

**KING'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015  
IN THE ASTROP ROOM,  
KING'S SUTTON MILLENNIUM MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Irving (Chairman), M Bailey, D Bridson, R Burne, J Creed,  
W Dowling, C Hill, W Mullis, and R Sykes

**ABSENT:** Cllr R Burrell, T Forde

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs A Le Druillenec (Clerk)

**Chairman's Announcement:  
The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014:**

**01.15/16 TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Dowling to elect Cllr Burrell as Chairman.

**02.15/16 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF  
ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE, OR IF NOT RECEIVED, TO DECIDE  
WHEN IT SHALL BE RECEIVED:**

**Agreed:** To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office upon the Chairman's return from holiday.

**03.15/16 TO ELECT THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Dowling and seconded by Cllr Hill to elect Cllr Irving as Vice Chairman.

Cllr Irving welcomed Cllrs Bailey and Burne to their first Meeting of the Parish Council and welcomed back re-elected Members.

**04.15/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE THE REASONS FOR  
ABSENCE:**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Burrell and Forde.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Dowling and seconded by Cllr Bailey to Approve the Reasons for Absence submitted by Cllrs Burrell and Forde.

**A. To decide when to receive Declarations of Acceptance of Office from absentee Members:**

Cllrs Burrell and Forde had each signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**05.15/16 TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:**

None.

**06.15/16 TO INVITE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**07.15/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA:**

Mr D Hall, Parish Footpaths Warden: Item 30: Designation of Right of Way over farm track: The farm track had been walked for a long time- one person had done so for 67 years.

**08.15/16 TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES:**

**A. Ordinary Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015:** (previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Mullis and seconded by Cllr Dowling to Approve the Minutes held 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015.

**B. Extra Ordinary Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015:** (previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Creed to Approve the Minutes held 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**09.15/16 TO NOTE REPORTS FROM:**

**A. the Clerk:** (previously distributed)

Minute No. 271.14/15:

CALA Homes:

- i) Hedge, Banbury Lane: Site Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015: The Technical Director, CALA Homes was amenable to a suggestion put by Cllr Irving to resolve the deadlock with the hedge cutting regime and would follow this up.
- ii) Footpath AS10: Gravel surface: The Planning Authority requires this section to be re-laid with turf. Mr Hall, Footpaths Warden is of the view that a gravel surface is preferable. Mr Hall has again raised concern about the width of the path and the drop in the level between the fence and the surfaced path.

**Gear Change Trial:** The Parish Council's Lighting Contractor, Aylesbury Mains Ltd has received the part from DW Windsor and will carry out the gear change trial in one lamp on Halestrap Way. Installation cost: £51.50 + vat.

**Dog Waste Bin, Kensington Close:** A H Contracts has fitted the new bin to the single barrier with the aid of a post, for which £10 extra has been charged.

**Traffic Calming, Astrop Road:** The cost of the dragons teeth and 30 roundel is included in the overall cost of £2,700 of the Village Entry works.

**Village Entry Works:** Northants Highways is seeking the agreement of Scotia Gas to proceed with the works along Banbury Lane before embarking on the village entry works.

**SPLAT Village Games Sessions:** The small hall has been reserved in case of bad weather with the proviso that it would be relinquished in favour of a definite booking.

**Minute No. 272.14/15: Electricity Procurement (Agenda Item 27):** No further progress following updates from Northants CALC on 17<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015. Northants CALC is in conversation with ESPO (the public sector owned professional buying organisation based in Leicestershire) about the possibility of Parish Councils accessing the ESPO Framework for electricity purchasing. It would seem that the E.ON deemed contract rates remain competitive despite the 50% increase from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Northants CALC will provide a further update on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**Minute No. 277.14/15:**

**Plaque in Memory of Cllr Essex:** Installed in the Rose Garden.

**Thursday Bus: (Agenda Item 28)** Tex Cars and Coaches was unable to resume the service on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015, having decided to cease trading.

