

# KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2004

**04/95 Present** : Chairman M. Day, B. Howard, K. Howard L. Crane, T. Isaac, B. Wright and B. Wyles and J. Dixon

Apologies : Councillors D. Sharpe, N. Ford, T. Isaac and A. Howard.

**04/96 Declarations of Interest** : None

**04/97 Minutes** : Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2004 were read, amended and approved.

Proposed: Councillor B. Wyles

Seconded: Councillor B. Howard

**04/98 Matters arising:**

Wansford Road fencing : The Chairman has this in hand

## Clerks Report

A letter was received from ENC regarding the travellers in Wood Lane; they are taking no action as they feel these people are harmless and will be moving on in the New Year, they feel they must be seen to be humane; however, they will be talking about securely gating the field in the New Year to avoid this happening again. During this report a councillor reported that these travellers have already departed. The matter of securing this land will be pursued by the Council.

Mr. Court has written regarding the nomination of Trustee for the Law and Bonney Charities by the Council. It was agreed that he should continue as a Trustee.

The Clerk felt that the Council should be informed the demolition and rebuilding of three terraced houses at 79 West Street is recommended for refusal for a variety of reason; but this decision is in the hands of ENC.

A dog bin for Morehay Lane will cost £100; this will be ordered and other parts of the village will be considered for additional dog bins.

Street lights in Kings Forest and Wood Road; this has been an ongoing saga since it was reported on 25<sup>th</sup> November; the repairs should be completed soon.

In a letter received from Planning regarding removal of trees at 104 West Street; they state they are taking no action.

Colin Gilder of Highways was contacted regarding the BUS STOP written on the road in Station Road; it is actually a bus stop but is, of effect also used for parking; we would need to officially complain if we want the writing removed.

A Councillor reported a build-up of wet leaves on the bridge pavement in Bridge Street; this was reported to ENC and dealt with the same day.

Wastego e-mailed several weeks ago to say that there was a large amount of mud on the road by the old Bomb Dump; although this was not their problem, they arranged for their sweepers to deal with this.

The Clerk had written to the Contractors responsible for the kitchens in the HA houses following complaints from residents. The reply said they were not aware of any problems; Councillors are asked to talk to the complainants and report their findings to the Clerk for further investigation.

Replies were sent to letters from Judy Floyd (comments on the Pit) and Mr. & Mrs. Hadman (hedge at new cemetery).

**04/99 Accounts** : The following accounts were approved for payment:

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 135.80
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 187.50
ABB Ltd. Lighting Repairs	£ 26.26
Anglian Water –cemetery ½ year charges	£ 23.37
W.R.Court : expenses	£ 6.09
Mrs. J. Binnington (refund on graves overpayment)	£ 125.00

Proposed : Councillor B. Wright      Seconded : Councillor K. Howard

#### **04/100 Planning**

##### **Applications:**

Single Storey extension 6 Park Close : EN/04/02106/FUL : No objection

##### **Granted : Noted**

Restoration and conversions, Huskissons Lodge : EN/04/01949/LBC

New Dwelling adjacent to 48 Bridge Street : EN/04/01843/REM

Various reserved matters Framples Field : EN/04/01584/REM (not previously seen)

#### **04/101 Apethorpe Road footpath**

Councillor B. Howard raised the subject of a footpath on the left-hand side of the road to Apethorpe. This used to be a well-defined footpath for the full length of this road; the footpath now ends at the Second Drift. He proposed that Highways should be approached and asked to reinstate this. Many residents regularly walk this road and with increased traffic volume it is now dangerous for pedestrians and the existing verges are not suitable for walking. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Highways setting out this proposal.

#### **04/102 Village Framework**

ENC have sent an update on the Public meeting held in July; despite all the discussion, it would appear nothing has changed : extract from their letter as follows:-

“The supplementary text to policy H12 reads:

*“The confines of the village is that area defined by the existing built-up area. Excluded will be free standing, individual or groups of dwellings, nearby farm buildings or other structures which are obviously detached from or peripheral to, the main built up area. Gardens or former gardens on the edge of the village, within the cartilages, of dwellings do not fall within the confines of the village.”*

#### **04/103 Hills & Holes Pit**

At the last meeting, two options were discussed regarding this area. However, Mr. & Mrs. Kirk have written to say that they have tested the soil and it is not suitable for planting the trees they had proposed. The Chairman will talk to Howard Farms and this will be raised as an agenda item at a later meeting.

#### **04/104 Road Repair Survey**

Highways had sent a reply to the Road Repairs survey; in the meantime Wood Road has been re-surfaced successfully, although Forest Approach has not yet been done. Councillor J. Dixon raised a question about the slippery surface of the road from the A47 to the Landfill Site; several cars have skidded off this road and it is considered dangerous. Debbie Strong of NCC Highways will be contacted about this and the possibility of having a speed limit on this section of road. The Chairman will liaise with Wastego and Howards regarding the provision of warning signs. A further warning to drivers will appear in the Gazette.

#### **04/105 Proposed Disaster Committee : Date of Meeting**

A Public meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30.pm. with speakers from NCC and ENC and it is hoped a committee will be formed.

#### **04/106 Allotments : letter from the new committee**

The allotment tenants have formed a committee and have asked the Council for permission to have water laid on to the site. They are proposing to ask KCEA for funds for this project. The Chairman suggested they should investigate this possibility and the details will be sorted out if and when the application is successful; he will also talk to the committee regarding the other proposals in their letter. Councillor B. Wyles stated that the allotments were in his opinion, in a disgraceful state and that rats had been seen in the area. The hedges to the allotments need trimming; the Clerk will contact the contractor who dealt with this at the cemetery. These matters will be on a future agenda.

#### **04/107 Sub-Committee Reports**

##### **Burial Board**

The monthly meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Various memorials were discussed, accepted, and approved. A quotation had been received for the repairs to the Bridge Street cemetery drive. Due to the high cost, a second quotation will be obtained. Work to repair broken headstones in the churchyard will take place soon. Following the repair work, some fallen and leaning headstones will be reset. The churchyard retaining wall (adjacent to the new Church Walk cemetery) is in need of major repairs. Quotations from local builders will be sought.

Chairman M. Day thanked Councillors Dixon and Sharpe for their hard work on this committee.

**Children's Play Area:** Nothing to report

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Councillor B. Howard had attended an Area Meeting. He reported that other villages, especially Easton-on-the-Hill, are very unhappy with the new Policing Policies and feel things were far better when Corby were controlling the area.

ENC do not have a graffiti cleaning service; the message must be conveyed to vandals that their behaviour is not acceptable. The Police have visited several families of alleged offenders but nothing can be proved. Residents are again urged to report crimes and give names where possible.

Sub-Committee Chairman B. Wright will put a notice in the Gazette regarding the forthcoming meeting.

### **04/108 Correspondence received**

Various correspondences were discussed, noted or circulated.

### **04/109 Any Other Business**

The Chairman suggested that the January meeting should be an interim meeting for urgent matters, planning and accounts only and should be one week later i.e. Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005. This was agreed

Councillor B. Howard has arranged a Safety Forum meeting in the Village Hall in June; the Council agreed to pay for the hire of the Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

**NB : The next meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005.**