

## KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

**16/065: Present:** Chairman A Howard, Councillors M Day, J Dixon, N Ford, D Gilbert, B Hardwick, C Leuchars, R Meadows, G Smid, District Councillor R Glithero and 6 members of the public.

**16/066: Apologies for Absence:** Councillors J Atkinson and R Brown, PCSO A Pereira, County Councillor H Smith

**16/067: Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Day declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in Planning Application 16/01021.

### **16/068: Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave a short report to update the Parish Councillors on the following issues:-

- The Chairman said that today's school bus accident on Cotterstock Road, Oundle is yet another accident at this location. It was agreed to write to Northamptonshire County Council expressing concerns about the safety of the road junction and requesting a review of the rights of way at the road junction.
- The Chairman had visited Oak Lane the previous evening and had established that no further work had been completed on the site. Apparently Persimmon Homes had removed its workmen from the site due to issues with Anglian Water but the workmen are due to be moved back onto the site soon. The top part of the development is complete but the bottom part is still rough.
- The Chairman reported that the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has contacted the GPs about the building of a new GP Surgery and a formal proposal needs to be made by the GPs for consideration by the Board. East Northants Council has also contacted the GPs and made them aware of support they could provide in terms of fund raising. It was noted that the GP Surgery will not be merging with Lakeside Healthcare until July 2017. Whilst the Parish Council is committed to supporting the building of a new GP Surgery in the village, it is also committed to supporting Assisted Living Accommodation on the same site.
- The Chairman had met the proprietors of the village shop and had established that although they had failed the interview relating to their application for a post office, there would not be a 6 month wait but also the proprietors had not confirmed their definite intention to want to run the post office. Councillor Day agreed to speak to the proprietors.

**16/069: Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016:** approved with some amendments noted in the Minute Book.

Proposed: Councillor Day                      Seconded: Councillor Leuchars

**16/070: Matters Arising:** Concerns were expressed about the poor drainage behind the village hall and whether the new parking would aid or hinder this. It was agreed to refer this to the Amenities Committee as the Village Hall Committee want confirmation as to whether the drainage will impact on the Village Hall; although the new HGV signs are welcome, they need to be located before, not after the junction and the Clerk will contact NCC to request this; it was agreed to ask Mr K Howard for a quotation for a new noticeboard (the same size as the one outside the old Post Office) to be erected in the recess area near Oak Lane (once all the work has been completed) but also to look at moving the one from the Recycling Centre.

### **16/071: Accounts Payable**

Clerk's Salary - Deirdre McCumiskey - £252.00

HMRC - £63.00

Kings Cliffe Active - £16.00

Eon - £931.93

Broxap - £2,022.00 (the Clerk to check the quoted price with Councillor Brown before sending out the payment)

RJC Countryside Mgmt - £756.00

Proposed: Councillor Ford                      Seconded: Councillor Gilbert

### **16/072: Financial Position: noted**

Bank Balances:- Current £23,328.72, Deposit £50,016.52, Bequest £4,745.55

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Income:- £8.11 Bank Interest, £25.00 Cemetery

Quote for tree work in Park Close – Mr D Dawson's quote of £1,650 was accepted as proposed by Councillor Gilbert and second by Councillor Day.

**16/073: Planning Applications**

16/01219 - Ash Crown Lift, Birch Crown Lift & Birch Removal at Kings Cliffe Primary School (No Objections)

16/01283 – Remove fifteen leylandi trees at 2 The Dovecote, Park Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

16/01021 – Demolition of existing buildings yard to create a three bedroom chalet bungalow at 50 Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe. Although the full details are available on the Website, the Clerk had only received the site plan. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs sight of the full details in front of them before making a comment. The Clerk will request the full details and a meeting will be arranged to discuss this planning application. The Clerk will also request an extension of the closing date for comments.

Clerk

**Planning Applications approved by ENC**

16/00838 – Change of use of land and buildings from agricultural to use for the keeping of horses and construction of canter track

**16/074: Oak Lane**

It was noted that the decision to take over the Leap and Lap had been made at the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (13/053), the following resolution was agreed and was recorded as follows:-

'That this Parish Council advises Persimmon Homes that in accordance with the Section 106 agreement we request the transfer of the Lap and Leap Play area to the Parish Council'. It was proposed by Councillor Brown and Seconded by Councillor Meadows.

