

# KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30.pm. in the parlour of the Memorial Hall.

**13/062 : Present :** Chairman A. Howard, County Councillor H. Smith, Councillors M. Day, L. Crane, N. Ford, R. Meadows, G. Kingston and J. Atkinson .

**13/063 : Apologies for Absence :** Councillors C. Williams, C. Leuchars, R. Brown and G. Caddick

**13/064 : Declarations of Interest :** Councillors Howard and Day declared a non-pecuniary interest agenda planning item : 24 Bridge Street : 13/01200/LBC/ 13/01199/FUL

**13/065 : Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013: Approved**

Proposed : Councillor Ford                      Seconded : Councillor Kingston

At this point, the Chairman raised an issue which had arisen throughout the month regarding the content and length of minutes; the discussion was primarily concerning whether reports given by Councillors at meetings should be fully minutes or précised. The Clerk has asked NCALC for advice on this matter.

Councillor Meadows suggested that if all members of the Council had not attended outside meetings, there should be a proposer and seconder to decide if they were inserted in the minutes.

Councillor Atkinson suggested if a written report is given, the Clerk should retain this and anyone wishing to see it can request a copy.

## **13/066 : Clerks Report**

Joe Bailey, Waste Management ENC – called in to say they are in discussion with Richard Hankins re moving the bins to a more visible place. However, erecting a barrier to stop cars going up to the present bins is out of the question.

With regard to the problems in the Park with the bins being vandalised, if we wish, ENC will take responsibility for these at a charge of around £5 per month. Leave to Persimmon – or pursue? The Council decided this was Persimmons problem for the time being. It was agreed that Cllr Ford would meet with ENC with regards the repositioning of the Recycling Bins

The payment to ‘Sweet’ in the accounts is the third party contribution required for the grant for the Pitchell Wall. This will be transferred to the current account from the bequest account for legal reasons and when the Buxton seat is paid for the amount will be adjusted to balance this.

A formal letter to Persimmon Homes, requesting the transfer of the Park to the Parish Council has been sent and signed for by them. No response as yet has been received. This will be followed up with a further letter and ENC will be advised

Following a report of vandalism which had left Leycesters Bridge unsafe for pedestrians, Bob Birkett, NCC Footpaths Manager, Tony Blunt and Robert Meadows repaired this last Tuesday.

Following the heavy rain, the Bakery in West Street asked if they could get sandbags; we have none left but these can be requested from and delivered by ENC by calling 01832372026.

The Youth Club would like to give a presentation at next month’s meeting, but they had confused the date of this meeting.

Too late for an agenda item, Richard Brown has had to resign as curator through ill health; as it is mid-season, and calculated on a yearly basis, Tony Blunt has offered to finish the season for us and has already

cut the grass in Malting's Green for the Garden Show as it was urgent. This arrangement will be reviewed in the Autumn.

A letter of thanks has been sent to Mrs. Dempster, the retiring headmistress of the Endowed School.

Letter from the Post Office: although this appears to be a consultation, we understand the contracts have been signed and it will hopefully open in the Village Shopper in October/November this year.

The seat for the cemetery has been ordered.

**13/067 Matters Arising :** All covered above.

**13/068 Accounts Payable**

Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 312.00
BT : Telephone account to July	£ 89.31
E-on : Lighting repair 31 West St	£ 28.16
HMRC : Clerks PAYE for month	£ 3.00
Central Wool Growers : Roundup for cemetery drive (Nigel)	£ 9.98
E-on : Lighting repairs : Bridge Street	£ 28.16
Augean South Ltd. (SWEET) : 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party contribution for Pitchell Wall	£ 272.80

Proposed : Councillor Ford                      Seconded : Councillor Crane

**13.069 Financial Position :** Noted

Bank balances:- Current £ 4,012.84; Deposit £3,138.07; Bequest account: £ 6,168.04

**13/070 Planning**

**Applications :** no objections to the following:-

- 24 Bridge Street : Demolition of timber barn and erect of new timber barn : 13/01200/LBC/ 13/01199/FUL
- 63 West Street : Replacement of windows and doors : East/South elevations : 13/00841/FUL
- Two Hoots, Church Walk : Two storey front and single storey rear extension : 13/01090/FUL
- 31 West Street : Pollard six trees : 13/01196/TCA

**Granted (by ENC) :** Noted

- 55 West Street : Replacement new windows, doors & roof light : 13/00837/FUL
- 68 West Street : Straw bale and timber extension : 13/00768/LBC/13/00769/FUL
- 70 West Street : As above : 13/00492/FUL

**13/071 Childrens' Playground/Village Field/Section 106 agreement : Letters from ENC**

**County Councillor H. Smith joined the meeting.**

The Chairman discussed the two letters received from Elizabeth Wilson, ENC following the meeting with her and Sharn Matthews in June.

