

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 11th July 2002 at King's Cliffe Memorial Hall

02/34 Present: Cllrs. W. Court, I. Hetherington, L. Crane, D. Sharpe, A. Hill, And Cllr. N Ford

Apologies: Cllr. B. Howard, Cllr. A. Howard, Cllr. J. Dixon

02/35 Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting on 13th June 2002 were accepted

Proposed: Cllr. I. Hetherington

Seconded: Cllr. N.Ford

02/36 Matters arising:

It had been reported that there was mud on the Stamford Road at the entrance to the Slipe Pit: this has since been cleaned

The walk-about to inspect road conditions with Colin Gilder from the Highways Department was rained off but is re-scheduled for Friday 19th July at The Cross at 10.00.am. (later changed to 11.am.)

The insurance premium, which is due, is recommended to be paid, although the contents have not been checked as agreed. This will be done at the earliest opportunity

Despite numerous telephone calls, the Clerk has been unable to contact the Police with regard to the burnt-out car still in Willow Walk.

The discussion on Standing Orders will be postponed until the next meeting, following receipt of the NALC model orders

It is noted that the Citizens Advice Bureau are already operating from the Resource Centre and the possibility of the PC giving them at grant towards their work may be considered

The person guilty of dumping cartons near to the bottle banks has been identified and asked to desist.

The gully in Rates Lane, which is still causing problems, will be brought again to the attention of the Highways Agency. It is believed that the problem is a blocked drain.

02/37 Accounts

Curators Salary (July 2002)	£ 132.50
Clerks Salary (July 2002)	£ 166.66
Clerk Expenses (Copying, stamps, files)	£ 38.52
Powergen (quarter ending 30.06.02)	£ 424.63
Robert J. Goodson (Combined insurance)	£ 427.01
Smith-Hetherington (mowing, various)	£ 218.00
W.R.Court (expenses)	£ 36.28
Additional item : Robert J. Goodson (insurance)	£ 298.99

Proposed : Cllr. Hetherington

Seconded : Cllr. Crane

02/38 Co-option of New Councillors

The casual vacancies must be advertised for a period of two weeks in a local press publication. Although

they have been advertised in the Nene Valley News, this newsletter is not being delivered to the village at the moment; therefore the notice on the Notice boards must remain for further 14 days. The notice has been published in the Gazette.

02/39 Planning

Applications: -

Replacement Windows 90 West Street EN/02/00423/FUL/PRH

Inadequate drawings have been supplied to ENC and those do not permit a decision to be taken. A letter will be sent to ENC to the effect that if the proposed windows meet certain criteria and agreed by the Conservation Officer, there will be no objection.

Replacement Windows Top Chapel 45a West Street EN/02/00473/LBC

The drawings supplied were very unclear as to the detail proposed. Cllr. Court will discuss this with the Conservation Officer and the Head of Planning will be asked to ensure that, especially where LBC is involved, clear and to scale plans are provided, giving all necessary information.

Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath MD2 (Apethorpe) and Creation of Two Footpaths

This proposal caused much discussion, but it was finally agreed that the Council had no material objection to the proposal

Two Storey Extension, Rose Lodge, Wansford Road EN/02/00581/FUL

Cllr Court had visited the owners and discussed these plans with them. It was decided that the sketch drawings of the plans were unachievable in fact and particulars were inconsistent. The Planning Officer at ENC will be asked to ensure that the new extensions do match the existing structure and are in character with the building.

72 West Street : Stopping-up Order

This matter has still not been resolved and the Chairman suggested a meeting should be called for the interested parties. It was confirmed that 'giving away' any pavement for parking was totally unacceptable and although the PC had earlier suggested outward opening gates, NCC had vetoed this suggestion.

02/40 Burial Board

There has been no meeting of the Burial Board. Cllr. Court had had an unsatisfactory discussion with the Diocesan Registrar regarding the on-going matter of repair of broken gravestones in the Churchyard.

02/41 Village Design Group

The sub-committee had agreed to the suggestions of the PC that they should remain as an advisory committee and would not be expected to sign the Code of Conduct documents.

Cllr. Court had reported to the Village Design Group on his attendance at an East Midlands Development Agency event at Stoke Rochford Hall on Tuesday 25th June. It was particularly intended for representatives from the “Welland Group” area. In discussion groups he endeavoured to represent a village voice as distinct from a town voice. He was glad to hear someone say that King’s Cliffe was regarded as a model for a go-ahead village preparing itself for the coming century by trying to plan its expansion and maintain its present amenities and by such projects as the Resource Centre which could mean that a rural area could support various types of business, thanks to advances in communications and information technology.

