

**Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
held on Tuesday 10 March at 7.15 p.m.
at St. Barnabas Church Hall**

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chairman
 B. Mulready Vice-Chairman
 S. Daly
 D. Davis
 A. Follows
 T. Williams
 D. Woolley

In Attendance : Mr D. Wheeler Accountant
 Mrs. J. Aske Clerk
 Mrs. P. Ross Clerk for the Meeting

Members of the public: Borough Cllrs. Mrs. D. Evans and A. Nash, Mr. J. Kimberley and Mrs. S. Kimberley, Mr. Hampton, 2 PCSOs, Marie Curran (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) and Sarah Evans

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Cllrs. L. Brunger and Mrs. B. Follows

2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda

(a) Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
(b) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature
(c) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature
Cllrs. Mrs. S. Daly, Mrs. D. Davis, Mrs. T. Williams declared personal interests in Item 6.2 as they knew members on outside organisations for Events.
Cllrs. Mulready and Mrs. T. Williams declared personal interests in Item 6.3 as they are Allotment Holders.

3. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 10 February 2009

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.

4. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Kimberley said it would help members of the public if this section could be placed lower down on the Agenda to allow questions on items raised during the meeting. It was proposed, seconded and voted on.

RESOLVED: that Public Participation would in future be placed immediately prior to Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

Sarah Evans said she would be interested in joining Kingshurst Parish Council Youth Council as and when it was set up. She said she was involved, with her Mother, in a Youth Centre and offered her help. This was gratefully accepted. So far, various outside organisations had been approached for help and the Clerk would be reading out replies received so far later in the meeting. Cllr. Mrs. Evans suggested approaching SUSTAIN for a grant. Marie Curran reported on vandalism experienced at garages in Kingshurst Way. The landlord had been approached to have gates erected and Ms. Curran had been informed that no money was available. Cllr. Nash suggested that she write to the Landlord and question him about the Maintenance Fund to which all lessees would be paying into. The only other action was to

approach the Small Claims Court. Council members did agree to write a letter of support for Ms. Curran.
The meeting reconvened.

5. To receive for information reports from Borough Councillors

Cllr. Mrs. D. Evans

1. Re. the garages at the bottom of Oakfield Drive she was progressing with Alison Lush and it was hoped to have roller shutter doors installed with a grant of £2500.
2. She had attended a Regeneration Meeting and said it was vital that the Parish council keep challenging them.
3. Babbs Mill. She had visited the site with Mr. Hampton along with the Park Ranger, and a representative from Enterprise. Several changes had been made that did not make sense and she offered to contact Alison Lush.

Cllr. R. Hall

1. He apologised for giving the wrong information on the ownership of The Parade.
2. Cooks Lane parking. He felt somebody needed to take responsibility for stopping the illegal parking. It needed police presence during arriving and leaving times at the school.
3. Polaris machines used by the police. These had only been sighted once by the Park Rangers.
4. Housing development appeared to have reached standstill. Programmes started had not been completed.
5. Demolition of the boat house at Babbs Mill will lead to re-siting facilities.

Cllr. Mrs. Williams mentioned the lack of disabled parking.

Mr. Hampton said the Borough Councillors were in a better position to push Regen and SMBC should be compelled to complete work already started. He suggested that someone from REGEN come and speak at a Parish Council meeting. The Borough Councils said negotiations took place within SMBC that they were unaware of. They needed Kingshurst PC to support them and keep reminding SMBC of their commitments.

6. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees

6.1 Finance

The list of accounts presented for March had been approved for payment. The balance in the Current Account was £250.99 and in the Deposit Account £53,019.01. £50 had been authorised for the Allotments Committee to purchase top soil. The Accountant was authorised to make a transfer from the deposit account to the current of £4,000. The cheque granted to the Domino Club for £50 had to be cancelled as they did not meet the criteria necessary. Future applications will have to come from Seeds of Hope.

