

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

14/197: Present: Chairman A Howard, Councillors J Atkinson, R Brown, A Day, G Caddick, L Crane, N Ford, G Kingston, C Leuchars, R Meadows, District Councillor R Glithero, Mr R Bradshaw, ENC Planning Devt Manager and seven members of the public.

14/198: Apologies for Absence: County Councillor H Smith, Councillor C Williams.

14/199: Declarations of Interest:

None

14/200: Mr R Bradshaw, ENC Planning Development Manager

Mr Bradshaw spoke about the current planning issues in the village including:- the future of the Endowed School (as this site is located in the Conservation Area, there is little scope for development), the demolition of the Middle School (Northants County Council intends that this is used for a new housing development), the building of the New School (the Planning Application for this has now been delayed). He then answered questions from the Parish Councillors about various aspects of planning, including the possible ways of assisting the Parish Council with receiving electronically-based Planning Applications rather than receiving paper-based Planning Applications. He had brought along a 'Who's Who' of the Planning Department to make it easier to know who to contact about which issues. The Chairman thanked Mr Bradshaw for his informative talk.

14/201: Ms C Lovejoy – Community Public Access Defibrillators

Ms Lovejoy, Treasurer of Kings Cliffe & District Community First Responders spoke about their wish to install two Community Public Access Defibrillators in Kings Cliffe (Kings Cliffe Active and the old Telephone Box) and explained how they will be used. The KC& D Community First Responders will raise the necessary funds and arrange for the installation with the support of the Community Heartbeat Trust. The Parish Councillors had no objections to this.

14/202: Kirk – Community Orchard

Kirk (part of the Transition Group) spoke about the plans to plant a Community Orchard (40 m x 30 m) in the North-East corner of the Village Field. There would be 60 apple trees planted and it would have an open centre in the middle. It would need to be fenced at a cost of £1,080 to be funded by the Transition Group. A group of volunteers would maintain it and they have a mower to cut the grass. Fundraising will take place Spring-Autumn 2015 and it would be planted in Winter 2015. It would be open to all residents and the apples produced would be shared or sold for charity. The Parish Councillors discussed the suitability of the location and it was agreed to arrange a Site Meeting for everyone who is involved to share their views.

14/203: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th February 2015

Proposed: Councillor Day Seconded: Councillor Brown

14/204: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

14/205: Venue for Future Meetings

As the Clerk had been informed that Kings Cliffe Active was booked for every Thursday, it was agreed to defer making a decision on the venue for future meetings until it had been established whether any other night was free for meetings at Kings Cliffe Active. It was noted that the Annual Public Meeting will be held on 9th April 2015 at Kings Cliffe Active.

14/206: Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing new to report.

14/207: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary (current month) Deirdre McCumiskey	£252.00
HMRC	£63.00
A E Blunt (Maintenance of Cemetery & Churchyard)	£370.00
Expenses (01/10/14-31/03/15) Deirdre McCumiskey	£27.66
Kings Cliffe Active	£24.00
EON	£372.10
NRM Laboratories	£132.00

Proposed: Councillor Ford Seconded: Councillor Crane

Grant to Kings Cliffe Underground Youth Club - there was a proposal to make a grant of £1,250, this was seconded and voted for by four people and a second proposal to make a grant of £1,000, this was seconded and voted for by four people. The Chairman made the casting vote for the first proposal. It was agreed to make the grant at the Annual Public Meeting.

14/208: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances - Current Account £12,346.24, Savings Account £63,140.80, Bequest Account £4,715.95

The Clerk will keep separate records for the £60,000 ring-fenced for the Village Field.

14/209: Planning Applications

Planning Applications

15/00284 – Re-pointing Collyweston Roof on Barn B and replace roof-lights with conservation lights (completed). Replace garage doors and pin back existing garage doors at 29A West Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

15/00357 – Tree Work in Conservation Area in respect of Removal of silver birch at 1 Rates Lane, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

15/00377 - New porch at 29A West Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

Planning Applications granted by ENC

14/02186 – Toilet facilities for visitors at 27 Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe

14/02374/5 – Alteration to fenestration on rear elevation of extension, installation of pedestrian gate and internal alterations at 52 West Street, Kings Cliffe

15/00001 – Works and method of carrying out formerly approved works to limestone wall adjacent to listed gate piers at 21 West Street, Kings Cliffe

14/210: Gigaclear: KAHSI

The work continues but has been delayed due to road closures.

