**Kings Cliffe Parish Council**

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council Was held on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 7.30pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

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| **23/400 Declarations of Interest**  **23/401 Presents:** Vice-Chairman M. Day, Cllrs, D. Balmer, G. Holland, M. Tank & R.Isaac  **23/402 Unitary Councillors:** All Unitary Councillors were invited. None attended. Cllr. Smithers sent his apologies.  **23/403 Apologies for Absence:** Chairman A. Howard, Cllrs. G. Smid, T. Copeland, J. Atkinson, R. Meadows & M. Stewart  **23/404 Chairman’s Report**  None  **23/405 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2023**  Proposed: Councillor M. Tank Seconded: Councillor R. Isaac  **23/406 Any Matters Arising**  Grass Cutting around the Village – The Clerk will write to KC Active to see if they are going to tender for cutting the grass around the village in 2024.  **23/407 Accounts Payable**  Clerks Salary & expenses £507.30  Npower £TBC  Ncalc Training Course £50.40  E-on Street light maintenance £568.20  KCA Grass cutting £1440    **23/408 Amounts Received**    Proposed: Councillor D. Balmer Seconded: Councillor G. Holland    **23/409 Financial Position**  Bank Balances: As of 6th November 2023  Current £36,277.33  Deposit £70,840.26: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field **(Hypothecated Reserves)**  Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £847.79: **(Hypothecated Reserves)**  Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver:Section106Lap&Leap **(Hypothecated Reserves)**£62,342.68 as of 31/3/23 (Statements Annually)  Cambridge BuildingSocietySaver:Section106Lap&Leap **(Hypothecated Reserves)** £60,482.94 as of 31/12/22 (Statements Annually)  **23/410 Planning Applications -** – <https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>  **NE/23/01127/FUL -** Proposed replacement of existing garage/cart shed with new garage car shed. 24 Park Street Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XN **Recommend Approval (Support)**  **NE/23/01237/FUL -** Single storey rear extension. 57 Bridge Street Kings Cliffe, PE8 **Recommend Approval (Support)**  **23/411 Planning Applications Granted by NCC**    **NE/23/01033/TCA/ -** T1 - Ash to be re pollarded back to the original points. T2 - Sycamore to be re pollarded back to the original points**. Location: 28 West Street Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XA**  **NE/23/00755/FUL -** Refurbishment and remodelling of existing conservatory, construction of single-storey extensions and first-floor extension to the rear, and roof alterations to existing garage**. 1 Church Walk, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XD**  **NE/23/00598/FUL -** Rear single storey extension, part attic conversion over existing garage, extended porch, PV panels to the west facing pitched roofs, new garden wall and greenhouse**. 2 Howards Meadow, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6YJ.**  **NE/23/00567/TCA -** T1 weeping silver birch - light prune to remove overhanging branches in neighbour's garden; T2 cherry - prune down to 2.4m, T3 red acer - prune down to 2.4m, T4, 5 \_ 6 silver birch - light prune to sides to  remove overhanging branches and reduce height by 2-3 m. **100c Wood Road, PE8 6XR.**  **23/412** **Insurance Cover**  Our insurance premium covers anyone instructed to do work on our behalf whilst working on our land on a third-party basis. However, it has come to light that anyone working on our land needs to complete a Risk Assessment for us to keep for our records. The Clerk will contact all workers and contractors asking for a Risk Assessment before work can begin.  **23/413 Internet Banking**  The possibility of using internet banking will be explored as the use of cheques as a form of payment is becoming increasingly rare and the number of companies accepting cheques is dwindling. The Clerk will contact Barclays and enquire about what steps are needed to proceed.  **23/414 Budget**  The Budget for 2024-25 was presented to Councillors and will be finalised and signed off at the January meeting.  **23/415 Npower**  In October Npower increased the unit price of our electricity supply without informing us, which is against the rules set by Ofgem. They have now acknowledged that we did not receive a letter but the charges stand. The Clerk contacted the Energy Ombudsman and they have informed the Clerk that they can help us with this dispute. The Clerk will contact the Ombudsman again to move forward with a complaint.  **23/416 Street Light Conversion to LED’s**  The Councillors were presented with a quote to change the streetlights from the current Sodium bulbs to LED bulbs. This will be carried forward to the January meeting.  **23/417 Village Field proposal from KCA**  The Clerk will write to the Football Club, KC Active and the Cricket Club and request that they get together to form a proposal that incorporates all proposals, after which the Clerk will arrange a meeting with all parties and the Parish Council so the proposal can be presented and discussed. At no point during this meeting will any decisions regarding the proposal be made.  **23/418 S106**  The Clerk sent the requested information to the Monitoring Officer, we are now awaiting a reply.  **23/419 Land Behind Oak Lane**  The Clerk has contacted Chatterton’s Solicitors to enquire about the location of the deeds and is waiting to hear back.  **23/420 Allotments**  A skip has been arranged and is on site for allotment holders to clear the rubbish from their allotment plots. Tenancy renewals have been sent out for 2024. A new tenant has been found for an allotment plot, but we still have a few plots available.    **23/421 Archives re: Old Fire Station**  This will be discussed again at the January meeting.  **23/422 Speed warning signs**  Cllr. J. Atkinson is working on obtaining a grant for purchasing the Speed Warning Signs  **23/423 Road and footpath repairs**  There has been an increase is potholes and path defects. We will report them to fix my street website and would encourage all residents to do the same.  **23/424 Reports from our Representatives**  None  **23/425 Burial Board Report**  Vice-Chairman M. Day obtained a quote to straighten the headstones in the cemetery. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact other Parish Councils to seek advice on who they use to make the same repairs.  **23/426 Gazette entry – January 2023**  Discussed & Agreed  **23/427 Police: Crime Report/JAG**  None  **23/428 Correspondence Received**  None  The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11th January 2024 at Lower Ground Floor Community Room Kings Cliffe Active.  Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Clerk    Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  C |