

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 10th March 2005

04/137 Apologies for Absence: Councillors K. Howard, B.Wright, T.Isaac. L.Crane, M.Day (Chairman). The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chairman A. Howard.

04/138 Declarations of Interest : In respect of planning item regarding 46 West Street, Councillor D. Sharpe declared an interest. Councillors A & B Howard declared an interest in the agenda item "Hills & Holes Pit".

04/139 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2005 were read and approved.

Proposed : Councillor N.Ford

Seconded : Councillor B. Wyles

04/140 Matters Arising – none

04/141 Clerks Report

Concern was expressed at the mud on the road outside the Bullimores quarry adjacent to the A47 I have contacted Collyweston and Duddington PC's and Bullimores and have been told by Duddington as they have a good relationship with Bullimores I should leave it to them; however I am still following this up. Bullimores have not replied to my e-mail.

Following the report that The Spa is in very bad repair the Conservation officer at ENC will investigate; it is actually within the Southwick Parish boundary. The request for a Kissing Gate at the Hills and Holes footpath is being considered by NCC/Highways.

Signs have been placed in the Millennium Wood, asking dog owners please to keep it clean following the report in the February minutes.

Renewals for allotment tenants have been sent to all tenants. They have been asked to ensure their allotments are tidy and no sheds should be erected without permission. Councillor B. Wyles provided the meeting with photographs showing the sad state of some of the plots and many unauthorised sheds.

As always, various lights outs have been reported to and repaired by ABB Ltd.

A complaint has been received regarding the proposed closure of the Wansford Road, suggesting that traffic lights should be employed and the road not actually closed. We have no actual date, but the closure is necessary to ensure speed of repairs and the safety of the workers.

Letters have been sent to local builders asking for quotes to repair the new cemetery wall.

ENC Planning has received complaints about the demolished wall next to the Bakery. The Enforcement Officer will investigate this.

Thank you very much for my salary increase

04/142 Accounts: The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 135.80
Clerk Salary (current month)	£ 187.50
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ABB – replacement light 33 Wood Road	£ 26.26
Citizens Advice Bureau donation	£ 200.00
Colemans Ltd; Office supplies	£ 48.03
NALC : Annual subscription	£ 179.00
Matt Day : Wansford Hill fence	£ 50.00
Village Hall (Hire of hall)	£ 149.00
Resource Centre (Youth Club)	£ 36.00
ACRE Subscription	£ 31.00
Finnemore & Son (Gravestone repairs)	£ 200.00

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04/143 Planning

Applications:

Installation of satellite receiver : 46 West Street EN/05/00264/LBC (retrospective)

No objection

Division of dwelling to two dwellings : 49 Bridge Street EN/04/02321/FUL

The PC replied to ENC commenting that the French windows and balcony to the rear were not in keeping

Hardwood conservatory : 76 Park Street EN04/02540/FUL & LBC : Granted

Restoration/ conversion of farm buildings, Huskissons Lodge : EN/04/01948/FUL : Granted

Erection of 4 dwellinghouses : Wood Yard, Wood Lane EN/04/00139 : Appeal dismissed

04/144 Hills and Holes Filled Pit

This will be an item on the April 2005 agenda as the Chairman is dealing with this

04/145 Request for use of Maltings Green

Application from the KCGA and a parishioner to use the Green for events was approved.

04/146 Parking in the Village

This item was raised by Councillor B. Wyles and the problems were discussed at length. It was suggested that the Surgery be asked to display a sign asking for patients to park carefully, as buses and lorries frequently have to ask for cars to be moved. The advice from the Police is to note any problems and attempt to negotiate with anyone causing a regular nuisance. A note regarding this will be printed in the Gazette. A point raised was that residents should get preferential treatment and that many residents do have off-road parking, but do not always use it. A Councillor suggested that in some area, parking bays could be the answer. This will be discussed with NCC Highways.

04/147 Community Planning Network

Councillor Sharpe attended a presentation and workshop on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement. This is a joint statement by all four district councils in North Northamptonshire. In future the wider plan for the area will be known as the 'Local Development Framework'. The LDF will replace the current local plans and the County Structure Plan.

The workshop discussed and made comments on the proposed consultation process with local people and groups. This consultation process involves planning proposals and individual planning applications and how this ties back to the LDF.

Councillor Sharpe recommends that the Parish Council comments should be the same as the conclusions of the workshop who were all in agreement which was amazing as there were about 20 people there. The summary will be received early next week from Karen Edwards of the Rockingham Forest Trust, who ran the evening.

The Vice-Chairman thanks Councillor Sharpe and her recommendations were approved and the questionnaire will be completed and returned to RFT.

04/148 Sub-Committee Reports

Burial Board

A meeting was held on 28th February. PGR will be repairing the ruts in the cemetery drive soon. The mower and strimmer have gone to G P Lawnmowers in Stamford for servicing and repairs. Various memorial applications were approved.

In the Churchyard the repair work to headstones has been completed. These stones and several others are to be reset. Tony Peacey has volunteered to repair the broken gatepost.

The Board recommends that more councillors should join the group as work on the new cemetery needs to be started soon. It was agreed that as a number of Councillors were absent at this meeting we would defer the formation of any such group to the next meeting

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.

Councillor Sharpe said there was much work to be done before the new cemetery would be ready for use. The plans must be revised and prioritized. The fees for interments and memorials are to be revised.

A request for a memorial was agreed by the Council

Children's Play Area No report.

Neighbourhood Watch : No report

04/149 Correspondence received :

Various correspondences were discussed and will be answered. Others were circulated.

04/150 Any Other Business

Councillor B. Wyles voiced his concerns regarding motorists ignoring the village speed limits. The Vice-Chairman reported that the Police had cautioned several offenders.

Councillor B. Howard has volunteered to arrange a "litter-pick"

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual Public Meeting on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall