

KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th August 2003 in The Parlour, King's Cliffe Memorial Hall.

03/054 Present: -

Councillors M. Day (Chairman), D. Sharpe, N. Ford, B.Wyles, K.Howard, T.Isaac, B. Howard and A. Howard

Apologies: - Councillors J. Dixon, L.Crane & B.Wright

03/055 Declarations of Interest - None

03/056 Clerks Report

The Hawthornes – a letter was sent to Mr. Rowden; hedge cuttings have been cleared Residents of Forest Approach; a reply to has been sent regarding skateboard nuisance. A request to ENC to cut the teasels and ragwort in Kings Mead was sent and these have now been cut

The two new litter bins requested have been placed at the bottom of Willow Lane and outside the surgery

A letter to East Midlands Electricity regarding power cuts has been answered with explanations and apologies

Colemans Lane : The Housing Ass. made a partial clearance to this area but a further letter has been sent as works was not completed satisfactorily

The payment for the direction signs at the Stamford/Wansford Road will be met by Wastego & PC Howard : Councillor B. Howard will organise this matter.

A request to AMScott for direction signs from main roads to Landfill site : no response has been received

After several requests to NCC Highways the directional sign at bottom of Wansford Hill has been replaced

CAB – thank you letter received for the £250 donation made in July

Memorial Hall – confirmation of change of meeting dates for October and December to be held one week earlier in both instances

03/057 The minutes of the Meeting held on 10th July 2003 were accepted and signed

Proposed: Councillor B.Wyles

Seconded: Councillor K.Howard

03/058 Matters arising

The Council were pleased to learn that Mr. Brown will repair the wall in Church Walk

Councillor K. Howard as installed a new noticeboard by the Post Office and the second one in West Street is almost ready to install.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman, Councillors and the Clerk wished Councillor B. Wyles many happy returns on his 77th birthday

03/059 Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (Aug 2003)	£ 135.80
Clerks Salary (Aug 2003)	£ 187.50
Smith Hetherington – grass cutting July	£ 283.00
BT Telephone charges ¼ to June 03	£ 51.30
W.R.Court expenses for July	£ 15.92
Colemans Ltd.(stationery & new minute book)	£ 69.01

Proposed : Councillor A.Howard Seconded : Councillor B.Wyles

It is hereby minuted that all major items or services ordered or purchased in the name of the Parish Council, must be discussed and agreed at the monthly meetings

03/060 Planning

Erection of 4 new dwellings etc., at 14 West Street : EN/03/00605/FUL/PDM
Further letters referring to the above were noted
Enclosed garden, Wellington House : EN/03/00568/LBC/PRG: No objection
Three dormer windows 58 Wood Road : EN/03/00560/FUL/PRG : No objection
Pedestrian Gateway : Holly House West Street : EN03/00404/FUL : Granted
Renewal request :Millfields Lodge Bridge Street : EN/03/00569/RWL : Granted
Entertainment Licence, Memorial Hall 03/308/COMPEC : No objection
Conservatory, 80 Park Street EN/03/00653/FUL : Granted

03/061 Street Lighting

ABB Lighting will be asked for a quotation for an additional light in Forest Approach and for the replacement of the light outside 67 Wood Road. The owner of the tree obstructing a light in Willow Lane will be asked to prune this sympathetically.

Proposed : Councillor A. Howard Seconded: Councillor T.Isaac

03/062 Children's Play Area

Councillor T. Isaac will contact the Planning Department to arrange a meeting on site to further discuss this matter

03/063 Slipe Clay Pit

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Liaison Committee was held on 15th July, to discuss the concerns following the recent fire at the Pit. The official report of this meeting has not yet been received.

There have been complaints regarding offensive smells and dust from the site and a letter will be sent to the Environment Agency and Wastego asking them to outline their policy for dealing with these matters. Councillor D. Sharpe attended a Public Meeting at Thornhaugh regarding the re-opening of the pit off the A47 and reported that this is to be for domestic waste only.

03/064 Highways, Roads & Pavements

The Chairman has started to compile a report on road conditions in the village; however, to thoroughly inspected the many problems caused by standing water on the road, these must be inspected after heavy rainfall to obtain a clear picture of the problems. It was decided that a report will henceforth be made annually. County Councillor Padley will be asked for advice on applying for the grants available for roadworks.