**Creation of Footpath, Upper Astrop Road: (Agenda Item 26)** The Parish Contribution of £2,500 will be allocated from the s106 Road Safety developer contribution (Banner Homes). Drainage will be in the form of soakaways sunk into the grass verge. As the exact location of existing underground services is not known Northants Highways will be carrying out trial hole investigations in the verge.

**Community Laptop:** The next Meeting of the KSMMH is in June 2015 when the Trustees will consider the offer of the laptop.

**Minute No. 278.14/15: Play Project (Agenda Item 25): Signage:** To be installed 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**Minute No. 279.14/15: Lighting Scheme, Hampton Drive (Barwood Homes development):** Northants Highways has advised that the Parish Council would not be expected to take over responsibility for the lighting scheme until the road has been adopted. There would be a minimum of 12 months' maintenance period from the signing of the s38 Agreement (this is several months away from completion).

The Clerk has notified Peter Brett Associates of the Parish Council's position.

**Minute No. 281.14/15: 499 Bus Service:** Comments have been sent to the Principal Bus and Rail Development Officer.

Minute No. 282.14/15: (Agenda Item 29) Petition to designate the farm track opposite the Cemetery as a Public Right of Way: The Definitive Map Officer, Northants Highways has advised that responsibility for maintenance is unclear. Legally a path that came into being due to evidence of public usage after 1959 would not be maintainable at public expense. The landowner has a duty of care to users of the right of way over their land. This may affect the siting of beehives.

The landowner has been informed of the Definitive Map Officer's advice and will be seeking personal legal advice.

**2. Other:**

1. Challenge to Appeal Verdict re. Mill Lane Speed Limit: Mr David Grindley, Asset and Traffic Manager, NCC has advised that the Panel sat on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015 to discuss the points raised by the Parish Council. It was agreed that, 'The speed limit for this particular road should remain as the national speed limit, and not to reduce it to 40mph, being it is appropriate for this particular road.'

Cllr Sykes had challenged the validity of the Appeal process.

**Agreed:** That Cllr Sykes takes up the matter with Cllr Sawbridge.

2. Astrop Grange: An informal meeting to discuss the current plans took place on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 between Members of the Parish Council and Dave Lakin and Nicky Mulligan, Area Development Manager, Grand Union Housing. Retention of the existing building will not be feasible. The proposal is to demolish the existing building and replace with a new building which is in keeping with the current building. Where possible materials will be reused. The accommodation will be for ten x 2 bedroom flats for older persons' needs, for purchase under a shared ownership arrangement.

SNC require a bat survey to be carried out and this may delay progress of the application.

3. King's Sutton Stocks: Mr Ian Shanks, Estates Officer, NCC has confirmed that NCC has completed the final planned maintenance to the iron railing surround. Future maintenance now passes to the Parish Council, as owner of the stocks.

**B. the Chairman: No Report.**

**B.1 Review of Annual Parish Meeting 2015:** Comments were satisfactory.

**C. County Councillor: No Report.** Cllr Sawbridge had sent his Apologies.

**D. District Councillor: No Report.** Cllr Morris had sent his Apologies.

**10.15/16 TO APPOINT THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Sykes to Appoint the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.

**11.15/16 TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF 4 COUNCILLORS TO FILL THE CASUAL VACANCIES CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE UNCONTESTED LOCAL ELECTION OF 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015:**

**Agreed:**

- i) To defer for the moment
- ii) To make this item a Standing Agenda item.

**A. Northants CALC: Review of Local Elections 2015:** In South Northamptonshire 12 contested elections were held out of a possible 72. Northants CALC was analysing the outcome and seeking feedback from Members on the reasons for the lack of contested elections.

**Agreed to suggest the following factors:**

- i) A general disinclination to join and commit to going to meetings etc
- ii) A lack of community spirit. Localism did not work. Only 3 volunteers for Community Speed Watch.
- iii) The demographic profile for King's Sutton: It was a working population. Voluntary activities were the preserve of the elderly. Incomers were retirees and did not have a connection to the village.
- iv) General apathy.

**Action:** the Clerk

**12.15/16 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES:**

**A. Planning Committee:**

(Planning Committee Terms of Reference previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Mullis to Elect Cllrs Bailey, Bridson, Burne, Creed, Forde and Hill to Membership of the Planning Committee.

