

Kings Cliffe Parish Council

The Monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

<p>23/259 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Maryanne Tank declared an interest in the allotments.</p> <p>23/260 Presents: Chairman A. Howard, Vice-Chairman M. Day, Cllrs M. Tank, G. Holland, R. Isaac, R. Meadows, G. Smid, M. Stewart + 1 member of the public</p> <p>23/261 Unitary Councillors: All invited Councillor Smithers sent his apologies.</p> <p>23/262 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs D. Balmer, J, Atkinson and T. Copeland</p> <p>23/263 Chairman's Report: None</p> <p>23/264 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May 2023</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor R. Meadows Seconded: Councillor R. Isaac</p> <p>23/265 Any Matters Arising Heritage Boards – There is a concern that the posts holding some of the heritage boards may rot away so the option of mounting them on the wall with the others will be explored.</p> <p>Facebook Page – Further discussion is needed and advice from other parishes will be sought before moving forward.</p> <p>Lap and leap – We still have not received any communication from the Monitoring Officer Stacey Wylie over the releasing of funds from the S106 Lap and Leap fund. The Chairman will chase this up again.</p> <p>23/266 Accounts Payable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Clerk Salary</td><td style="text-align: right;">£450</td></tr> <tr><td>Npower</td><td style="text-align: right;">£159.06</td></tr> <tr><td>Janine Juggins (return of marquee deposit)</td><td style="text-align: right;">£500</td></tr> <tr><td>Underground Centre (Parish Council Grant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">£1560</td></tr> <tr><td>Kings Cliffe Active (Parish Council Grant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">£940</td></tr> <tr><td>ICO membership (Direct Debit)</td><td style="text-align: right;">£40</td></tr> <tr><td>Eon Street lighting</td><td style="text-align: right;">£568.20</td></tr> <tr><td>Insurance (Robert J Goodson)</td><td style="text-align: right;">£957.87</td></tr> </table> <p>Proposed: Councillor G.Holland Seconded: Councillor M. Stewart</p> <p>23/267 Amounts Received</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Precept</td><td style="text-align: right;">£33,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Allotments</td><td style="text-align: right;">£40</td></tr> </table> <p>23/268 Financial Position Bank Balances: As of 6th May 2023 Current £54,996.48: 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)£62,342.68 as of 31/3/23 (Statements Annually)</p>	Clerk Salary	£450	Npower	£159.06	Janine Juggins (return of marquee deposit)	£500	Underground Centre (Parish Council Grant)	£1560	Kings Cliffe Active (Parish Council Grant)	£940	ICO membership (Direct Debit)	£40	Eon Street lighting	£568.20	Insurance (Robert J Goodson)	£957.87	Precept	£33,000	Allotments	£40	Chairman
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Cambridge Building Society Saver: Section 106 Lap & Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**) £60,482.94 as of 31/12/22 (Statements Annually)

23/269 Annual Audit of Accounts

The Annual Return has been completed and was signed by the Chairman and Clerk will send PKF Littlejohn, the External Auditors.

Clerk

23/270 Planning Applications - - <https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/NE/23/00490/FUL> - Proposed workshop/studio to rear garden - **40 Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN 9th June.** Recommend Approval (Support)

NE/23/00352/LBC - Internal and external conservation and repair works (as per design and access statement) - **22 Bridge Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XH 9th June** Recommend Approval (Support)

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23/271 Planning Applications Granted by NCC

NE/23/00075/TCA/ - Proposal: T1-8 Limes - re-pollard to same height as previous pollarding; T9 Maple : 2m crown reduction off the height and 1m reduction off the laterals - **29A West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB**

23/272 Wildplaces – Proposed Hedge in Village Field

Mr. C. Tomalin contacted the Parish Council to ask if their previous decision of not to allow a hedge to be put across the village field be looked at again. Mr. Tomalin proposed that the funding could come from Augean, fund raising, the Parish Council as well as using free tree packs from the Woodland Trust.

The matter was discussed and there was concern over who would maintain the hedge after it had been put in. The hedgerow that was put in between the Village Field and Millennium Wood is not currently maintained and has become very overgrown so the worry is the same could happen with this hedge.

Also, the purpose for the hedge was not clear, so the Clerk will write to Mr. Tomalin for more clarification before a decision is made.

Clerk

23/273 Grass Cutting – Cemetery – Complaints

The Parish Council have received several complaints regarding the length of the grass in the Cemetery and around the Village.

Councillors have visited the Cemetery to look at this and agree that the grass cutting is not up to standard. A meeting will be arranged with the contractor.

The Clerk will contact Cllr J. Atkinson to ask her to contact Kings Cliffe Active for an update in the grass cutting around the Village.

It was agreed that Vice-Chairman M. Day would cut the Village Field later this year.

Clerk

23/274 Allotment allocations

After a walk round of the Allotments by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was noticed that most of the allotment plots are being very well maintained. However, there are a few plots that are not being maintained or only half used.

Chairman A. Howard will organise a walk round with the Sub-Committee to look at this issue and also check the sizes of the allotment plots as they seem to vary in size and boundaries are unclear.

A post will be put up on the Allotment Holder's Facebook page.

The Clerk will contact Anna Stockley to ask for the status of the transition allotment plots.

Chairman

23/273 Training Courses

Cllrs J. Atkinson and R. Meadows are attending an online course 'How to respond to planning applications' in November.

23/274 Kings Cliffe Parish Council Facebook Page

The Clerk will continue to look into having a Parish Council Facebook page, seeking advice from other Parish Councils

23/275 Blatherwyck Road Sign and Station Road Sign

This has now been replaced.

23/276 Electricity supply renewal

After agreeing to the energy renewal, the Clerk was informed that in July the price would increase in July. After querying it the Clerk was then told that the price may not increase but the Parish Council could change suppliers at any time providing the bill was up to date.

23/277 Defib Pads and Maintenance

As Cllr T. Copeland was not at the meeting it was decided to defer the decision of using an outside contractor to maintain the defibs until the next meeting.

The Clerk will circulate the information regarding what is required of the Defib Guardian.

Clerk

23/278 Quote for work following Playground Inspection

The clerk is awaiting a reply from the company who will carry out the repairs following the inspection and will chase this up.

Clerk

23/279 Common area behind Sovereign Grange

We are still awaiting quotes from Mr. Giddings.

23/280 Funded Pond opportunity for the Parish

Unfortunately, it has been discovered that this opportunity is no longer available.

23/281 Road and footpath repairs

There are large potholes on Orchard Lane. Cllr R. Isaac is liaising with Sarah Barnwell from North Northants Council to have these repaired.

23/282 Elephant trap

The work has been booked in but no official date has been given as yet.

23/283 Reports from our Representatives

Cllr R. Meadows asked the Parish Council for their support in increasing the number of kissing gates to allow for an accessible round walk between Kings Cliffe and Blatherwyck. Going past Fineshade Abbey to Blatherwyck and coming back along Willow Brook. This was agreed.

Proposed: Councillor R. Meadows

Seconded: Councillor G. Holland

There has been some damage to the area around the Horsewater and the seat had been overturned. A quote has been obtained from Kings Cliffe Property Maintenance to repair the damage. It was agreed to go ahead with the repair.

23/284 Burial Board Report

None

23/285 Gazette entry – July 2023

Discussed and agreed.

23/286 Police: Crime Report/JAG

There is a group of men going around attempting to break into vehicles and houses during the day. We encourage all residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

23/287 Correspondence Received

A Freedom of information request was made to the Parish Council by Mr. B. Field. This will be replied to within the required time.

The next meeting will be held on July 13th 2023, at 7.30pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

Signed _____

Date _____

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