

**KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active. For those member of the public not able to attend in person were invited to attend virtually: Zoom Meeting ID 726 831 7160 Password: 046754.

The Chairman invited the Trustees from KC Law & Hutcheson Charities to speak regarding the Bridge Street wall repairs. Trustee's Steven Brighty and Nick Evans attended the meeting to answer any questions raised.

**21/154 Declarations of Interest** – None. The Chairman reminded those Councillors not completed the declarations of interest to include their land (home address) to update their Declarations of Interest online and confirm with the Clerk once completed.

Clerk

**20/155 Present** - Chairman A Howard, Vice Chairman M Day, Councillors R Meadows, R Isaac, J Atkinson, G Holland, T Copeland, R Brown, G Smid and D Balmer and 5 members of the public attended at Kings Cliffe Active and 3 members of the public via Zoom.

**21/156 Apologies for Absence** - Cllr M Howard

**21/157 Chairman's Report – For Information Only**  
None

**21/158 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Proposed: Councillor: R Meadows      Seconded: Councillor: R Isaac

**21/159 Any Matters Arising**

The Chairman will be meeting Rev Philip Davies who is due to leaving the parish and will be discussing the church path. The Chairman will shortly be having a meeting at the Spa for any updates. Cllr R Meadows will confirm as to whether the flood defences are now in place at the Village Hall.

**21/160 Accounts Payable**

Clerk's Salary December £450.00 (November Expenses £59.25)	£509.25
KCA Room Hire 18 <sup>th</sup> November & 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	£25.00
E-On – Rates Lane as per agreed Quote	£150.00
E-On – Old Rectory - West Street as per agreed Quote	£390.00
E-On – Maintenance Quarterly Contract Ending December 2021	£342.36
E-On – November (Contract)	£449.17
NCALC Internal Audit March 2022	£275.00
West Northamptonshire Council - Kings Cliffe Flood Signs	£388.32
RJC Countryside – Cemetery Hedge & Ivy	£528.00
Marquee Deposit Repaid– Xmas Fair (Ben Coulthard)	£500.00

Marquee deposits to be repaid once bank statements confirms receipts of deposit and confirmation of condition of returned marquees confirmed by one of the Councillor. Cllr M Day confirmed Kevin Howard received marquee back in a satisfactory condition.

Proposed: Councillor: T Copeland      Seconded: Councillor: M Day

**21/161 Financial Position**

Bank Balances: As of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Current £29,573.06:

Deposit £70,346.83: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £842.43 (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver: Section 106 Lap & Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**) £61,054.93 as of 31/3/21 (Statements Annually)

Cambridge Building Society Saver: Section 106 Lap & Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**) £60,179.82 as of 31/12/20 (Statements Annually). Income: Cemetery £150.00

Proposed: Councillor: T Copeland Seconded: Councillor: M Day

**21/162 Planning Applications** - <https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

None Received.

**Planning Applications granted by NNC**

**NE/21/01437/FUL** - Replacement of front Door and frame. **4A Forest Approach, Kings Cliffe**

**NE/21/01438/FUL** - Replacement of lounge Patio doors with window and smaller existing window to be blocked up. **4A Forest Approach, Kings Cliffe**

**NE/21/01402/PDU** - Proposed development to change the use of barn from agricultural to residential building. The current status of the building is open to 3 sides. New exterior walls to have windows to every habitable room to comply. The proposed development is situated along Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe, within the curtilage of the main farm. **Badger Calverhay Farmhouse, Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe**

**NOTICE OF REFUSAL - NE/21/01532/FUL**- Two storey and single storey rear extensions **73 Oak Lane, Kings Cliffe**

**21/163 Meadow Bridge Proposed Purchase**

1 - Resolution One "that this council, having considered the proposal submitted to purchase 'Meadow Bridge' have resolved that we should NOT proceed with this".

2 - Resolution two "that this council should convene a Public meeting to discuss the proposal that the Community should explore the opportunity to purchase Meadow Bridge".

The Parish Council further discussed the proposal by Transition/Wildplaces that the Parish Council purchases the above bridge. The Parish Council have spent some time considering this felt that the because of the scale of the project that it was not something that the Parish Council could undertake.

However, the Parish Council can see the merits of retaining this Victorian Bridge and have agreed to hold a public meeting prior to their February Meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm to invite members of the community along to see if there is an appetite for a Community Group, possibly through the use of 'Trust' to acquire and maintain the bridge.

Clerk

**21/164 Bridge Street Wall – Proposed Closure of Bridge Street**

We appreciate the concerns that have been raised, particularly by those living in Bridge Street, on other side of the area where the wall collapsed February 2020, meaning that there is no Footpath along Bridge Street at present. The Parish Council had in the summer urged the Charity, which owns the wall to push ahead with its reinstatement and indeed we had contacted Highways in the same vein. It was suggested that a footpath at the back of the Almshouses be used to free up the temporary path on the road so that a traffic light system could be installed. Clerk to Contact Highway to see if this is a possible solution along with the possibly opening up the road during those hours when work isn't being carried out. Clerk to contact the Charity regarding the possibly of extra parking.

