

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual General meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 9th May 2013 at 7.30.pm. in the parlour of the Memorial Hall.

13/001 : Present : Chairman A. Howard, Vice-Chairman M. Day, L. Crane, N. Ford, C. Williams, R. Brown, G. Caddick, R. Meadows, G. Kingston and C. Leuchars. Mrs. Vivienne Barnard attended as an Independent Person to observe for ENC. Her job is to represent the Public.

13/002 : Apologies for Absence : Councillor J. Atkinson

13/003 : Declarations of Interest : Councillors L. Crane declared an interest Wood Lane Sawmills under 15. Planning

13/004 : Election of Chairman : The Clerk asked for nominations. One nomination for Councillor Howard was received and carried

Proposed : Councillor Ford Seconded : Councillor Caddick

13/005 : Election of Vice Chairman : The Chairman asked for nominations. One nomination for Councillor Day was received and carried

Proposed : Councillor Brown Seconded : Councillor Ford

13/006 : Formation of Sub-Committees

Burial Board : The Chairman asked if the present members were happy to continue. The answer was affirmative : Chairman, Councillor Crane, committee members – Councillors Kingston, Williams, Caddick, Ford and John Barratt for the PCC. The Chairman is an ex-officio member of the burial board

Councillor Day suggested that once the PC has adopted the Play Area and the Village Field, a sub-committee should be formed to administer these. This was unanimously agreed.

13/007 : Appointment of Wardens

Footpaths Warden : Councillor Meadows

Tree Warden : Jenny Dixon (as agreed with the Clerk)

13/008 : Nominations to Other Bodies : none required at this time. It is noted that Barry Hurcombe represents the PC on the Cornforth. The Memorial Hall trustees on behalf of the Parish Council are Robert Meadows and Mary Wharton.

13/009 : Dates of Meetings for the Coming Year

A list of dates for the coming year has been sent to all Councillors, the Gazette, the Memorial Hall and is on the Parish Council web-site

13/010 : Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th April 2013 : approved after one small amendment

Proposed : Councillor Ford Seconded : Councillor Day

13/011 Clerks Report

Highways have been asked to inspect the pavement under the old Railway Bridge which has been resurfaced in a most unsatisfactory manner.

Several faulty street lights been reported and repaired.

Anglian Water seems to have solved the drainage problems in the new playground; the problem was the underground pipes were blocked with builders' rubble.

I have claimed no expenses for the last year; now that large amounts of photocopying are no longer required thanks to e-mails, there is not enough to be worth claiming; I bought a quantity of stamps before the postage price rise last year. Apart from when these are gone, I have nothing to claim. Is everyone happy for me to order stationery and printer cartridges from Colemans where we have an account as and when required? This was agreed

13/012 Matters Arising

A letter will be sent to ENC complaining about the way they have dealt with the New Homes Bonus, which was unanimously declared to be unsatisfactory.

A suggestion was made that the PC should have a stall at the Parish Plan Open Day at the Village Hall on 23rd June with a board setting out what we can do and what we cannot do for the Parish. The Clerk will speak to Danny Moody at NCALC for a comprehensive list of cans and cants.

13/013 Accounts Payable

Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 300.00
Richard Brown : Cemetery & Churchyard	£ 370.00
BT : Telephone ¼ to April	£ 95.68
E-on : Lighting repair 75 Wood Road	£ 28.16
Aon Insurance : Public Liability (down by £30 from 2012)	£ 512.13
King's Cliffe Active : Hire of Community Centre	£ 14.00

ENC Precept ½-year payment of £ 8,500.00 paid by BACS on 30th April 2013
Year end accounts have been prepared and sent to Stephenson Smart for internal audit.

At this point, the Chairman asked the Clerk to leave the meeting. In her absence it was decided to raise her salary from £300 per month to £315 pounds per month; an incremental raise in line with inflation for the last two years.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting and thanked the Council.

13/014 Financial Position : noted

Bank balances:- Current account £10,544.90; Deposit account £3,137.68; Bequest account £ 6,162.88

13/015 Planning

Applications

45A West Street : Addition : New Stone wall with gate : 13/00348/FUL/13/00349/LBC : Objection as follows:-

Our original objections to this application still stand; however, we notice that the new stone wall with gate, which was not on the original plans, appear to have been installed.

This addition makes our objection to lack of turning space even more relevant; although it would now appear this has been ignored. We must stress that we consider the change will create a serious accident risk in this congested part of the village

13 Bridge Street : Proposed rear/omission of flat roofed extension : 13/00589/FUL/13/00590/LBC

The PC objection in the strongest possible terms to the proposed additional rear extension to this important Listed Building. Tudor House, reputed to be the oldest dwelling in the village, has been almost totally demolished to the side and rear. The proposal to rebuild in square coursed stone is not acceptable, it should be rebuilt in random rubble stone to match existing surfaces, which are mainly rubble stone, as are the modern houses adjacent. This extension would leave this dwelling with little or none of the garden, which it traditionally had.

