board meeting on 14th November.

09/103 Neighbourhood Watch : New representative required

The Vice-Chairman will liaise with Councillor Lang Norris on this matter. The monthly crime report from the Police was read and discussed.

09/104 Other Correspondence Received : Discussed and/or circulated

09/105 Any Other Business

As Councillor Glithero was present, the Chairman gave Councillors the opportunity to ask any questions. He thanked the Council for a letter received outlining various problems both with the Planning department at ENC and various applications and dwelling within the village. An outstanding enquiry regarding a garage conversion is currently being dealt with by Councillor Glithero and the Enforcement Officer, Sue Scott.

There is an on-going problem of the Parish not being given enough time to respond to planning applications. Other Parishes have raised this issue with ENC.

The late consultation on the re-submission of the Old Bomb Dump plans was raised again, in the same context. The Planning Panel are aware of Parish concerns on this matter. DC Glithero said these plans are basically a renewal of the original plans for this site.

Councillor J. Dixon, as Parish Tree Warden, asked if it is necessary to have permission to remove dead or dangerous trees; DC Glithero replied that it is now a statutory requirement.

Councillor M. Wharton reported that there had been a quantity of half-empty paint tins dumped at the Bottle Bank; although now removed, we should make ENC aware of this issue.

Councillor B. Wyles reported problems with overhanging bushes in Wood Lane; Councillor M. Day will inspect and address as necessary. There is also ivy growing over the railway bridge, but it was agreed this is the responsibility of whoever owns that part of the old line. The Clerk will find the owners name.

The Chairman asked the Vice-Chairman is she will chair the next meeting. The answer was affirmative.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05.pm. The next meeting will be held on 12th November in the Memorial Hall Parlour at 7.30.pm.

Chris Leuchars of Waste Watchers then gave a short discourse outlining once again their reasons for opposing the submissions. They had a petition with 400 signatures from 'Cliffe and 1,800 from surrounding areas.

The Chairman asked Councillors present to indicate whether they supported the proposals in principle. The answer was a unanimous no. A letter drafted in anticipation of this objection was circulated to all Councillors to add/edit or delete the objections made. Several very important points were added to the letter and the Clerk will send this to NCC, in objection and ENC, EA, and all relevant Councillors for their information.

(Letters can be obtained from the Clerk upon request)

09/090 KCASP : update

David Hellard sent the following report for Councillors information:

The Project has been waiting – a) for grass to grow and b) for news about outstanding grant applications to enable the next Phase of facility development! We can now report progress on both fronts.

The Football Pitches: These are all set to be ready for use in the 2010/11 football season as planned. They were sown in August after seedbed preparation earlier in the summer. The grass is now well established on the pitch at the Willow Lane end and is making good progress on the lower pitch. The contractors are on 3 month retention to maintain them After the end of this year KCUFC will take on responsibility for care and maintenance, with professional guidance from the specialist contractors.

The All-weather pitch: After a long wait we received confirmation last week of a successful bid to Community Spaces (Big Lottery) for funding of £50K which will complement pledged funds from KCEA (£30K) and WREN (£50K). We have already been out to tender and have selected a contractor, who it is hoped will be able to undertake and complete the construction, fencing and lighting of the all-weather pitch before the end of 2009. This will add a vital new element to the project providing facilities for use by clubs, community groups and local schools. We will have a 'topping out' ceremony in due course and will seek wider publicity thereafter.

Changing & Club rooms: The pursuit of funds to enable the construction of these essential facilities, which will enable full use for the new pitches and indeed the All-weather pitch, has taken many meetings and much effort. We have substantial pledges from KCEA and are hopeful of a major input from the Football Foundation. We hope that we can be ready to construct the first phase, starting next Spring, so that usable changing and club facilities are ready for the Football Club by late summer...the same time that they are likely to have to vacate the Community Centre facilities which the school will need and on which notice to quit has been served.

Playground facilities: Donald Pollock is still working on this proposed development on the Project site and we are receiving a progress report from him next week.

Do let me know if you need any more information. We have our Autumn meeting of the Directors of KC&ACSP next Wednesday 14th October.

The Chairman said the progress was very pleasing. There were again questions regarding vehicular access to the site for parents. Councillor Glithero said this is very important and the issue of the bollards being lowered must be addressed. If these bollards are only to be lowered at weekends for football matches, it is felt this is all the site will be used for. Parent and especially grandparents need access site with their children.

and drawing for the Council to see and these ranged from play items for the very young up to the teenage years. A survey inserted in the Gazette had sadly only resulted in 40 responses but provided interesting data as follows:-

The overriding comments, which were totally predictable, were that this facility is very, very overdue in the village, although all accept this is something which has been talked about for at least 50 years.

