

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held Thursday 14th April 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Lower Ground Community Room, 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.

22/001 Declarations of Interest – Vice-Chairman M Day declared a pecuniary interest in 22/016 Sovereign Grange and Village Field Cut.

20/002 Present - Chairman A Howard, Vice-Chairman M Day, Councillors, R Meadows, R Brown, and D Balmer, R Isaac, G Holland & J Atkinson Cllr and 3 members of the public attended at Kings Cliffe Active and 1 member by Zoom

22/003 Apologies for Absence - Cllr G Smid, Cllr T Copeland and Cllr M Howard

22/004 Chairman’s Report – For Information Only

22/005 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2022

Proposed: Councillor: M Day Seconded: Councillor: R Meadows

22/006 Any Matters Arising

Signs Spa – Robert Meadows in communication with North Northants Council about providing a sign.

Grant – These have been awarded and no invoices received to date.

Gazette – The Parish Council would like details how many are being printed, locations of gazette issues and how we may assist in increasing distribution.

E-On invoice received for £47.93 S/L 86 Walkers Field replaced 70w sox ignitor. This repair only lasted 3 days. E-On due to visit and repair again so this invoice will be kept on hold until the repair work is complete.

22/007 Accounts Payable

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| Clerk’s Salary April £450.00 (March Expenses £66.66) | £508.65 | |
| KCA Room Hire 10 th March 2022 | £20.00 | |
| Npower Business Solutions (moved over from E-On January (Contract) | £538.93 | |
| Npower Business Solutions (moved over from E-On February (Contract) | £466.19 | Total £1,492.50 |
| Npower Business Solutions (moved over from E-On March (Contract) | £487.38 | |
| Gazette - September 2022 to August 2023 | £180.00 | |
| D Shaw – Cemetery & Church Grass Cut March | £285.00 | |
| K C Property Maintenance | £2720.00 | |

Proposed: Councillor: G Holland Seconded: Councillor: D Balmer

22/008 Financial Position

Bank Balances: As of 6th April 2022

Current £22,341.67:

Deposit £70,350.33: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £842.48 (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver:Section106Lap&Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**)£61,054.93 as of 31/3/22 (Statements Annually)

Cambridge BuildingSocietySaver:Section106Lap&Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**) £60,179.82 as of 31/12/20 (Statements Annually)

Income: None

R
Meadows

Clerk

Clerk

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

NE/22/00324/LBC -Single storey and infill extensions, erection of new garden room and outdoor swimming pool. The Old Wheatsheaf 56 Park Street Kings Cliffe. **WITHDRAWN**

NE/22/00321/FUL- Erection of new garden room and outdoor swimming pool. The Old Wheatsheaf 56 Park Street Kings Cliffe. **No Objection** but requested clarification as to why listed building consent was not required.

NE/22/00371/LBC/NE/22/00383/ADV -Installation of new projecting signage **68 West Street Kings Cliffe. No Objection Planning Applications granted by NNC**

NE/21/01571/FUL - Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension; Garage conversion to habitable space at **92 West Street, Kings Cliffe**

North Northants Council are holding s Strategic Plan Scope and Issue Consultation which starts on Monday 28th March and closes 5 pm on Monday, 23rd May 2022. This will replace the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy. Clerk to circulate to all councillors along all relevant documentation. You can find out more about the Scope and Issues Consultation and view the document and supporting material via the link : [North Northants Strategic Plan Scope and Issues Consultation - North Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space](#). We have until Tuesday 26th April to respond to confirm should anyone wish to attend, as per below if you wish to attend please email Jenn Bell: jenn.bell@northnorthants.gov.uk by this date.

22/010 Queens Platinum Celebrations

Meetings are currently being held along with a grant application.

22/011 Reports from our Representatives

Augean have been inspected by the planning inspectors regarding their planning application. Augean will be are holding an open day Saturday, May 7th 10 am – 1 pm.

Tree Warden has confirmed we will be receiving 210 trees around November 2022. It was agreed we would plant these before making a decision regarding applying for more. Clerk to contact the School Headmistress regarding planting these in the Autumn in the aim of the school's participation in the Jubilee Project Planting.

