

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th May 2002 at King's Cliffe Memorial Hall

02/1. Present: Cllrs.I. Hetherington, L. Crane, W. Court, B. Howard, D. Sharpe, J. Dixon, N Ford

Apologies: A. Howard, A. Hill

The Chairman noted that Vice-Chairman Adrian Urquhart had resigned from the Parish Council and had personally informed all members. He was not prepared to accept the new Code of Conduct, adopted by the Parish Council. Two vacancies on the Parish Council will be advertised in the Gazette and on the notice boards.

02/2. Code of Conduct

The members present submitted their "Declaration of Acceptance of Office" forms for countersignature by the Clerk.

02/3. Minutes: The Minutes of the AGM on 18th April 2002 were accepted.

Proposed: Cllr. N. Ford

Seconded: Cllr. J. Dixon

02/4. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

02/5. Election of Chairman

Chairman Hetherington proposed that Cllr. Court was elected chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. N. Ford

02/6. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Court enquired whether Cllr. Sharpe would be prepared to serve but she declined. He therefore asked Cllr. Hetherington whether he would be prepared to serve for a limited period of about 3 months until the Council knew what new members might be elected or co-opted.

Proposed: Cllr. Court

Seconded: Cllr J. Dixon

02/7. Register of Interests

This must be completed and submitted by 5th July, failing which the member is automatically disqualified from office. To avoid delay at this meeting it was agreed to meet again informally on Thursday 23rd May at 7.30.pm. to complete and submit the forms.

The procedure, which is recommended is that, the completed forms are sent to the responsible officer at Thrapston. A copy will be held by the Clerk at King's Cliffe and brought to every meeting of the Parish Council. In addition, each Councillor will be provided with a copy of his or her own form.

Any person wishing to see the Register at Thrapston will be required to state the reason and the particulars will be held on record. Any person wishing to see the Register at King's Cliffe will be required to apply to the Clerk in writing, stating the reason and purpose and the Clerk will record this. The Register may be examined only before the start of a Parish Council Meeting

Proposed: Cllr. W. Court

Seconded Cllr. B. Howard

02/8. Formation of Sub-Committees

Burial Board

Wilfred Court – Chairman

Jenny Dixon

Tony Hill

Andrew Howard

Norman Embleton

Robert Dixon

given. It was noted that there have been no relevant decision made in Court. In the circumstances, the PC decided that they should withdraw their offer which had been made on a goodwill basis and without prejudice and the reasons should be explained. The Burial Board chairman will try to find out the reasons for the advice given by the DAC.

It is understood that the PCC has carried out a Health and Safety survey but this Council has not seen it.

The shed in the Cemetery has been fitted with burglar proofing and the wide gates are now padlocked.

It was noted that the New Cemetery is looking very tidy, thanks to Cllr. Dixon

Village Design Group

A letter has been circulated regarding possible reconstitution and a meeting will be called soon to discuss this. (See item 8, above)

A meeting had been held with Officers and Councillors of the ENC to stress the need for an early solution to the access problem to the KC1 site and to make a survey of the next area of land. It appeared that the Council had accepted the need for these actions

02/15. Sports and Play provision in Kings Cliffe

Cllr. Howard stated that the Parish Council should consider the provision of these facilities; there are grants available – the landfill grants should also be considered.

Cllr. Sharpe had received a letter signed by 77 Middle School and Prince William pupils asking for Rollerblade and Skateboard facilities; these pupils must be admired for being so keen. They gave suggested locations i.e. the Moors, the old Station and had researched prices. It was also noted that there must be facilities to suit all ages, not just the teenagers.

Cllr Court stated there are still funds in the old Playground Committee account and some original committee members are still living in the village. He will write to them regarding this matter. Michael Day is willing to help.

It was suggested that a Public meeting should be called when all the facts, cost etc., had been collated. A letter will be sent to NCC, ENC and ACRE asking for help.

02/17. Golden Jubilee

Adrian Urquhart will print an up-to-date programme for each household. Kate Anstey is assisting him. Confirmation of insurance is required. The road closure in Hall Yard was noted

02/18. Other Correspondence received

NCC Highways – a letter from Mr. Murray was read to the Council. It was suggested that Mr. Murray should be invited to visit the village and attend the next or next but one Parish Council Meeting.

NCC Wildlife Survey – letter was given to Cllr. Sharpe regarding the Pocket parks etc.

NCC Highways Open Day at Brixworth was noted and the letter passed to Cllr. B. Howard

Several other items of correspondence were read and noted

02/19. Any Other Business

A request was made for all Parish Councillors to have a copy of the Electoral Roll. The Clerk will provide these.

A possible hazard from what appeared to be sheets of asbestos-based material was raised and the situation will be monitored.

Cllr. Ford reported a large tree in Station Road had roots, which were raising the pavement. Cllr. Court will inspect this.

Cllr. Howard again raised the matter of “raves” at the old bomb dump in the Hornstocks.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55.pm.

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Date.....

The next meeting will be held at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall on 13th June 2002