

Kings Cliffe Parish Council.

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

23/60 Declarations of Interest – None

23/61 Presents – Chairman A. Howard, Vice-Chairman M. Day, Cllrs D. Balmer, G, Holland, R, Isaac, R, Meadows, G, Smid.

23/62 Unitary Councillors – All three Unitary Councillors were invited, Councillor Helen Harrison replied saying she was unable to attend.

23/63 Apologies for Absence – Councillors J. Atkinson & T. Copeland

23/64 Chairman's Report – Councillor Russell Brown has resigned as a Parish Councillor. The Chairman sent Russell an email thanking him for his years of service to the Parish Council. This will be discussed as an agenda item.

23/65 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2023.

Proposed: Councillor D. Balmer

Seconded: Councillor R. Isaac

23/66 Any Matters Arising

Chairman sent an email to Stacey Wylie, S106 Monitoring Officer, asking for a form to release the funds that the Parish Council holds for the lap and leap area.

Vice-Chairman Day met with Mr. Sanders to discuss the placement for a memorial bench and tree. It was decided that the best place for these would be either the Sovereign Grange play area or Kings Cliffe Active. After meeting with a representative of Kings Cliffe Active Mr. Sanders will inform us of his decision.

The Village Noticeboards have been taken down and renovated, one needed to be remade, by Kevin Howard.

23/67 Accounts Payable

Clerks Salary	£450.00
KCA Room hire	£37.50
Npower Business Solutions	£451.60
Cloud Next	£119.98
E.M Dorman Funeral Directors	£45.00
Eon Street Lighting	£568.20
Kevin Howard	£400.00
Seagrave Inspection Services	£252.00

Amendment, Payment to Kings Cliffe Property Maintenance has been removed. Payments to Kevin Howard and Seagrave Inspection Services have been added.

23/68 Amounts Received

Allotment Fees	£250
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23/69 Financial Position

Bank Balances: As of 6th February 2023

Current £30,240.94:

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:Section106Lap&Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**)£61,313.95 as of 31/3/22 (Statements Annually)

Cambridge BuildingSocietySaver:Section106Lap&Leap (**Hypothecated Reserves**)
£60,179.82 as of 31/12/22 (Statements Annually)

23/70 Planning Applications

None

23/71 Planning Applications Granted by NCC

None

23/72 Councillor Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Russell Brown, there is a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor.

Notice of Vacancy to be put up on Noticeboards, Parish Council website and on Facebook.

A notice will also be put in the Gazette encouraging anyone who is interested in becoming a Councillor to contact the Clerk to put their name forward as there are now two vacancies.

The Clerk to contact Danny Moody to seek advice going forward.

The next meeting to start at 7.00 to allow time to vote in new Councillors, this is to be confirmed.

Clerk

23/73 Memorial Hall Trustee

Forwarded to the April meeting.

23/74 Defib Pads

Councillor T. Copeland received an email from Clare Lovejoy stating that the Defib pads in Hall Yard and The Old Brewery are due for renewal. The Clerk to contact Cllr Copeland for clarification on who is responsible for all the defibrillators in the village and why the pads need replacing as they have only recently been installed.

Clerk

23/75 Parking outside the Church

The Clerk received an email from Simon Brown who was concerned about the parking situation at the junction of West Street and Park Street. He is also concerned about a stone bench that has been erected which, he states, is preventing people parking their cars. The Clerk will contact Highways to report the issue.

Clerk

23/76 Church Wall

A quote has been received from Kings Cliffe Property Maintenance for knocking down and rebuilding of the Pychell wall. They will also check and recap as needed the wall in Hall Yard within that price.

23/77 Playground Inspection

An Inspection was done by Seagrave Inspection Services. There are some repairs that have been noted. The Clerk to obtain quotes for the work to be carried out.

Clerk

<p>23/78 Gritting Routes The Clerk will send an email to Sarah Barnwell asking for the gritting route around the Village and to see if it would be possible to have both Wood Road and West Street gritted by a lorry as both contain important village amenities.</p>	Clerk
<p>23/79 Common area behind Sovereign Grange Clerk to contact Mr. Giddings for an update on any quotes he has received for the hardcore to improve the footpath.</p>	Clerk
<p>23/80 Village Grass Cutting The Clerk to contact Councillor J. Aitkinson for an update on the village grass cutting plan.</p>	Clerk
<p>23/81 Planning H2 Forwarded to March meeting.</p>	
<p>23/82 Funded Pond opportunity for the Parish No update has been received as yet.</p>	
<p>23/83 Road and footpath repairs Photographs have been taken and sent to North Northants Council but, Councillor D. Balmer has had no reply. Cllr R. Isaac to contact Sarah Barnwell and request a walk round of the village to discuss the repairs that are required.</p>	Cllr R. Isaac
<p>23/84 Elephant trap Awaiting warmer weather.</p>	
<p>23/85 Parking at the Village Shop Clerk to contact the Planning office to request the planning documents and conditions of the build.</p>	Clerk
<p>23/86 Reports from our Representatives None</p>	
<p>23/87 Burial Board Report None</p>	
<p>23/88 Gazette entry – March 2023 Discussed and Agreed</p>	
<p>23/89 Police: Crime Report/JAG None Received</p>	
<p>23/90 Correspondence Received Mr. Giddings asked if the Parish Council grant could be used for the Church to remove the white paint. The Church are welcome to make a Parish Council Grant application. The Chairman received a letter from Barclays with a request of the information needed by them. The Chairman will follow this up.</p>	Chairman
<p>As part of this the appropriate mandate form are needed to change the signatory on the account due to Russell Brown's resignation.</p>	Clerk
<p>Enquires will also take place into the Parish Council setting up Internet Banking.</p>	

Simon Fairhill contacted the Chairman to ask for a letter to support his application for a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant, for him to chart the history of Kings Cliffe Active. It was agreed that a letter supporting this would be drafted.

Chairman

Coronation Celebrations - there will be eleven Heritage History Boards put up, initially on the green by the Village sign then they will be moved around the village. As the green is Parish Council land the Council has agreed for the boards to be erected.

The railings around the Church are in need of repainting, Kings Cliffe Property maintenance to inspect and to give a quote for repainting them. Cllr R. Meadows repainted and fixed the Church Walk sign to the railings.

The comments made by the Parish Council to the planning office in regards to the planning application for the former endowed school on Park Street have not been posted on the planning consultee web page. The Clerk to contact the planning office to follow this up.

Clerk

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13th April at Lower Ground Floor Community Room Kings Cliffe Active.

Signed _____ Date _____

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