

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Mr D Hawkins addressed the Parish Council on the subject of the Sovereign Grange Development. He wanted information about when the roads on the development will be adopted by Northamptonshire County Council. County Cllr Smith stated that it is unlikely that this will ever happen and will remain the responsibility of the residents through the Management Company. Cllr Atkinson had tried to find out more information about the Management Company and established who the Directors are but none are resident in Kings Cliffe.

Mr C Jackson addressed the Parish Council on the subject of the Joint Action Group (JAG). The JAG has now been reorganised with much more professional representation including representatives from the Fire Service, County and District Councils, the major housing associations and others. The Parish Councillors were happy that Mr Jackson should represent the Parish Council on the JAG. He will request that the Minutes of the JAG Meetings are sent to the Clerk in future.

16/151: Present: Chairman A Howard, Cllrs J Atkinson, R Brown, M Day, J Dixon, N Ford, D Gilbert, B Hardwick, C Leuchars, R Meadows, County Cllr H Smith and 8 members of the public.

16/152: Apologies for Absence: Cllr G Smid.

16/153: Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hardwick declared a Pecuniary Interest in Accounts Payable. A resident had submitted a complaint about Cllr Day taking part in the discussion about the Neighbourhood Plan at the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th October 2016 as, being a local landowner; he had a Pecuniary Interest and should have not taken part in the discussion.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th October 2016 had been approved at the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th November 2016 and it was agreed that Cllr Day had in fact declared an interest at that meeting.

16/154: Chairman's Report

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

- Chattertons Solicitors – there had been some delay in the paperwork regarding the Licence to Construct a Footpath, Willow Walk Pocket Park and the Transfer of Land from Persimmon due to the retirement of the solicitor but a new solicitor has now been appointed to finalise the paperwork.
- Walkway to New School – Cllr Glithero had reported that the Community Facilities Fund Working Party had approved the Parish Council's application to build a Walkway to the New School at the last meeting. However, this was only the first stage of the application process and the Parish Council will have to submit additional information by early January 2017. If the Parish Council start the project before then, it will not be eligible for any funding and the Parish Council will have to wait until hopefully confirmation is received in February 2017.

16/155: Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th November 2016: approved.

Proposed: Cllr Ford Seconded: Cllr Leuchars

Publication of Draft Minutes on the Website

It was agreed that once the Chairman or Vice Chairman has approved they will then be circulated to all parish Councillors and after a period of 5 days the Draft Minutes they will be uploaded onto the Website. It was stressed that all the Parish Councillors need to ensure they provide the Clerk with any amendments, so that any changes can be incorporated into the minutes before publication of the Draft Minutes. Any Private Minutes will not be included.

16/156: Matters Arising: Cllr Leuchars stated he is liaising with ENC about the provision of a Dog Foul Bin at Oak Lane.

16/157: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary - £252.00
HMRC - £63.00
Kings Cliffe Active - £24.00
Kings Cliffe PCC - £75.00
David Graham - £26.75
Groundworks UK - £1,223.25
Eon - £370.01
Hunt & Coombs - £600.00

Quote for Street Light opposite 22/24/26 Park Street - £1,285 & VAT. Cllr Day agreed to inspect the light before a final decision is made.

Clerk's Salary Review – the Chairman stated that as he, Cllr Day and Cllr Brown had interviewed and appointed the Clerk; they will meet to carry out the Clerk's Salary Review. Cllr Day said that maybe the Clerk could attend the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Day Seconded: Cllr Dixon

16/158: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances:- Current £23,581.56, Deposit £50,022.75, Bequest £4,755.52

Income:- ENC CFG £6,690.00, Grantscape £5,690.00

16/159: Planning Applications

None

Planning Applications granted by ENC:-

16/01021 Demolition of existing builders yard buildings to create a three bed chalet bungalow at 50 Bridge Street, KC
16/01525 Demolition of existing garage and construction of a new 3 bed dwelling at 94 West Street, Kings Cliffe
16/02000 Ash – fell, Elm – crown raise to three metres over drive and prune away building by up to two metres by end tip pruning at 2 Park Street, Kings Cliffe

It was noted that the Parish Council had objected to 16/01021 and 16/01525.

