



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: Chair - D. Cole  
D. Davis  
T. Williams  
E. Muluka  
D. Woolley

In Attendance : RFO David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: 18 members of the public were present

**1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and provide reasons for absence: – Cllrs. A. Follows – caring for wife after hospitalisation. B. Follows – unwell after operation, Cllr. J. Milne – working, Cllr. P. Whyte – stuck in traffic, Cllr. R. Webber Did Not Arrive (no apologies sent in) and B. Mulready on holiday.

### **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, T. Williams associated with companies that supply a service for the Events that are organised.

Chair Cole made the decision to go to Agenda Item 18 – Grant Aid.

**18. Grant Aid:** 14 applications had been successful in applying for Grant Aid from the KPC. Chair Cole invited a representative from each group up to introduce themselves and say what their group would be using the award for. The following groups all introduced themselves and were given the Grant Aid Cheques:

Community Transport  
155<sup>th</sup> Scouts  
Caterpillars Play group  
St. Anthony's  
Shopmobility  
Seeds of Hope Craft Group  
Lowbrook Stroke Club

Kingshurst Sporting Club F.C  
184<sup>th</sup> Kingshurst Scout Group  
Kingshurst Development Trust  
Friends of Babbs Mill

Kingshurst Primary School had sent an apology that no one could attend and Mr. John Kimberly also sent apologies from the Seeds of Hope. Chair Cole thanked all the group representatives and said they could stay or leave for the rest of the Council Meeting.

As there was a lot of Cllrs. absent at the meeting the Chair went to Agenda Item 8.

**8. Cllr. Vacancy: New Possible Cllr. Maxine Dawson applied.** The Cllrs present voted for Maxine Dawson to become a Co-opted Cllr. and invited her to sit at the table with them. She agreed.

Chair then went onto the agenda item 3.

**3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 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 with their apologies. Chair read the reports. Clerk was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Cllr. and Mrs. A. Nash for the recent loss of their son Darren that Cllr. Jamieson has mentioned in his report. Clerk was also asked to invite a officer from the planning commission to attend a Full Council Meeting in the near future, as the Cllrs. were shocked by plans to build 200 new homes on a site adjacent to Foxglove Crescent which stands in the Babbs Mill area. Cllr. Davis mentioned that no infrastructure is in place for that amount of houses to be built. Cllr. Woolley said that maybe Cllr. A. Follows would have a report from Regen with reference to this. As Cllr. A. Follows was unable to attend the meeting there was no report. Clerk would still ask the Officer to attend.

**5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:**

5.1 Finance: in the absence of the Chair of Finance, Cllr. D. Davis reported that the list of cheques had been approved and passed. Current account stood at £51,529.46 the deposit account is at £865.03. The fixed term deposit account had ended and the £40k had been put into the current account until a new deposit account can be found. No transfer is needed. A late cheque had been written out to Severn Trent Water for £560.57 for the allotment water, an estimated one of £271 had been paid 6 months ago. The Clerk had purchased two costumes for the Christmas Event and needed to be reimbursed. The setting up of a Direct Debit with Severn Trent Water was agreed and passed as the bills are not always received, which causes complications.

5.2 Events: Cllr. T. Williams gave the report in the absence of Chair of Events J. Milne. She thanked everyone for all the help and support on the day of the Christmas Event which had taken place on Saturday. She mentioned everyone by name and thanked them for doing a very good job with a lot of team effort. The weather stayed bright and everyone enjoyed themselves.

5.3 Allotments: Cllr. Mulready was absent so there was nothing to report on the allotments. Clerk read out a letter received from Gary Leake. The letter was informing the Council that he would proceed with the opening of a gate into the allotment. The gate would be padlocked and only official members of the Football club would enter the allotment area to retrieve their footballs. The Council voted for the work to go ahead. Clerk would inform all the Allotment holders of their decision and when the work would be carried.

**6. Progress reports for information/action:**

6.1 Pavilions: The valuation had been completed from Aitcheson Rafferty. But as the paperwork had only been received at the meeting, it would need to be read and digested. Mr. David Wheeler would give a report on it next month,

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: In Cllr. Mulready absence the Clerk had been told that all the airport plans were hoping to be completed by 2014. Chair Cole said the A45 would be re-routed as part of the development.

7.2 CARA: Chair reported that the last meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> December had been cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012. He said that CARA reported to him that the debt in the north of the borough was amounting to millions.

7.3 WALC/SAC: As Cllr. A. Follows was absent there was no report.

7.4 Governors Report: As Cllr. A. Follows governor of Yorkswood Primary School was absent there was no report.

**9. Youth Council:** Clerk had telephone the Clerk at Fordbridge in the hope of some advice for the setting up of a Youth Council. He informed the Clerk that they were reconsidering their role in the present Youth Council. He said that the teachers of the schools mainly run the Council and their Cllrs. have very little involvement. He told the Clerk to look at the Website from NALC for further information as they may help us make decisions. Chair Cole would be prepared to set it up to start with. It would go onto the Agenda for next Month.

**10. Possibility of changing the school milk contract as current supplier not able to deliver on time.** The Clerk informed the Council that Dairy Crest was unable to deliver the milk on time to two of the schools the Parish Council pay for, The schools had complained that the milk was being delivered too late for the children's break. The schools have the rest of their milk delivered by Pardy's Dairy of Redditch. It was agreed and passed that the contract be set up with the new company and Dairy Crest be cancelled. Clerk to action this.

**11. Kingshurst Primary School Award Plaques:** In the absence of Cllr. A. Follows this item was not discussed.

**12. Action for Poverty:** Clerk informed the Council that Jason Ward had confirmed he would attend the January meeting to give an update to the Cllrs.

**13. Risk Assessment: Events Committee and Clerk need health and safety risk assessment report. Chair Cole offered to do this with Clerk.** Chair had made notes on the day of the Christmas Event to do a risk assessment, he also informed the Cllrs that a new accident book was in the office.

**15. Approval for Clerk to purchase items for KPC on her own Credit Card.** Cllrs. voted that the Clerk can use her Credit Card to purchase items for the Parish Council, but each time must be on the agenda and recorded.

**16. The Localism Bill – Code of Conduct: This item will be put on the agenda for next month, as Cllr. A. Follows was absent.**

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

17.1 Correspondence: Clerk had already read out the letter from Gary Leake. She mentioned the WALC training on the 19<sup>th</sup> January in Studley and asked the Cllrs. if they may consider her attending. This would have to go onto the next month's agenda.

17.2 Planning: No planning had been received.

**18. 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. No members of the public wanted to speak.

**19. 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.

Agenda Items for next month:

Precept

Pavilions valuation report

Localism Bill: Code Conduct

Clerks training at WALC

**20. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 3<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Meeting Closed at 8.pm

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