



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 12th July 2011 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: Chair David Cole
A. Follows
D. Woolley
D. Davis
S. Daly
J. Milne
P. Whyte
B. Follows
T. Williams

In Attendance : RFO David Wheeler Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Two guest speaker – Mr. Jason Ward Action against Poverty and Ms Angie Pretty and three members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and provide reasons for absence: Cllr. B. Mulready – holiday, R. Webber - working
- 2. Declarations of Interest:**
 - (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

Personal interest:
Events: Cllrs. D. Davis,
Allotments: None
Planning: Chair Cole.

- 3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th June 2011 Minutes approved and signed.
- 4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors** – Cllr. D. Evans and Cllr. David Jamieson could not attend the meeting but sent in reports. See attached.
- 5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:**

5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance A. Follows stated that the Current Account £2354.08 and the deposit £7864.79 and the fixed account stands £40,122.79. A transfer of £7,000 was passed.

5.2 Events: Chair John Milne reported that cancelling the Fun Day did not cost the Council very much money. The Climbing wall had been charged at half the price £300 plus VAT and the Chairs £70. Another date could not be agreed on because of various problems with booking the Pavilions and Cllrs on Holiday, so the Fun Day this year will not take place. The Remembrance Sunday Service will be booked and Jean Johnson will be asked to provide the buffet.

Cllr. Davis asked the Cllrs who the sweets that had already been bagged up should be given to. It was passed that the sweets should go to local organisations such as Caterpillars Nursery and Kingshurst School Nursery. Clerk to Action this.

The float taken for the fun day had been given back to David with the receipts and remaining cash by Cllr. Davis.

Cllr. S. Daly enquired as to why we did not have the Fun event on Babbs Mill. It was established that the policing of the area and the insurance would be a problem Also Cllr. T. Williams said the residents would probably object as they campaigned for years to stop the annual fair from taking place there.

The Councillors went on to discuss the proposal of putting together a Market in the Parade to encourage more people to shop there. Cllr. A. Follows proposed that a Market Committee be set up to take charge of the organisation of it. This was passed. The Committee consists of Cllrs. D. Cole, S. Daly D. Davis, A. Follows, and P. Whyte. The committee voted Cllr. Daly as Chairperson.

5.3 Allotments: Cllr. Mulready was on holiday. The Clerk mentioned that there could be a possibility of Caterpillar UK Limited that Cllr. Milne works for, would come and level the ground in the Jubilee Gardens. Cllr. Milne reported that this was now not possible as it was too far from Leicestershire.

6. Progress reports for information/action:

6.1 Pavilions: Clerk had been asked to get in touch with Graham Andrews of Calco Limited with reference to the car park. This was not recorded in her notes. An apology was made for this and assurance that contact will be made the next day. Action Clerk.

7. To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: In the absence of Cllr. Mulready There was nothing to report The next meeting will be 6th September

7.2 CARA: In the absence of Chair D. Cole, had nothing to report.

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows reported that the next meeting would be on Thursday. All Cllrs had received the last minutes. Cllr. B. Follows would be attending the Cooks Lane Road Safety proposals which is on the same night.

7.4 Governors Report:

Cllr. A. Follows had been made a full governor of Yorkswood Primary School, and the paperwork was being officially accredited. He had no feedback for the meeting as this time.

8. Meeting Dates required by D. Merry for training on Personal and Prejudicial Interests: Clerk had asked Ms Merry for dates in September. Not had a reply.

- 9. Standing Orders:** There have been some changes to the existing Standing Orders from WALC. Clerk had read through the standing Orders that had been purchased from WALC last year. The changes were not apparent to her and she asked if any councillors would look at them as well. Cllr. Daly mentioned that she thought there were changes. A vote was taken to accept the Standing Orders as they are now.
- 10. Jason Ward replaced Rebecca Grant for the 15 minute talk on Action Against Poverty. See attachment.** Cllrs. Raised issues on:
 Lack of Jobs in the area
 Expensive transport and scarce transport for shift workers
 Single parents and Nursery Care
 Job Centre plus - need re-organising on their training schemes
 Landlords charging too much to tenants for basic accommodation.
 Jason said he would have to get back to them on these issues.
- 11. Youth Council: AF.** Cllr. A. Follows said nothing happening at the moment. School Heads will need letters. The school is breaking up now until September.
- 12. Former Cllr. Robert Hall: Is putting forward an Idea that your Office could be moved to Red Wood House Flats after a conversion of the ground floor: Clerk has details.** The Former Cllr. Robert Hall had an idea to ask existing bodies and groups if they would like to share a premises. The exact location was confusing as the Clerk had been told Redwood House. The location was thought to be the flats opposite St, Barnabas Church. Clerk would confirm which premises. Chair Cole had been asked for a meeting the following day with Cllr. Evans and Former Cllr. Hall to give the full details.
- 13. Short talk by Angie Pretty Contact Centre Manager Solihull Connect: Chair Cole invited Ms Pretty to take the floor.** Her details and report are attached with these minutes.

At this point Cllr. B. Follows left the meeting as she became unwell.

- 14. Kingshurst Primary School Award:** Cllr B. Follows had put this on the agenda. As she had to leave the meeting Cllr. A. Follows put forward her idea that the Plaques donated to the School for Literacy Awards were having such positive results that it was thought that other plaques should be donated for Sport, Music and Art etc. It was proposed that Cllr. Follows find the company that made the last ones for a quote then bring it back to the meeting in September.
- 15. Information items:** To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action If appropriate.
- 15.1 Correspondence and emails: Cllrs. had received copies of post and emails. Clerk read out a thank you letter from CAR regarding money that had been donated.
- 15.2 Planning: One application was read out regarding Yorkswood Infant School. No objections.
 Chair Cole had details on the new proposals for a safety scheme on Cooks Lane. The Cllrs had received the information and most of them were opposed to the proposals and had been informed that a Resident had collected 900 signatures to oppose the planning. A vote was taken for the Clerk to write to SMBC to put forward their views. Cllr. Milne abstained from voting as his views were different. Chair Cole would be attending a meeting for the residents the next day and he would report back to the Clerk to relay any information relevant. Action Clerk.

At this point Cllr. John Milne had to go to work, and left the meeting.

16. Public Participation: To adjourn to allow public participation for 15 minutes. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. Chair Cole asked the three members of the public if they wanted to put forward any views. One resident said he was not happy with the Cooks lane proposals and although the people of Kingshurst use the road, only the immediate residents had been informed. He welcomed the fact that the majority of the KPC will be opposing some of the proposals. Another resident asked if we knew the opinion of the school about this. Chair said they would want their students protected. Many of the Cllrs discussed their concerns with the members of the public of how it will affect the permanent residents of Cooks lane and the adjoining roads.

17. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future Agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making. Nothing was put forward.

18. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 13th September , 2011 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 6th September 2011.

Meeting Closed at 8.55 pm

Signed Date