

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 9th January 2014 at 7.30.pm. in the parlour of the Memorial Hall.

13/151 : Present : Chairman A. Howard, Councillors M. Day, L. Crane, C. Williams, R. Meadows, C. Leuchars, N. Ford, G. Caddick,

13/152 : Apologies for Absence : Councillors Kingston, Brown and Atkinson

13/153: Declarations of Interest : Vice-Chairman Day (Planning), Councillor Caddick (Local Schools).

13/154 : Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2013

Proposed : Councillor Ford

Seconded : Councillor Caddick

13/155 : Clerks Report

The Community Centre at Kingsmead is booked for the March meeting.

The Buxton seat has been taken up to the cemetery, but needs riveting and plugging into the ground, this will be when the weather improves; it is unlikely to be used during inclement weather.

The complaint regarding the damaged cobbles in the entrance to Howards Meadow was swiftly and efficiently repaired by Highways.

Allotments; most of the 'good' tenants have paid their rent; one tenant has given up her allotment and it has been offered to the first person on the waiting list. Some tenants appear to be ignoring the renewal letter; this will be followed up before the end of January.

There is an on-going dispute with NRH Ass., regarding the repairs to a light in Daleswood Rise, an unadopted road, therefore not our responsibility. Despite e-mails and phone calls, over a couple of months, it has not yet been repaired.

13/156 : Matters Arising

As no reply has been received from the Tree Officer at ENC regarding various tree problems, another reminder will be sent.

Grass cutting on the Green opposite the Endowed School: KCA will be asked to include this area in the Spring when they are cutting the cemetery extension.

13/157 : Accounts Payable : agreed

Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 312.00
A. E. Blunt : Grass cutting etc., burial grounds : December	£ 320.00
HMRC : Clerks PAYE for month	£ 3.00
E-on : Electricity charges	£ 21.37
RJC Countryside Management : Hedge trimming in cemetery	£ 300.00

Proposed : Councillor Ford

Seconded : Councillor Leuchars

13/158 Financial Position : noted

Bank balances:- Current £ 6,333.95; Deposit £3,138.85; Bequest account: £ 5,681.06

13/159 Planning

Applications

100 Wood Road : Construction of new detached garage : 13/02105/LBC : No objection

Granted (by ENC) : noted

31 West Street : Proposed amendments to 12/01386/LBC & 12/1385/FUL

45A West Street : Additional works to 13/00348/FUL & 13/00349/LBC

13/160 Reorganisation of Local Schools

A long discussion took place; everyone had varying views on the 2 or 3 tier system and the imminent moving of children from the Middle School to Oundle Middle School. However, it was unanimously decided that some form of announcement from various village organisations including the PC would be included with the February Parish Gazette. The PC is not strictly speaking, in a position to influence any decisions, but it was strongly felt that we must strive to ensure that children receive the very best education facilities available, and will continue to input their views into any choices made.

13/161 Precept Determination : 2014/15

A budget forecast was circulated to all Councillors. A long discussion followed, regarding bank balances, anticipated additional expenses and the rise in the costs of all facilities.

A proposition to raise the precept to £20,000 was proposed by Councillor Michael Day and seconded by Councillor Nigel Ford.

A second proposition to raise the precept to £21,000 was proposed by Councillor Gill Caddick and seconded by Councillor Robert Meadows.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands and the first motion was carried. Therefore, a request will be sent to ENC for a precept of £20,000.00 for the year 2014/15.

13/162 The Park/Village Field/Willow Lane : Update

The Chairman, Councillors Atkinson and Brown had walked around and inspected all the aspects of Sovereign Grange, The Park, Willow Lane and the Village Field and all items pertaining to these areas were discussed in depth. Quotes will be obtained for post and rail fencing for the Village Field, also for an improved entrance with hard standing and parking areas within the field, which is very wet at present. The Chairman is in contacting the Land Registry regarding the ownership of Willow Lane. It was suggested that everyone should view the Google Earth map of Willow Lane, which was taken in 2009 and shows just how much it has been altered by the developers.

All outstanding matters with the ENC Enforcement Officer and Persimmon will be pursued yet again.

13/163 Parish Plan : Update : still progressing

13/164 Horsewater renovation : Update from Councillors Atkinson and Meadows

It is hope the Old Blokes Club will be involved in improving this area, and Charles Atkinson has offered the use of his machinery.

13/165 Gazette entry for February 2014 : nothing important to report, so no entry for February.

13/166 Burial Board : nothing to report

13/167 Police : Monthly Crime Statistics : noted

13/168 Other Correspondence Received : circulated to all Councillors

13/169 Any Other Business

Councillor Caddick had received a complaint regarding the long grass in the Millennium Wood. However, this is not the responsibility of the PC.

Councillor Ford reported the rubbish again at Kingsmead. This has been reported; however no reply has been received to our request for these bins to be moved to a more open aspect, to avoid fly tipping. The Clerk will follow this up again with ENC

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50.pm. The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall Parlour at 7.30.pm. on Thursday 13th February 2014.

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