

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th December, 2005.

05/109 Present: Chairman M. Day, Councillors B. Wyles, D. Sharpe, J. Dixon, B. Howard, N.Ford, and B. Wright.

05/110 Apologies for Absence: Councillor L. Hakes and T. Isaac

05/111 Declarations of Interest: The Chairman declared an interest in Planning item for 30 Bridge Street and Councillors B & A. Howard and Councillor N. Ford in agenda item 7.

05/112 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November were read and approved.

Proposed : Councillor B.Wyles Seconded : Councillor N.Ford

05/113 Clerks Statement

The street lights in Wood Lane have again been changed; the orange lights were not acceptable to the residents and white lights and new lamps have been fitted. The residents are very pleased with the results.

Green Waste petition : I have received a letter from Phil Hope and so apparently has everyone who signed the petition.

Mud on the road at Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate : Following a complaint from a parishioner, I contacted them and consequently spoke to Apex Haulage who are causing the problem. They have commissioned a road sweeper for Tuesdays and Thursday whilst the problem is present.

The Chairman and I met Andy Leighton from NCC Highways on Monday to discuss traffic calming measures on Wood Road. He will compile a report and let us have his comments. There will be further speed checks on Bridge Street on 20th December.

We have received a thank-you letter from the British Legion for our contribution to the Poppy Appeal; this was the purchase of a wreath.

I have written to PC Mark Hillyer-Smith on behalf of the PC thanking him for his hard work and wishing him luck in his new post.

Amongst the correspondence is a letter from NCC regarding the cost of grass-cutting; Charlie Foster has told me to ignore this; we get a regulation 4 cuts a year, more if the grass grows above a certain height, last year we had 6 cuts.

The smashed bollards on the A47 junction have again been reported to Highways; no reply has been received. Ditto the barrier at the bottom of Wansford Hill; this has now been passed on the Street Doctor. I have requested that the street signs and signpost be cleaned.

Wood Lane seat : The new seat has now been fixed.

We would like to thank Councillor K. Howard for repairing the boarding on the old Fire Station.

05/114 Matter Arising from the minutes

Street Lights : The Chairman asked Councillors for their comments on the proposed new street lights in the village. He will liaise with Gill Corner from ABB Ltd., to ascertain costs and sites for various new lights.

05/115 Accounts : The following accounts were approved for payment

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
Curators Salary (January – no meeting)	£ 140.00
Clerks Salary (January – no meeting)	£ 200.00
Smith Hetherington : Grass cutting etc.,	£196.00
ABB Ltd : Maintenance to December	£375.00
ABB Ltd : Replacement lights in Wood Lane	£325.85 (1 cheque for both items)
M.Day : Construct & fix new seat	£100.00

Proposed : Councillor A. Howard

Seconded : Councillor D.Sharpe

05/116 Planning

Applications

Extension to Warehouse , West Hay : EN/05/02232/FUL : No Objection

Two Storey Dwelling & Garage, 33 Wood Road : EN/05/02306/FUL : No Objection

Replacement windows : 30 Bridge Street : EN/05/02344/FUL : No Objection

Granted

Extension to garage, 75 West Street : EN/05/01737/FUL : Noted

Erection of front porch : 2 Park Close: EN/05/01829/FUL : Noted

05/117 Hills & Holes Pit : various correspondence

No reply had been received from Mr. Ibotson regarding this land; it was therefore unanimously agreed that the Chairman would enter into negotiations with Howard Farms and report to the next meeting.

05/118 Precept for 2006

The PC agreed that the precept for 2006 should be the same as 2005.

Proposed : Councillor J. Dixon

Seconded : Councillor B. Wyles

05/119 Entrack : Old Railway Line

A letter from Entrack was read to the Council by the Chairman. The Thornhaugh Association are

making tentative enquiries into the opening of the disused railway between King's Cliffe and Nassington to make it a cycle and footpath.

The PC supported the idea and Entrack will be informed of this decision.

5/120 Sub-Committee Reports

Burial Board

The maintenance of gravestones in the Churchyard was discussed; it was decided that the work must be done; Councillor D. Sharpe will contact the PCC and liaise with them on this matter; considerable expense will be involved in re-siting and securing old gravestones safely.

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

Councillor J. Dixon said that the work required on the Pitchell wall should be carried out with some urgency. This has previously been authorised.

05/121 Other Correspondence Received

Various correspondences were noted or circulated.

05/122 Any Other Business

Councillor B. Howard reported the incidence of a "rave" at the old bomb dump; this is actually out of the Parish, but the Police were informed and in attendance. He also reported that the road surface on the lay-by by the post-box on Park Street needed attention. This is currently being repaired. He also raised the point that the verge beside the houses at the top of West Street was being badly cut-up by parked traffic. The PC have asked in the past for "grass blocks" to be used in this area, but Highways replied that this is something they do not undertake. A further suggestion was made that lights were needed at the A47/Stamford Road junction, but this again is out of the Parish and beyond PC jurisdiction.

Councillor A. Howard said he had access to a large quantity of daffodil bulbs for planting in public areas; anyone requiring these should contact him.

Councillor B. Wyles stated that when contacting the Police, the best number to call was Corby; this was noted. He complained that the new roundabout on the Collyweston slip road was proving to be quite hazardous; the Chairman suggested that everyone should be aware of the dangers and negotiate this change of priorities carefully.

Councillor D. Sharpe reminded the Council it was time to ask for grass cutting estimates for 2006.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45.pm. There will be no meeting in January

The next meeting will be on 2nd February 2006.

