

# Kings Cliffe Parish Council

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council Was held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

<b>23/456 Declarations of Interest</b> – Cllr. M. Stewart declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application NE/23/01314/LBC & NE/23/01331/FUL. Cllr. M. Tank declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application NE/24/00087/FUL.	
<b>23/457 Presents</b> – Chairman A. Howard, Vice-Chairman M. Day, Cllrs. T. Copeland, M. Stewart, M. Tank, R. Meadows, G. Smid & R. Isaac.	
<b>23/458 Unitary Councillors</b> – All Unitary Councillors were invited, none attended. No apologies.	
<b>23/459 Apologies for Absence</b> – Cllrs. J. Atkinson, G. Holland & D. Balmer	
<b>23/460 Chairman's Report</b> The Chairman reminded Councillors to be cautious when making comments on social media, as it could be interpreted as a Parish Council view rather than a personal viewpoint.	
<b>23/461 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	
Proposed: Councillor T. Copeland	Seconded: Councillor R. Isaac
<b>23/462 Any Matters Arising</b>	
<b>23/463 Accounts Payable</b>	
Clerks Salary & expenses	£497.50
Npower	£5065.53
Price Bailey	£301.50
<b>23/464 Amounts Received</b>	
Allotments	£236.25
Ncalc Refund	£307.20
Proposed: Councillor T. Copeland	Seconded: Councillor M. Stewart
<b>23/465 Financial Position</b>	
Bank Balances: As of 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	
Current £35,714.65	
Deposit £71,086.94: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field ( <b>Hypothecated Reserves</b> )	
Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £850.74: ( <b>Hypothecated Reserves</b> )	
Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver:Section106Lap&Leap ( <b>Hypothecated Reserves</b> )£62,342.68 as of 31/3/23 (Statements Annually)	
Cambridge BuildingSocietySaver:Section106Lap&Leap ( <b>Hypothecated Reserves</b> ) £60,482.94 as of 31/12/22 (Statements Annually)	
<b>23/466 Internet Banking update</b> The Chairman is in the process of arranging this with the bank.	

