

Kings Cliffe Parish Council

The Monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7.30 pm at Kings Cliffe Active.

Request to Speak - Neil Gilliver, the Development Services Manager for Midlands Rural Housing came to speak about and show us the plans of 8, 2 bedroom houses and 2, 1 bedroom maisonettes that they want to build on the land off Millwood way. These homes will meet the future home standard.

23/314 Declarations of Interest - Chairman A. Howard declared a Pecuniary interest in planning application NE/23/00836/FUL.

23/315 Presents: Chairman A. Howard, Vice-Chairman M. Day, Cllrs J. Atkinson, D. Balmer, G. Holland, M. Tank R. Meadows, R. Isaac, G. Smid, + 13 Members of the Public

23/316 Unitary Councillors: All Unitary Councillors were invited, none attended. Councillor Smithers sent his apologies.

23/317 Apologies for Absence: Councillors T. Copeland & M. Stewart.

23/318 Chairman's Report

A meeting of the Amenities Sub-Committee was held at the Allotments. Which has been followed up, resulting in one tenant moving plots and some others deciding to give up their plots. These plots will be offered to the people on the waiting list.

Grass Cutting – A meeting was held with the Contractor responsible for cutting the grass in the Cemetery and Church Yard. The contractor will trim the areas of grass between the Graves and there will be an additional cut in September.

Independent Audit of Accounts – to be updated in the meeting.

23/319 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2023

Proposed: Councillor G. Holland

Seconded: Councillor R. Isaac

23/320 Any Matters Arising

S106 Lap & Leap – We have been in touch with Danny Moody about the lack of response to our emails from the Council S106 Monitoring Officer. He has asked his Liaison Officer to intervene on our behalf to help resolve this issue.

23/321 Accounts Payable

Clerk Salary (Aug + Sept) and expenses (room hire, stationary, stamps, travel)	£981.50
Mrs. Sheila Grout (marquee deposit return)	£500 pd
Npower	Aug £706.57 pd
	Sept £694.01
Eon Street light maintenance	£568.20
NCC Dog waste bins	£30.64
Shaw Garden Services	June £900
	July £600
	Aug £300
Community Heartbeat Trust	£810

23/322 Amounts Received

Burial Board	£590
Marquee Hire	£300

Proposed: Councillor G. Holland

Seconded: Councillor J. Atkinson

23/323 Financial PositionBank Balances: As of 4th August 2023Current £45,341.83: Deposit £70,650.95: (£51,757.15) of this is for the Village Field (**Hypothecated Reserves**)Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £845.52: (**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)**23/324 Audit of Accounts Update**

The Clerk met with Sue Reynolds from Stephenson Smart Accountants who will now act as our Internal Auditor for this Audit. She is working on the accounts, and we are awaiting her report ready for the 18th September deadline.

23/325 Planning Applications - - <https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>**NE/23/00763/FUL** - Demolition of single storey rear lean-to, and erection of two storey rear extension, and internal alterations. - 12 Park Street Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XN **Recommend Approval (Support)** by email Aug**NE/23/00765/LBC** - Demolition of single storey rear lean-to, and erection of two storey rear extension, and internal alterations - 12 Park Street Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XN **Recommend Approval (Support)** by email Aug**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 Peterborough PE8 6XD **Recommend Approval (Support)****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 Kings Cliffe Peterborough PE8 6XR **Recommend Approval (Support)****NE/23/00836/FUL** - Demolition of cattle shed, storage containers and proposed new cattle shed and grain store. - Land West Of Stamford Road Stamford Road Kings Cliffe **Recommend Approval (Support)****NE/22/01431/FUL** - Convert former school to four town houses, conversion of horsa to ancillary annexe accommodation, along with associated landscaping, parking and access, first floor extension to NE wing and changes to fenestration - **Kings Cliffe Primary School Park Street Kings Cliffe Peterborough PE8 6XN Recommend Approval (Support)**

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23/326 Planning Applications Granted by NCC

NE/23/00647/PNA -Agricultural storage Building - **Westhay Farm, Stamford Road, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XX**

NE/23/00276/FUL - Single storey side extension, new porch canopy, dropped kerb with hardstanding for parking. -6 **Kings Forest, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XS**

NE/23/00490/FUL - Proposed workshop/studio to rear garden. - **40 Park Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XN.**

23/327 Training Courses

The Clerk will be attending 2 on-line training courses next month, Budgeting for Clerks and New Clerks Finance.

Proposed: Councillor J. Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor M. Day

23/328 7.5t Limit on West Street

The option of having a 7.5t limit on West Street was explored and due to not having the requirements needed, i.e. it would remove 30 lorry trips per day, we are unable to pursue this any further.

