

## KINGS CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

The County Police Fraud Team are hoping to give a presentation on Fraud for the benefit of the Parish. This was due to commence at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. It has now been agreed that Chris Jackson, our Joint Action Group/Police Liaison Representative will liaise with the County Police Fraud Team to arrange a public meeting for their presentation.

**22/147 Declarations of Interest:** None

**22/148 Present** Chairman A Howard, Vice-Chairman M Day, Councillors, D Balmer, T Copeland, G Smid, R Isaac, R Brown, J Atkinson, R Meadows and 3 members of the public.

**22/149 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr M Howard, Cllr G Holland & Unitary Councillors

**22/150 Chairman's Report – For Information Only.**

There have been two prospective applications for the Parish Clerk role and interviews will be arranged shortly between these and our Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr D Balmer.

**22/151 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Proposed: Councillor R Isaac    Seconded: Councillor D Balmer

**22/076 Any Matters Arising**

Clerk to contact the Monitoring Officer for authorisation to transfer funds from the Lap and Leap S106 Funds for the previous 3 years' grass cutting and repair and maintenance to the Sovereign Grange Play area for £3823.30. Danny Moody (CALC) will be notifying the Clerk as to who the S106 Monitoring Officer is. Clerk to chase response. The Clerk is now waiting still for a response from Stacey Wylie/Philip Storms, Monitoring Officers for North Northants.

Clerk

**22/130 Road and Footpath Repairs**

Cllrs to forward Cllr Brown photos, details of areas that we believe require attention.

All

**22/107 A47 Junction Lighting** - Clerk to also contact Highways regarding the A47 Junction regarding the light issue previously raised in February 2022. Clerk to chase response from Highways.

Clerk

**22/153 Accounts Payable**

Clerk's Salary Oct £450.00 (September Expenses £210.60)	£660.60
KCA Room Hire 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	£20.00
Npower Business Solutions (October)	£416.15
Cloud Next Domain Annual Renewal	£132.00
Shaws October Cuts	£285.00
British Legion – Remembrance Day Wreath	£40.00

Proposed: Councillor R Meadows    Seconded: Councillor T Copeland

**22/154 Financial Position**

Bank Balances: As of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Current £43,076.13:

Deposit £70,377.32: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £842.54 (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

<p>Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver:Section106Lap&amp;Leap (<b>Hypothecated Reserves</b>)£61,313.95 as of 31/3/22 (Statements Annually)  Cambridge BuildingSocietySaver:Section106Lap&amp;Leap (<b>Hypothecated Reserves</b>) £60,179.82 as of 31/12/22 (Statements Annually)  Income: Cemetery: £75.00</p>	
<p>Chairman and Vice-Chairman to complete Barclay's account review documentation.</p>	<p>Chairman Cllr M Day</p>
<p><b>22/155 Planning Applications</b> - <a href="https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/NE/22/01284/LBC">https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/NE/22/01284/LBC</a> - Structural repairs to failed timber beams in the basement. <b>5 West Street Kings Cliffe. Recommend Approval (Support)</b>  <b>NE/22/01346/TCA</b> - G1 - 3 lime trees - repollard; G2 - 5 lime trees - to fell; T1 - apple tree - to fell: <b>31 West Street Kings Cliffe. Recommend Refusal (Object)</b>. Whilst we have no objection to the removal of the apple tree we would strongly object to the removal of the lime trees. These were significantly pollard recently and inspection of the wall on Church Walk does not indicate any damage to the wall or any safety issue. The Parish Council remains concerned at the significant tree loss that is taking place in Kings Cliffe and the effect on the local landscape and this would just compound what is already an existing problem.</p>	
<p><b>Planning Applications granted by NNC - None</b></p>	
<p><b>21/156 Planning H2 – Cllr J Atkinson to update</b>  Cllr J Atkinson is currently chasing up a response.</p>	<p>Cllr J Atkinson</p>
<p><b>21/157 Funded pond opportunity for the Parish</b>  Our Chairman will make contact Claudia Bernadini from the Newt Conservation Partnership to find out more details regarding the possible sites that would benefit.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p><b>22/158 Parish Council Facebook Page</b>  Chairman to draft a letter for approval by Councillors to be sent to Rob Giddings relating to the monitoring of the Kings Cliffe Community Page.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p><b>22/159 Road and Footpath Repairs</b>  Cllrs to report to Cllr R Brown their recommended path repair locations with supporting photos. Cllr R Brown currently researching possibilities of grants for our pathways.</p>	<p>Cllr R Brown</p>
<p><b>22/160 Allotments – 2023 Renewals</b>  Tenancy Agreements for 2023 agreed with an increase of £25 full plots, £15 half plots and £10 quarter plots. The Clerk is to contact Augean regarding the possibility of funding a skip for a winter clean-up.</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor J Atkinson      Seconded: Councillor R Brown</p>	
<p><b>22/161 Speed Warning Signs – update on progress of the approved scheme</b>  Cllr's have been invited to attend a meeting to discuss the locations of the speed warning signs.</p>	<p>Cllr J Atkinson</p>
<p><b>22/162 Village Beacon – update on Proposals</b>  Cllr D Balmer to update as soon as she receives a response.</p>	<p>Cllr D Balmer</p>

