

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 8th September 2016 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

<p>16/087: Present: Chairman A Howard, Councillors R Brown, M Day, N Ford, D Gilbert, B Hardwick, C Leuchars, R Meadows, G Smid, 2 members of the public.</p> <p>16/088: Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Atkinson & J Dixon, County Councillor H Smith</p> <p>16/089: Declarations of Interest: None.</p> <p>16/090: Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Chairman gave a short report to update the Parish Councillors on the following issues:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willow Walk – ENC has confirmed that it is prepared to increase the length of the term of the agreement and has requested that the £20.00 annual rent is paid by Direct Debit in future. • Pathway into Willow Lane – ENC has not come forward with a resolution to finalise the outstanding issues regarding this. The alternative would be a pathway linked to the land above Oak Lane. • Oak Lane – all the road works appear to have been undertaken although there are no road markings yet. Northamptonshire County Council should now be able to undertake the traffic calming measures in Wood Road. Chattertons Solicitors are dealing with the transfer of The Green to the Parish Council. The complaint about an encroachment onto Willow Lane by the building of a patio was discussed, the Clerk will obtain copies of the Land Registry Site Plan and the Chairman will inspect the site. • A resident had reported that he 'Elephant Trap' urgently needs emptying and the Clerk will report to ENC. • Sarah Barnwell, ENC will provide details of how local grass cutting is dealt with by other Parish Councils. Councillor Hardwick will obtain quotations from contractors for the specific areas in Kings Cliffe. • The Chairman had had a brief meeting with Dr Nally. It remains to be seen whether Lakeside is willing to make an investment in Kings Cliffe when they are linked up in July 2017. Councillor Smith is monitoring the situation. • Walkway to New School – a further application to the Community Facilities Grant Fund has been submitted. Grantscape has approved funds to be spent on the initial phase if the Parish Council wishes to do this. The Chairman will obtain quotations for the work from Steven Lattimore and PGR of Oundle. • Church Walk – there is a long history of residents asking what could be done about the state of the lane which is un-adopted. Recently residents have funded an improvement programme which cost £22,000. There was mixed views about what had been undertaken. Councillor Leuchars expressed his disappointment that a village lane had been turned into a village street. It was proposed that the Parish Council could consider contributing to further improvement work to be undertaken on the first section on Orchard Lane, a vote was taken 5 agreed and 3 abstained. The contractor will be approached for a quotation. <p>16/091: Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2016: approved.</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor Gilbert Seconded: Councillor Ford</p> <p>16/092: Matters Arising: The Chairman reported the response from Councillor Smith regarding the road improvement work to be undertaken at the site of the school bus accident on Cotterstock Road, Oundle; Mr K Howard had quoted £150-£200 for a new noticeboard and it was agreed to go ahead with this; Councillor Meadows will write an article for the Gazette about footpaths including a guide to best practice when using them.</p> <p>16/093: Accounts Payable Clerk's Salary - Deirdre McCumiskey - £252.00 HMRC - £63.00 Kings Cliffe Active - £16.00 Broxap - £306 D Dawson - £1,650 RJC Countryside Mgmt - £708.00</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>BH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>RM</p>
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Eon - £78.56
ENC - £21.35
Clerk's Salary – Deirdre McCumiskey - £252.00
HMRC - £63.00
Travel Expenses to Training Course – Deirdre McCumiskey - £55.00
NCALC - £45.00
Eon - £56.32, £37.32 & £371.09
Brigstock Sawmill - £1,064.43
ENC - £1,750.00
BDO - £360.00
Anglian Water - £10.38

Proposed: Councillor Ford Seconded: Councillor Meadows

Quotation for replacement street light outside 89 Wood Road (£250+VAT) - approved
Quotation for replacement street light outside 72 West Street (£825+VAT) - Councillor Gilbert will check if this light is working before any action is taken

DG

S106 Agreement £3,740.79 left for Community Use. The Clerk will contact Beverley Woolston, ENC and state that the Parish Council are looking into two projects and will come back to her once a decision has been made.