We would also draw the planning officers attention to the fact that this dwelling, which is presently below street level, floods very badly during adverse weather conditions, with the flooding occurring from underneath the floors. The last resident has to be re-housed for a long period of time following flooding some years ago, to allow for extensive repair work. We were therefore surprised to see that the floor level was in fact being reduced which will just make the flooding issues worse

62 Park Street : Demolition of conservatory/new garden room on footprint : 13/00585/LBC : no objection

31 West Street : Amendments to granted plans : EN/01385/FUL and EN/12/01386/LBC

The following self-explanatory e-mail will be sent to Planning Officer Amie Baxter

You forwarded us a copy of the revised plans for this development, for which planning permission has recently been granted. Can you please advise the details of the changes on the latest application? We found it impossible without all plans in front of us to decide what the amendments are

There is a vast amount of paperwork with these plans, it would be helpful if in future when we have amended plans if these could be clearly indicated.

1 Bridge Street : Demolition of rear extension/construction of new & various : 13/0680/FUL : no objection

Wood Lane Sawmills : Details for two granted/existing outline dwelling applications : 13/00059/REM : This is not a new application : an e-mail from ENC regarding this was discussed (sent to all Cllrs.) Below is the reply to the e-mail from the Planning Department:-

Kings Cliffe Parish Council finds it hard to believe that your legal department appear to be condoning this seeming blatant interpretation of the paperwork on these plans. As far as we are concerned only one dwelling should be allowed on this land, as originally granted.

We would draw your attention to a letter within the planning documents from the original surveyor, A.C. Thompson for these plans, which clearly states seven times in the document "one dwelling" : reference :-

<http://otportalsrv.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/pap/index.asp?caseref=06/01709/OUT>

Can we respectfully suggest you re-visit this?

Granted by ENC : noted

55 West Street : Re-instate dwelling (55/57) to two dwellings : 13/00237/FUL

2 Park Street : Tennis Court in garden : 12/01545/FUL

31 West Street : Conversion of barn to residential dwelling : 12/01385/FUL/12/01386/LBC

13/016 Road Signs at Kingsmead : meeting to be arranged

A meeting has been arranged with Richard Hankins from ENC, Councillors Meadows and Glithero to discuss this anomaly and hopefully have more sensible signing in this area.

13/017 New Homes Bonus : application to ENC

Although at the last meeting it was agreed to have a meeting with Mike Greenway from ENC, it was made clear by them that any application for monies should go to them urgently. Therefore, the Clerk obtained pro rata quotations for the pathway in Willow Lane and completed the necessary forms. MGWSP (Highways) gave their standard quotation; if we should be successful and use one of their dedicated contractors, there would be the bonus that NCC would then be willing to adopt the pathway, which would save money on maintenance in the future. If we are lucky with our application, this pathway will serve KCA and the Village Field. We understand that the Cricket Club are not urgently looking for a pitch at present, therefore it was agreed any work on this field will probably run into 2014.

13/018 Pitchell Wall : KCEA grant

We have sent an application to KCEA to repair the Pitchell Wall. Although we had intended including gravestone repairs in the Churchyard with this, it appears SWEET feel this would be a huge Health & Safety issue; therefore we have instructed our agreed contractors to go ahead with these repairs at the expense of the PC.

13/019 Childrens Play Area : Sovereign Grange

Several complaints have been received regarding teenagers using this equipment and gathering there after dark. We have asked PCSO Dobson to have a word with them. There are also requests for "No Dogs" signs, as there is dog fouling in the area. It was also agreed that a dog bin/s should be requested for the Sovereign Grange site. We will talk to ENC about this and request a proper entrance for the play area. Their advice will be sought as to when we need to actually adopt the site. Money will be received by them from the developers for long term maintenance, this will then come to the PC and we must decided upon how this should be invested to bring an income in for the future.

We will yet again chase Highways regarding the chicanes for Wood Road.

12/020 Gazette entry for June 2013 : discussed and agreed

12/021 Burial Board

BB Chairman Councillor Crane reported that thoughtless people are still leaving refuse in the cemetery and not using the bins as requested.

Several plots have been purchased in the cemetery extension. Please contact the Clerk for information.

122/022 Police : Crime Report : noted

13/023 Correspondence Received : circulated or e-mailed to Councillors

12/024 Any Other Business

Councillor Crane had had another request from a parishioner in Walkers Field for a salt bin to be supplied. As NCC have refused these in the past, County Councillor Smith will be asked what their actual policy is it and, in the Autumn, it will be published that bags of salt are available to residents.

A further matter regarding an alleged misuse of a garage on Wood Road will be reported to the Enforcement Officer at ENC.

Councillor Leuchars said that as the headmistress of the Endowed School is retiring, the PC should give some recognition for all she had achieved at the school.

Councillor Day felt we should make enquiries regarding the field above the Sovereign Grange development; who is responsible for this and the railway bridge?

The Chairman felt it is time that Sovereign Grange was dropped as a name for an area and street names should be used, as this the custom in the rest of the village.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20.pm.

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