

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 13th July 2017 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

17/52: Present: Councillors J Atkinson, M Day, J Dixon, N Ford, D Gilbert, B. Hardwick, C Leuchars, R Meadows, and 3 members of the public

17/53: Apologies for Absence: Chairman A Howard, Councillor R Brown

17/54: Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Day stated that he would be leaving the room when the Neighbourhood Plan was discussed.

17/55: Vice Chairman's Report:

The Vice Chairman did not give a report

17/55: Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2017:

The minutes were not approved as they were thought to be only a partial account of the meeting. It was proposed that Sharn Matthews e-mail and Chris Leuchars speech at the Parish Council Meeting in June could be attached to the minutes. 17/38: Cllr Hardwick had visited the occupants of 128 Wood Road regarding the laurel hedge.

17/56: Matters Arising:

- It was agreed to pay the CALC Membership
- Allotments – there has been a number of thefts and we should be vigilant
- Potholes – Cllr Hardwick had reported the pothole near the junction of the A47 and the response was that it was not of a size suitable for treatment but would be monitored.

17/57: Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary – Melanie Carr - £375.00

Kings Cliffe Active - £16.00

Stephenson Smart (Annual Return) - £522.00

RJC Countryside Management - £882.00

E.ON - £1,173.49

CALC Membership - £500.41

Proposed: Councillor Meadows

Seconded: Councillor Ford

17/58: Financial Position: noted

Bank Balances:- Current £29,191.66, Deposit £50,028.99, Bequest £4,764.45

Income:- Cemetery £170.00, Allotment £15.00, Neighbourhood Plan Grant £1105, Bank Interest £1.04

17/59: Planning Applications

17/01145/TPO Removal of sycamore directly in front of the house at 98A Wood Road, King's Cliffe (Objection to the tree being removed and are happy with what the ENC Planner proposes).

17/01381/TCA Removal of Silver Birch to gain access to rear of property to provide off-road parking for security and safety reasons at 27 West Street, King's Cliffe (No objection to the removal but oppose the reason why it is being removed)

Planning Applications granted by ENC

None

17/60: Wood Road

Cllr Hardwick has been in touch the County Highways Department about the laurel hedge but there was not much they could tell her because of Data Protection. It was thought that at some point in the future it would be moved and it was agreed to take the item off the agenda.

17/61 Grass Cutting

The grass had been cut on the 4th July and was due to be cut at the back end of August. It was thought that maybe King's Cliffe Active could cut the grass in the intermediate.

17/62: Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Day Declared his Interest and left the room. It was proposed to elect Cllr Hardwick to Chair this item on the agenda

Proposed: Councillor Leuchars

Seconded: Councillor Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson informed the meeting that the discussions between Sharn Matthews, the EA and the planners was taking time to set up but was still planned to go ahead.

It was discussed possible proposal to submit the NP to the ENC now due to the perceived "threats" to the village, whilst we are still waiting to have the meeting with Sharn Matthews, the EA and the planners regarding the land on Church Walk.

The following was discussed:

- The ENC Local Plan which could decide development for us without our input i.e. no NP in place,
- The possibility of development at the old Middle School site without taking into consideration the villagers wishes, Doctors, Elderly Care unit etc.
- The possible development on Blatherwyke Road
- Any other development

It was further discussed that whilst we were still to have the discussion with ENC regarding the land on Church Walk, if the NP was to be submitted with the Church Walk site included as an allocated site (as apart from just a proposed site) it would possibly be rejected as previously informed by ENC due to this site being in flood zone 3. If this were the case it we/the village, would be in the same position we are now, with no "protection" of the NP and also leave the door open for the Landowner of the Blatherwyke Road field to question "why was that land included and not mine, when Blatherwyke road land is not in a Flood Zone?"

It was discussed that we would still work with ENC to try and achieve "a way forward" with the Church Walk site, also that if there was village support during the consultation period to include the Church Walk site, and have the agreement of ENC, EA and Planners, the site could still be included in the Final NP.

Therefore after these discussions, a motion was proposed "that we submit for consultation version 6 of the NP, as passed at the June meeting, without the inclusion of the land on Church Walk", whilst we continue work further with ENC on the Church Walk site. The vote was unanimous agreement.

It was decided to draw the line of the settlement boundary to the North of the village tight around the outline of the (now demolished) buildings of the old Middle School, following the line of the Open Space on the RNOT Plan

An open forum will take place for the villagers to discuss the Plan in place of the scheduled Parish Council meeting on Thursday 10th August, 7.30 p.m. at King's Cliffe Active.

17/63: Willow Walk Pocket Park

Both the lease of the Pocket Park and the licence at Station Road have been signed. The contractors now need to be given the go-ahead to start.

Proposed: Councillor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Meadows

17/64: Beech Tree

Charles Tomalin addressed the meeting regarding the recent fire in the old beech tree at the top of Willow Lane. While the tree is not thought to be in imminent danger, Charles who will be representing the Parish Council, is in discussion with the Forestry Commission and Burghley Estates over its future protection. As a short term measure monitoring equipment has been installed and a tree surgeon will be going out to inspect it to provide a written report with recommendations.

17/65: Solicitors to the Parish Council

It was agreed to look at alternative Solicitors to represent the Parish Council

17/66: Burial Board Report

There has been reoccurring problems with the bins being full and surplus bags not being taken away in the Cemetery. It was agreed to put up a notice asking visitors to take away their packaging and pots.

17/67 Police Crime Report

The reports had previously been circulated by e-mail.

17/68: Gazette Entry

Discussed and agreed.

17/69: Augean Liaison Group Report

The report was noted

17/70: Correspondence Received

Previously circulated by e-mail

17/71: Any Other Business

The Transition Group have asked permission to erect a shed on The Pytchell. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting

The Transition Group were also keen to install bike racks in the Village Hall and it was agreed that they should just go ahead with whatever they felt was appropriate.

17/72: Date of next Meeting

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14th September 2017 in Kings Cliffe Active.

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