16/094: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances:- Current £17,029.79, Deposit £50,016.52, Bequest £4,749.52
Income:- £3.97 Bank Interest

16/095: Planning Applications

16/01430 – To replace existing front door and windows at 37 Park Street, Kings Cliffe (No Objections) *as discussed via e-mail.*

16/01497 – New storage building with hard standing, car parking and portakabins (resubmission of 15/01814) at Site 32 Oil Depot, Wansford Road, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

16/01525 – Demolition of existing garage and construction of a new 3 bed dwelling at 94 West Street, Kings Cliffe (the Parish Councillors did not feel the planned parking arrangements were feasible as they do not allow sufficient space for a car to turn around and front face the road and feel the resident(s) will park on West Street which is already a busy road. In addition, they would like to request that a Planning Officer checks whether there are any conservation issues as it is believed that this is the site of an old chapel that is linked to Thomas Cook (founder of the travel company).

16/01614 - External wall insulation to improve energy performance at 24 Kings Forest, Kings Cliffe (No Objections)

Pre-Planning Application Consultation – CTIL Project Ref 182034 Badger Calverhay Farm, Willow Lane, Kings Cliffe – it was agreed to request a site visit.

Planning Applications granted by ENC:-

16/01283 – To remove fifteen Leylandii trees at 2 The Dovecote, Park Street, Kings Cliffe

16/096: Oak Lane

Recorded under the Chairman's Report.

16/097: Walkway to New School

Recorded under the Chairman's Report.

16/098: Willow Walk: update

Recorded under the Chairman's Report.

16/099: Church Walk

Recorded under the Chairman's Report.

16/100: Grass Cutting

Recorded under the Chairman's Report.

16/101: Allotments

The Clerk reported that there were several vacant allotments. It was agreed that the vacant allotments will be split into two halves and offered at £10 per year with the new tenancies beginning on 1st January 2017.

16/102: Burial Board Report

The Chairman reported that the Consecration Ceremony for the cemetery extension will be undertaken by Bishop John Flack at 11.30 am on 6th November 2016.

Councillor Gilbert stated that the rubbish bins had not been emptied recently but the Clerk had reported this to ENC.

In future, when new burial plots are sold there needs to be clear guidelines (with photographic examples) or what is acceptable.

It was reported that the trees are growing and will need to be pruned shortly.

16/103: Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Leuchars reported he had received six replies in response to his 'Call for Sites' letter to all landowners (including the Parish Council) which varied from one unit to thirty plus units. The Neighbourhood Steering Group will consider the replies and Councillor Leuchars will prepare a report for the next Parish Council Meeting.

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16/104: Police: Crime Report

No Crime Report had been received.

16/105: Gazette Entry for October 2016

Discussed and agreed.

16/106: Correspondence Received

A resident had requested permission to plant a miniature fruit tree in remembrance of her late mother. It was agreed that the most suitable sites were the Pytchell or the Community Orchard. The Clerk will ask the resident to liaise with Councillor Brown.

Clerk

A resident had complained that the ex-telephone box on the corner of West Street (which is now used to house the defibrillator) is now covered with advertisements for Kings Cliffe Active. It was noted that the ex-telephone box is now owned by Kings Cliffe Active. The Clerk will report the resident's concerns to Kings Cliffe Active accordingly.

Clerk

As already mentioned, a resident had complained that the 'elephant trap' on Willow Lane is still blocked and the Clerk will report it to ENC.

Clerk

16/107: Any Other Business:

Post Office – there was no update on the Post Office available. The Clerk will contact the Post Office for an update on the future of Post Office Services in the village following the closure of the Post Office over six months ago.

Clerk

Councillor Hardwick asked whether the planned tree work had been completed on the Cherry Tree that is obscuring the street light. As it hasn't been done, the Clerk will contact Mr & Mrs Lewis and inform them that the Parish Councillors were concerned to hear that the planned work on the tree (due to take place in August) has not yet been done and intend to ask a contractor to undertake the work if it is not done by the next meeting.

Clerk

<p>Councillor Brown updated the Parish Council on the installation of the gates and noticeboard/information board at the Pytchell.</p> <p>Councillor Brown agreed to obtain quotations for the installation of a bicycle parking bay outside the Village Hall.</p> <p>Councillor Meadows asked that it be minuted that the Village Hall Committee are pleased with the car parking improvements that have been completed at the Village Hall.</p> <p>The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 13th October 2016 in Kings Cliffe Active.</p> <p>Signed _____ Date _____</p>	RB