*Adjournment for first Meeting of the Planning Committee to elect the Chairman*

*Re-opening of Annual Parish Council Meeting following the rising of the first Meeting of the Planning Committee*

**B. Finance Governance & Policy Committee:**

(Finance Governance & Policy Committee Terms of Reference previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Mullis to Elect Cllrs Creed and Sykes to Membership of the Finance Governance & Policy Committee.

Other Members of the Finance Governance & Policy Committee include:

- i) The Chairman of the Parish Council (Cllr Burrell)
- ii) The Vice Chairman of the Parish Council (Cllr Irving) who also serves as Chairman of the Finance Governance & Policy Committee
- iii) The Chairman of the Planning Committee (Cllr Forde).

**13.15/16 TO APPOINT 2 COUNCILLORS EACH FOR:****A. Amenities:**

(Remit for Cllr for Amenities previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Dowling to Appoint Cllr Burrell the Cllr for Amenities.  
One vacancy.

**B. Cemetery:**

(Remit for Cllr for Cemetery previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Dowling to Appoint Cllrs Creed and Hill the Cllrs for the Cemetery.

**C. Communications:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Sykes and seconded by Cllr Creed to Appoint Cllr Bridson the Cllr for Communications.  
One Vacancy.

**D. Lighting:**

(Remit for Cllr for Lighting previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Hill to Appoint Cllr Dowling the Cllr for Lighting.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Dowling and seconded by Cllr Hill to Appoint Cllr Bailey to work with Cllr Dowling as Cllr for Lighting.

**E. The Recreation Ground:**

(Remit for Cllr for the Rec. previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Creed and seconded by Cllr Sykes to Appoint Cllrs Hill and Mullis as the Cllrs for the Rec.

**F. Traffic Calming and Highways:**

(Remit for Cllr for Traffic Calming and Highways previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Hill to Appoint Cllrs Sykes and Bailey the Cllrs for Traffic Calming and Highways.

**14.15/16 TO APPOINT WARDENS:****A. Tree Warden:**

(Draft Remit for Tree Warden previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Mullis to Appoint Cllr Bailey as Tree Warden.

**B. Parish Paths Warden:**

(Remit for Parish Paths Warden previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Sykes to Appoint Mr Dave Hall as Parish Paths Warden.

**C. War Memorial Warden:**

(Remit for War Memorial Warden previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Mullis and seconded by Cllr Sykes to Appoint Mr Andrew Waite as War Memorial Warden.

**15.15/16 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

**A. King's Sutton Playing Fields Association:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Bailey and seconded by Cllr Mullis to Appoint Cllr Bridson as Parish Council representative on the King's Sutton Playing Fields Association.

**B. King's Sutton Millennium Memorial Hall Committee of Management:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Mullis and seconded by Cllr Dowling to Appoint Cllr Burne as Parish Council representative on the King's Sutton Millennium Memorial Hall Committee of Management.

**16.15/16 PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION TO THE POOR'S ALLOTMENT CHARITY:**

**A. To nominate a Trustee (4 year term of office):**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Dowling and seconded by Cllr Bailey to nominate Ms Maureen Paterson as Parish Council nominee to the Poor's Allotment Charity.

**17.15/16 TO ALLOCATE STREET AREAS:**

(Guidelines and List of 12 Street Areas previously distributed)

**Agreed:**

i) To amalgamate Areas 1 and 2 as Area 1 and renumber consecutive 10 areas to give 11 areas in total

ii) To allocate as follows:

Area	Location	Councillor
1	Astrop Road (incl. Bus Shelter), Astrop Gardens, Glebe Rise, St Rumbolds Drive	Burne
2	Upper Astrop Road, Astrop Grange, The Knob	Bridson
3	Richmond Street (from Co-Op), Orchard Way	Sykes
4	Dobbins Close, Dairy Ground, Cherwell Bank	Bailey
5	Lower Richmond Street (below Co-Op), Newlands, The Willows	Hill
6	Mill Lane, The Square, Holland Rise	Forde
7	Wales Street (incl. KS Station), Upper, Lower Paradise	Mullis
8	Red Lion Street, Church Avenue, Bulls Lane (incl. seat at PO), Whittall Street	Burrell
9	Banbury Lane (incl. Bus Shelter), Halestrap Way, Leadholm Close	Irving

