

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 12th November 2009 at 7.30.p.m. at the Parlour, King's Cliffe Memorial Hall.

09/106 Present : Vice-Chairman M. Wharton, Councillors L. Crane, K. Howard, C. Williams, M. Day, G. Kingston, J. Dixon, and B. Howard and one parishioner.

09/107 Apologies : Chairman A. Howard, B. Wyles, and P. Lang-Norris

Vice-Chairman Mary Wharton chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

The meeting expressed their deepest sympathy to Councillor B. Wyles for his recent very sad bereavement

09/108 Declarations of Interest :

Vice- Chairman M. Wharton and Councillors B. and K. Howard declared an interest in the additional planning item on the agenda : Law's Lawn

09/109 Minutes of the Meetings held on 8th October : Approved

Proposed : Councillor K. Howard

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

09/110 Matters arising : Any matters arising will be dealt with through the agenda

09/111 Clerks report

A householder adjacent to the green area in Park Street has asked if the large cherry tree can be pruned to avoid the large amount of leaves which litter her garden. As the leaves have now fallen, it is obvious this tree would be spoiled by any pruning and is possibly best left as it is.

A bollard in Wood Road damaged by a van has been reported to the Street Doctor, likewise, a damaged paving slab on the high pavement in Bridge Street and several lights out have been reported and/or repaired.

The Adder Gates have been purloined from Kingsmead; this has been reported to ENC and no response received.

A hedge in Willow Lane needs trimming by the lay-by; we will arrange for this to be done.

For the second time in 10 days, water is leaking on the path between Station Road and Park Close. Terence Smith and Councillor G. Kingston have reported this yet again; this is an on-going problem, and a very third strong complaint has been sent to OFWAT. The reply to this is basically all they do is record complaints, they have no power to enforce repairs.

Highways have agreed to remove the overgrown ivy from the railway bridge in Park Street.

09/112 Accounts payable

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Smith-Hetherington : grass cutting etc.	£ 205.00
BT Telephone : Quarter to Nov. 09	£ 79.10
Richard Brown : Pruning Lime trees at cemetery	£ 84.00
E-on : Electricity Bill : July – Sept 09	£ 579.00
Royal British Legion : wreath for Remembrance Service	£ 30.00
(Paid in cash; to be repaid to the Clerk in December accounts)	
Howard Packaging : Wedding/Funeral signs for Church	£ 330.67

09/113 Planning

Applications : Paperwork from ENC not yet received, but details downloaded as the final date for comments is before the next meeting:-

Laws Lawn, Stamford Road : Demolition of farmhouse and erection of replacement dwelling:
EN/09/01760/REM : No objection

09/114 Landfill Planning submissions : update

Phil Watson, NCC Planning, has informed the Clerk that it is unlikely any decision on the above will be made by them until the New Year and it may even extend into February.

09/115 KC1 : update

The planning department at ENC have had no correspondence regarding the sale of this land and/or any imminent development.

09/116 Speeding signs

County Councillor H. Smith is considering using funding for one illuminated “speeding” sign in the village and has asked the Council to decide where this should be sited. The overwhelming opinion was that this should be in Park Street, where, some months ago, a temporary flashing sign proved very successful. The Clerk will contact Councillor Smith.

09/117 KCASP : update and Children’s Play Area : update

David Hellard sent a very comprehensive update was circulated to all Councillors. The Committee of KCASP want to maximise access to the existing facilities – Our Space & walkways – and in due course to the expanding range of community facilities. 2010 is going to be the important year for publicised and easy access for all. There was a request for volunteers who would be willing to help them to really develop the facility to its full potential, especially in terms of lowering and raising bollards on a community rota basis as we move into Spring / Summer 2010.

The report was discussed and Councillor L. Crane said she was pleased the reasons for not lowering the bollards had been explained succinctly. Councillor K. Howard said there had been vandalism on the site and a barbeque had been lit in a dangerous place on the site.

Children’s Play Area

A progress report was received from Donald Pollack; the next meeting will be on 18th November. The PC will draft a letter of support to the committee.

It was decided to include the Youth Club report in this agenda item, as below:-

Underground Youth Club : update

Katy Weeks sent an account of all the new events to be held at Resource since its’ takeover by Underground; the Council would like to congratulate the Youth Club for the hard work and success they have achieved since taking over and thank Katy for keeping them updated.

09/118 Enquiry for commemorative plaque on William Law residence

An enquiry has been received regarding the placing of a commemorative plaque on William Laws residence. This was discussed at length; it was also decided there are other houses in the village that have had famous residents. The Clerk will research the logistics of this action and report to the next meeting.

09/119 Gazette Entry for November : discussed and agreed

09/120 Burial Board

Minutes of Burial Board meeting:- A meeting of a Burial Board was held at 87 Park Street on 4th November 2009

Present : BB Chairman M. Day, PC Chairman A. Howard, Councillor L. Crane.

The three members present discussed and agreed that Mr. Guy Adams should be asked if a temporary entrance to the new cemetery site may come from his field, to allow all heavy work to be carried out. He will also that be asked if he will carry out the work of digging out the new road, fetching and laying hard-core and remove part of existing hedge and a mature tree to link up the new road with the existing cemetery road.

It was agreed rabbit proof fencing should be put in place as marked on map). As Mr. Jonathon Willis put in the best quote for fencing, Cllr. Day will contact him to requote for also rabbit proofing this site.

This was presented to Parish Council meeting for approval.

The above issues were discussed at length.

The Council studied the plan drawn up to decide where the new roadways would be formed. It was agreed that Jonathan Willis would be given the contract for fencing the area. He will also be asked to quote for rabbit-proofing the new area and the West and East sides of the existing cemetery. Guy Adams will be asked to quote for the excavating and filling of the roadways in the new area, as his facilities are closest to the area. He has already given permission for access to the site until the fencing is in place.

09/121 Neighbourhood Watch

Vice-Chairman M. Wharton is the new NW representative. She is liaising with Councillor Lang Norris and consolidating her position.

The monthly crime figures were circulated. The attempted distraction burglary in Fineshade Close was discussed and the fact that the Police were very quickly on the scene, following the swift reaction of the courageous elderly gentleman who had been targeted. We would ask members of the public not to hesitate to ring the Police – 03000111222 to report anything at all unusual or disturbing.

09/122 Other Correspondence Received : circulated

09/123 Any Other Business

It was agreed that a request be sent to Highways for the re-filling of all salt bins in the village. Councillor M. Day suggested, as has been done in the past, the PC should purchase and store bags of salt to be available for emergencies. The Clerk will again ask for an additional bin in Millwood Way, which has been refused in the past.

A complaint was made regarding the moving of vases in the cemetery. It is also understood that recently a local undertaker had told mourners that the curator would place flowers onto a grave following an interment. The Clerk will write to the undertakers to inform them that this is not the curators' duty and he does not attend on a daily basis and will they please arrange floral tributes before leaving the cemetery.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30.pm. **Please note : there will no meeting in December.**

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