



	<p>In terms of things to report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Town & Parish Council / Parish Meeting Cluster Meeting – Kings Cliffe Club, Monday 27th April 2026 2. Kings Cliffe clubs and groups meeting – Kings Cliffe Club, Thursday 30th April 2026 3. I have now also proposed a meeting of community groups which are either facility owning or leasing across the Ward, but have had limited response to the suggestion so far. <p>In all instances I am aware of other gatherings of these groups and organisations that support – ie NCALC, the LAP, Aspire NN – and I will be promoting these as appropriate. It is not my intention to formalise and schedule these meetings into the future, but equally happy to call again if there is interest and an agenda to consider. In terms of response, it has been good for 1, reasonable for 2, quiet for 3!</p> <p>The primary focus of my time (and Jon Humberstone’s too I believe) over the last period has been dealing with enquiries and regularly visiting a piece of land just off the A605 by the services at Warmington and the fear of its establishment as a Traveller site. I arranged a meeting of the surrounding Parish Councils / Meetings with the NNC Leader and Deputy Leader and the MP to discuss.</p> <p>The Ward Empowerment Scheme is up for discussion at NNC Executive on Tuesday, with a proposal that the funds within the scheme are halved for 2026-2027 and just a three-month window for applications (and then it would seem, the scheme ended).</p> <p>No response from Cllr Humberstone or Cllr Harrison</p>
26/07	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>It was agreed for Cllr Meadows to join the Staffing Committee as a replacement for Cllr Balmer.</p> <p>Amenities</p> <p>The Parish Council has submitted a grant application for the proposal to Oak Lane Common, which has been shared with Councillors.</p> <p>Working parties on the Pytchell have now commenced, focusing on clearing and pruning under the guidance of Nick Bailey.</p> <p>Cllr Atkinson will contact the adjoining resident regarding the boundary wall between the Pytchell and No. 1 Church Walk, as the ownership remains unclear. It is noted that the Parish Council has not previously undertaken any work to this wall, and it is believed to be owned by No. 1 Church Walk.</p> <p>A further working party has taken place at Maltings Green. Concerns were raised about the condition of the pond, including the presence of an oily film, and the committee is arranging for additional water testing.</p> <p>An Environment Agency response letter has been received. It was agreed to contact the new Estates Director at Blatherwycke, and to raise the matter with Lee Barron (MP) in relation to the Gretton Brook water issues.</p> <p>Cemetery and Church</p> <p>Some Gravestones still need attention in both the Church yard and Cemetery.</p> <p>Emergency Planning</p>



	<p>Planning Appeal NE/25/00810/PIP</p> <p>All councillors to review initial response and report back to Cllr Atkinson to formulate a response on behalf of the PC (9 self-built homes on Blatherwycke Road)</p>						
26/13	<p>Planning Applications Granted by NCC</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;">26/00093/L BC</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;">26 West Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XA</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;">Oundle</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;">Retrospective replacement of 3 rotten timber windows, minor alterations/removal of internal partitions and relocating of existing ground floor WC</td> </tr> </table>			26/00093/L BC	26 West Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XA	Oundle	Retrospective replacement of 3 rotten timber windows, minor alterations/removal of internal partitions and relocating of existing ground floor WC
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26/14	<p>Cricket Field Update</p> <p>The fourth payment has been submitted to GrantScape. The artificial wicket has been ordered and formally approved. The Cricket Club has secured the area with fencing, and the contractor is scheduled to return next week to commence reseeding and address areas where the grass has not successfully established.</p>						
26/15	<p>Parish/Town Cluster & KC Groups Meetings</p> <p>Emails sent to councillors with the dates of these. Could all Cllrs confirm to the Clerk if they wish to attend.</p> <p>KC Village Groups - 30th April PC Forum Meeting - 27th April</p> <p>Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Woore confirmed their planned attendance for both.</p>						
26/16	<p>Fence repairs at Sovereign Grange Park (Oak Lane) & Railway Line Steps Update</p> <p>No update on the broken SG Fence repair.</p> <p>It was resolved to proceed with the quote from MCZ Building Works for £1,150.00 to:</p> <p>Dig out for new posts/Concrete posts in position/Fix rails onto posts matching existing posts/rails/Fix any loose rails and prop any posts where needed/Dig out steps and fill with gravel.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Day Seconded: Cllr Howard</p>						
26/17	<p>Daleswood Rise Development Footpath Update</p> <p>Cllr Simon Fairhall to take up this issue with the building Contractor</p> <p>The Parish Council were not happy with the Contractors response. Cllr Meadows will link with the Clerk for form a response to the Contractor.</p>						
26/18	<p>ZigZag Path (Kingsmead) Update</p>						



