



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 14th July 2015 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
B. Mulready Vice Chair
T. Williams
A. Follows
B. Follows
D. Woolley
L. Cole
P. Cooper-Hinsley
D. Hinsley
J. Kimberley
S. Daly

In Attendance : Mr. David Wheeler (RFO) and Ms. L. Baudet (Locum Clerk)

1. Apologies

Ms Joanne Aske (Clerk) was absent due to illness. Apologies were also received from Borough Cllr F Nash, Cllr D Evans and Cllr R Hall.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th June 2015, having been circulated and read, be signed as a correct record.

3. Reports from Borough Councillors

- 3.1 The Chairman read out a report provided verbally to the Clerk from Cllr Nash. Bellway are happy to accommodate any residents with problems regarding the building work, and have erected fences in some of the residents gardens. There will be 17 homes rented out by SMBC for tenants and 9 homes will be privately purchased. There continues to be problems with nuisance quad bikes in the area and support from the Police is needed if the problem is to be tackled ; Alison Lush will investigate. There is also a surge of stolen motor bikes. There is regular litter picking in the area and Cllr Nash will obtain a list of dates.
- 3.2 The Chairman read out a report emailed by Cllr Evans on behalf of herself and Cllr Hall, thanking the Parish Council for putting on the summer fun day. Work continues to secure

funding for projects at the Seeds of Hope, including the continued employment of Jean Johnson. A letter of support for the latter was requested which the Parish Council agreed to provide. A complaint would be lodged with SMBC regarding the lack of consultation for the planning application by John Henry Newman, which breaches conditions of the existing permissions. Reporting on Babbs Mill, there had been some delays due to the unauthorised removal of matting put down by the Conservation Officer and it is now hoped plans will be finalised by the beginning of August. Reporting back on problems with quad bikes it was reported that the Police could not afford the diesel for their all-terrain vehicles and Cllrs Evans and Hall request that the Parish Council consider funding this. The Parish Council do not have powers to provide the Police with diesel.

4. Finance Committee

Cllr Fellows reported that the Finance Committee had met on 14th July 2015 and approved accounts for payment to the value of £4489. The RFO had presented his financial report ; prior to July payments the balance in the current account was £20,056.30 and the balance in the savings account was £20,000. The Parish Council approved the report from the Finance Committee.

5. Pavilions

- 5.1 The Chairman reported that Derby Pubs Limited had withdrawn their interest in leasing the Pavilions Sporting Club and that the lease had now been re-advertised.
- 5.2 Councillors were informed that residents have reported rats in the back gardens adjacent to the Pavilions, in the row of Conifers by the BowlingGreen. Whilst in previous years residents had paid to have them removed, it was now requested that the Parish Council cover the cost. The commercial charges are £93.30 and £23.60 per quarter afterwards ; Cllr Cooper-Hinsley offered to obtain an alternative quotation. The Parish Council agreed that the costs should be reviewed at the next meeting before a decision is made.

6. Events Committee

The Events Committee reported that there had been poor attendance at the summer event, this being due to poor weather and also residents being unaware of the event despite local publicity through posters etc. Councillors had a general discussion about how the Parish Council could communicate with all residents within the Parish as it was felt that some areas were more difficult to reach than others. The Parish Council agreed to temporarily suspend future summer events and review the situation in the future. The Parish Council approved the report of the Events Committee.

7. Allotments Committee

Cllr Mulready reported that ten people had attended the meeting and problems with Mares tail weed had been discussed. There were problems with children getting over the fence – the Committee would be meeting to look at this. The debris of old sleepers left by Gro-Organic should have been collected three months ago, but have so far not being collected. Some work needs to be done in the Orchard and the Parish Council needs to buy a strimmer. Some of the Allotments were not up to the required standard but this was being monitored.

8. Progress reports

- 8.1 The Chairman reported that he had written to Solihull M B Council regarding the garages between Wheeley More Road and Meriden Drive.
- 8.2 The Chairman reported that a site meeting would be organised between Solihull M B Council and West Midlands Travel regarding the re-positioning of the bus stop in Over Green Drive; Councillors were asked to express their availability to attend.