14/211: Parish Plan: Update

Councillor Atkinson reported that a new Dog Foul Bin had been installed in Willow Lane. She reported that the Village Plan Action Group is concentrating on working on the Website/communications and the Doctors' Surgery.

14/212: Neighbourhood Plan: Update

Councillor Leuchars reported that a preliminary meeting had been held and it had been agreed to contact another East Northamptonshire village that had undertaken a Neighbourhood Plan for information/advice. He will produce a working paper for the next meeting so that a vote can be taken as to whether the Neighbourhood Plan should cover all or just part of the village. The Chairman agreed to send him a copy of the Parish Map.

14/213: Sovereign Grange: Update

The Chairman stated that although minor works had been completed, none of the main outstanding works had been embarked upon.

14/214: Willow Walk: Update

The Chairman reported that he has been informed that there will be no further progress on this until after the May Elections.

14/215: Willow Lane: Update

Councillor Meadows will try and contact Michelle Rickard to ascertain the response from the Land Registry. The Chairman had spoken to Mr P Wright, a retired solicitor who said he needed a précis of the history of Willow Lane and the response from the Land Registry before he could comment.

14/216: Surgery: Update

As conflicting views are being expressed about this, it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the GPs, the Parish Council and County Councillor Smith. Councillor Atkinson agreed to contact Dr M Henchy.

14/217: Burial Board Report including Cemetery Maintenance Work Specification

Councillor Crane reported that everything was satisfactory in the Cemetery and the New Cemetery. She had received a further tender for the Cemetery Maintenance Work and as the closing date for tenders is 31/03/15, all tenders will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. Councillor Brown had obtained some useful leaflets about making part of the Cemetery into a Wildlife Garden which would reduce the amount spent on Cemetery Maintenance Work.

14/218: Police – Crime Report

E-mailed to all Councillors and noted. The Clerk handed out leaflets about becoming a Special Constable.

14/219: Village Field & Community Orchard

Councillor Brown confirmed that cheaper revised quotations for the drainage work had been received and it will cost £33,656.60 for the work to be undertaken which includes removing debris.

The initial works to drain the field and excavate the dyke have commenced. As part of this work, two ponds have been dug out. The field will be sprayed off and residents will be asked to restrain from walking on the field.

Soil samples have been submitted for analysis so that a suitable hard-wearing grass seed can be purchased.

Councillor Day will obtain quotations for a gate to the field as the installation of a gate will be necessary to prevent vehicles being driven onto the field.

As mentioned under 14/202, discussions will take place regarding where the Community Orchard will be located.

14/220: Kerbstones at Post Office/General Store

The Clerk will contact Northamptonshire County Council for advice/action on dealing with the broken kerbstones outside the Post Office/General Store.

14/221: Gazette Entry for April 2015

Discussed and agreed.

14/222: Correspondence Received

Discussed during the Agenda or e-mailed to all Councillors.

14/223: Any Other Business

Councillor Meadows reported that the bollards are down on Wood Road and the white triangles on the speed bumps need repainting.

Councillor Kingston reported that she will be attending a forthcoming meeting of Kings Cliffe Sports Association.

Councillor Caddick stated she would like to see the Hills and Holes turned into a Wildlife Garden. She was asked to speak about this at the Annual Public Meeting.

Councillor Atkinson reported that a number of cars had been vandalised in Fineshade Close. She stated that there are faulty lights in Kingsmead and at the top of Station Road. The Clerk will report to ENC as they are on an un-adopted road.

Councillor Brown stated that he had attended a recent Planning Meeting at East Northants Council and was impressed by the detailed responses made to Planning Applications by other Parish Councils. It was noted that when revised Planning Applications are made, it is necessary to repeat the original comments rather than just to refer to previous comments.

One Member of the Public asked who owned and was therefore responsible for the maintenance of the bridge in Willow Lane. He was informed that this is under review.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 9th April 2015 in Kings Cliffe Active.

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