Clerk

In November it was announced that the Road was to be totally closed for 6 weeks and we objected on the basis that neither Highways or Parish Council had been consulted. The end result is that Highways have agreed that provision should be made for a footpath but that they do not believe that it is possible to make provision for Motor traffic to pass.

We are in discussion with Highways, as to access outside of working hours or by traffic lights but it seems that they are unlikely to change their minds. We have also written to our Three Unitary Councillors asking for their assistance in coming to a compromise. Finally, if the road closure does take place, we have talked to the charity about parking on the village side of the closure and for Highways to ensure that the detour is properly signposted and roads to be gritted, including Wansford Road.

We agreed that delaying these work is not really an option given the Health & Safety and damaging the wall even further.

#### **21/165 Local Grant Awards Scheme**

Kings Cliffe Parish Council encourage and support organisations with community activities and viable projects through small grants. Grants awarded are for the benefit of Kings Cliffe Parish residents and applicants may make only one Grant Application per financial year. Applicants are expected to present the plans, purpose, costings and all other relevant matters in person to a meeting of the Parish Council. Should you wish to apply please contact the Parish Clerk for an application form and these must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Please see the link below for more details on our Grant Awards. Cllr R Brown to finalise the applicant form and send to the Parish Clerk

<https://kingscliffe-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/policies/Grants-Policy-July-2021.pdf>

#### **21/166 Tree Planting**

Cllr G Holland, our Tree Warden confirmed he has applied to TCV for the Woodland Pack for 450 to be planted early Spring 2022 along with a similar pack from the Woodland Trust.

Cllr R Meadows to send details to the Clerk on preservations of trees.

The Willow Tree donated by Ben Spurgeon in memory of his father is due for planting at the Pytchel.

#### **21/167 Reports from our Representatives**

Wildplaces kindly cleared the willow tree down Willow Walk free of charge and Allotment Tenancy Agreements have all been circulated. Cllr G Smid updated the Parish Council on the recent KCA Trustee meeting recently attended, Clerk to circulate report to all Councillors.

#### **21/168 Highways (Roads, Drains, Flooding)**

Rates Lanes blocked drain – the works order is due for completion in the new year, however, Highway have asked the team to schedule the works to be undertaken prior to the Christmas break.

Wansford Road surface repairs. Highways are now planning to programme these works together with the surfacing works required at Park Street/Station Road junction and Wood Road/Kings Forest mini roundabout in March 2022. Essentially, they will be in the village for around 1-week undertaking resurfacing works at all of these locations. Highways will require the roads to be closed during the works, but will communicate with the Parish Council, affected residents/businesses nearer to the time.

Flooding under the bridge – our Community Steward has recently inspected the site and confirmed that all highway drainage is now clear and running along with the outlets into which they discharge. Given that the area is always going to be prone to blockages caused by silt/detritus as it's in a low spot Highways ask that we continue to report any issues to Street Doctor so that we can act prior to the risk of any flooding. Any photos of flooding should be emailed to [clerk@kingscliffe-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingscliffe-pc.gov.uk)

Apethorpe Road culvert – Highways are awaiting the report from our drainage contractor to update us on their findings.

#### **21/169 KCPC Emergency Plan**

Updated plan to be updated onto the website. Cllr T Copeland to confirm if we wish to apply for a grant on what these funds will be spent on.

#### **21/170 Amenities Sub Committee**

Meeting to be arranged for Early Spring 2022.

#### **21/171 Burial Board Report**

Cheque approved for hedge and ivy work invoiced by RJC Countryside pending confirmation of work completed by either Cllr T Copeland/Chairman.

Cllr R  
Brown  
Clerk

Cllr R  
Meadows

Clerk

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr T  
Copeland  
Clerk

Cllr T  
Copeland  
Chairman

Agreed 2 cuts per month between March and July and one cut per month from August to October with the option to request further cuts if necessary. The new tender must also be able to undertake additional works such as the Hedge cutting/tree cutting.

**21/172 Gazette entry – January 2022**

Discussed & Agreed and also to be posted on the Community Facebook Page.

**21/173 Police: Crime Report/JAG**

There have been no crimes, traffic accidents or other significant antisocial events reported. I regret that the report for December will not be as good. Our PCSO has continued with the surgeries at KCA and will increase his foot patrols in the area.

Those of you who receive Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alerts will, during the month, have had the opportunity to express their views on policing priorities using SurveyMonkey.

**21/174 Correspondence Received**

None

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Kings Cliffe Active. Member of the public may also attend virtually via Zoom, Meeting ID 726 831 7160 Password: 046754.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_