The response to the ownership of Willow Lane, pertaining to the provision of a footpath from Sovereign Grange to Willow Lane; there is some dispute with Persimmon regarding the fact that the footpath as far as they are concerned ends at their fence and they cannot make it up beyond that.

We discussed the issue of the ownership of Willow Lane as far as the Bridge was concerned, currently it is believed to be a Green Lane, but as such we are hitting barriers re any development of the lane

It was agreed that we need to resolve the issue of the ownership of the Lane. We would firstly ask Councillor Smith to advise us of the County Council position, if the County Council does not own the Lane

it was resolved that the Parish Council should take advice on the procedures we should take to establish ownership in the name of the Parish Council

Proposed : Councillor Atkinson

Seconded : Robert Meadows

A long discussion followed regarding the alleged loss of monies to the school via the 106 agreement. Heather Smith has written to the Cabinet Minister.

The Chairman asked Councillor Smith if she will chase up the matter of the chicanes and the officially Give Way markings and signs from Oak Lane into Wood Road.

Rumours are circulating regarding the future of local schools. Councillor Smith stated this is a very complicated matter, with the various parties disagreeing on the way forward. She advised that the County Council will undertake a consultation with the Local Communities with regards the future structure of schooling in the area .

Councillor Smith also explained that the Community Fund, which she will administer, is to amalgamate with KCEA and she will become a member of KCEA She is trying to limit the radius of claims to five miles.

#### **13/072 Royce's Lane : Letter from resident**

A letter received from a resident concerned about safety in the area of Royce's Lane had been e-mailed to all Councillors. This was discussed at length, but Councillor Smith said this was not a Parish Council matter, it was an NCC Highways issue. She will contact the relevant department and report back.

#### **13/073 Street Lighting : Letter from E-on**

A letter received from E-on informs us that one light on a house needs re-wiring at a cost of £280.00 + VAT. This was agreed, but a further quotation for replacing two old concrete lamp standards was considered far too expensive and the Clerk will ask for quotes from at least three other companies, if this is allowed within our maintenance contract with E-on.

#### **13/074 Parish Plan : Update**

Councillor Atkinson reported that the surveys are being collected and all is going well.

#### **13/075 Drainage/Flooding, Hall Yard : Councillor Atkinson**

Flooding problems are reported at the Mill, caused by water running down from Hall Yard during heavy rain. The Clerk will ask NCC Highways who is actually responsible for the drainage problems in this area.

#### **13/076 Gazette entry for September 2013 : discussed and agreed**

#### **13/077 Burial Board**

New seat for cemetery : This has been ordered from Columbaria and we await delivery. Grass Cutting : as discussed in the Clerks report above, it was agreed to replace Richard Brown with Tony Blunt at the same remuneration for the remainder of this year.

Proposed : Councillor Ford

Seconded : Councillor Atkinson

#### **17/078 Police : Monthly Crime Statistics : e-mails to all and noted.**

#### **17/079 Other Correspondence Received : e-mailed to all Councillors**

## **17/080 Any Other Business**

Councillor Meadows reported that the William Law wall in Hall Yard had been damaged. This wall is privately owned; he will investigate the matter and report to a future meeting

Councillor Kingston reported that the Underground Youth Club is in need of funds. It was understood that the chairman of Underground will attend a future meeting of the Parish Council and outline their development and needs

A further complaint has been made about an overhanging tree in Royce's Lane; a letter will be sent to the residents once again, asking for it to be trimmed sympathetically.

The wall in Church Walk behind the Old Rectory again has overgrown bushes impeding pedestrians. It was decided, as this property has recently changed hands to leave this for the time being.

Councillor Ford reported that branches are again obstructing the pavement in Station Road to Kingsmead. Clerk to contact ENC.

Horsewater, Hall Yard : the Chairman feels it may be possible to obtain a grant to re-vamp this sadly neglected area of the village. The Clerk will discuss this with KCEA and report back to our next meeting

A letter of thanks will be sent to James Adams for cutting the Village Field. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10.pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30.pm. in the Village Hall Parlour.

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