Area	Location	Councillor
10	Sandringham Road, Windsor Close, Hampton Drive, Blenheim Rise	Dowling
11	Marlborough Close, Kensington Close, Balmoral Way, Arundel Close, King's Briar	Creed
1-11	In the event that the designated Councillor is not available	Burrell

**18.15/16 TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS TO MAY 2016:**  
(previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Burne and seconded by Cllr Hill to Approve the Calendar of Meetings to May 2016.

**19.15/16 ASSET REGISTER:**

**A. To Ratify decision to dispose of the Parish Council Noticeboard at the School by donating it to the School:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Bailey to ratify the donation of the Noticeboard to the School.

**B. To add the Dog Waste Bin at Kensington Close jitty way to the Asset Register:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Sykes and seconded by Cllr Mullis to include the Dog Waste Bin on the Asset Register.

**C. To consider refurbishment costs for seats, gates and stone Bus Shelter:**  
Cllr Mullis had acquired one quotation for the bus shelter, bench seats and gates and would get a second one.

**Agreed that:**

- i) The Cllr for Amenities takes this forward
- ii) The Cllrs for the Cemetery consider the gates at the Cemetery
- iii) The Cllrs for The Rec consider additional costs for the strimming of the newly created Play Project grass mounds
- iv) Quotations for maintenance work at i)-iii) are presented to the Parish Council for consideration.

**20.15/16 INSURANCE RENEWAL EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2015:**

**A. To Approve the Insurance Premium in the sum of £1,632.42:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Creed to Approve the Insurance Premium in the sum of £1,632.42.

**B. To Approve the addition of the new play equipment to the Policy upon being transferred into the ownership of the Parish Council:**



**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Creed and seconded by Cllr Hill to Approve the addition of the new play equipment to the Policy once in the ownership of the Parish Council.

**21.15/16 FINANCE SCHEDULE:** (previously distributed)

<b>HSBC Bank Accounts</b>	<b>Bank Statement @ 30.04.15</b>	<b>Cash Book Balance @ 08.05.15</b>
<b>Business Money Manager</b>	£44,278.13	£44,189.64
<b>Community</b>	£1.00	£1.00
<b>Money Market</b>	£162,817.62	£162,817.62

**A. To Approve the Payments:**

<b>To Ratify</b>					
<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amt (incl VAT)</b>	<b>VAT</b>	
104275	KSM MH	Office Rent, Room Hire Mar15	£136.50		
104283	D Essex	Inv. 2245	£585.00		
104284	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Inv. 15469	£58.32	£9.72	
104280	A Le Druillenc	Salary Month 1	£1,220.14		
104281	HMRC	Tax & NI Month 1	£297.49		
<b>To Approve</b>					
<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amt (incl VAT)</b>	<b>VAT</b>	
104285	S J Key	Inv. 4 litter services April 15	£80.00		
104286	A H Contracts	Inv. 7963 dog waste services	£120.00	£20.00	
104286	A H Contracts	Inv. 7063 DWB Kensington Close	£144.00	£24.00	
104287	KSM MH	Office Rent, Room Hire Apr15	£115.70		
104288	M Dempsey	Inv.1095 Grsscuttering	£970.00		
104289	J & M Humphris	Inv F51 Jubilee Rose Garden Plaques	£60.00	£10.00	
104290	E.ON	Electricity 01 Jan 15-31 Mar 15	£845.63	£140.94	
104291	Northants CALC	Inv. 4949 Membership subs, IAS	£856.92		
104292	NALC	LCR Review subs	£17.00		
104293	New Life Cars	Inv.1098; Inv.1100 Refurbishment Rocket	£600.00		
104294	SNC	Uncontested election Fee	£39.00		
104295	SNAST	Donation 2015/2016	£10.00		
104296	A Le Druillenc	Salary Month 2	£1,216.04		
104297	HMRC	Tax & NI Month 2	£294.73		
104298	A Le Druillenc	Expenses Mileage related	£17.20		
<b>Total</b>			<b>£5,386.22</b>	<b>£204.66</b>	

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Sykes and seconded by Cllr Burne to Ratify and Approve the Payments.