The District Council are proposing workshops for Town and Parish Councils (and this could include our Village Design Group) on 25th September and 3rd October. About 3 people expressed an interest for each day.

The County Council, with the agreement of Town and District Councils, has published a documentary “Supplementary Planning Guidance” on parking. This proposed radical control over parking, for example limiting car-parking places in new housing to average 1.5 places per house maximum. The intention is to encourage the use of public transport, cycling and walking. The Design Group felt that this is completely unworkable for the foreseeable future in villages such as King’s Cliffe. The Parish Council agreed wholeheartedly and instructed the Chairman to write to the NCC and ENC accordingly.

Finally the Village Design Group representatives had had a second meeting with Mr. Eacott (ENC) regarding the KC1 site and local needs housing. Cllrs. Richardson and Glithero were not present at this meeting. Cllrs. Court and Hetherington confirmed that there was some disquiet about the way it had been minuted and it was proposed to inform Mr. Eacott that we could not fully accept his record of the meeting and to ask for a repeat of the meeting at a time when Cllrs. Richardson and Glithero would be present to hear what we have to say at first hand. This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council

02/42 Amenities

Cllr. Sharpe reported that they were delighted with the quality of grass cutting.

(Cllr.Hetherington gave his apologies and left the meeting)

There are large quantities of ragwort at Kings Mead; this will be reported as an urgent matter for the Highways Agency and District Council. The spraying, which was used to control this last year, did not work, but did destroy many other wild flowers. The Authorities are to be asked how they intend to resolve this, if necessary by hand pulling.

(Cllr Crane gave her apologies and left the meeting)

02/43 Community Safety

There will be a Community Safety Partnership meeting at Warmington Village Hall on Wednesday 17th July at 7.30.pm. The Chairman asked for volunteers from the council to attend. Cllr. Hill hopes to be present. It is open to all members of the public.

02/44 Skateboarding Facility

A letter from the ENC legal department has confirmed that the Council does own the land at Kings Mead proposed for this project. The PC has been advised to consult the industrial tenants on this matter. Roger

Lovesay of ENC has provided much information. Cllr. Hill raised the question of maintenance and rubbish and was informed that grants are available for maintenance, which should anyway be minimal. Rubbish bins could be provided. It was suggested and agreed that a meeting should be called of interested parties and should be advertised in the Gazette and on the notice boards. This will be further discussed at the next PC meeting in August. The Council took the view that such a facility must be self-maintaining.

02/45 Parking at the Endowed School

Parents and Governors are worried about the profusion of parked vehicles dropping and collecting children from school. This will be mentioned to Colin Gilder from Highways on Friday next. A three-tier system for pedestrian, bus and car pupils was suggested, as were the extension of yellow lines in the immediate area

02/46 Standing Orders

As discussed earlier these will be dealt with at a later meeting

02/47 Other Correspondence

The Clerk will circulate Village Viewpoint to all councillors

Telephone Directory entry for KCPC: it was decided it was not necessary to pay for a further entry for the dedicated number

A letter from Phil Hope MP asked for suggestions for the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. Councillors will be looking for ideas

Rockingham Speedway: There will be a meeting of Parish Council in the area at Bulwick; as this village is little affected, all the PC can do is offer support to local parishes. Cllr. Court will attend. However, this view was challenged by one Councillor who said that she considered the majority of the village were in favour of the Racetrack and events arranged for young people in the area and the actual race days were proving to be a popular local attraction of which there are very few.

The Bank Mandate will be dealt with as and when new councillors are co-opted

A letter from Mr. Michael Day offering his services as a councillor was noted. Mrs. Brenda Wright has also expressed interest.

A e-mail confirming that NCC are willing to move the 30mph speed limit on the Apethorpe Road as far as the village sign was welcomed. An affirmative reply will be sent to them

A request from Philippa Spiegl to use the Pocket Park before her wedding reception at the Memorial Hall was agreed

Kettering Police are asking for volunteers as Special Constables. The notice will be displayed in the village and in the Gazette

New Code of Conduct Dispensations: the Chairman will ask Mrs. Ding to clarify how this provision will operate and what action is advisable for this council

NCC will be informed that Cllr. B. Howard will be the PC Representative on the board of governors of the Endowed School.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35.pm.

Signed..... Date.....

The next meeting will be held at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall on 8th August 2002