The Parish Council have decided to reconsider the options in respect of this land, the key alternatives being :-

- Do nothing with it
- Take it over (as proposed in the Section106 agreement)
- Set up a Sub-Committee of Oak Lane Residents who have paid/are expected to pay a yearly maintenance fee to look after it but this would be difficult as other residents use the facility.

After a thorough discussion relating to all the options with regard to this land, it was resolved:-

'That this Parish Council should advise Persimmon Homes that we will accept the transfer of the "land" known as "The Green" at Sovereign Grange '.

The resolution was unanimously passed.

**16/075: GP Surgery**

Recorded under the Chairman's Report.

**16/076: Walkway to New School**

The Chairman had not been able to contact the contractors working at KC Active before they had left the site. A quotation had been received but it was very expensive and the Parish Council does not have sufficient funds to go ahead with it. A plan of action was agreed to firstly employ a contractor with a JCB to undertake the initial groundwork and secondly to obtain quotations for building the path. An application for additional funding will be made to the Community Facilities Fund when applications can be submitted.

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**16/077: Willow Walk: update**

A new lease has been approved by ENC; however the Parish Council needs to see the lease before agreeing to it.

**16/078: Footpaths**

Councillor Meadows had circulated copies of a map of the footpaths, bridleways and byways around the village. He

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agreed to write an article for the Gazette including a guide to best practice when using the footpaths.

#### **16/079: Grass Cutting**

A discussion took place relating to the state of the various grassed areas within the village which have not been well maintained by ENC. It was noted that some members of the public had undertaken maintenance work on these areas themselves for the benefit of the rest of the village.

The Council agreed that the current situation was unacceptable as it left large areas of the village looking a "mess".

It was resolved that we should investigate the cost of purchasing a large ride-on mower or small tractor and mower.

Councillor Hardwick agreed to investigate the costs relating to doing this.

The Clerk will contact Wansford, Warmington, Nassington and Yarwell Parish Councils to establish if they undertake grass cutting work/how they deal with the issue of overgrown grass in their villages.

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#### **16/080: Allotments**

Councillor Day will give the list of poor, uncultivated allotments to the Clerk so that she can contact the tenants concerned.

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#### **16/081: Burial Board Report**

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting he had attended with Councillor Day, Councillor Gilbert and Rev P Davies at the cemetery:-

- In future, when new burial plots are sold there needs to be clear guidelines (with photographic examples) of what is acceptable.
- It was agreed to remove the gravel and put grass seed on the path thus making a split of 2 halves rather than 4 quadrants.
- It was agreed to have a separate area designated for the burial of ashes.
- Rev Davies had proposed a formal service by the Bishop to consecrate the land. This will cost £500 which was agreed.

The above plans were approved as proposed by Councillor Hardwick and seconded by Councillor Dixon.

#### **16/082: Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Leuchars requested permission to send a 'Call for Sites' letter to Persimmon. This was agreed.

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#### **16/083: Police: Crime Report**

A Crime Report had been received and circulated.

#### **16/084: Gazette Entry for August 2016**

Discussed and agreed.

#### **16/085: Correspondence Received**

There was no further correspondence received that had not already been circulated by e-mail to the Parish Councillors.

#### **16/086: Any Other Business**

A member of the public had raised the issue of speeding. The Parish Council is aware and is concerned about the frequent incidents of speeding motorists within the village and would encourage all motorists to drive appropriately and in consideration of the safety of all residents.

<p>Councillor Hardwick requested an update on her idea of a safety barrier to be installed outside the village shop at the top of the lane. The Clerk will contact ENC again.</p> <p>Councillor Meadows commented that a lot of road markings have faded and need repainting. It was agreed to write to Councillor Smith to inform her of this and ask if there are any plans to improve the surface of the footpaths/replace the golden gravel.</p> <p>Mr S Fairhall asked for support for his application to the new Big Lottery Fund for the purpose of bringing local communities together/building stronger neighbourhoods and boosting community spirit. Councillor Day and Councillor Hardwick expressed their willingness to be involved with this.</p> <p>The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in Kings Cliffe Active.</p> <p>Signed _____ Date _____</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>