03/065 Grass Cutting

Mr. Colin Smith has been asked to cut grass in several areas of the Parish which are consistently ignored by ENC. The Chairman will liaise with him on this matter.

03/066 Sub-Committee Reports:

Burial Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Board held on 11th August were circulated. The Curator Mr. Wooding is now back at work after his accident. Mr. Smith will be asked to pollard the lime trees and cut back hedges at the cemetery. The matter of the pavers under the Howard seat was resolved at this PC meeting. One of the mowers needs servicing and Councillor N.Ford will be arrange this. An offer has been made to buy one of the older trimmers. Further quotations will be requested for gate painting. A contractor will be contacted regarding repairs to the Church Wall. Mr. Court has discussed the work on tombstones with Michael Barcroft (PCC) and it is suggested the costs should be split 50/50 between the PC and the PCC. This suggested was accepted

Proposed : Councillor A.Howard

Seconded : Councillor D. Sharpe

Work on the well head in the new cemetery will begin in September
The Chairman and Councillor N. Ford will inspect the mower and trimmer in the Old Fire Station and decide upon any action needed.

Amenities

The minutes of an Allotment meeting were circulated. Many allotments are not cultivated and are in a dreadful state, although the ones which are cultivated are first-rate. The errant tenants will be contacted when the rents are next due. Tenants of the lower plots

will be informed in the autumn that the plots are to be “pegged” to size as this has increased over the years, to allow the hedge to be cut back; this will necessitate fence being taken back in some cases.

KCCA have asked for permission to use Maltings Green for the Annual Duck Race and this has been granted

Village Design Group

A meeting has been arranged in the Parlour of the Memorial Hall on 4th September

03/067 Community Safety & Neighbourhood Watch

A successful meeting was held on 14th July 2003. The re-launch of Neighbourhood Watch will be on 10th September at the Community Centre at 7.30.pm. Posters have been displayed and there will be further reminders. There will also be a leaflet drop to all houses. The next meeting will be on 1st September to finalise details of the relaunch. The “rave” at the Beech tree on Sunday 10th August was reported to the Police.

03/068 Other Correspondence Received

Countryside & Rights of Way Act – revised map of Common Land
NCC : Report of Committees (to be circulated)
NCC : Parking planning Guidance : information upon finding the Guide on line
Audit Commission : Questionnaire : to be completed
ACRE : Annual Report 2002-2003 (to be circulated)
ENC : Capital Strategy & Corporate Management Plan (to be circulated)
EM Assembly : Consultation MK and South Midlands Sub regional Spatial Strategy (to be circulated as it does contain some local references)
NCC Highways : Performance Appraisal Questionnaire : to be completed
Memorial Hall : request for nominated trustees
Rockingham Forest Trust : The Big Issue (to be circulated)
ENC : Code of Conduct case review : Questions & Answers
ENC : Supplementary Planning Guidance on Housing Land Supply : Draft
ENC : Copy of Catalysts Presentation on 19th June
Northants Open Studios : Request for written support for grant application
EN Track : Rural Transport Partnership News
ENC : Local Transport Plan Workshop – 2 October 2003
STOP : Press Release : (to be circulated)
PC Howard Ltd. : Details of vehicles & driver who demolished signs etc., Stamford Road
Request from L. Hakes to speak at this meeting
Further letter from L. Hakes after being denied the above, explaining the danger of HGV’s travelling between the wood yard and Wood Lane/West Street: this was discussed at length and will be thoroughly investigated.

03/069 Any Other Business

Councillor B. Wyles reported a bungalow in Fineshade Close is being used as an office and store by the Housing Association. A letter will be sent asking them to re-instate this as a usable property, as there is a waiting list for properties of this nature.

Councillor B. Howard raised the issue of Broadband not being available in the area. This will be investigated.

Councillor N. Ford raised the subject of overhanging briars in Church Walk. The Chairman will address this issue.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30.pm.

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

The next meeting will be held at 7.30.pm. on 11th September 2003 in the Parlour of the Memorial Hall