<p><b>23/467 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/23/01314/LBC</b> - Refurbishment and alteration works to existing dwelling, as per Heritage Impact Assessment (2.0 Schedule of works and 6.0 Alterations - Impact and Justification)  <b>1 Park Street Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XN.</b> Recommend Approval (support). However, there was concern that the property was being renovated with an additional bedroom but has no parking facilities.</p> <p><b>NE/23/01313/FUL</b> - Refurbishment and alteration works to existing dwelling, as per Heritage Impact Assessment (2.0 Schedule of works and 6.0 Alterations - Impact and Justification)  <b>1 Park Street Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XN .</b> Recommend Approval (support). However, there was concern that the property was being renovated with an additional bedroom but has no parking facilities.</p> <p><b>NE/23/01331/FUL</b> - Installation of an approximately 4.3km below ground pipeline as a diversion to an existing pipeline at Collyweston - <b>The Drove Collyweston</b> Recommend Approval (support).</p> <p>An additional planning application was received after the agenda was published and the Clerk was unable to obtain an extension.</p> <p><b>NE/24/00087/FUL</b>- Part conversion of existing detached single garage with new canopy link, construction of new larger single garage to side, composite cladding to converted and new garage, internal alterations with door and window alterations, installation of solar panels. <b>1 Orchard Lane Kings Cliffe, PE8 6YA</b> Recommend Approval (support)</p> <p><b>23/468 Planning Applications Granted by NCC</b></p> <p><b>NE/23/01237/FUL</b> - Single storey rear extension - <b>57 Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XH</b></p> <p><b>NE/23/01127/FUL</b> – Proposed replacement of garage/cart shed with new garage/cart shed – <b>24 Park Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XN</b></p> <p><b>23/469 Flooding Update</b>  The Clerk sent photos and a flooding report Ziggy Westphal at NCC but was told that it was not in his capacity to offer any further help. The Clerk was advised to contact flood and water for further assistance, which has been done.</p> <p><b>23/470 Memorial Hall Flooding</b>  The drains have been cleared outside the Memorial Hall and are now working.</p> <p><b>23/471 Biodiversity Policy</b>  The template Biodiversity Policy was looked at and Councillors will send further comments to the Clerk so the Policy can be finalised before the next meeting.</p> <p><b>23/472 N Power – issues with Charges</b>  Npower apologised for not sending out a notice of increase letter but as the price rise was going to happen there was nothing further they could do. The Clerk took advice from Nclac who advised to pay the outstanding invoice and find another supplier. The Clerk will obtain energy quotes from other companies.</p> <p><b>23/473 Street Light Conversion to LED's</b>  The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes for this and will update at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>23/474 Training Courses</b>  It was agreed that the Clerk will go on a Year End Audit &amp; Accounts Course.</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor M. Tank  Seconded: Councillor T. Copeland</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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<p><b>23/475 Grass Cutting Around the Village</b> KCA will be holding a meeting during which it will be decided if they will continue to cut the grass around the village. The clerk will contact KCA on Tuesday to confirm their decision. If it is decided that they will not continue, the Clerk will obtain quotes from other companies and circulate to Councillors who will then agree on a contractor via email. This is because the grass may need cutting before the next meeting.</p> <p><b>23/476 Playground Inspection</b> The Clerk obtained three quotes for the playground inspection and have agreed that we will use Wicksteed for the inspection.</p>	Clerk
<p>Proposed: Councillor M. Tank Seconded: Councillor T. Copeland</p> <p>In response to a comment made by a resident it was agreed that the Parish Council would look into making improvements and purchasing new equipment for the playground.</p> <p><b>23/477 Village Field</b> The Cricket club held their meeting and will hold a follow-up meeting next month, if a viable team can be found then the cricket club will come to us to talk about using the village field. The Parish Council are aware that there is a lot of speculation and rumours on social media about how the village field is going to be used and how this will impact its current use. The Clerk will write to representatives of the football club and KC Active to reiterate the stipulations the Parish Council have agreed and also put a post on the Facebook Community page to allay the rumours. The Clerk will contact NCC planning to find out if there are any plans to develop the old middle school site.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>23/478 S106 Monies Update on Progress</b> The Clerk has written to the S106 monitoring officer for a progress update and is awaiting a reply.</p>	
<p><b>23/479 Archives re: Old Fire Station</b> The clearing of the Old Fire Station will take place when the weather improves.</p>	
<p><b>23/480 Speed warning signs</b> Cllr. J. Atkinson is double checking quotes and will then submit a grant.</p>	Cllr. J. Atkinson
<p><b>23/481 Road and footpath repairs</b> White lines have been painted under the bridge and along the Stamford Road. Potholes are being repaired around the village.</p>	
<p><b>23/482 Reports from our Representatives</b> The Parish Council supported a scheme to make the circular walk to Blatherwycke more accessible with kissing gates. The scheme has now been formally handed over to Northants Council and a grant application has been sent to the Ramblers Association.</p> <p>With The Underground and Scouts moving from the Village Hall they are exploring avenues to increase their income. This includes offering office space for rent. There was a suggestion that the Parish Council could use one for storing archives and for the Clerk to use. This will be added to the April agenda.</p>	
<p><b>23/483 Burial Board Report</b> None</p>	
<p><b>23/484 Gazette entry – March 2024</b> Discussed &amp; Agreed</p>	
<p><b>23/485 Police: Crime Report/JAG</b> None</p>	

**23/486 Correspondence Received**

A Member of the Public has asked to hire a marquee for use on Maltings Green in June, they will also be preparing and serving food on the green. The marquee will be for use as a quiet space, so there will be minimal disruption to close residents. This was agreed.

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Lower Ground Floor Community Room Kings Cliffe Active.

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