

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.15pm on Thursday 8th May 2003 in The Parlour, King's Cliffe Memorial Hall.

02/001 Present: - Councillors W.Court (Chairman), M. Day, A. Howard, D. Sharpe, L. Crane, N. Ford, B.Wyles, B. Wright, K.Howard, J.Dixon

Apologies: - Councillors B. Howard and T.Isaac

03/002 By prior arrangement, Mr. Tony Peacey talked about creating a Kings Cliffe Website and asked the Parish Council to assist in making this a possibility. He pointed out the many benefits to the village and indeed even world-wide, of a website.

Some suggestions are as follows:-

Hot news: Neighbourhood Watch for example, if an alert is received from the Police regarding suspect vehicles or persons; roads closed, accidents etc.

Up to date information on all local organisations, to avoid clashes of dates for various events. Each Club and organisation would have their own page on the website, which they could keep up to date.

Advertisements: buying, selling and wanted.

Ex-patriots, of whom there are many, could keep in touch with their roots.

Tourism: to advertise the village and its' many delights.

Civic awareness and pride in the community would be raised and this project would benefit the community in many ways.

The Council agreed that this was an excellent project and Mr. Peacey is to research it further with the Councils full backing and support.

03/003 Register of Interest and Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The documents were signed by the Councillors present and given to the Clerk to be countersigned. The prospective Councillors absent from the meeting will be required to present their documents at the beginning of the first meeting they attend.

03/004 Election of Chairman

The outgoing Chairman, Wilfred Court asked for nominations for a new chairman.

Councillor A. Howard proposed Councillor Michael Day and this was seconded by Councillor N. Ford.

Mr. Court left the meeting, after receiving the thanks of all present for the sterling work he had achieved as Councillor and Chairman over the past 30 years.

Councillors were asked to identify themselves for the benefit of new Councillors.

03/005 Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor M. Day proposed Councillor A. Howard as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Councillor L. Crane.

03/006 The minutes of the Public Meeting held on 10th April 2003 were accepted and signed

Proposed: Councillor A. Howard

Seconded: Councillor N. Ford

03/007 Matters arising

It has been established from original plans that the external paintwork on two houses in West Street should be painted and not stained. The owners will be contacted by the Chairman

03/008 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest for any items on the agenda.

03/009 Formation of Sub-Committees

It was unanimously decided that the Chairmen of all sub-committees must be Parish Councillors. A query was raised regarding the compacting of sub-committees. Councillor Wyles expressed concern that the Village Design Group was unelected but appeared to be making decisions with ENC without reference to the Parish Council. The Chairman pointed out that as unfortunately there were no immediate plans for the development of the KC1 site or any other major development this was not a cause for concern.

Burial Board

Chairman: Nigel Ford

Proposed: Councillor B.Wyles Seconded: Councillor D.Sharpe

Wilfred Court

Norman Embleton

Bob Wyles

Jenny Dixon

Tony Peacey – PCC Representative

Amenities

The meeting decided that the proposed Skateboard Park should be included in the remit of the Amenities Sub-Committee.

Chairman: Bob Wyles

Proposed: Councillor N. Ford Seconded: Councillor K.Howard

Daphne Sharpe

Laura Crane

Nigel Ford

Kevin Howard

Councillor D. Sharpe stated that ex-councillor Stephanie Gibson had indicated that she would to take responsibility for the Pocket Parks and the Council gratefully accepted this offer.

Neighbourhood Watch & Community Safety

Chairman: Brenda Wright

Proposed: Councillor B. Wyles Seconded: Councillor L.Crane

Bob Wyles

Laura Crane

Bernard Howard

03/010 Appointment of Wardens

Current appointments were noted as follows:-

Footpath Warden - John Paige

Tree Warden - Jenny Dixon

Bus Warden - Mrs. Wade

03/011 Nominations to other bodies and List of Assets

No new nominations to other bodies have been asked for, but Councillor A. Howard has asked that a list of existing nominees should be made. The list of assets was tabled.

03/012 Dates of Meetings

Meetings for the following year will be on 2nd Thursday of each month usually in the Parlour of the Memorial Hall. A list will be sent to Councillors with the next agenda.