<p><b>22/163 Vacant Garages – update from Longhurst Homes</b>  Longhurst Group has garage sites on Wood Road and Park Close. They are currently carrying out an Audit so have suspended any new garage applications at present and can't confirm how many garages there are at present vacant or occupied. They recommend we keep checking their website for news on these. Clerk to write to the Unitary Councillors regarding these garages. The Clerk will maintain contact with Longhurst group to establish the results.</p>	
<p><b>22/164 Daleswood Rise proposed Development</b>  East Midlands Housing Group is still in the process of securing the site from NNC. They are aware that the Parish Council is keen to see 1 and 2-bed affordable homes in line with the village NDP and plans have been passed over by the Architect completed and disclosed to the Parish Council. East Midlands Housing Group is aiming to submit a planning application for the site during Spring 2023. Once they have completed the various surveys and finalised the proposed scheme in readiness for a planning application, they will contact the Parish Council.</p>	
<p><b>22/165 Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting</b>  Chairman to inspect the delivery of trees to clarify quantity and amounts with the view of the blackthorns being donated to Kings Cliffe Active for form hedges.</p>	Chairman
<p><b>22/166 Horse water – Removal of Trees</b>  It is noted that the trees have been removed</p>	
<p><b>22/167 Elephant Trap</b>  It was agreed for stage 2 repairs to be carried out. Cllr R Meadows to clarify the final quote of approximately £300.   Proposed: Councillor D Balmer    Seconded: Councillor T Copeland</p>	Cllr R Meadows
<p><b>22/168 Parking at the Village Shop</b>  Shop Parking – The Clerk contacted North Northants regarding the parking still no notice for customers to park at the back of the village shop. Cllr D Balmer to confirm the planning application number for this application.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>22/169 Collapsed Wall opposite Village Hall</b>  Correspondence was received from 45b West Street informing the Parish Council of their intention of erecting a fence. The reason being is that they have children and pets and feel it's not safe for them with just the current stone wall. They state they have seen a lot of trespassing recently with the public and children jumping the wall to come through their property. This area is in the conservation area, therefore, any proposal of this nature would require planning permission before any work is undertaken.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>22/170 Reports from our Representatives</b>  Cllr R Meadows is in the process of arranging a date with the electrician for the 4<sup>th</sup> defib. Cllr T Copeland to liaise with The Clerk on suppliers for the purchase of the 5<sup>th</sup> defib and pads for Sovereign Grange.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>22/171 Burial Board Report</b>  The parish council would like to thank Julie Wade for volunteering to place the cemetery bins out for collection. Cllr T Copland to instruct D Shaws to deal with the leaning hedge.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>22/172 Gazette entry – December 2022</b>  Discussed and agreed.</p>	

**22/173 Police: Crime Report/JAG**

There were no issues that required police action last month. The PCSO has reported that someone recently suffered the theft of number plates from a car in the village. Northants had no Traffic Division until directed to rectify this by HMIC and there are now only two police stations left open in the County.

**22/174 Correspondence Received**

K C Properties to quote to repair the church walk sign and the Pytchel wall.

**The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Lower Ground Floor Community Room Kings Cliffe Active.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk