

KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held Thursday 13th January 2022 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.

Request to Speak - Chris Jackson, our Police Liaison Representative/JAG Representative addressed the Parish Council regarding the outcome of his complaints relating to the dangerous parking of vehicles close to a blind bend in Bridge Street, King's Cliffe and the poor performance of the Police Control Room. The review is from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Office which shows that his complaints have not been upheld.

21/175 Declarations of Interest – None.

20/176 Present - Chairman A Howard, Vice Chairman M Day, Councillors R Meadows, J Atkinson, G Holland, T Copeland, M Howard, R Brown, and D Balmer and 4 members of the public attended at Kings Cliffe Active.

21/177 Apologies for Absence - Cllr G Smid & Cllr R Isaac

21/178 Chairman's Report – For Information Only. None

21/179 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th December 2021

Proposed: Councillor: T Copeland Seconded: Councillor: R Brown

21/180 Any Matters Arising

Cllr R Meadows will confirm as to whether the flood defences are now in place at the Village Hall and forward details to our Tree Warden details on the ancient tree's Queen's Canopy Project.

Cllr G
Holland

Clerk to forward last E-On invoice along with the new Npower invoice to our Chairman as our contract has been switched to Npower and also forward to all Councillors the Marquee agreement notice.

Clerk

The Parish Council emailed the Planning Enforcement Team back in November 2021 raising concerns at the apparent construction of a new entrance into the development at Huskinsons Lodge at the junction of Stamford Road and Wansford Road, Kings Cliffe. The entrance is being constructed close to the T junction between the two roads, and the council feels that this will create a dangerous junction and significantly increase the risk of an accident at this junction. We understand that planning permission was granted for a second entrance to this site, however, it was believed that the new access would have been further away from the T junction. We asked them to investigate this as a matter of urgency and given this work has now commenced the Clerk will contact them requesting a response.

Clerk

Cllr M Day has received a request for the hire of the Marquee for a wedding celebration within Kings Cliffe, he will forward this request to the Clerk. The Clerk will circulate the agreed hire/usage of these Marquees to the Councillors and the Chairman will how to best insure the marquees and generator.

Cllr M
Day
Clerk
Chairman

21/181 Accounts Payable

Clerk's Salary January £450.00 (December Expenses £70.29)	£520.29
KCA Room Hire 9 th December 2021	£20.00
Npower Business Solutions (moved over from E-On December (Contract)	£565.58
North Northamptonshire Council Elections May 2021	£75.99

Proposed: Councillor: D Balmer Seconded: Councillor: J Atkinson

21/182 Financial Position

Bank Balances: As of 6th January 2022

Current £27,385.48:

Deposit £70,348.58: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £842.45 (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver:Section106Lap&Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**)£61,054.93 as of 31/3/21 (Statements Annually)

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

Income: Cemetery £150.00 Allotments: £60

Proposed: Councillor: D Balmer Seconded: Councillor: J Atkinson

21/183 Precept 2022/23

The Chairman produced a 12 months' budget forecast for 2022/23 that has been circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Precept should be increased by 5% £1,500 to £31,500 in line with inflation and this was carried after a vote made by the Parish Councillors.

Proposed: Councillor R Meadows Seconded: Councillor R Brown

21/184 Planning Applications - <https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

NE/21/01771/FUL - Single storey rear kitchen extension. **30 Wood Road Kings Cliffe**. No Objections

Planning Applications granted by NNC

NE/21/01142/FUL - Dropped kerb; Single-storey rear extension and loft conversion **70A Park Street, Kings Cliffe**

NE/21/01324/LBC-Demolition of brick lean-to additions to rear;replacement single-storey rear extension **28 West Street Kings Cliffe**

NE/21/01323/FUL - Demolition of brick lean-to additions to rear; replace single storey rear extension. **28 West Street, Kings Cliffe**

21/185 Meadow Bridge Proposed Purchase

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, 10th February 2022 at 7 pm at Kings Cliffe Active inviting 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 to advertise this on the Facebook Community Page and the Gazette.

Clerk

21/186 Bridge Street Wall – Proposed Closure of Bridge Street

Bridge Street wall repairs have now commenced and should be completed within the next 6 weeks.

21/187 To engage with the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and to appoint an AMP Working Group comprising the clerk and [2*] councillors". Clerk to write back to NCALC requesting they contact the Parish Council when they have an idea of what will be involved and supply us the information in an accessible form in which we can understand what is expected of the Parish Council.

Clerk

21/188 Grants to Village Organisations

Kings Cliffe Parish Council encourages 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 31st January 2022. Please see the links below for more details on our Grant Awards. The grant application Version 1.0 Jan 2022 was adopted and the Clerk will upload this on the website and advertise on the Facebook Community Page and the Gazette. The Parish Council agreed to extend the application deadline to the 7th February 2022.

