

# KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2002 at the Kings Cliffe Community Centre

**PRESENT** Cllrs. I Hetherington (Chairman), A Urquart, L Crane, W Court, N Ford, B Howard, A Hill, D Sharpe, R Wyles

## **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Councillor A. Howard & Councillor J. Dixon

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2001 and 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2002**

These minutes were approved

Proposed : Cllr. D. Sharpe

Seconded : Cllr. N. Ford

### **PC Kevin Yorke attended the meeting and was invited to speak**

He reports an increase in level crime recently, mostly involving shed and outhouses. He asked everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious incidents. A Newsletter would be distributed shortly.

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The following accounts were approved for payment

-ABB Maintenance charge	£ 298.99
-ABB lighting repair	£ 31.96
-ACRE Subscription	£ 30.00
-NALC Subscription	£ 152.00
- ENC Rates for cemetery	£ 80.74
-District Audit	£ 436.22
-Clerk, December Salary	£ 166.6
-Curator, January Salary	£ 69.90
-Clerk, January Salary	£ 166.66

Proposed: A.Howard

Seconded: J Dixon

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

- 23 West St – Alterations to barn

Whilst no objections were raised the proposed new window openings to the frontage serious concerns were expressed over the use of non-conservation style roof lights to the rear

- **(Cllr: W Court withdrew for this item)** 29/35 Bridge St – Disabled access

No objection was raised

- 104 West St – Minor alterations

No objection was raised

- **(Cllr: W Court withdrew for this item)** 53 West St – Installation of an aerial

No objection was raised

- **(Cllrs: A Howard and B Howard withdrew for this item)** Howard Farms – Local Plan representations

A request was submitted by consultants on behalf of Howards Farms to make a presentation on their plans for future housing and industrial development on existing agricultural land. It was agreed that they should be invited to a future meeting

- Westhay Lodge Farm – Alterations

No objection was raised

## **DETERMINATION OF THE ANNUAL PRECEPT**

A proposed budget for the year 2002/03 was presented and the key areas of expenditure were considered in detail. The Council determined to maintain expenditure at much the same level as for 2001/02, £13,000 (12,800) allowing for a provision of £1500 for the renewal of outdated streetlights.

It is not expected that income in the coming year will differ from the current one.

The Council also determined to maintain reserves at existing levels (c. £3000) and to agree a breakeven budget for the year.

The Parish precept for the year will therefore be set at £12,400 (£11,500)

Proposed: A Urquart

Seconded: D Sharpe

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BURIAL BOARD**

The Council considered two tenders received following open advertising for grass cutting in the Churchyard. Tenders were received from CGM Commercial Ground Maintenance and Smith Hetherington.

The Council selected Smith Hetherington to undertake the specified work for one year on the basis that their quotation was significantly lower than that of CGM.

Old Fire Station – The opportunity for allowing the PCC to store some items in the Fire Station had been reviewed further and it was recommended and accepted that this facility could be offered to the PCC on a strictly temporary basis.

### **AMENITIES SUB COMMITTEE**

It was reported that the Daffodil-planting programme was in hand and that a number of volunteers were planting in areas on the approaches to and within the village itself

## **GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

An initial programme of events has been discussed with participating village organisations and a further meeting is to be called in February

## **OTHER CORRESPONDANCE**

- **Communicare – Defibrillator/ECG Appeal**  
The Council considered a request from the doctors' surgery (Communicare) for a donation to assist with the purchase of additional Defibrillator/ECG equipment. Councillors expressed their personal support for the project and agreed to provide help to publicise the appeal. They did not; however agree to make a donation out of ratepayers' funds.
- **Business Link – Launch of small business advice service in Thrapston**  
This new service was welcomed
- **Save Old Sulehay Appeal**  
Councillors considered an appeal from the Wildlife Trust for a donation towards the Save Old Sulehay Appeal. . Some Councillors expressed their personal support for the project. They did not; however agree to make a donation out of ratepayers' funds.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Village Directory**

To be printed and circulated prior to the next meeting. It was noted that the costs of production and printing was being funded by a donation and would therefore not involve the Council in any cost

### **2. [www.kingscliffe.org](http://www.kingscliffe.org)**

A Village website address should be maintained. It was agreed that the Parish Council should offer to meet the cost of annual maintenance.

### **3. Personal representations of a Councillor**

One Councillor requested the support of the Parish Council in a personal matter

### **4. Bushes overhanging footpaths**

It was agreed that in cases where trees and bushes growing on private property were encroaching onto public footpaths informal persuasion should be employed, wherever possible

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30 pm at the Kings Cliffe Community Centre**