# **Kings Cliffe Parish Council**

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held Thursday 13th April 2023 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

23/91 Declarations of Interest - None.

**23/92 Presents –** Chairman A. Howard, Vice-chairman M. Day, Councillors J. Atkinson, D. Balmer, T. Copeland, R. Isaac, R. Meadows & G. Smid.

**23/93 Unitary Councillors –** All 3 Unitary Councillors were invited. Councillor Helen Harrison Attended.

23/94 Apologies for Absents – Councillor G. Holland.

23/95 Chairman's Report - Covered in the Public meeting.

**23/96 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9**th **March 2023** – Amendment for the Coronation Celebrations. Village History Boards has been changed to Heritage History Boards.

Proposed: Vice-Chairman M, Day. Seconded: Councillor D. Balmer.

23/97 Any Matters Arising

Clerk to chase up a response from Stacey Wylie about the transfer of funds for the S106 Lap & Leap fund.

Clerk

23/98 Accounts Payable

Clerk's salary (April salary & March expenses) £487.50
K.C Property Maintenance £1720.00
Shaw Garden Services £600
Ncalc £912.92
Splashweb (Mark Ayres) £108.00

Amendment, K.C Property Maintenance £1720.

Further clarification about the items on the Ncalc invoice before it is paid.

Proposed: Councillor J. Atkinson. Seconded: Councillor R. Isaac.

23/99 Amounts Received

Village Sign £20.

23/100 Financial Position

Bank Balances: As of 6th March 2023

Current £27,546.40:

Deposit £70,503.95: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field (Hypothecated Reserves)

Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £843.76: (Hypothecated Reserves)

Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver:Section106Lap&Leap (Hypothecated

Reserves)£61,313.95 as of 31/3/22 (Statements Annually)

Cambridge BuildingSocietySaver:Section106Lap&Leap (Hypothecated Reserves)

£60,482.94 as of 31/12/22 (Statements Annually)

### 23/101 Planning Applications

23/00375/LAPNEW- Alcohol Licence Application – Oak Lane Store Rockingham Forest Park, Wansford Road, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6FR. Further clarification requested ( However subsequently established that the deadline for this application had passed and not be extended)

NE/23/00276/FUL- Infill extension between house and utility. Replacement roof to utility (currently leaking), raising the height to allow for insulation, and cladding with timber. Replacement porch canopy. Proposed garden building to rear with shed, log store and bin store. Proposed dropped kerb and hard standing to front for off-road parking spaces. 6 Kings Forest Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XS. Recommend Approval (Support)

NE/22/01386/FUL- New two storey dwelling (re-submission of NE/22/00095/FUL) - Land Off Wood Road, Kings Cliffe. Recommend Approval (Support)

### 23/102 Planning Applications Granted by NCC

NE/22/01476/FUL- Replacement of existing double-glazed window with new hardwood double glazed equivalent. 1 Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XH.

NE/22/01477/LBC- Replacement of existing double-glazed window with new hardwood double glazed equivalent. 1 Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XH

**NE/22/01015/FUL-** Proposed front extension to existing dwelling. 19 Park Street, Kings Cliffe,

NE/23/00047/LBC- Proposed extractor fans to kitchen, bathroom and ensuite. 22 West Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XA

### 23/103 To Fill a Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council has received interest from five people interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. One person has since withdrawn. The four remaining candidates will be invited to come to the next Parish Council meeting where the positions will be filled by co-option. The Parish Council received three requests for an election to fill the position left by Russell Brown. The requirement for an election is ten votes, so no election will take place.

### 23/104 Electricity supply renewal.

The current energy contract is due for renewal in June. The Clerk will look for quotes from other companies to see if we can secure a better deal than the current company is offering.

#### 23/105 Grant Applications

The Parish Council received three Grant applications. £3000 had been allocated. The Grants were awarded as follows:

£500 CliffeFest

£1560 Underground Centre

£940 Kings Cliffe Active

### 23/106 Memorial Hall Trustee

To be discussed at the meeting in May

### 23/107 Defib Pads

Cllr T. Copeland advised that the Defibrillator by the village shop is currently out of action as the pads have been used and need to be replaced. The battery in the defibrillator in Hall Yard is in need of replacement It was Proposed by Cllr T Copeland and seconded by Cllr Atkinson that the Council purchase replacement batteries for the defibulator

Copeland

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr. T.