6.2 Events Committee

Cllr. Mrs. Williams had approached Jean Johnson re. Remembrance Sunday. A meeting was due for the next day. She had also spoken to the Balloon Artist re. the Fun Day and he was unavailable. The Sgt. Of the Army Cadets was happy to attend. The Parish Council will send a formal invitation letter.

Action: Clerk

6.3 Allotments

Cllr. Mulready said there was a waiting list of 10. Some sleepers had now been sold. He was organising top soil for the raised beds. He was hoping that this year an Open Day would be held. The CCT have two beds and Stonham Housing have two beds.

The Probation Service are hoping for an allotment.

7. Progress reports for information/action:

7.1 The Pavilions. A letter had gone out to Calco requesting an update but no reply had yet been received. A chase up letter was authorised. **Action: Clerk**

7.2 Youth Council. The Clerk read out correspondence from Fordbridge PC, Castle Bromwich PC and the Headmistress of Kingshurst Primary School and said more replies were awaited. The matter was ongoing.

7.3 Regeneration Projects. A letter had been sent from KPC to SMBC which had been acknowledged. Clerk to invite a representative to the next PC meeting.

Action: Clerk

7.4 Posters inviting groups and associations to apply for Grant Aid. These had gone out.

7.5 RNID report from Cllr. L. Brunger. Cllr. Brunger was in hospital. Matter left on the table for a future meeting.

7.6 Play Area opposite Office. It had been reported that a seesaw had gone missing but it was confirmed that this item had been removed for safety reasons for repair and will be replaced.

8. To receive reports from members representing the Council on outside bodies

8.1 Airport Consultative Committee. Cllr. Mulready said he was waiting for a full Council meeting.

8.2 Colebridge Trust. Disbanded. SUSTAIN had taken over. The Clerk had approached SUSTAIN. An acknowledgement had been received but she was waiting for a full letter. Chase up letter required (as already reported above)

Action: Clerk

8.3 CARA. Cllr. Cole apologised for not attending the previous meeting. Borough Cllr. Mrs. Evans said this groups are in a strong position with a sound business plan for the next three years. Numbers attending are increasing. Cllr. Cole said he will attend the next one.

8.4 WALC/SAC. Next meeting set for 19 March.

9. Information items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

9.1 Correspondence

A full list of correspondence and e-mails is attached to these minutes (members having already received it). Other items read out were as follows:-
e-mails

1. Mr. Morton had written a Sci Fi book and money raised goes to the Charity 'Children Victim of Crime'. He wishes to raise awareness and was hoping to apply for Grant Aid. Unfortunately grant aid is only available to those living within the Parish and therefore out of the remit of this council.

2. SMBC. The Monitoring Officer Mr. Philip Lloyd-Williams had agreed to attend the April PC meeting.

3. WRCC. Best Village Competition. Noted.

4. SMBC. River Cole Babbs Mill. SMBC had been in contact with the Environment Agency and Severn Trent PLC who are both currently investigating the problem with misconnected sewage pipe. Will update in due course.

5. Environment Agency. Ongoing pollution issues in Babb's Mill area. Aware of the issue of ongoing sewage problems and are in discussion with Severn Trent. Will keep KPC updated. The Chairman asked for copies of the letters and it was suggested by Mr. Hampton that the Parish Council contact Caroline Spellman MP.

This was agreed. Borough Cllr. Mrs. Evans said that the latest information that she had was that Severn Trent have located three properties in Schofield Road who had wrong sewage pipe connections. SMBC Housing will put this matter right. Item to be on the next agenda.

Action: Clerk

9.2 Planning
None.

10. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:
None raised.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th April 2009 at Kingshurst Primary School commencing 7.15 p.m.
The Annual Parish Meeting was set for 28 April 2009 to commence at 7.30 p.m. Clerk to book St. Barnabas Church Hall.
Cllr. Mrs. T. Williams gave her apologies in advance.

15. Confidential matters: To consider the exclusion of the public and press under Section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to meeting) Act 1960.

14.1 To approve minutes of meeting held on 10 February 2009

14.2 Personnel issues

14.3 Legal issues

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

..... Signed

..... Dated