80% already travel to other areas to use playground

90% would use a facility in the village

100% feel it is a much needed facility for the village.

District Councillor R. Glithero joined the meeting.

There were many comments raised locally regarding what equipment was actually needed. Swings seemed to be the favourite, then slides, a roundabout, springers, a jungle gym with climbing frames and nets and an adventure trail, a zip slide, a picnic area, a play house and trees to be planted for climbing.

The Chairman added that allegedly the KC1 site, which has been on the property market for some time, appeared to be in the hands of a new developer. The Council had presumed, due to the recession, it was unlikely this site would be developed in the near future, but hopefully this has now changed.

If this is the case, the whole playground scenario may change. Within the accepted outline plans for the site, which apparently will still apply to any new owner, there were agreed plans for a playground area for young children in the land adjacent to the Ex-Servicemen's Club; and the developers would be pledging monies to provide equipment for this and a sum of money for maintenance of the playground.

The general feeling was that if this happens, it will mean less money is needed to develop the area within Our Space, which could be devoted to older children, and allow the far more convenient site beside the Club to be developed, without the need to raise funds for this. The Chairman said this in no way devalued anything Don's committee were doing; quite the reverse, there would be less funding raising required, and it would be excellent if the two projects could be promoted, making a safe area within the village for the under 10's and a more adventurous project for the older children with the Sports Field. DC Glithero will research the details with ENC and keep us updated on progress with the land sale.

09/097 Youth Club funding

As agreed at the last meeting, the Underground Youth Club has been given the sum of £500 as an annual donation to their funds.

09/098 Landfill Planning submissions

The Chairman told the Council it was now time for them to decide whether to object or not to the above submissions. No further Public Meeting had been called, as the survey sent to all parishioners had revealed they did not feel this was necessary and implied that everyone is happy to allow the Council to make the decision for the community. The Waste Watchers organisation had held an Open Day which attracted significant numbers of protestors. ENC, who, like the Parish Council, are consultees, have strongly objected to the submissions. DC Glithero explained at length the reasoning behind this, he is a member of the Planning Committee; he feels that much of the information from the Environment Agency is unsubstantiated; he also feels the real reasons for moving the waste is to clear land for development; this is not a valid reason for moving it to the Kings Cliffe or indeed any other landfill site out of the area. The decision to object strongly was unanimous. He will be lobbying both NCC and the EA.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Glithero.

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 8th October 2009 at 7.30.pm. at the Parlour, King's Cliffe Memorial Hall.

09/088 Present : Chairman A. Howard, Vice-Chairman M. Wharton, Councillors L. Crane, B. Wyles, M. Day, G. Kingston, J. Dixon, and B. Howard. Parishioners present Mr. Don Pollock, M. Kirk, and Jenny Groves.

09/089 Apologies : Councillors K. Howard, C. Williams, and P. Lang-Norris

The Chairman told the meeting that Councillor P. Lang Norris had asked for leave of absence due to other commitments. He had agreed to this but it will be reviewed in the New Year.

09/090 Declarations of Interest :

Councillor M. Day declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 on the agenda : Landfill submissions.

09/091 Minutes of the Meetings held on 27th August and 10th September : Approved

Proposed : Councillor M. Day

Seconded : Councillor G. Kingston

09/092 Matters arising

Concern was again raised regarding lack of time for the Council to comment on plans send by ENC – especially the plans for the Old Bomb Dump on Stamford Road as discussed at the last meeting. County Councillor Glithero will be attending later and this will be discussed with him.

09/093 Clerks report

The Clerk will be away from her desk until beginning of November – the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be the contacts during that time; numbers will be on the PC telephone.

A street light has been repaired in West Street; a further complaint has been received about rabbits in the far south side of the cemetery; Tom Cunnington and Derek Henson are liaising with Richard Brown, curator about this. Richard will be out of action in November and Woodnewton curator will do his work until his return.

It has been reported that the Elephant Trap in Willow Lane is breaking up. This has been reported and acknowledged.

09/094 Accounts payable

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Smith-Hetherington : grass cutting etc.	£ 205.00
Underground Youth Club – annual donation as agreed	£ 500.00
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP : Audit Commission fee	£ 327.75

The half year precept payment has paid into the bank

09/095 Planning

Applications :

Landfill Planning submissions : NCC (agenda item for discussion)

47 West Street : Window & shop frontage change : EN/09/01149/FUL : No objection

09/096 Children's Play Area : update : Mr. Don Pollock

Don Pollack reported that he had formed a committee to research and raise funds to provide a play area for children within the Sports Field. He had received quotations from several specialist companies, including Wickstead Park; these ranged between £76K and £102K – all provided a full range of similar facilities with various options for surfaces etc. It is accepted that this would have to be done in stages, as and when funds could be obtained from various sources. He provided plans