



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present:                      D. Cole Chair  
   D. Davis  
   S. Daly  
   T. Williams  
   B. Mulready  
   A. Follows  
   L. Brunger.  
   D. Woolley  
   B. Follows

In Attendance :                      David Wheeler and Mrs. J. Aske (Clerk)  
   Mr. and Mrs. John Kimberly.

**Apologies:** Cllr. John Milne, owing to family illness.

### 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
- Events: Cllrs. T. Williams, D. Davis. S. Daly and B. Mulready  
Allotments: Cllr. B. Mulready and S. Daly  
Grant Aid: Cllrs. Mulready, T. Williams S. Daly and D. Davis

**3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on June 8th 2010. One change had been put down as part of the finance committee, Cllr. B. Follows in the election of members did not want to be on the committee at this time. After this was recorded the minutes were passed and signed.

**4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors** – Cllr. D. Evans could not attend the meeting and had given in a report with her apologies. See attached. Chair Cole read the report to the members of the council and the members of the public. In the report Cllr. Evans refers to item 5 ‘we need to protect our green spaces especially with the regeneration of the North’, the councillors were enquiring about this statement and discussing that green spaces like parks etc. will be used for housing if we do not act to protect them. Cllr. Follows said the NSVCA which he attends the meeting of, is actively helping to protect the areas. They are getting residents to mark on maps the areas that are valuable to them. Areas were mentioned like Lark Meadow.

The general concerns from the councillors were that private contractors could come in and take their green areas. They would support Cllr. Evans. Cllr. Nash was asked if he wanted to speak. He carried on in the same vein as Cllr. Evans regarding the regeneration of the North. He had asked Ian Cox to put the plans and official notices in layman's terms. He went on to say that all the new houses being built have not been sold yet there are many homeless families that would benefit from being placed in these empty homes. Social housing is a big problem, more social housing homes should be built. He said that transport needs looking into. He said we must actively work together for the residents. He thanked the council for their hard work and was looking forward to the fun day. Cllr. Williams asked Cllr. Nash about the Regeneration Meetings and said that people opinions at meeting accounted for nothing, they just quote percentages Cllr. Nash replied to Cllr. Williams in saying they must insist on the plans and letter written and drawn in laymen's terms so everyone can understand it. They should put model plans in front of you. They get away with building houses and apartments that do not fit in to the street scene, please get more involved to make a difference he said. Get them to turnaround the terminology. He went on to say that the people of Kingshurst are becoming confused with the boundary lines, as Smiths Wood was part of Kingshurst. Cllr. A. Follows said that every Month at the RIG meeting there are at least 14 persons present. There could be one organised in Smiths Wood. He pointed out that with continued complaining they did manage to get yellow lines in Gilson Way. Cllr. Brunger mentioned that Schools have their own agenda on what they build they do not need planning permission. The Government demands a percentage of space per pupil, this means they can sell of the fields for housing. After this Chair asked to move on to the next item on the Agenda.

5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. Davis, said the Deposit account was at £61,998.28 and the Current account held £2,304.44 and a transfer of £7,000.00 needed to take place to cover all the cheques on the payment list. The Milk concerns have been sorted out with the St. Anthony's and Kingshurst Primary Schools but the Yorkswood Primary School has a slight discrepancy. The accounts have been to Louise Best for the Internal Audit and are okay. The Jubilee Gardens has a maintenance Gardner for 6 months from Job Centre Plus. There is no cost to the KPC for employing him. Cllr. B. Follows asked what would happen to him after the 6 months. It was established that the Government will not being doing the scheme again.

5.2 Events: Chair of Events Cllr. Daly thanked Cllr. Williams for all her hard work as the previous Chair, and also Mrs. Sandra Kimberly. She asked the Councillors for full support for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Junes Fun Day. After listing the priorities, she asked all councillors to turn up for work on the field at 8.30 am

5.3 Allotments: Chair Mulready said the young man down at the Jubilee Gardens is doing well. He has done the hedge on the outside of the fence. Chair Cole was asked by a plot holder if they could see a return of trophies given out for the best allotments. Cllr. Mulready said they would introduce this again next year as it is too late for this year. But there would be no financial prize.

