

23/37 – Financial Position

Bank Balances: As of 6th January 2023

Current £33,394.84:

Deposit £70,416.56: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £842.71 (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver: Section 106 Lap & Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

£61,313.95 as of 31/03/22 (Statements Annually)

Cambridge Building Society Saver: Section 106 Lap & Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**)

£60,179.82 as of 31/12/22 (Statements Annually)

23/38 – Planning Applications

NE/23/00047/LBC – Proposed extractor fan to Kitchen, Bathroom and EnSuite. 22 Wood Road, Kings Cliffe. **Recommend Approval (Support)**

NE/23/00075/TCA/ - 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. **Recommend Approval (Support) Subject to:** The trees should be pollarded to the highest previous pollarding level.

23/39 – Planning Applications granted by NCC

NE/22/01230/TCA - T1 - Laurel, reduce crown by 1.5m and remove 3 lower limbs – 50 West Street, Kings Cliffe

NE/22/01346/TCA/ - G1 - 3 lime trees - re-pollard; G2 - 5 lime trees - to be felled and removed
T1 -apple tree - to be felled and removed – 31 West Street, Kings Cliffe.

23/40 - Councillor Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Councillor Mary Howard there is a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor. The Clerk and Chairman will go through the recruiting process to confirm procedures. The Clerk to put a vacancy advert in the Gazette, on the Community Facebook page and on the Parish Council website.

Chairman/Clerk

23/41 - Memorial Hall Trustee

Due to the amount of Councillors absent this has been forwarded to the March meeting.

23/42 – Website

The website has been unavailable, but the problem has now been rectified.

23/43 - Tarpaulin for the Marquee

A request from Mr. M. Henchy, Treasurer of Transition Kings Cliffe was received. He wanted the Parish Council to contribute or pay for a tarpaulin that was purchased for use during their Christmas Fair. Unfortunately the Council could see no advantage to buying or contributing to the purchase of the tarpaulin, his request was refused.

Clerk

23/44 - Church Wall

Cllr T. Copeland highlighted a bulge in part of the Church wall. Vice-Chairman M. Day will contact KC building Maintenance to survey the wall and give a quote on any work needed. Vice-Chairman M. Day received a quote from KC Property Maintenance for the work on the Pychell.

Vice-Chairman

Proposed: Councillor G. Holland

Seconded: Councillor R.Isaac

<p>23/45 - Playground Inspection An inspector from Seacrest will come on the 24th February to inspect the playground at the bottom of Sovereign Grange.</p>	
<p>23/46 - Gritting Routes Cllr R. Isaac contacted NNC about the possibility of gritting West Street by a Gritting Lorry. The Parish Council understands that NCC will only grit either West Street or Wood Road. Chairman A. Howard and Vice-Chairman M. Day will look at the possibility of placing more grit bins for residents to use on Wood Road as there is no room on the pavements for grit bins on West Street.</p>	Chairman/Vice-Chairman
<p>23/47 - Common area behind Sovereign Grange The Council received a request from Mr R. Giddings for the Council to improve the footpath area between Sovereign Grange and Kings Cliffe meadow. The path changes from tarmac to grass and gets very boggy due to the amount of use it gets. The Council has agreed in principle to fund the supply of hardcore and has asked Mr. Giddings to obtain a quote and then inform us of the cost.</p>	
<p>23/48 - KCA Grant Application Mr S. Fairhill spoke to the Parish Council about his grant application. He is looking for a minimum of £2000 to contribute to the installation of solar lighting with batteries at KC Active. It was decided that before any decision on this application was made, the Parish Council would invite other community groups to apply for a Parish Council Grant. A notice will be put in the Gazette and on the Community Facebook page.</p>	Clerk
<p>23/49 - Village Grass Cutting Forwarded to March meeting.</p>	
<p>23/50 - Planning H2 Forwarded to March meeting.</p>	
<p>23/51 - Funded pond opportunity for the Parish Chairman Howard is still waiting for a response from relevant conservation groups.</p>	
<p>23/52 - Road and footpath repairs Cllr R. Brown awaiting updates from fellow councillors to find the worse stretch of path to use as a test case to obtain quotes for repair. Cllr Balmer provided some details and Cllr Isaac undertook to assist in order to move this matter forward.</p>	Cllr R. Brown
<p>23/53 - Elephant trap Waiting for the weather to improve before work can commence.</p>	
<p>23/54 - Parking at the Village Shop Cllrs D. Balmer and J. Aitkinson tried to access our records but found the storage facility was full of another organisations belongings, so could not gain access. Clerk to write to the other organisation to ask that they tidy their belongings to allow us to gain access to our records.</p>	Clerk
<p>23/55 - Reports from our Representatives None.</p>	
<p>23/56 - Burial Board Report None.</p>	
<p>23/57 - Gazette entry – March 2023 Discussed and agreed.</p>	

23/58 - Police: Crime Report/JAG

Go in to communities to engage with residents to introduce street surgeries to address any concerns the residents have. There will be 2 street surgeries coming to Kings Cliffe and surrounding area, Dates to be confirmed and residents will be informed by letter. Speeding in the village has reduced according to data.

Northamptonshire Police are currently recruiting for Police Officers and PCSO's. We offered to put a notice on the Facebook community page.

Clerk to inform Police representative of the dates for further meetings.
Police representative to liaise with Clerk to discuss potential new dates for the meeting that was cancelled in December. This could possibly take place in April or May.

23/59 - Correspondence Received

The Clerk received an email from KC Active stating that they would no longer receive cheques as payment from 1st April.

Chairman Howard is still receiving letters from the Barclays bank stating that they will close the account if they are not contacted but all communications they are sent are not responded to. Chairman Howard to continue chase this up.

Discussion with Unitary Councillor

Planning application response form. Councillor Harrison was made aware that the response options given to Parish Councils on these forms did not give an option for supporting an application but having comments or observations on it. It was suggested that there could be another option, Support subject to the following comments/observations. Councillor Harrison understood the need for this and will forward our feedback.

Trees. The number of applications being received for the removal of trees has significantly increased, there is a concern that the landscape of the village has changed from what it was just 20 years ago, particularly in West Street. The Parish Council would like to see a proposal that where a tree must be removed due to disease it will be replaced with a replacement tree. Also highlighted was the fact that no photographs are required to be included in the planning application form, which can make it very hard for the tree inspector to put into context the effect that removing the tree has both to the environment and the street scene. Councillor Harrison will speak to her Executive Councillor colleagues at their weekly meeting to feedback our concerns and will inform us of any decisions made.

Councillor Harrison informed us that due to the shake up within Northamptonshire Council, the planning process is being transformed and a team of members and officers has been set up to look at how this can be achieved.

Pre-planning application meetings. Cllr R. Brown informed Councillor Harrison that a resident was told that pre-planning meetings no longer took place, which Councillor Harrison stated was untrue and has also received complaints of this nature and admitted that this is an area that the Council is failing at and will improve on.

Chairman Howard asked what North Northamptonshire Council were doing to encourage local Communities and Councils to become more eco-friendly and if there were any schemes in place to achieve this. Councillor Harrison was not aware of any particular grants but would talk to the Executive Member for the Environment and send the Clerk a list of available grants.

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 9th March 2023 at Lower Ground Floor Community Room Kings Cliffe Active.

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