03/013 Accounts

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had agreed to the use of a spreadsheet instead of manual book-keeping and the Council readily accepted this suggestion

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Curators Salary (May 2003)	£ 135.80
Clerks Salary (May 2003)	£ 187.50
Clerks Expenses (Feb\April)	£ 44.80
A.B.B. Lighting New Street Lights	£2267.75
W.R.Court (April expenses & mower parts)	£ 18.85
Memorial Hall Hire of rooms	£ 40.00
BT PC telephone account	£ 45.22
Smith Hetherington (grasscutting)	£ 171.00

Allianz Cornhill Insurance premium	£ 282.55
Ian Helliwell: Fee for SB Park plans	£ 100.00
Jenny Dixon : repayment of lease monies	£ 20.00 (Two years)

Proposed : Councillor J. Dixon

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

03/014 Planning

New Applications:-

New window and erection of boundary fence 7 Walkers Field
EN/03/00265/FUL/PRG

As this application needed a reply before this meeting the following comments were sent to ENC Planning as follows:-

“As no meeting will be held until 8th May I would respond that we understood that the neighbouring owner had raised an objection to this amendment. If he continues to object the Parish Council would support his objection. If he is satisfied we would have no comment to make.” W.R.Court

Two storey side extension (revised scheme) Rose Lodge EN/03/00283/FUL/PRG

It was considered that this extension was too large, out of character and would over develop the site. After a show of hands refusal was recommended..

Two storey rear extension 26 West Street EN/03/00333/FUL/PMAP

No objections

Letter from Peterborough Homes, regarding land on Blatherwycke Road

The Chairman will look at carefully into this correspondence before a full discussion can take place and the item will appear on the next agenda. In the meantime, the Clerk will write to Peterborough Homes to explain the situation

Granted and Refused Applications were noted

03/015 Petition from Catherine Ibotson

Miss Ibotson briefly outlined her proposal for a play area for small children. A lengthy discussion followed with many suggestions regarding possible sites and all the relevant problems and pitfalls. The Parish Council supports the needs for this facility but suggested that a committee should be formed of interested parties. Several councillors volunteered to be involved with this project which will be discussed further at the next meeting.

03/016 Slipe Clay Pit

It has been ascertained that Berry's Skips have been taken over by Atlantic Waste. The lack of a direction sign at the bottom of Wansford Hill is again causing vehicles destined for the pit to come into the village and a letter will be sent to Atlantic Waste requesting urgent attention to this matter.

03/17 Royal British Legion

A letter has been received regarding a New Memorial Plaque for the church and asking for a contribution. The Parish Council will write to ask for details of the names to be on the proposed plaque before making a decision.

03/18 Sub-Committee Reports :

Burial Board : A report from Wilfred Court was circulated and noted.

Village Design Group : Nothing to report

Amenities : Nothing to report

03/019 Street Lighting

An estimate for a further light in Forest Approach has been received from ABB Ltd., this will be discussed at the next meeting after residents have been consulted about the siting of this light. A second estimate to remove the redundant pole in Hall Yard will be considered.

03/20 Youth Club

Councillor D. Sharpe reported that a new Youth Club had been formed in the Resource Centre, open every Thursday evening. Youth Workers from NCC are running the organisation which the youngsters have voted to call "Underground". Equipment has been purchased with the help of a grant is expected shortly.

03/21 Community Safety & Neighbourhood Watch : Nothing to report

03/22 Skateboard Park

The plans for the proposed skateboard park have been submitted to ENC for approval. Councillor D. Sharpe report that a letter from Sport England initially said there would be a 66% grant available, but a further letter has said due to reduction in Lottery profits there would be no grants during the coming year, but that an application should still be sent for consideration as the organisation was being reformed.

During this discussion, the problems of skateboarding in the streets again raised its head; Councillor J.Dixon reported problems in West Street and the clerk has had a long discussion with Lord Elliot regarding similar problems and rowdy's in Hall Yard.

Sgt. Deane has apparently spoken to the offenders and their parents, with some success.

03/23 Other Correspondence Received

A letter from English Nature in response to the Councils request for litter to be cleared in the Hornstocks resulted in a request to speak about English Nature at a PC meeting. It was decided to decline their offer, but to ask again for the litter to be removed.

ENC: Postal numbering addition in West Street was noted

Letters from Barbara Wilshaw and Geoff Bladen regarding the request to place a litter bin in the old water pump alcove between their houses revealed that they were decidedly against the idea. The possibility of siting the new bin either beside the surgery or opposite near to the gateway of 46 West Street will be investigated.

.....Other Correspondence Received

Following an e-mail reporting the matter, the Chairman will inspect the collapsed wall in Church Walk and report his findings to the next meeting.

ENC: an e-mail was received to say the ½ year Precept had been paid.

NCC: Structure Plan: various reports and leaflets are being circulated to all Councillors

The Princess Diana Air Ambulance Appeal: a request received for a contribution to this cause will receive a reply asking if this particular Air Ambulance service would apply to this village or whether it is the Cambridgeshire service which covers this area.

Various other letters were read and noted.

03/0023 Any Other Business

Councillor B. Wyles asked for a letter to be written to the owners of the Butts Cottage asking them to trim their hedge, which is seriously overhanging the pavement in Wood Road.

Councillor D. Sharpe has volunteered to write a monthly Gazette entry on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40.pm.

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

The next meeting will be held at 7.30.pm. on 12th June 2003 in the Parlour of the Memorial Hall

