

## Kings Cliffe Parish Council.

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30pm and held at Kings Cliffe Memorial Hall.

<p><b>24/32 Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Councillor M. Day declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application NE/24/00459/TCA/ Chair J. Atkinson declared a pecuniary interest in planning application NE/24/00452/TCA</p> <p><b>24/33 Presents</b> - Chair J. Atkinson, Vice-Chair M. Stewart, Councillors R. Meadows, M. Day, D. Balmer, R. Isaac, G. Smid, G. Holland, T. Copeland.</p> <p><b>24/34 Unitary Councillors</b> – All Unitary Councillors were invited. None attended. No apologies received.</p> <p><b>24/35 Apologies of Absents</b> – Councillors A. Howard &amp; M. Tank.</p> <p><b>24/36 Chairman’s Report</b> None</p> <p><b>24/37 Minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b></p> <p>Proposed: Councillor G. Smid Seconded: Councillor R. Isaac</p> <p><b>24/38 Any Matters Arising</b> None</p> <p><b>24/39 Accounts Payable</b></p> <table><tr><td>Clerk’s Salary and expenses</td><td>£475.75</td></tr><tr><td>Npower</td><td>£1121.28</td></tr><tr><td>Eyelid Productions</td><td>£100.00</td></tr><tr><td>Kevin Howard (grass cutting)</td><td>£250.00</td></tr><tr><td>The National Allotment Society</td><td>£66.00</td></tr><tr><td>E-on Streetlight maintenance</td><td>£568.20</td></tr><tr><td>Clear Councils Insurance</td><td>£306.34</td></tr><tr><td>Goodsons Insurance Brokers</td><td>£1018.89</td></tr><tr><td>NCC (emptying dog waste bins)</td><td>£62.90</td></tr><tr><td>MC &amp; J Day (grass cutting)</td><td>£576.00</td></tr><tr><td>Kings Cliffe Memorial Hall (room hire &amp; key deposit)</td><td>£71.50</td></tr><tr><td>Kings Cliffe Memorial Hall (office rental)</td><td>£600</td></tr></table> <p><b>24/40 Amounts Received</b></p> <table><tr><td>Precept</td><td>£35,000</td></tr></table> <p>Proposed: Councillor D. Balmer Seconded: Councillor T. Copeland</p>	Clerk’s Salary and expenses	£475.75	Npower	£1121.28	Eyelid Productions	£100.00	Kevin Howard (grass cutting)	£250.00	The National Allotment Society	£66.00	E-on Streetlight maintenance	£568.20	Clear Councils Insurance	£306.34	Goodsons Insurance Brokers	£1018.89	NCC (emptying dog waste bins)	£62.90	MC & J Day (grass cutting)	£576.00	Kings Cliffe Memorial Hall (room hire & key deposit)	£71.50	Kings Cliffe Memorial Hall (office rental)	£600	Precept	£35,000	
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<p><b>24/41 Financial Position</b></p> <p>Bank Balances: As of 3rd May 2024  Current £58,662.00  Deposit £71,352.79: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field (<b>Hypothecated Reserves</b>)  Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £853.92: (<b>Hypothecated Reserves</b>)  Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver:Section106Lap&amp;Leap (<b>Hypothecated Reserves</b>)£62,342.68 as of 31/3/23 (Statements Annually)  Cambridge BuildingSocietySaver:Section106Lap&amp;Leap (<b>Hypothecated Reserves</b>) £60,482.94 as of 31/12/22 (Statements Annually)</p>	
<p><b>24/42 Internet Banking Update</b></p> <p>The Clerk is awaiting advice before completing the banking form.</p>	
<p><b>24/43 Audit</b></p> <p>The Annual audit of the Parish Council Return form has been completed and agreed it was then signed by the Chairman and Clerk will send PKF Littlejohn, the External Auditors.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>24/44 Planning Applications</b> - - <a href="https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/</a></p> <p><b>NE/24/00459/TCA/</b> Tree Work in Conservation Area. T1 - T2 Sycamore - fell; T3 Beech - reduce by 3m; T4 Sycamore - prune by 2m. <b>100 Wood Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6XR</b> Recommend Refusal (object) The Parish Council, however, would be happy with a crown reduction. Councillor M. Day proposed supporting this application.</p> <p><b>NE/24/00452/TCA/</b> Tree Work in Conservation Area. T1 Conifer - height reduction by 4m. <b>30 West Street Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XA</b> Recommend Approval (support)</p> <p><b>NE/24/00525/OHL</b> - Overhead Electricity Line Consultation. Application of exemption for the installation of 1 pole and 1 additional stay wire as part of a wider refurbishment scheme. <b>Station Road Kings Cliffe</b> Recommend approval (support)</p>	
<p><b>24/45 Planning Applications Granted by NCC</b></p> <p><b>NE/24/00239/FUL</b> - Single storey side extension and new roof lights. <b>55 West Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XB</b></p>	
<p><b>24/46 Mobile Phone for the Parish Council</b></p> <p>It has been agreed in principle, to change from a land line to a mobile sim-only contract. We need to find out which phone company gives the best signal in the Undercroft in the Memorial Hall, as this is where the office will be.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>24/47 Direct Debit for Energy Supply</b></p> <p>It was agreed to pay the energy invoice by direct debit.</p>	
<p><b>24/48 Parish Council Grants</b></p> <p>It was agreed to open the Parish Council grant scheme on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June and the closing date will be Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July. It will be advertised on our Facebook page, Community Facebook pages, the Parish Council website and the Gazette</p>	Clerk