**B. To Note Receipts:**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Payer</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amt</b>
07.04.15	Cheque	J & M Humphris	Burial fees Plot 220, ERB 323	£223.00
10.04.15	Cheque	Banbury Memorials	Headstone Plot 264, ERB 269	£70.00
13.04.15	Direct	Smiths Newsagents	Advert KST Inv. 562	£45.00
17.04.15	Direct	SNC	Precept 1st instalment	£27,763.50
19.04.15	Direct	J Renals	Advert KST Inv. 553	£84.00
21.04.15	Cheque	H Andrews	ERPP 12, Plot 18	£98.00
23.04.15	Cheque	J & M Humphris	Burial fees Plot 7	£84.50
24.04.15	Direct	T Mason Walling	Advert KST Inv. 569	£45.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>£28,413.00</b>

**Noted.**

**C. To revise the Bank Mandate:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Dowling and seconded by Cllr Hill to include Cllrs Creed and Sykes on the Mandate of Authorised Bank Signatories.

**22.15/16 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2015:**  
(previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Creed and seconded by Cllr Bailey to Approve the Accounts for YE 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**23.15/16 ANNUAL RETURN 2014/2015:**

**A. To Approve the Accounting Statements 2014/2015:**

(Section 1 of the Annual Return (Accounting Statements 2014/2015); Bank Reconciliation for YE 31st March 2015; Explanation of Significant Variances previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Mullis to Approve the Accounting Statements 2014/2015 at Section 1 of the Annual Return.

**B. To Approve the Statement of Governance Assurance 2014/2015:**

(Section 2 (blank) (Statement of Governance Assurance 2014/2015); Evidence in Support previously distributed)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Dowling to answer Yes to Statements 1-8 of the Statement of Governance Assurance 2014/2015.

Statement 9 was Not Applicable.

**24.15/16 TRAINING: TO CONSIDER REQUESTS:**

Cllr Burne had elected to attend the induction course, 'Off to a Flying Start', to be held 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Litchborough.

**25.15/16 PLANNING:**

i) Application No: S/2015/0814/FUL

Proposal: Extension to existing potting sheds to create a self contained annex  
Location: The Court House, 3 The Square, King's Sutton

ii) Application No: S/2015/0815/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for an extension to existing potting sheds to create a self contained annex  
Location: The Court House, 3 The Square, King's Sutton

Applications i) and ii) were taken together.

The Parish Council supported the view expressed by Historic England that the proposal in its current form, 'by virtue of its size and design would be harmful to the architectural form of the shed and the setting of the Grade II\* listed building.'

**Agreed that:**

- i) The design and positioning of the proposal did not relate well to the character of the Grade II\* listed Court House
- ii) It was a sizeable extension of the existing footprint
- iii) The view was not 'open to the end of the Court House garden and the open countryside beyond'
- iv) The means of access was not shown on the plans. The Parish Council had concerns over the impact of an access either from The Square or from Mill Lane. Furthermore, the adjacent land had been identified in the SNC 'Call for Sites' as a possible future housing site and access to it would affect the boundary of the Court House, an aspect for which the potting shed proposal should make allowance.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Hill to OBJECT for reasons of design and access.

iii) Application No: S/2014/0945/FUL  
 Proposal: Front Porch  
 Location: 1 The Willows, King's Sutton

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Creed to OBJECT on the following grounds:

- i) The proposed front porch would project in front of the building line and disturb the uniform character of the street
- ii) Concern that this could lead to other development that would also be out of line with everything else in the street.

**Voting: 4 in Favour; 4 Against; 1 Abstention**  
**The Chairman exercised his casting vote.**

**Agreed:** To bring the attention of the Case Officer to work that is currently being carried out at the property but is not shown on the plans.