Village Grass Cutting – It's has been confirmed that there will be an increase from £45 to £50 per hour to cover the increase prices of fuel and equipment servicing. It was agreed Cllr J Atkinson to agree the village cuts directly with KCA.

Proposed: Councillor: R Brown Seconded: Councillor: D Balmer

22/012 Highways (Roads, Drains, Flooding)

Elephant Trap – Still seeking an Engineer for advice. Clerk to post in the Gazette and Facebook Community Page. Cllr R Meadows to obtain some quote to repair. Then Cllr M Day to seek a grant application with Augean

Apethorpe Road Culvert (drainage under the road) – still requires action. Clerk to chase up.

Clerk reported the A47 bollards and to chase for a response for a more suitable solution and request a report on how often these are being damaged and repaired.

Roads – These have been a particular issue with these works being promised, March, April and then May! Repair works on Wansford Road will be undertaken during this financial year with a start date to be confirmed. The works will require a road closure and are likely to take two days to complete. Resurfacing the carriageway at the Station Rd/Park St junction and on the mini roundabout on Wood Street which are just a few of our problematic areas within the village is still awaiting a start date.

43 West Street - Danger to Highways Visibility. Clerk to contact Highways and Planning.

Clerk to contact Apethorpe Parish Clerk, Jo Williams for advise on their new road repairs.

Cllr R Brown to draft a letter to our unitary councillors regarding the condition of all roads and pathways.

Clerk

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Cllr G
Holland
Clerk

Cllr R
Meadows
M Day

Clerk

Cllr R
Brown

22/013 KCPC Emergency Plan

Heart Safe Community provision of Kings Cliffe Defibs. It was agreed that we need to see the 5th defib in place at Oak Lane before moving on to fund further purchases and we also discussed the issue of the Augean Grant aid and it was believed that this was not eligible for support.

22/014 Amenities Sub Committee

Cllr M Day to advise Clerk to which allotment plots need writing to regarding cultivating.

Wildplaces proposal for works for the year 2022-2023 are as follows -

Village Field - Cut and clear the meadow area in late summer.

Willow Walk - Cut back overgrowth between Willow Lane and Kingsmead to keep the path open. Cut and clear the meadow section between Kingsmead and Park Street Bridge. Late Summer

Maltings Green - clear pond, stream and woodland area as required.

The Parish Council agreed with these proposals.

Nene Valley Harriers – Due to run through the Kings Cliffe Railway Line. Clerk to write to them that they use this at their own risk.

The Orchard – A Howard to compare previous photos of the amount of trees in this area as there appear more.

Sovereign Grange Play Equipment – Clerk to clarify broken/damaged swing chain reported in the annual safety report and to what was quoted and repaired.

22/015 Street Lighting Maintenance

The Parish Council will meet on Friday 22nd April at 6.30 pm to walk around the proposed quote for upgrading and replacing of street lights received from E-On.

Clerk to contact E-On following up on their quote on to what tests were carried out to come to the conclusion of the works required in their quote and was this carried out by a structural engineer.

22/016 Sovereign Grange and Village Field Cut

Agreed to place a notice of interest in the Gazette and Community Facebook Page for anyone wishing to carry-out the annual tidy up on these areas in September 2022.

22/017 Burial Board Report

Agreed additional inscription memorial in respect of the late Alasdair Barke

Cemetery/Church grass cutting has now commenced. It was agreed to monitor this as the agreement for 2022 is for 2 cuts per month between March and July and one cut per month from August to October.

22/018 Gazette entry – May 2022

Discussed & Agreed

22/019 Police: Crime Report/JAG

No reports received.

22/020 Correspondence Received

Mary Fenn has requested the hire of a Marquee for Ryhall Hall Church fete on Saturday 16th July. Approved.

The next monthly parish council meeting will be our Annual General meeting commencing in Lower Ground Floor Community Room at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12th May 2022 at Kings Cliffe Active.

Signed _____

Date _____

Cllr M
Day
Clerk

Clerk

Chairman

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