

**Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7p.m.**  
**In the Pavilions Sporting Club**

Cllrs. present:                   D. Cole           Chair  
  D. Davis  
  D. Woolley  
  B. Mulready  
  J Milne  
  E. Muluka  
  A. Follows

Clerk                                J. Aske

In Attendance :                Borough Cllrs; A. Nash and F. Nash  
  Ten members of the Public attended

- 1. Welcome and Apologies:** Cllr. T. Williams and B. Follows. B. Cllr. Jamieson. No other apologies were received. Member of the Public Mr. David Hinsley proposed that KPC Chair David Cole Chair the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 2. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 9th May 2013**  
Approved and signed.
- 3. Matters arising from previous minutes** – Chair asked if there were any matter arising from the previous meeting. The members of the public had read the previous meetings minutes while waiting for the meeting to commence at 7pm There were no matter arising from the previous minutes.
- 4. Chairman’s Report:** Chair read out his report please see attached.
- 5. Planning proposals for John Henry Newman and CTC Colleges Football Facilities and Babbs Mill Proposals to Build 70 Homes on the Nature Reserve.**  
Chair opened the meeting to the residents. A couple of members of the public had come across from Castle Bromwich to give their support to the KPC regarding the opposing of building homes on the Babbs Mill Nature Reserve. The member of the public was outraged that the Solihull Council could even consider such a devastating proposal. She regularly uses the open space with her grandchildren. She said how the children find the nature park a wonderment for their imaginations and they find it magical and enjoy exploring and finding secret hiding places. Why is it that the Solihull Council would take the only green space in this area away from its children and future children?  
It was pointed out also that Solihull Council first said they were going to build 200 homes and have compromised by saying they will only build 70. This is to lull us into a false sense of security and before we know where we are they will carry on building until there is nothing left of the nature reserve.  
Chair mentioned that the Castle Bromwich Parish Council voted for the building of homes on Babbs Mill.  
The member of the public had recently been informed of this.  
Cllr. A. Follows said that the SMBC do not have any legal obligation to notify anyone.

Another member of the public spoke regarding the proposal and wondered if the Flood Plain had been looked into as he said builders are putting houses up near flood plains and the owners cannot get building insurance.

Cllr. Milne said that where the proposal to build on Babbs mill is not likely to flood as it is up an incline on the Meadow.

Cllr. a. Follows said it was a bitter disappointment that Natural England gave the go ahead to SMBC to decommission the Meadow from the Nature reserve.

B. Cllr. A. Nash said he had given one hundred percent support to opposing the building on the nature reserve. He said young people need to see wildlife. He mentioned the decline in the Bat population and the geese. Developers are driving away our children's heritage to enjoy green space.

Chair Cole said it was opened with great enthusiasm for the Queens Silver Jubilee and come her Diamond Jubilee they want to decimate it.

Member of the Public John Kimberly stood up to speak He asked the Cllrs and after referring to the history and Regen he asked if members of the public would like to pass a proposal to 'propose to condemn the proposals to build on Larks Meadow'. He said that just because Babbs Mill has proposed planning it does not mean it will be built on.

Chair asked the members of the public if they would like to make this proposal. They all accepted to make the proposal.

**Resolution:** The Members of the Public and KPC Cllrs condemn the proposed development to build homes on Larks Meadow and any part of Babbs Mill Nature Reserve.

This was seconded by Mrs. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley.

Concern arose from other members of the public about the decommissioning of the Nature Reserve and questioning if it would be commissioned back to the Status of Nature Reserve. It was established that all members of the public would not sit back and watch it happen. Babbs Mill park dates back to 1450 and the press and television will be onboard and it will have to go National to get support and save the Park from developers.

The Clerk pointed out that only members of Kingshurst can make the proposal to condemn the possibility of homes being built but advised the two members that reside in Castle Bromwich to write to their own Parish Council and Solihull Council. They agreed and mentioned that the Parish Councilor from Castle Bromwich who voted for the building plans to go ahead should hang his head in shame. She asked the Clerk to specifically minute this.

Members of the public then went on to talk about the recent planning passed for the John Henry Newman and CTC Colleges to build 3 G Football Pitches with flood lights and parking. Member of the public that lives near will be affected by the 45 foot flood lights. He went on to say that light pollution is already harming the environment and is illuminating homes ripe for burglary.

B. Cllr. A. Nash added the noise will be a problem for residents at the CTC Pitch but no light intrusion. It is the John Henry Newman lighting that will affect the majority of residents.

It was noted that the CTC had had meetings with residents but the John Henry Newman had not attended. B. Cllr. David Jamieson invited the project manager Mr. Matt Morgan of John Henry Newman to the February Full council meeting. He met with residents and listened to their concerns.

Mr. John Kimberly member of the public asked the KPC if another meeting could be organised for members of the public to meet with representatives of the John Henry Newman College. He mentioned although he liked football there is an extent to which they can impose on the locality. It was also established that both colleges are self funding the projects.

Chair went onto the next part of the agenda after asking if anyone had anymore to add.

**6. Any other Parish Matters** – Mr. David Hinsley spoke with reference to the Mountford Site and the hope of still having a medical centre built there. He understands that the process to secure the existing Doctors surgery is secure for the next ten years. So there will always be a practice in Kingshurst. He said recent advertising is in place for the bid to take over the practice. He mentioned the bid may be worth £700 – 900k a year.  
Chair understands that no discussions have taken place regarding the land known as the Mountford site.

Member of the public John Kimberly wanted information regarding the Pavilions situation. He had heard that it had gone into administration some time ago. He urged the KPC to keep on top of it and if there was a possibility of getting back into the hands of the Parish Council it would be to the advantage of the Kingshurst residents.

Another member of the public wanted to mention how awful the play park was now that there is no one looking after it with the cut backs. She said there is rubbish and broken glass. This would be reported in the hope that SMBC would clear the area and make it safe for the children.

Chair Cole asked if anyone had anything else to say. Nothing more was added. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8.05pm

Signed..... Date.....