Clerk

Proposed: Councillor J Atkinson Seconded: Councillor R Brown

<p>21/189 Tree Planting Our Tree Warden Cllr G Holland is awaiting the delivery of the trees ordered and will update the Parish Council as soon as possible.</p>	Cllr G Holland
<p>21/190 Queens Platinum Celebrations The Parish Council would like to facilitate the Queens Platinum Celebrations and would like to invite/encourage anyone wishing to organise this celebration to contact the Parish Clerk with their proposal and the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
<p>21/191 Reports from our Representatives Cllr M Day reported from the Liaison Augean meeting. Simon Moyle's has now left Augean and the interim Manager is Mr Watham. The planning application was submitted on 6th September 2021 and the examination will take approximately 6 months should anyone still wish to participate you may do so. £170,000 has been awarded to grants and no concerns from the Environmental Agency or NNC or complaints received.</p>	
<p>21/192 Highways (Roads, Drains, Flooding) Apethorpe Road culvert. Following a request that the ditches be cleared, the team visited on 29th November to jet the culvert and subsequently scheduled to replace a 2.5m length of 9-inch pipe in June 2022.</p>	
<p>The Elephant Trap at the bottom of Willow lane is in need of clearing. The drain in the middle of bridge on the left hand side is dangerously sunken. Cllr D Balmer will report these and request attention needed. Bottom of Wansford Hill and under the bridge require photo evidence when flooding to support our flooding issues.</p>	Cllr D Balmer
<p>Servicing work has been scheduled for early April 2022 to include Wansford Road, Park Street and Station Road Junction Wood Road and Kings Forest Junction.</p>	
<p>21/193 KCPC Emergency Plan We currently have three defibrillator located at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In old telephone box at the cross, Hall Yard 2. On outside wall of Ex-Servicemen's Club, Wood Road 3. On wall outside Kings Cliffe Active, Kingsmead, Station Road 	
<p>The forth defibrillator is in the process of being positioned outside village shop on West Street. We are now trying to agree on the best location for the fifth defibrillator and would appreciate village input into the best location for this to be positioned. They require an outside power point which costs around £10 per annum which, should anyone wish to permit the installation outside their property, the Parish Council will reimburse the electricity expense incurred. Clerk to post on the Facebook Community Page & Gazette.</p>	Clerk
<p>The Chairman and Cllr M Day will inspect the Fire Station with a view of storing the new flood equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 x 'Flood' signs • 20 x 750mm traffic cones • 20 x photosensitive amber cone lights and batteries 	Chairman Cllr M Day
<p>Cllr T Copeland will look at getting a key holder fitted at the Fire Station to enable Flood Wardens to gain access to the equipment stored. Cllr T Copeland to clarify the flood plan for the Flood Wardens to access equipment.</p>	Cllr T Copeland
<p>21/194 Amenities Sub Committee Agreed to hold a meeting in early spring to inspect the condition of the rented allotments. Clerk to post on the Facebook Allotment Page notifying allotment holders that there is a waiting list should any existing holders wish to reduce the size of their current plots. Clerk to also arrange the yearly street light meeting to review street lighting.</p>	Clerk

21/195 Burial Board Report

Nigel Ford wishes to stand down from putting the fortnightly cemetery bins out on behalf of the Parish Council. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for continuing this duty on behalf of the Parish Council over the years.

Grass Tenders are under away and we will be in a position to discuss this at the February meeting. Cllr R Meadows to approach Chris Jackson, our Police Liaison Representative/JAG Representative with a view of Chris volunteering as he lives nearby the Cemetery to put out the Cemetery Bins every fortnight

Cllr R
Meadows

21/196 Gazette entry – February 2022

Discussed and Agreed.

21/197 Police: Crime Report/JAG

No reports were received due to COVID absences.

21/198 Correspondence Received

We have received several emails regarding the Land Daleswood Drive/Millwood Way with clearing work commencing. Planning has confirmed the site is currently being marketed for affordable housing, and the agent was instructed to tidy the land so that interested parties can access it and get a better idea of the topography.

Annabel de Capell, one of our Unitary Councillors is standing down which means we will shortly receive a Notice of Election for a forthcoming by-election in Oundle Ward.

The next meeting will start with a public meeting at 7 pm to discuss the Meadow Bridge Proposed Purchase. Our monthly parish council meeting will then commence at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th February 2022 at Kings Cliffe Active. Member of the public may also attend virtually via Zoom, Meeting ID 726 831 7160 Password: 046754.

Signed _____

Date _____