

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

15/246: Present: Chairman A Howard, Councillors J Atkinson, R Brown, M Day, J Dixon, N Ford, D Gilbert, C Leuchars, District Councillor R Glithero, 4 members of the public, 2 PCSOs.

15/247: Apologies for Absence: Councillors B Hardwick and R Meadows, County Councillor H Smith.

15/248: Declarations of Interest: Councillor Ford declared that he lives in Park Close.

15/249: Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2015: approved.

Proposed: Councillor Leuchars Seconded: Councillor Brown

15/250: Matters Arising: Councillor Brown will hold a Training Session on Parish Councillor communication using the Parish Council's Website in February; one repaired bench has been put back in the cemetery and one will be put onto the Pytchell; BT is no longer responsible for the telephone box containing the Defibrillator; the trees at 35 Wood Road and 73a Wood Road have not been pruned yet.

15/251: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary (Jan) Deirdre McCumiskey - £262.00

HMRC - £63.00

Kings Cliffe Sports Association - £16.00

Splashweb - £748.00

Eon - £941.81

K Howard (Benches) - £50.00

Landtech - £928.80

Proposed: Councillor Ford Seconded: Councillor Russell

Request for Grant from Kings Cliffe Underground – A discussion took place as to whether to ask the residents if they want to financially support Kings Cliffe Underground.

Request for Grant for High Speed Broadband – A discussion took place and it was agreed to ascertain if the group are able to claim back the VAT itself, the members of the group present will investigate and come back to us. An alternative would be for the Parish Council to reclaim the VAT.

15/252: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances:- Current £29,390.09, Deposit £50,004.06, Bequest £4,735.88

Income:- £240 Allotment Rents, £8.14 Bank Interest

Precept 2016-2017 – The Chairman had produced a proposed budget for 2016-2017. It was agreed to keep the Precept at the same amount per property as 2015-2016 after checking the Tax Base and adjusting proportionately which meant that the Precept will be £24,000 for 2016-2017.

Proposed: Councillor Brown Seconded: Councillor Ford

15/253: Planning Applications

15/02275 - Proposed construction of new dwelling at land adjacent to 45 West Street, Kings Cliffe (Four Councillors were in favour, four Councillors were against. The Chairman used his casting vote against the Planning Application. The Clerk will inform ENC that although the Parish Council welcomes a housing development on the site, it feels the front appearance (wood) is not in keeping with the area which is a conservation area.

Planning Applications granted by ENC

None

15/254: Plans for Development of Old School Site & Middle School Site/Kings Heart Project

A meeting of the Kings Heart Project to discuss the plans for the sites had taken place on 06/01/16 and was attended by Councillors Brown and Leuchars. It had been chaired by Rev Karin Voth Harman. There was some discord amongst the Parish Councillors about the relationship of Kings Heart Project and the Parish Council and the fact that we have not been previously consulted. A motion was passed that the Parish Council is keen that these sites do not become exclusively new home residential developments and supports a plan that would encompass 'care in the community' for Kings Cliffe and the neighbouring villages, including supported accommodation for elderly people and accommodation for young people such as flat/apartments. The Chairman had spoken to Councillor Smith who was aware of the Parish Council's view and had requested a letter setting out a clear view of what the Parish Council wants for the sites. It was agreed to ask Councillor Smith to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss how this can be moved forward.

15/255: Sovereign Grange(Oak Lane): Update

It was agreed to check if the yellow boards advertising Sovereign Grange have been removed. The Parish Councillors were once again disappointed that the outstanding issues:- (1) traffic calming, (2) foul sewerage issues (3) flooding down Oak Lane and (4) lap/leap have not been dealt with and cannot understand why ENC has not taken enforcement action against Persimmon. District Councillor Glithero will discuss with the Chief Executive of ENC.

15/256: Pytchell: Update

It was noted that Jenny Dixon has returned the Licence Agreement. It was noted that grant applications had been made to the Community Facilities Fund and KCEA.

15/257 : Trees overhanging Park Close

It was agreed to make a site visit to look at the trees and the request for vehicular access to the back of the houses to alleviate parking congestion. Councillor Ford will organise this.

15/258: Willow Walk: Update

The Chairman had already forwarded an e-mail from Katy Everitt of ENC who had stated that she had been able to establish that there have been some very early and tentative discussions within ENC about the possible extension of the Greenway along the old railway line. If this happens, it was agreed to request a long lease.

15/259: Village Field: Update

Councillor Brown confirmed that the grass is growing. He stated that it is too wet for anything further to be undertaken at present.

15/260: Burial Board Report

Councillor Gilbert confirmed he will put the recently acquired old family plaque on the repaired bench. It was agreed to go ahead with RJC Countryside Management's quotation for grass cutting in 2016.

15/261: Neighbourhood Plan

A successful Neighbourhood Plan Launch Meeting had taken place on 13/12/15. It had been well attended. The Committee are collating the information from the post-it notes and will be preparing a questionnaire to be discussed at the next meeting.

15/262: Police – Crime Report

Two PCSOs attended the meeting and gave details of three reported crimes (all shed burglaries) that had taken place in December 2015. PCSO A Pereira confirmed that there is a current recruitment drive for residents to join Neighbourhood Watch.

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15/263: Gazette Entry for February 2016

Discussed and agreed.

15/264: Correspondence Received

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

15/265: Any Other Business

It was noted that a meeting will take place on 21/01/16 to discuss the rejected Community Facilities Grant Application for a pathway to the New School. It was noted that an application had been made to KCEA.

District Councillor Glithero expressed his disappointment that the rejected Community Facilities Grant Application for the pathway had been reported to Tom Purslove, MP. However the Parish Council expressed its concern that the application had been rejected in the first instance when it understood it would be supported at the relevant meeting.

Councillor Glithero also reported that he had had a discussion with Councillor Smith and said Councillor Smith had already said the pathway would be funded by the County Council

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11th February 2016 in Kings Cliffe Active.

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