

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 10th February 2004

Before the meeting proper, Mrs. Sheila Grout spoke about the Youth Club, which meets in the basement of the Village Hall on Thursday evenings. Funding is running out and in order for this popular facility to continue, further funds need to be found. Several village businesses have agreed to help with financial support. The Parish Council requested a business plan and agreed to discuss possible funding later in the meeting.

04/121 Apologies for Absence: Councillors K. Howard, B. Wyles, J. Dixon, H. Blunt (clerk)

04/122 Declarations of Interest : In respect of planning item concerning West Hay, Chairman M. Day and Councillors A. & B Howard, N. Ford, and T. Isaac declared a non-pecuniary interest. Councillor D. Sharpe will chair that discussion.

04/123 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2005 were read and approved.

Proposed : Councillor A. Howard

Seconded : Councillor B. Howard

04/124 Matters Arising

Fence at the bottom of Wansford Hill will be fixed soon.

04/125 Accounts : The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 135.80
Clerk Salary (current month)	£ 187.50
Clerk's expenses Sept-Dec 04	£ 62.12
ABB – replacement light 33 Wood Road	£ 109.59
BT - Qtr to January 2005	£ 46.94
ENC: Dog litter bin, Morehay Lane	£ 109.60
Western Towing – reflectors for Wansford Road	£ 11.89 (Cheque to H. Blunt)

Proposed : Councillor A. Howard

Seconded : Councillor B. Howard

04/126 Planning

Applications:

Phase 2 West Hay : EN/05/00023/FUL : No objections

Note: Only three councillors were able to discuss this item i.e. no quorum.

04/127 Hills and Holes Filled Pit

The proposal is to incorporate this area of council-owned land into the adjacent field owned by

Howard Farms and transfer ownership. There was no objection in principle and further discussions will take place to consider various matters including protecting the recently planted chestnut trees. The Parish Council will request the installation of a Kissing Gate for the Morehay Lane boundary from the County Council.

04/128 K-Club (Youth Club)

Following Mrs Sheila Grout's request for financial assistance prior to the meeting, councillors agreed to pay the weekly rent of £12 for the next six months. A letter will be sent to our District Councillor, Roger Glithero, asking for his help in obtaining funds from ENC. Our young people do not benefit from the leisure facilities provided in other parts of the ENC district and therefore some funding ought to be available to support facilities which local village groups provide.

04/129 Citizens Advice Bureau

A request for financial assistance was received. The chairman, Michael Day, proposed a donation of £100, with a review in 6 months time.

Seconded by Councillor D. Sharpe.

04/130 Environment Agency: Flooding Strategy

A conference is planned for later this year. This is considered an important issue following the August floods in the village and the Parish Council will send a representative.

04/131 Road Closure: Wansford Road

This road will be closed for a few weeks during the next 18 months for maintenance work.

04/132 Draft Rural Strategy

Comments received from Councillors be collated and returned ENC AND Atkins.

04/133 Revision of Clerk's Salary

Councillor Andrew Howard proposed an increase to £200 per month. This was agreed unanimously.

04/134 Sub-Committee Reports

Burial Board

Renewal of grass cutting contract for Churchyard. A quotation has been received for the year 2005/2006 from the current contractor, Smith-Hetherington. It was agreed to accept this quotation as it was considered good value and the previous work has been very satisfactory.

Proposed : Councillor A. Howard

Seconded : Councillor B. Howard

Children's Play Area No report.

Neighbourhood Watch

A meeting of village contacts was held recently. Useful discussions took place and the village is now fully covered with volunteers to distribute leaflets to all householders within the built-up area. The village co-coordinator, Councillor Brenda Wright, is to meet the county co-coordinator, David Robins, to arrange a date and location for people to bring along items, such as garden equipment, for post coding.

04/135 :Policing

PC Mark Hillyer-Smith joined the meeting and presented the crime figures for April 2004 to January 2005. He answered various questions concerning the village. In general the figures are down from the previous period except for criminal damage which mostly occurred in one night of vandalism, which remains unresolved. The Chairman thanked PC Hillyer-Smith for coming to the meeting.

04/136 Correspondence received : Various correspondences were discussed or circulated.

04/137 Any Other Business

Councillor D. Sharpe had received a report that King's Cliffe Spa was in a bad state of repair and continuing to deteriorate. It is understood that this is a listed structure due to its historical interest and the owner is expected to keep it in good order. ENC will be informed (copy to Southwick Parish) and asked to inspect it and take appropriate action.

Forest Approach has still not been re-surfaced. The Highways Agency will be asked for a date for this work.

It was reported that dog fouling is a problem in the recently planted Millennium Wood. A note will be placed in the Gazette asking for dog owners to keep the paths and rides free of dog mess. The owners, the Woodland Trust, will be asked for advice.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm.