

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

15/065: Present: Chairman A Howard, Councillors R Brown, M Day, J Dixon, N Ford, C Leuchars, R Meadows, G Smid, County Councillor H Smith and 4 members of the public.

15/066: Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Atkinson, D Gilbert and B Hardwick, PCSO N Norman

15/067: Declarations of Interest: None.

15/068: Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2015: approved

Proposed: Councillor Ford Seconded: Councillor Leuchars

15/069: Matters Arising: Councillor Brown stated that Gigaclear now has test sites within the village.

15/070: Parish Council Communication:

The Chairman had already circulated information about communication from NCALC. It was agreed that it was important to focus on the meetings as the main forum for communication. Parish Councillors were asked to submit items for the Agenda and to circulate as all available information a minimum of 7 days before the meeting.

15/071: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary (Aug) Deirdre McCumiskey - £252.00

HMRC - £63.00

Kings Cliffe Sports Association - £24.00

EON (Street Lighting) - £832.94

EON (Street Light Repair) - £28.16

RJC Countryside Management - £732.00

BDO - £360.00

Clerk's Salary (Sept) Deirdre McCumiskey - £252.00

HMRC - £63.00

ENC (Election Costs) - £75.42

EON (Street Light Repair) - £28.16

RJC Countryside Management - £696.00

EON (Street Maintenance) - £372.10

ENC (Cemetery Extension Loan) - £1,750.00

E C Farm Contractors - £180.00

Proposed: Councillor Smid Seconded: Councillor Ford

15/072: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances:- Current £57,464.50, Deposit £22,145.60, Bequest £4,727.90

Income:- £1,950 Northamptonshire County Council Grant, £7,627.10 VAT Refund, £185 Burials, £10.87 Bank Interest

ENC Community Facilities Fund – the Chairman reported that once an estimate for the work required for the proposed footpath to the New School has been received, an Expression of Interest will be made for monies from this fund. The Parish Council will also be applying for Grant Aid in respect of the Village Hall parking area and the fencing of the Community Orchard.

Replacement Street Light on Fineshade Close – the Parish Councillors were not sure if this is an adopted road. The Clerk will contact Spire Homes to check. If it is an adopted road, it was agreed to go with the cheaper quotation.

Clerk

15/073: Planning Applications

15/01303 – Tree Work in Conservation Area at 59 West Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

15/01367 – To install a 4kw solar PV system at 1 West Street, Kings Cliffe (Objection as it would destroy the visible impact of amenities in the historic centre of the village)

15/01379 – Fitting 3 roof lights at 50 West Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

15/01405 – Tree Work in Conservation at 48 West Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

13/00059 – Details of Residential Development at Wood Lane Sawmills, Wood Lane, Kings Cliffe (The Clerk will contact ENC for further information as there is no information about how the details will be satisfied and therefore the Parish Council were unable to make any comments)

Clerk

Planning Applications granted by ENC

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15/074: Pytchell: Update

As there had been no applications from any other interested parties to apply to maintain the Pytchell, the Parish Council agreed to continue to engage Jenny Dixon to maintain the southern section and the access to it on the western side and use the northern part for a new Transition Community Orchard. It was agreed to give Jenny Dixon a 5 year Lease and Transition Community Orchard a 10 year Lease. Councillor Brown agreed to prepare a Draft Lease. It was agreed that a couple of notices will need to be erected. An application for the cost of erecting a fence for the Community Orchard and Quiet Place will be made to the ENC Communities Facilities Fund.

RB

15/075: New School Update

Councillor Smith explained that there had been a delay in the relocation plans as the two tenders that had been received were over the estimated cost and the County Council were now looking to obtain further tenders. The schoolchildren's parents had been informed of this.

15/076: Sovereign Grange: Update

There were no updates available about various issues at Sovereign Grange, such as the proposed calming measures despite the fact that the development is almost complete. Councillor Smith stated she will continue to keep the Parish Council informed of any information she can obtain. The Clerk will contact Ms S Matthews of ENC to ask why no enforcement action has been taken against Persimmon.

Clerk

15/077: Willow Walk: Update

There was no update available as the Parish Council is waiting for a response from Ms Matthews of ENC.

15/078: Willow Lane: Update

There was no update available as NCalc had not been able to provide details of any other village that had successfully dealt with this situation. It was agreed to review the situation in early 2016.

15/079: Village Field: Update

The works on the Village Field are progressing - the fences will be erected once the contractor has completed harvest work. The bridge, with a link into the Millennium Wood, has been installed, the gates have been installed and the spraying was undertaken at the end of August. The fences to the railway line still need to be erected. The next step will be the levelling, ploughing and re-seeding of the land which will take place this autumn. Councillor Brown reported that Landtech will be undertaking further work on the Village Field.

15/080: Burial Board Report

It was reported that the hedges/trees by the main entrance need trimming back. The Clerk will contact RJC Countryside Management. It was agreed that the two old dilapidated benches can be removed. It was noted that recently installed gravestones are not being erected in line with older gravestones. Councillor Ford will get details of which stonemasons are responsible.

Clerk
NF

15/081: Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Leuchars had circulated the Terms of Reference to the Parish Councillors before the meeting and these were accepted.

15/082: Police – Crime Report

PCSO Norman had submitted a Crime Report which had been circulated to the Parish Councillors before the meeting.

15/083: Gazette Entry for October 2015

Discussed and agreed.

15/084: Correspondence Received

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

15/085: Any Other Business

Seat for Sovereign Grange Play Area:- The Chairman declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest and requested permission to install a seat in the Sovereign Grange Play Area in memory of his two late step-grandchildren. This was agreed by all the Parish Councillors. It was noted that the Play Area is not controlled by the Parish Council.

Councillor Smith stated that a Planning Consultant has been appointed to deal with the future of the Old School Site. It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged with the Planning Consultant, Councillor Glithero and Parish Councillors to discuss all options available.

A request for the installation of cycle racks at the Village Hall was discussed. It was agreed Transition would obtain quotations for the bollards and three cycle racks. The precise location for the siting of the cycle racks will be agreed following a site visit.

The Chairman stated he had heard rumours that a new village comprising 5,000 homes is planned to be built near Deenethorpe. The Clerk will contact Ms Matthews of ENC for information.

Clerk

Councillor Smid reported on a recent meeting of Kings Cliffe Active that he had attended as Parish Councillor Representative. The Chairman will speak to Mr A Pick and Mr S Fairhall about achieving an agreement with Kings Cliffe Active.

Councillor Leuchars stated that Augean's Environmental Safety Case is available on their Website.

Councillor Meadows requested that NCC is asked to resurface the lower part of Eagle Lane. The Clerk will contact NCC.

Clerk

Councillor Ford requested that ENC clear the rubbish that has been dumped at the Recycling Centre. The Clerk will contact ENC.

Clerk

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 8th October 2015 in Kings Cliffe Active.

Signed _____

Date _____

