

## KING'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall parlour.

**10/160 Present :** Chairman A. Howard, Councillors M. Day, G. Kingston, L. Crane, C. Williams, B. Wyles and District Councillor R. Glithero

**10/161 Apologies for Absence :** Councillors M. Wharton, J. Dixon, K. Howard, and B. Howard

**10/162 Declarations of Interest :** Councillor M. Day and Councillor G. Kingston declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 : KCASP : Proposed changes to lease

**10/163 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>h</sup> January 2011 :** Approved

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams

Seconded : Councillor M. Day

### **10/164 Matters arising**

Councillor B. Wyles considers the signpost to Corby into Station Road is too high.

### **10/165 Clerks report**

A leak in the pavement at 116 Wood Road has been repaired by Anglian Water; they have turned off the water as the property appears to be empty.

Fly tipping : although there has been rubbish dumped in a field in Willow Lane, ENC say this is the responsibility of the land owner. The bottles and rubbish by the river in Maltings Green – Katy Weeks accepts this is probably caused by youths hanging around when the Underground Club is in progress and has promised to clear it.

All objections regarding the KC1 site sent by e-mail or hard copy have been replied to politely, although in some cases this was difficult.

A letter was received from Underground thanking the PC for their annual donation.

The Clerk would like to thank Chairman Andrew Howard and Councillor Michael Day, two very busy gentlemen, on behalf of Kings Cliffe for all their help and hard work during the last two months, dealing with the very complex KC1 and KCASP issues. No-one expects thanks, but Kings Cliffe should be aware of just how much Parish Councillors do behind the scenes, bearing in mind recent, complicated issues, to keep the village and all its services running smoothly.

### **10/166 Accounts payable :** Approved

Curators Salary (current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (current month)	£ 200.00
British Telecom telephone charges ¼ to Jan	£ 83.84
Richard Brown (curator) pollarding lime trees	£ 336.00
Nicholas Evans : renovations to Old Fire Station	£ 1,820.22

Proposed : Councillor G. Kingston

Seconded : Councillor M. Day

### **10/167 Planning**

#### **Applications**

50a Bridge Street: 3 year consent to let residential annex : EN/10/02222/FUL

The Parish Council object to residential consent being given for this annex

### **10/168 KCASP : Proposed changes to lease**

This has been a very complicated issue; there have been delays and disagreements as to the wording of the lease. The Parish Council have asked KCASP and associated bodies to keep them informed at an early stage of any developments to avoid this happening in the future.

The minute below accompanied the lease papers, duly signed, to KCACSP, SWEET and Chatterton solicitors:-

At a meeting of Kings Cliffe Parish Council on Thursday 10th February 2011 the Council unanimously agreed to sign the Legal Charge and Deed of Variation for KCACSP.

Proposed : Councillor C. Williams    Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

A list of those present at the meeting was also included.

### **10/169 Highways : Give Way & diversion to Corby signs**

The "Corby" direction sign has been placed on the signpost at the Park Street/Station Road junction. The proposal for a zebra crossing between Willow Lane and Forest Approach was discussed and agreed, NCC will be informed. It is noted that several kerbs have been dropped at the West Street/Wood Road junction. There will be further discussion on the traffic calming measures proposed by NCC.

### **10/170 Old Playground Committee : funds dispersal: letter from Mr. Court**

Mr. Court has delivered a cheque for £ 428.92 to the Clerk. This will be banked and the same amount given to KCASP Ltd., as agreed, towards the play equipment at the Sport Project.

### **10/171 KC1 : Letters from residents**

The Clerk received many letters and e-mails complaining that the Parish Council were not addressing this matter in an appropriate manner. This is totally incorrect. Chairman A. Howard said residents had been misled and incorrectly advised in their interpretation of the planning issues involved; the current application was to discuss reserved matters only, not the number of dwellings; this had been agreed by the Government in 2008 and overturning this decision was not an option. However, several outstanding issues i.e. phasing of the building possibly over four years were addressed by ENC. We must turn to the benefits the village has gained from the developers; a play area for children adjacent to the Club; a field for general recreational use above the railway line, traffic calming measures on Wood Road as well as a pedestrian crossing.

### **10/172 Local Liaison Group meeting : report of meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Councillor M. Day attended this meeting and reported that several interesting issues were raised. These matters will be discussed further when more details are known.

### **10/173 Report on Local Parish Forum re Augean appeal**

The Chairman has attended meetings of the Local Parish Forum to discuss the Augean submissions. The discussion was mainly concerning a proposed local referendum on the concerns of LL Nuclear Waste. A new Government White Paper legislation allows parish precincts to hold a referendum or parish poll, if requested by a sufficient number of parishes. A referendum, if called, would have to be in April. Advice will be taken from ENC regarding this complicated and new legislation, they will require proof that it is the genuine wish of the community. There are concerns that some villages who do not have a Parish Council would find it difficult to meet the costs incurred. In this case, a small turnout would be considered disadvantageous to the issue. If a poll is taken, the results would be sent to Eric Pickles M.P., Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

### **10/174 Cornforth Homes Trustees**

No correspondence has been received regarding Trustees to be adopted as PC representatives. The Clerk will contact their Clerk.

### **10/175 Request for light to be removed 112 West Street**

The new owner of this property has asked if it is possible for the light above the property to be removed. These lights were fitted more than 30 years ago with the agreement of the owners at that time. A Councillor will discuss this with the lady involved to find an amicable agreement on this matter.

### **10/176 Gazette Entry for February : Discussed and agreed**

### **10/177 Burial Board**

Councillor M. Day has spoken with Guy and James Adams regarding the removal of wire and hedge trimming. The Curator will side the hedge from the cemetery side. Within the sale agreement, this hedge is to be cut and laid professionally when it is considered suitable. It is hoped that whips will be planted along the new boundaries in the Autumn.

A dead tree between the churchyard and the Pitchell will be inspected with a view to removal.

A pest control firm from Easton-on-the-Hill have agreed to survey the cemetery to assess what steps should be taken regarding the rabbit problem.

A letter received from Stapleton's Solicitors has informed the PC that a very generous bequest has been left to the Cemetery by the late Mrs. Jessie Bevin. This has been gratefully accepted and will be deposited in a dedicated bank account for use as required.

### **10/178 Neighbourhood Watch : nothing to report**

### **10/179 Other Correspondence Received : discussed or circulated to Councillors.**

### **10/180 Any Other Business**

Councillor C. Williams reported that a 'tree' is growing out of the church steeple. This has been reported to the Church.

Councillor B. Wyles reported that Coleman's Lane is in need of a thorough tidy-up. This will be requested. He also reported that Wansford Road, between the airfield and Rose Lodge is in need of urgent repair.

District Councillor Glithero gave a brief report. He was pleased to report there will be no Council Tax increase and that ENC have already achieved almost one million pounds of the 2.4 million cuts to be made, with only two redundancies so far. The next million will be more difficult. There will be cuts to the Tourist Centre and the Swimming Pools; in addition, not more large grants will be given.

A new contract for rubbish collection is being negotiated; one of the changes to be made will be no more re-cycling boxes, wheelie bins will be given in place of these, one bins for all recyclable rubbish.

The Chairman thanked the District Councillor and closed the meeting at 9.30.pm.

The next meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30.pm. in the Memorial Hall Parlour.