23/329 Land Behind Oak Lane

We were approached by a resident who wanted to purchase a small area of land next to her house from us. It is believed that when the land was gifted to us and a covenant on the land was put in place that there would be no change of use or planning application sought. Questions raised of whether selling the land was a good idea as it will set a president with other residents along that row and if there was a need for the extra parking. It was decided that Councillors would have a look at the area to have a better understanding of the problems raised in the correspondence and the Transfer of Land documents will be circulated.

Clerk

23/330 Petition re: Village Field

Cllr R. Isaac approached residents with a petition to gain a better understanding of residents views regarding the proposed hedgerow in the village field. He stated that this was just to inform his view.

23/331 Wildplaces – Proposed Hedgerow in the Village Field

Following the last meeting, the Clerk sent a letter to Transition Wildplaces asking for a maintenance plan. This letter was answered and stated that there would be no need for the hedgerow to be maintained and the plan was to plant trees within the hedgerow every 6 metres totalling 26 trees. However, in a conversation with Cllr R. Meadows Mr. Tomalin stated that the number trees was a suggestion from the Woodland Trust not a requirement.

There was some concern that the amount of trees suggested would be too many, however a few trees could be considered.

The gap between the existing hedge and the new one should be increased from the original 3 metres to between 5-6 metres. This would allow machinery to be used to cut back the hedge if, in the future it was not being maintained.

The hedge needs to be maintained so as to not allow it to grow out of control and cutting off the back of the field.

The size of the hedge will be periodically reviewed.

Cllr. J. Atkinson stated that under the Environmental act of 2021, as a public body we have to by law, consider what we can do to serve and enhance biodiversity within our Parish. As at the moment we do not have a Biodiversity Policy the subject will be added to the next Agenda.

The Clerk will draft a letter to Transition Wildplaces which will be circulated to the Councillors before it is sent.

Proposed: Councillor J. Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor D. Balmer

Clerk

23/332 Query about Grass Cutting Invoice

An invoice was received from Kings Cliffe Active for the grass cutting done around the village. There was a question about an item on the invoice so Kings Cliffe Active have redacted it to be reviewed and will reissue another one.

23/333 Allotments

A meeting of the Amenities Sub-Committee was held at the allotments, after which some allotment holders were approached and asked if they still wanted to keep their allotment plots. Following this a number of allotment holders were contacted as their allotments were not being maintained, and a number have decided to give up their plots.

<p>A skip will be arranged to assist allotment holders to clear the rubbish from their allotments. Cllrs. M. Day and R. Meadows will ask Augean if they will provide one. The clerk will arrange a meeting with prospective allotment applicants to assess what size allotment they require and would be able to manage. Allotment boundaries need to be made clearer.</p>	Clerk
<p>23/334 Kings Cliffe Parish Council Facebook Page Discussions are still taking place between the Chairman and Clerk as to content of the Facebook page however, it is hoped that this will be Operational shortly.</p>	
<p>23/335 Archives re: The Old Fire Station The Parochial Church Council did not meet in June as expected. We are awaiting the next meeting for the subject of clearing the old fire station to be discussed.</p>	
<p>23/336 Speed warning signs Cllr. J. Atkinson presented the Council with a number of different types of speed warning signs and power sources with varying costs. The Clerk will pass on the details of the Clerk for Collyweston Parish Council for advice on which warning signs they found to be effective. Cllr. J. Atkinson will also look into how to apply for the grants to pay for part of the cost.</p>	Cllr. J. Atkinson
<p>23/337 Road and footpath repairs We were contacted by a resident who lives at the top of Wood Lane enquiring about who was responsible for the verges, along Wood Lane from where the track starts, as he believes they are uneven. The clerk will write to him and inform him that the verges are not the Parish Council's responsibility.</p>	Clerk
<p>23/338 Elephant trap No further updates.</p>	
<p>23/339 Reports from our Representatives The path between Stamford Road and Wansford road has been cleared and is now free from Brambles. A meeting will be held at Augean with the Augean Liaison Committee on the 15th September</p>	
<p>23/310 Burial Board Report None</p>	
<p>23/311 Gazette entry – October 2023 Discussed and agreed</p>	
<p>23/312 Police: Crime Report/JAG None</p>	
<p>23/313 Correspondence Received An enquiry has been received by Anna Stockley who asked about the possibility of planting trees on the grass verges around the village. The clerk will contact NCC for advice and to see if this would be possible as there was some concern about the damage the trees could do in the future. An enquiry was received by Tracey Smith who asked about the possibility of a dog waste bin being installed at the junction of the Village field and the Active. This has been looked into before and the Council will not collect that far up the track</p>	Clerk

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12th October 2023 at Lower Ground Floor Community Room Kings Cliffe Active.

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