

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 6th October 2011 at 7.30pm. in the Parlour at Memorial Hall.

11/100 Present : Councillors G. Caddick, L. Crane, M. Day, A. Howard, G. Kingston, C. Leuchars, R. Meadows, C. Williams, J. Atkinson, N. Ford and R. Brown

11/101 Apologies for Absence : C. Councillor H. Smith and D. Councillor R. Glithero

11/102 Declarations of Interest: None

11/103 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2011 : Approved.

Proposed : Councillor Crane Seconded : Councillor Williams

11/104 Matters arising

Councillor Ford pointed out that there is no gate from the Blatherwycke Road houses into the allotments. The Clerk will apologise to Spire Homes for asking them to remove it!

Regarding the Sports Area, a letter from David Hellard has been circulated to all Councillors including an invitation to visit the Centre. At this point, it was decided to accept an invitation for Saturday 29th October at 10.am. when most Councillors will be able to attend and the Clerk will confirm with David.

Councillor Leuchars felt he still had not had a satisfactory reply from Roy Mantas of the Environment Agency regarding the time-scale of the dumping of LL Nuclear Waste; he felt it was intimated that this would be delayed due to the court challenge to the decision. The Clerk will contact again Mr. Mantas to clarify this matter.

There is no continuity in the emptying of the containers at Kingsmead and the litter bins around the village, ENC will be asked when the official days are for these.

11/105 Clerks report

From 9th October to 3rd November, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be the point of contact for the PC. Councillors Day and Crane can deal with any cemetery matters, and Councillor Day will open PC mail weekly. E-mail contact will remain the same.

Various lights out and dislodged kerbstones reported. Most have been dealt with.

Many complaints regarding dog mess; Councillor Crane has busily been bill-posting the warnings around and about; there really is nothing more we can do. We are still waiting for ENC to come back over the request another dog bin in Station Road.

11/104 Chairman's report : Nothing to report

11/105 Accounts : Approved

Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 240.00
Richard Brown : Cemetery & Churchyard etc.	£ 320.00}
Richard Brown : additional cutting, cemetery extension	£ 50.00} (1 cheque)
HMRC : Clerks PAYE for August salary	£ 60.00
E-on : Lighting repairs	£ 78.56
Aon Insurance : additional premium for fidelity rise	£ 30.40
BDO :Audit fee	£ 402.00

Proposed : Councillor Caddick

Seconded : Councillor Ford

11/106 Financial Position

The bank balances are as follows (statement for Oct not yet received):- Current account Sept. £ 6,225.07 for (NB : Seed have not banked their cheque for £ 2,299), Deposit account Sept £ 6,134.19, Bequest account., Sept £ 10,0019. 20. £3000 has been transferred from the Bequest account to the current account, but does not yet

show in a statement. The half year precept of £ 7,500 was banked on 22nd September. The annual accounts have at last been finalised by BDO for the Audit Commission.

The Chairman said the bank balances are bound to be depleted by spending on the cemetery extension, although we have been saving money for some years to accommodate this. It would appear we will be again asked to keep the precept at its' present rate for next year. However, it is understood that the PC will received money from the developers of Sovereign Grange as houses are built.

On this subject, the developers have asked if we want the land above the site which was requested for a cricket pitch and general kick-about area. We affirmed this and they will instruct their solicitors accordingly. We still have no definite time-scale for the Children's Play area next to the Club. Councillors were informed that the plans for this are on the ENC web-site under reference EN/10/01277/REM. Charles Church will be contacted again.

11/107 Planning

Applications : no objection to any of the following:-

23 Park Street : Demolition of existing and erection of new extension : EN/11/01360/CAC & 1359/FUL

59 West Street : Tree removal & pruning : EN/11/01464/TCA

31 West Street : Work on various trees : EN/11/01542/TCA

11/108 ENC : Revised Village plans and maps

All Councillors had studied the above; the Chairman noted there were anomalies between the draft and the consultation. Many sites within the village were not correctly identified. An e-mail has been sent to Mr. Burton pointing these out, but no reply has been received. It is also essential to clarify the ownership of the land indentified as a wildlife area above Sovereign Grange; this is important as this land will have to be maintained once the houses are complete.

A name for the intended cricket pitch and kick-about area was discussed; the Village Field seemed to satisfy everyone.

11/109 Accounts Audit

BDO are happy with the Audit after several amendments. The minute to approve these will be proposed and seconded at the November meeting to allow the mandatory Notice of Conclusion of Audit to be displayed for two weeks, when inspection of the accounts is enabled.

11/110 Traffic Calming & crossing : Wood Road : update

Traffic calming in Wood Road; nothing has been received from NCC or ENC despite many requests for information. The Chairman will talk to District Councillor Glithero

11/111 The Queens Diamond Jubilee 2012 : Meeting on 22nd September

The meeting attracted a small number of attendees, but all were very keen. The PC have written to all village organisation, inviting them to a further meeting on 20th October at the Memorial Hall at 8.pm. when it is hoped a committee can be formed.

11/112 Street Lighting for Sovereign Grange

The Clerk has been advised that we should ask insist that Charles Church fit low level wattage lighting for Sovereign Grange, as this may not be automatic; when it becomes mandatory to change all street lighting, this would prove to be a large added expense to the Parish, as once the site is adopted, these lights become our responsibility.

11/113 Willow Lane footpath : update

This subject is being ignored by NCC, despite numerous requests for answers.

11/114 Gazette entry for November 2011 : Agreed

Although the Clerk regularly asked dog owners to clear dog mess, this is becoming an increasing problem. We would ask residents to police this for us and please report anyone ignoring the rules. The Dog Warden can then

be informed; this offence carries a considerable fine for wrongdoers. A notice will be published in the Gazette to this effect. New posters are currently being displayed around the village.

11/115 Burial Board

Burial Board meeting : Only two members attended the meeting on 26th September; however the proposed revision of Cemetery Fees was discussed and a draft document presented to the Council. However, this caused a very strong discussion. Therefore the Chairman has proposed a further meeting to finalise this and to discuss the initial usage of the new ground.

11/116 Neighbourhood Watch

Councillor Brown suggested, as all efforts to resurrect Neighbourhood Watch in the past had failed, an automated system on the web-site could enable residents to register and report incidents and issue warnings where appropriate. As there is a possibility of a grant for this, he will investigate this.

11/117 Other Correspondence Received : e-mailed to all Councillors.

11/118 Any Other Business

Councillors Day and Leuchars gave a report on Landfill Liaison meeting on 5th October. There was a disappointing turn-out from other Parishes. A further submission will be presented to NCC by Augean, but this is on hold until December. The next meeting of the Liaison group will be held in February 2012.

It has been reported that the surgery are looking for new premises, as the old surgery is no longer fit for purpose.

Councillor Atkinson reported there had been an incident of a dog biting a resident. The Police are aware. She also suggested that Councillors should gather to inspect all land owned by the Parish Council at some point, as some are not familiar with the various spots around the village. These are mapped on the Parish Council web-site. Everyone agreed this was a good idea and times will be arranged.

A complaint was made regarding a property in Forest Approach. A Councillor will speak to the offender.

Councillor Crane suggested that part of the Pitchell could be converted into small allotment plots.

Councillor Brown reported that the new King's Cliffe Forum now has 40 members and 180 watchers.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25.pm. The next meeting will be on 10th November 2011 in the Parlour at 7.30.pm.