9. Reports from Parish Council Members on outside bodies

- 9.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee – no report
- 9.2 WALC/SAC – Bob Sleigh (Leader of Council at Solihull MBC) and Nick Page (CEO West Midlands Authority) had attended the recent meeting to talk to Members. The Clerk would email Councillors a copy of the powerpoint presentation made about the combined West Midlands Council which could be formed by five local authorities in the region. The proposed alliance would be between Birmingham City Council, Walsall, Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Dudley authorities with Solihull playing a key role in the process.
- 9.3 School Governor Reports – Cllr Follows reported he would be attending the Governing Body meeting at Yorkswood Primary School on 15th July 2015. Cllr Cole reported that he had attended the Governing Body meeting at Kingshurst Primary School on 8th July 2015 and that the school was fully staffed for September, unlike other schools. He was also pleased to report that the school was full with a waiting list and had achieved excellent attendance figures during the year. They had also come first in the Solihull Schools Sports Award.
- 9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum – Cllr Cole reported that this would now be known as the Solihull Partnership Forum as the meetings would be combined and would be twice yearly – the next meeting would be on 8th September 2015.
- 9.5 Regeneration – Cllr Cole reported that the Parish Council was still waiting to receive draft plans for the Mounford site. It was noted that there was a Full Council meeting at Solihull MBC at which development plans for Kingshurst would be looked at.
- 9.6 Parish Council Environmental Committee – no matters to report ; meeting to be arranged.

10. Standing Orders

Cllr Cole would ask the Clerk to ensure all Councillors have a copy of the current Standing Orders and that this item be deferred until the next meeting to allow Councillors to read. The main changes relate to the filming and recording of meetings.

11. Planning

- 11.1 Local Development Plan ; Babbs Mill – Cllr Cole updated the Parish on Action for Babbs Mill who have issued a press release to raise awareness for their campaign to oppose the proposed development of 70 houses, which will take away a part of the park and nature reserve.
- 11.2 Mounford Public House site – no updates to report.

12. Planning applications

There were no consultations to respond to.

13. Information items

The Chairman reported on communications received from Jean Johnson (Seeds of Hope) and also Sarah Brookes (Community Housing), which would be dealt with later on the Agenda.

The Post Office would be moving into the newsagents on the Parade on 28th July 2015. There would be a Garden Party on 1st August 2015 at Three Tree's Baptist Church.

14. Public participation

14.1 Garages in Dunton Road - Jacky Wooding (resident) reported that residents renting the garages in Dunton Road were still unable to gain access to the garages due to a neighbouring resident parallel parking across the entrance and blocking access. Despite numerous contacts to report the matter to Solihull M B Council residents have failed to receive any support, which residents have found disappointing as they are continuing to pay SMBC full rent for garages which they are unable to gain access to. SMBC have suggested residents contact West Midlands Police to report it as anti-social behaviour. Cllr Cole asked Jacky Wooding to provide details of the residents affected and any relevant paperwork and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to SMBC to raise the problem on behalf of residents.

14.2 Community engagement –Amil Van, Pastor at Kingshurst Evangenical Church in Cooks Lane talked to Councillors about work that volunteers from the Church have been doing in the community to help residents eg gardening, painting, cleaning up the underpass and other environmental improvements. They had recently held a 'Serving Day' at the park giving out drinks and cakes to families and circulated photographs of the day which had been very successful. They hoped to hold a Neighbours Day in Moxhull Road, although Councillors pointed out that it is very difficult to get permission to close roads. The Church is keen to work in the community and with the Parish Council ; Cllr Cole agreed that this would be of interest to the Parish Council as well.

15. Councillors reports

Councillors were informed about a suspected break-in and a suspicious person knocking the doors of elderly people; information would be put in the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

Concerns were raised about the bins by the Church not being emptied and this is resulting in the glass from the bottle banks being smashed – Cllr Cole had a phone number to report the problem.

The Chair reported that David Jamieson would be attending a Parish Council meeting in the Autumn to address local issues in his role as Police and Crime Commissioner.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at The Pavilions Sporting Club commencing at 7.15pm.

17. Private and Confidential

Discussions regarding the use of the Pavilions Car Park by Solihull Housing Community staff at Endeavour House were deemed to be confidential under section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Signed (Chairman)

Date