

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 11th July 2013 at 7.30.pm. in the parlour of the Memorial Hall.

13/044 : Present : Vice-Chairman M. Day, L. Crane, N. Ford, R. Brown, G. Caddick, R. Meadows, G. Kingston J. Atkinson and C. Leuchars.

13/045 : Apologies for Absence : Chairman A. Howard and Councillor C. Williams.

13/046 : Declarations of Interest : Councillor Day declared a non-pecuniary interest agenda item 14 : Nature Reserve

13/047 : Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2013: Approved

Proposed : Councillor Ford Seconded : Councillor Leuchars

13/047 : Clerks Report

Kingsmead Recycling banks; an enormous amount of non-recyclable rubbish has been dumped. Proof of the perpetrator has been found and this was reported to Joe Bailey on Tuesday; he visited the site on Wednesday. I have had no further feedback from him, apart from the threat that we are likely to lose this facility. This afternoon, it is immaculate.

This was discussed and it was decided to suggest to ENC that the bins are moved to a more open area in Kingsmead which is covered by CCTV.

Anglian Water has traced and capped the leaking water supply in The Park.

A reply from Sharn Matthew was e-mailed to everyone regarding the New Homes Bonus and the Sawmills planning issues.

Chris Bond at NCC was asked for a clearer plan of the layout at the bottom of Oak Lane. Despite to reminders, no reply has yet been received

The accounts been signed as agreed and sent to BDO for the Audit Commission

13/048 Matters Arising

The Council gave a vote of thanks to the Village Plan Group for all their hard work for the Open Day.

13/049 Accounts Payable

Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 312.00
Richard Brown : Cemetery & Churchyard (inc. last cut of extension)	£ 370.00
Police : request for funds for Road Show (agreed & paid in June)	£ 75.00
KCA : First grass-cut of the cemetery extension	£ 50.00
Total Build :Re-alignment of headstones in churchyard	£ 1,600.00
E-on : Electricity charges ¼ to end of June	£ 615.24
HMRC : Clerks PAYE for month	£ 3.00

13/050 : Financial Position : noted

Bank balances:- Current £ 6,913.18; Deposit £3,138.07; Bequest account: £ 6,168.04

13/051 : Planning

Applications

31 West Street : Conversion of existing to from two dwellings etc : 13/00947/FUL/13/00948/LBC : No comment

Drayton House, 42 West Street : To fell T1 Maple : 13/01059/TCA : No objection

Granted (by ENC) : noted

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

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

62 Park Street : Demolition of conservatory/new garden room on footprint : 13/00584/FUL / 13/00585/LBC

1 Bridge Street : Demolition of rear extension/construction of new & various : 13/0680/FUL

13/052 : Childrens Playground/Village Field/Section 106 agreement : Meeting held at ENC

Councillors A. Howard, M. Day and R. Brown attended the above meeting.

Councillor Brown reported this to the meeting. Several outstanding and urgent matters were discussed at length with Sharn Matthews and Elizabeth Wilson from ENC. Although some matters were resolved, there are still many unanswered queries. A written detailed reply to all the problems has been promised which will hopefully resolve or explain them. A report of this meeting written by Councillor Brown is available from the Clerk.

13/053 : Proposal : Play Area

In order for the Parish Council to take possession of the Play Area off Oak Lane, the following resolution will be sent to Persimmon Homes and ENC:-

‘That this Parish Council advises Persimmon Homes that in accordance with the Section 106 agreement we request the transfer of Lap & Leap Play area to the Parish Council’.

Proposed : Councillor Brown

Seconded : Councillor Meadows

When this proposal is accepted, the Parish Council will receive a considerable sum of money, as agreed in the Section 106 agreement, for the maintenance and up-keep of this facility. It will be necessary then to arrange regular safety inspection and insurance.

13/054. Parish Plan : Update

Councillor Atkinson reported that the Open Day had been a great success, very busy; volunteers had made cakes for visitors which were very much appreciated. The questionnaires were being delivered to all household in the village and it is hoped everyone will complete them. Katy Weeks for Underground says the youngsters of the village are very keen to be involved in this project. Once the forms have been collected the group can begin to analyse the results.

Councillor Brown said if this can eventually be upgraded to a Neighbourhood Plan, money will be received from every planning application.

The Vice-chairman thanked the Village Plan Group for all their hard work.

13/055 : Children’s Play Area and Chicanes : Wood Road

The Clerk had requested a more comprehensive plan from NCC Highways for the junction of Oak Lane and Wood Road; despite several reminders, no reply has yet been received.

13/056 : Update on the Kings Cliffe Nature Reserve : Councillor Atkinson

Councillors have received the draft management plan for this reserve (land to the south of Fineshade Close).

The Meadow already benefits from Local Wildlife Site status, and this document will help to oversee the continued conservation and enhancement of the habitat and species of the site. It is proposed that this Management Plan will be reviewed every 5 years. Designated a Local Wildlife in 1992, and proposed Local Nature Reserve in 2012.

Access to the site is provided by a wooden field gate in the southwest corner. A well established informal footpath originates at this point which follows the southern boundary to the meadow and exits through a gap in the western hedgerow.

This scheme is supported by local schools.

Councillor Brown noted that an area of land adjacent to this site is for sale by ENC.

13/057 : Gazette entry for August 2013 : discussed and agreed

13/058 : Burial Board

Details for the agreed purchase of a Buxton seat with an inscription for Mrs. Jessie Bevin were agreed.

A quotation for repairing the small gate to the vestry in the Churchyard was turned down as it was felt it was too much to spend on a gate rarely used. All that is needed is a piece of wood in one post, a little filling and repainting – perhaps some philanthropic resident would like this little task?

Grass cutting of cemetery extension : KCA have cut this grass very well; the Burial Board will ask them again when it is felt another cut is needed.

New seat for cemetery : A Buxton seat, with an inscription to the Bevan and Chapman family will be ordered and placed in place of the old spoil heap.

13/059 Police : Monthly Crime Statistics : noted

13/060 Other Correspondence: e-mailed or circulated

13/061 Any Other Business

Councillor Caddick asked if plans for consideration could be made available on the day of the meeting in the Parlour. She finds it difficult to pull them up on line. However, it was decided that this was not practical, as other Councillors have no problems looking at them on the ENC site, using the references given in the agenda.

Councillor Leuchars asked for a letter to be sent to Mrs. Dempster, departing Headmistress of the Endowed School, thanking her for her services. This was agreed.

Councillor Kingston raised the problem of parked cars in the village, especially in Park Street and West Street. Although it was acknowledged there are many problems, this is a frequently raised question to which there is really no answer. A request to Highways for a survey was suggested.

Councillor Crane had been asked again by a resident in Walkers Field for the provision of a salt bin. Councillor Day replied that we had asked in the past and been refused. He suggested the lady should be informed that bags of salt are available, if she likes to contact the Clerk.

Councillor Brown asked if anything had been decided about an Amenities Committee to administer the Park, Village Field etc.? Councillor Day said this can be formed when we actually take possession of the Park; as far as the Village Field is concerned, there is no money available at present to develop this; this can also wait until any action takes place.

Vice-Chairman Day thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.55.pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Parlour at 7.30.pm. on 8th August 2013

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