6. **Pavilions:** Clerk had left messages for Jo Burn to contact her in connection with the surveyors report. Cllr. Mulready said it is in the lease that they should pay for a report. Clerk will copy the page for all Cllrs. to see. And it will go on the next Agenda.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said there was no change. The plans for the new runway will be considered again in 5 year.

7.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole said the meeting will take place this Thursday.

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows said there was nothing to report he had not received any minutes.

7.4 Sustain: No representative.

## **8. Information items:** To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action If appropriate.

8.1 Correspondence and emails: Cllrs. had received copies of post and emails, a letter from the Rev. Neil Roberts regarding a parishioner of his was read out by Chair Cole. A letter from a person representing the Youth Council regarding the lack of swings in the park was mentioned and that they should ask the SMBC, Clerk would write to this person. The subject of Facebook came about and concerns relating to the KPC having a page on the internet for residents to access information. Cllr. A. Follows assured the rest of the councillors that it was safe to use and it was not a worry. All Cllrs decided not to go ahead with the Facebook.

8.2 Planning; 5 applications were read out by the Clerk. No action to be taken.

## **9. 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 invites two members of the public to speak. Mrs, Kimberly took the floor, she enquired as to how many councillors we had, and who were the two Louise's mentioned in the Minutes of last month. She mentioned it was great about the new man working down at the Jubilee Gardens. Mr. Kimberly took the floor, he asked about the support from the councillor in connection with the green areas as they will need defending. And secondly he said with reference to CARA, they do service many people from Kingshurst and it important that funding is still available. We must impress on the Local Councillors to make sure the funding is not squeezed. Cutting the costs will have fundamental effect for many people. A resident contacted Cllr. Nash with regard to a right of way entry by his house. He wanted further information and advice as to what he could do about the Youths hanging about in the gully. Clerk would write to SMBC 'Rights of Way' department and ask them to get in touch with the resident. Suggestions referring to this issue were put forward. One being an installation of a CCTV camera. Lack of funding was talked about and Chair Cole mentioned how CARA do a very good job but the lack of funding is having an effect in our area. Cllr. A. Follows suggested that the Parish Council could donate funding to CARA using the Section 137 where we can donate outside of the Kingshurst area. Mr. Kimberly mentioned the camera that the police use in unmarked cars that send the image to their laptops. It's a good idea but there are not enough of them.

## **10: Standing Orders:** The Clerk had given all the members of the council a new set of standing Orders. There was some discussion on what could be changed. It was established that they will be adopted and as and when things come up that may need changing then that would be the time to do them. All of the Cllrs present voted to adopt the Standing Orders of June 2010.

**11. Grant Aid Meeting:** An informal meeting was arranged in the Office for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm to double check on forms, advertising etc. Cllr. Davis said she would not be able to attend.

**12. Jubilee Garden: Information on the Funded scheme run by the Job Centre Plus. New employee recruited as Gardener.** This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**13. Pavilions would like a bottle bank provided. (JM)** Cllr. Milne and Cllr. Mulready had been asked by members of staff at the Pavilions if a bottle bank could be provided. They should get in touch with Endeavour House or SMBC. The Cllrs said that they would give them permission to have one in the Car Park.

**14. 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.

Cllr. T. Williams would like us to invite Sgt.7674 James Wallace to one of our meetings. She also asked if a representative from Steps 2 Opportunities a Volunteering Organisation could come to talk to us about what they do. Clerk would invite them.

Chair of Events Cllr. Daly asked if anyone was able to meet in the Office Monday Morning to count the money from the Fun Day. David Wheeler confirmed he would be there at 10.30.

**15. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.15 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm

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