16/160: Oak Lane

See under Mr D Hawkins.

16/161: Walkway to New School/Parking in King's Forest

The Walkway to New School was discussed under the Chairman's Report.

The residents of King's Forest are concerned about parking issues during and following the construction of the New School. The residents had been asked to park away from the entrance but this is only during the construction and Northamptonshire County Council has no plans to introduce formal restrictions but access does fall under the Highway Code. It was agreed that the Chairman will contact the Chair of the Governors at Kings Cliffe Endowed School to discuss the governors' view on possible road signage discouraging unnecessary vehicle movements within the vicinity of the New School. It was noted that any resident who owns their own property and wants a dropped kerb to enable vehicular access onto their land will have to fund this themselves.

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<p>16/162: Willow Walk</p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Day and Cllr Brown will meet to discuss the paperwork regarding the Licence to Construct a Footpath, Willow Walk Pocket Park and the Transfer of Land from Persimmon.</p>	<p>AH MD RB</p>
<p>16/163: Grass Cutting</p> <p>Cllr Hardwick had obtained two further quotes for the grass cutting in the village.</p>	
<p>16/164: Allotments</p> <p>The Clerk had received one reply from an allotment tenant who was not interested in a water supply to the allotments.</p>	
<p>16/165: Burial Board Report</p> <p>Cllr Gilbert stated that the Black Wheelie Bins had not been emptied on 02/12/16. It was believed that this was due to a new crew working in the village. The Clerk will inform ENC accordingly.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>16/166: Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>It was confirmed that Mr M Burton, ENC will attend the next Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had asked local landowners to propose sites for potential future development. Under the Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston (RNOT) Plan, Kings Cliffe had been allocated 200 properties and 145 properties have already been built at the Sovereign Grange Development thus leaving 40 properties that could possibly be built at the Middle School Site and 7 properties at Daleswood Rise. However, it was agreed that there was a wish for accommodation for older people to be built at the Middle School Site so this should not be assumed as a final decision. In addition, the Department of Education has not yet approved the sale of the Middle School Site.</p> <p>Cllr Leuchars stated that the Neighbourhood Plan should state what development is desired, not what development is not desired. In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan can suggest where the desired development is located.</p> <p>It was agreed that the list of desired developments or 'aspirations' include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation for older people (Middle School Site) • Accommodation for younger people/single people/couples (Daleswood Rise) • Small Business Units • GP Surgery • Parking for Willow Lane 	
<p>It was agreed that the Chairman will contact Sharn Matthews, ENC to confirm how many properties are required to be built in the village.</p>	<p>AH</p>
<p>Cllr Leuchars had circulated a map of the current and proposed settlement boundary which was discussed. It was agreed that some adjustments need to be made.</p>	
<p>It was agreed a substantive report needs to be produced before the next meeting. Cllr Leuchars agreed to circulate an update to the Parish Councillors.</p>	<p>CL</p>
<p>16/167: Police: Crime Report</p> <p>No Crime Report had been received. The Clerk will contact the Police to find out whether the Police Crime Report</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

that used to be sent out each month will be re-established in the New Year. The Chairman reported that two hanging baskets and a trailer had been stolen in the past week.

16/168: Gazette Entry for January 2017

The Parish Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know of any information that should be included in the Gazette Entry.

16/169: Correspondence Received

There was no correspondence received that had not already been circulated.

16/170: Any Other Business:

Wildplaces have negotiated with F&A George Ltd who owns the railway cutting from Wood Lane eastwards to allow access to the public for walking. As part of the agreement, Wildplaces will be carrying out some clearance work and also arranging for kissing gates and steps to be installed to allow access to be installed to make this area easier to access. One specific requirement is that bicycles are not to be admitted. It was noted that repair work needs to be undertaken on the bridge. Wildplaces have recently undertaken clearance work of hawthorn from the common.

The Chairman expressed concern about the safety of the Bridge on Wood Lane, especially as the above would increase the number of people using this as an access to the railway. The group undertaking this work were asked to consider this to ensure safety is paramount.

It was noted that a resident had requested a 4-way stop at The Cross. It was agreed that there would be no further action on this request at present.

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 12th January 2017 in Kings Cliffe Active.

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