	<p>Cllr Milne-Atkinson has commenced repairs to the crack in the path.</p> <p>It was agreed to buy 5 bags of postcrete to continue this work.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Atkinson Seconded: Cllr Woore</p>
26/19	<p>Allotments (Including permission for a SKIP) Update</p> <p>The Clerk will continue to explore options for securing a free skip, including approaching Mick George and Augean again.</p> <p>It was suggested to link with the Allotments Society regarding what other Councils/Allotments Managers do with waste from Allotment Holders.</p>
26/20	<p>PC (Augean) Grant application for CFR Response bags and PPE</p> <p>3 members of the Kings Cliffe Emergency Planning group are trained and qualified now as CFR.</p> <p>There is a need now for new kit to support this work and the group are looking for two new volunteers to support.</p> <p>It was resolved to agree to apply for up to £5000 for the Augean Small Grant when open via the PC through Cllr Woore towards CFR equipment.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr McVitty Seconded: Cllr Stewart</p>
26/21	<p>Change 'Committees' to 'Working Parties'</p> <p>It was resolved that, in place of Committees, matters will be progressed through working parties, with the exception of the Staffing Committee. Notes from these will be reported at the next meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Woore Seconded: Cllr McVitty</p>
26/22	<p>L.E.D Street Lighting</p> <p>It was agreed to establish a working party to progress this project. Cllrs Meadows, McVitty, Woore, Milne-Atkinson and Atkinson were appointed to the group, with responsibility for developing the proposal and exploring potential funding opportunities.</p>
26/23	<p>Ash Close Drainage issues</p> <p>Several issues have been raised by residents regarding drainage issues on Ash Close. This has been ongoing since Sovereign Grange had been built.</p> <p>The Parish Council will contact Sov. Grange Management Company and ask for a copy of the purchase agreement from Persimmons on responsibilities as this area has not been adopted by NNC. The Clerk would link with Gary Jones (resident) with regard to sharing historic information on this issue.</p>



26/24	<p>Sovereign Grange (Oak Lane) Play Equipment</p> <p>Cllr McVitty and Cllr Milne Atkinson agreed to inspect the park once a month and report back any issues to the Council.</p> <p>It was resolved to order the new swing (£69.60) for the Park and Cllrs McVitty/Milne Atkinson will install.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Woore Seconded: Cllr Day</p>
26/25	<p>Village Hall Trustee Nominee</p> <p>Cllr Atkinson will clarify 'does the nominee have to be a Parish councillor' with Chair of Trustees at the Memorial Village Hall.</p>
26/26	<p>Park Road Development (Old Endowed School)</p> <p>Ongoing concerns were raised regarding the building works, particularly in relation to parking, site debris and the obstruction of footpaths.</p> <p>Cllr Milne Atkinson has spoken to the police regarding the use of untaxed vehicles on the public highway. He has also reported the recent works yesterday to the National Grid.</p> <p>It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Developer again with concerns.</p>
26/27	<p>Cemetery - Plot records</p> <p>It was agreed for Cllr Jubb to 'Audit' the PC Spreadsheet including cross referencing historic Plot Deed books with spreadsheet.</p>
26/28	<p>Vacancy for Councillor Update</p> <p>M Tank Seat Vacancy - No update from NNC Elections– deadline is Monday 20th April 2026 – NNC will contact the Clerk on next steps.</p> <p>Cllr Balmer has resigned as of today – the Clerk will inform NNC Elections team.</p>
26/29	<p>KCJFC Football Tournament – Permission to use Cricket Field Car Park</p> <p>It was agreed to allow KCJFC to use the Cricket Field car park on 27th and 28th June 2028.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr McVitty Seconded: Cllr Day</p>
26/30	<p>Gazette Entry for May 2026</p> <p>Councillors were asked to submit their points to the Clerk by tomorrow.</p>



26/31	Communications Received 26/00320/HFUL Email - Cllr Atkinson to form a response
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The next meeting of the Kings Cliffe Parish Council will take place on Thursday 14th May 2026 (7pm)(KC Active, Kings Cliffe)

Minutes signed:.....

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