**26.15/16 KING'S SUTTON PLAY PROJECT:**

**A. Progress Report:** Cllr Hill reported.

- i) The installation of the play equipment was almost finished.
- ii) The post installation inspection had yet to be carried out
- iii) The signage was in place
- iv) The standard of work was excellent.

**A.1 Additional costs incurred by the Contractor:** Cllr Hill reported on the situation in respect of ongoing hire costs for the fencing due to the delay in completing the work.

**PROPOSAL:** It was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Mullis to offer to pay the contractor an additional £1,000 to help defray the cost of fencing arising from the delay in completing the installation.

Views expressed:

- i) The Contractor had entered into a commercial transaction with the Parish Council
- ii) There had been no formal approach from the Contractor. Should the Contractor come forward with a claim the Parish Council would be minded to consider it at the next Ordinary Meeting to be held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- iii) Public money was at stake

**Agreed:** To take a vote on the specific proposal.

**Voting: 3 In Favour: 5 Against**  
The Motion was **not carried**.

**RESOLVED:** To make no voluntary payment.

**B. Grand Opening:**

**B.1 To consider arrangements:** Possible date Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015 or the following week.

**Agreed:** To defer to the next Ordinary Meeting to be held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**B.2 To Set and Approve maximum costs:** Cllr Hill advised that the costs would be for catering.

**Agreed:** To defer to the next Ordinary Meeting to be held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**27.15/16      CREATION OF FOOTWAY AT UPPER ASTROP ROAD: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL:** (Clerk's Report refers)  
(Draft Drawing NH15BI03 Rev. A and example letter to residents previously distributed)

The footpath will not extend beyond the access to No 10 Upper Astrop Road. Members were **in favour** of the layout and satisfied for Northants Highways to inform residents affected by the proposal.

**Action:** the Clerk (inform Northants Highways)

**28.15/16      ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT: TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS:**  
(Clerk's report refers)

**Agreed:** To await the next update (15<sup>th</sup> May 2015) from Northants CALC.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Sykes to Authorise the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to make a decision on the Parish Council's behalf.

**Action:** the Clerk

**29.15/16 THURSDAY SHOPPERS' BUS: TO CONSIDER IN PRINCIPLE WHETHER TO RE-INTRODUCE THE SERVICE:**

(Clerk's report refers)

**Agreed:** To continue with the service and to consider quotations at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**Action:** the Clerk

**30.15/16 FARM TRACK OPPOSITE THE CEMETERY: TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO SUPPORT THE PETITION TO DESIGNATE OVER IT A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: (Clerk's report refers)**

**Agreed:** To defer until the Parish Council is officially asked to make a decision.

**31.15/16 COUNCILLOR AND WARDEN REPORTS: TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND PUT QUESTIONS TO:**

**A. Rights of Way:** Mr Hall, Footpaths Warden reported:

i) AS10: Temporary Closure and Alternative Route Notice: The site Manager, Barwood Homes had agreed to investigate the disappearance of the Notice with a view to re-erecting it.

ii) Repairs to stiles: Mr Hall had repaired the stile at the top of Paradise and had offered to carry out repairs to others.

**B. Trees: No Report.**

**C. War Memorial: No Report.**

**D. Communications: No Report.**

**E. Cemetery:** Cllr Creed reported:

i) Acquisition of land: Astrop Park Estates had not yet replied.

ii) Lychgate: The 2 gates had been refurbished but not yet re-installed.

iii) Urns:

**Agreed:** To consider the removal of the urns at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**F. Lighting: No Report.**

**G. The Rec: No Report.**

**H. Traffic Calming and Highways:** (Clerk's report refers)

**I. Street Areas: No Report.**

**32.15/16 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. To consider a request for the Pre-School Playgroup to use The Rec for the Scarecrow Festival on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Dowling and seconded by Cllr Bridson to Accede to the request.

**B. Additional Request:**

**To consider a request for the King's Sutton Playing Fields Association to hold a Fete on The Rec on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Bridson and seconded by Cllr Sykes to Accede to the additional request.

**33.15/16 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING (THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015):**

**Cemetery:** Chipping of Headstones; Grasscuttings

The Annual Parish Council Meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.