<p><b>24/49 Parish Council Marquees</b>  It was agreed to add intentional damage of the storage boxes in the deposit terms &amp; Conditions. The cost of the marquee hire fee will be raised to any new hirers to £250 from £100, any monies received from the hire of the marquees will be ring fenced in order to carry out repairs or replacement if necessary.  It was also agreed that Kevin Howard should be able to charge for the transportation of the marquees if needed. This should be a separate agreement between Kevin and the hirer.</p>	
<p><b>24/50 Grass Cutting Around the Village</b>  It was agreed to allow Kevin Howard to build a lockable compost bin on the Village Field to dispose of the crass cuttings collected from cutting the grass around the village. Vice-Chair M. Stewart will meet with Kevin to discuss a suitable location.</p>	Vice-Chair M. Stewart
<p><b>24/51 Training Courses</b>  Vice-Chair M. Stewart attended a Chairman &amp; Leadership Course run by Ncalc.  It was agreed that the whole Parish Council should attend a Fresh Start course. The Clerk will contact Ncalc to agree a date</p>	Clerk
<p><b>24/52 Playground Repairs</b>  The clerk contacted 3 companies to carry out repairs highlighted in the annual inspection report but was unsuccessful in finding a company able to carry out the work.  The Clerk will try to find an independent qualified repairer to carry out the repairs and ask for a price for the spare parts needed from the playground installer.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>24/53 Speed warning signs</b>  We have been successful in obtaining a grant for the installation of the speed warning signs. We now have to apply for a licence to put them up from Northants County Council before we can purchase the units and have them installed.</p>	
<p><b>24/54 Road and footpath repairs</b>  A 'walk around' meeting has been arranged by Councillor R. Isaac between the Parish Council and Northants County Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024. We will highlight the need for the footpaths and road to be repaired and confirm the location of the broken culvert on the Apethorpe Road.</p>	Cllr. R. Isaac
<p><b>24/55 Reports from our Representatives</b>  Councillor R. Isaac attended a meeting at Kings Cliffe Active where the success of the Cricket Club was discussed</p>	
<p><b>24/56 Burial Board Report</b>  The footpath in the churchyard is in need of repair. Councillor T. Copeland is obtaining quotes and funding options</p>	Cllr. T. Copeland
<p><b>24/57 Gazette entry – July 2024</b>  Discussed &amp; Agreed</p>	
<p><b>24/58 Police: Crime Report/JAG</b>  None</p>	
<p><b>24/59 Correspondence Received</b>  The Contract for the Clerk's Office was received and agreed subject to the insurance clause. The Clerk will investigate Insurance to cover the office equipment.</p>	Clerk

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Kings Cliffe Memorial Hall.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_