Cllr T. Copeland will look into having a sign made for the defibrillator in the former telephone box in Hall yard.

The Parish Council has resolved to maintain and manage all of the defibrillators around the village, except for the one at the Ex-Service men's Club which is owned by the club itself, due to the charity 1st Responders not being able to secure the funds and Claire Lovejoy resigning from her role maintaining them.

The clerk will contact Councillor Helen Harrison to see if there is a grant available for the maintaining of defibrillators.

Clerk

The Parish Council would like to thank both the 1st Responders and Claire Lovejoy for all of their hard work.

Proposed: Councillor J. Atkinson Seconded: Councillor R. Meadows

### 23/108 Parking outside the Church

Clerk

The Clerk contacted Sarah Barnwell from the Council Highways and was informed that the concerns raised by Mr. S. Brown were not a matter for them as the concerns he raised were a Police Matter. It was also pointed out that there should be no parking within 10 meters of a junction and that if that was to be applied here it would have to applied to all junctions in the village

However the Clerk will contact the local PCSO and inform him of Mr. Brown's concerns. The Clerk will also contact Mr. Brown to update him.

#### 23/109 Church Wall

The Church wall has now been repaired.

## 23/110 Playground Inspection.

The Clerk contacted two companies to obtain quotes for the issues raised in the Playground Inspection report and is awaiting replies.

### 23/111 Gritting Routes

The Clerk contacted Sarah Barnwell from the Council Highways to enquire about both Wood Road and West Street being gritted during bad weather and was informed that both roads could not be gritted but, would look at providing a grit bin. Cllrs debated which Route should be preferred but agreed not to change the existing preferred route as West Street has the Doctors Surgery and the shops and we have elderly people using these facilities.

It was decided the best location for the grit bin would be the junction of Wood Road and Oak Lane.

Proposed: Councillor R. Isaac Seconded: Councillor J. Aitkinson

## 23/112 Common area behind Sovereign Grange.

The Clerk is still awaiting quotes from Mr. R. Giddings.

### 23/113 Village grass cutting.

Cllr. J. Atkinson has spoken to Kings Cliffe Active and was advised that they had started to cut the grass around the village but may have to increase their costs this year due to the increase in the cost of fuel. Cllr J. Atkinson will contact them again for a contract.

Cllr. J. Aitkinson

### 23/114 Planning H2

Cllr J. Atkinson has been advised that a new strategy had been put in place and it had identified that there was no housing need in Kings Cliffe.

### 23/115 Funded pond for the Parish

Chairman Howard has not received any further response so Cllr R. Meadows has offered to chase this up.

Cllr. R. Meadows

#### 23/116 Road and Footpath repairs.

Cllr R. Isaac contacted Sarah Barnwell from the Council Highways and was informed that all issues should be reported online via Street Doctor. The more reports the Council receives about an individual issue the higher priority it will become. Residents are encouraged to report any issues they come across in the village. The Clerk will also put a post on Facebook.

### 23/117 Elephant Trap

The second stage repair is due to start in 2-3 weeks.

### 23/118 Parking at the Village Shop.

The Clerk Contacted the planning department to find out where to obtain copies of the planning application but, was informed that unfortunately any documentation except a drawing and the decision notice had been lost and therefore no longer available. They also informed the Clerk that they would look though the documents they had to see if they could find the answer to our enquiry.

### 23/119 Reports from our Representatives.

The Bridle way between Wansford Road and Stamford Road is currently blocked and unpassable due to Brambles. North Northants Council are aware of the issue.

### 23/120 Burial Board Report.

It has been noticed that some Headstones in the Church yard are crumbling. It was decided that a survey to check on the condition of the headstones needs to take place, with a view to coming up with a list for reinstatement

#### 23/121 Gazette Entry.

Discussed and agreed.

23/122 Police: Crime Report / Jag.

None

# 23/123 Correspondence Received.

None

Allotments – Chairman A Howard will draft a letter to the allotment holders who still owe rent for this year.

Coronation – It was decided that the unveiling of the village sign would take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30 pm.

Facebook – The Clerk will work on producing a dedicated Parish Council Facebook page.

The following points to Councillor H. Harrison:

The progress of the Planning Application for the former Endowed School site. Councillor Harrison advised that because of the size of the application it would have to be put before a Committee and we would have to wait for the outcome.

The status of the former Middle School site that is currently unused land and if there were any plans for the site.

Clerk