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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 8th April 2014 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present:

D. Cole Chair
B. Mulready Vice Chair
A. Follows
D. Davis
D. Woolley
E. Muluka
T. Williams
J. Milne

In Attendance :

Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)

Members of the Public:

three members of the public were present plus three representatives from Community Warwickshire Energy.

Borough Cllrs

B. Cllr. David Jamieson

Guests

Mrs. B. Cooper, C. Begg and P. Hewband from Community Energy Warwickshire.

Apologies:

B. Cllrs. A Nash, F. Nash sent in apologies.

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:

P Whyte – Working out of Birmingham

R. Webber – Working

M. Dawson – Family Bereavement

B. Follows - unwell

2. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th March 2014 were approved and signed.

As Cllr. Jamieson was running late Chair went on to agenda item 4 first and introduced Mrs. B. Cooper from Community Energy Warwickshire.

4. Guest: Mrs. Cooper from Community Energy Warwickshire. Mrs. Cooper introduced her colleagues and as she had previously given out information paperwork she proceeded to engage the Cllrs and members of the public on the opportunities of being part of a community co-operative in solar energy panels.

The Parish Council had invited the team to look into the benefits he could offer to the Pavilion Sporting Club. They had recently looked around the premises and although the roof of the Premises was not at a good angle for daylight and the roof wouldn't structurally hold many panels they would still be able to help with advice and the possibility of raising the money through private shares to assist the KPC if they wanted to go ahead.

The Community Warwickshire Energy rent the roof of buildings to supply electricity to the building itself and to sell on electricity that is not used.

Cllr. Milne asked who was responsible for the panels. Mrs. Cooper replied that they will maintain them and clean them.

The Cllrs were interested in the proposition and would look into the prospect of having Solar Panels in the future.

The Chair thanked the team and went on to agenda item 3 the Borough Cllrs. report.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors. Chair invited B. Cllr. Jamieson to take the floor. Cllr. Jamieson gave apologies for Borough Cllrs. Alan and Flo Nash.

He had just come from a HS2 meeting and said that although the line doesn't really affect Kingshurst itself the advantage would be that jobs would be created because of the new line. He went on to say that the cost has now gone from £27 billion to £50 billion. He said he was profoundly disappointed that the North NEC terminal does not directly link up between HS1 and HS2. So passengers would have to go into London, get a tube to the HS1 line.

He went on to say the line will have an effect on the housing market as commuters will live further out of London and buy up the houses in Solihull and the surrounding areas.

Borough Cllr. Jamieson then went on to report that planning has been passed to build 27 homes on Woodlands Way off the Chester Road. He went on to say that he observed the location and had concerns for school children crossing the grass to get to school. He said he thinks a crossing should be put in place to make sure Children get across the road safely each school day. He will pursue this as it involves at least 60 to 70 children that may be at risk after the homes have been built. The upside to the planning is that a very nice recreational play area will be built.

Borough Cllr. Jamieson then went on to speak about the Birmingham Road and Plans for homes to be built on the strip of land behind the vets. These homes are hopefully going to be built in a style to fit in with the older properties already in the area. He is worried this may not happen and they will try and pack in 50 homes on such a small area. Chair asked about the parking allocations for so many homes. B Cllr. Jamieson said the planning application details will be available in June or July. He has no further information on the 70 homes planned to be built on Babbs Mill Nature Reserve. The Two planning applications that have been passed for the JHN and CTC schools regarding the 3 G football pitches will benefit children and adults of the community. He mentioned the concerns expressed by residents regarding the planning. These included extra traffic on the Cooks Lane side. He said it was thought that a150 extra cars would use the road in a 2 or 3 hour period. Bad language and noise were taken into consideration and the planning department put a restriction on the times from 10pm finish to 9pm finish and Sunday 6pm finish.

Chair asked the councillors if they had any questions for Cllr. Jamieson. Cllr. T Williams referred back to the Birmingham Road site for planning of homes. She asked what will be done with the underpass. The answer was that it will be filled in.

Chair went onto the Public Part of the meeting as B. Cllr Jamieson needed to leave.

14. 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.

A member of the Public from Castle Bromwich had recently heard about the proposal to build on Babbs Mill.

He was able to discuss his concerns with borough Cllr. Jamison and the KPC Cllrs.

It was noted that it is an assumption the building on Larks Meadow will go ahead and that the Nature Reserve will be de-designated as a 'Nature Reserve'. Borough Cllr. Jamieson is worried that the building will not stop there.

The member of the Public said that a bigger campaign was needed to save the Nature reserve for the generations of children in the area.

It was pointed out to the member of the public that the Parish Council and the Local Borough Cllrs had indeed leafleted the residents in the area and wrote to members of Parliament with the concerns of Building on a Nature Reserve. Residents had responded with letters and coming to residential meeting and Solihull Borough Council meetings with their objections.

Borough Cllr. Jamieson told the member of the public that the Borough Cllrs in Castle Bromwich had voted for the plans to go ahead on Babbs Mill.

Cllr. T. Williams said it had been reported in the Solihull News which up to recently was delivered free in the Castle Bromwich area.

The planning has not been submitted for passing as yet.

Another member of the public wanted to ask B. Cllr. Jamieson if he had heard anything regarding the Kingshurst Doctors Surgery. There was no news at the present. They have twelve months for negotiations to take place. He said KPC were promised by John Halton of Regen to keep them informed. He should be invited back to keep us updated.

There were no more questions from anyone so the Chair went on to agenda item 5.

5. Finance: To receive and approve reports from KPC Finance Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

5.1 Finance:

Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows gave a brief report on the finances of the KPC. The cheques written for this month were £4616.38 agreed and passed. The Balance in the current account stood at £9687.20 the deposit account was at £69.33 and the corporate account at £15053.51.

A sum of money in the Jubilee Gardens will be used for rotovating the orchard to prepare the ground for seeing grass. This does not come out of direct funding from the precept.

6. Pavilions: To receive and approve any reports regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club and make decisions as appropriate.

5.1 Update on current situation regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club. Nothing has been received from the asset Management Company regarding the future of the Pavilions.

5.2 Cllr. A Follows would like to discuss a part of the lease regarding the building of a flat above the function room. Last month Cllr. A. Follows briefly mentioned that although it would need looking into more thoroughly, the original lease with Connaught Taverns clearly stated that a flat was to be built on the premises. He had not got any further as yet. He noted that Connaught Taverns were still trading. He asked the Council for permission to source a commercial Lawyer for information. He is hoping that a half hour would be free for advice. The Cllrs agreed for Cllr. A. follows to go ahead as long as it was free information.

7. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

6.1 As Chair of events John Milne reported in the recent Events meeting a TV would be purchased as the star raffle prize for the Fun Day on the 22nd June this year. No words had come back from the Sea Cadets so he will go and see them personally. KPC will pay for a buffet lunch for the 3rd August Service in Commemoration of WW1.

8. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

Chair of Allotments reported that Gro Organic had finished temporarily for a few months. The contractor that did an excellent job on the hedge cutting was going to be asked to rotovate the orchard. The money will come from the Jubilee Garden Funds from the sale of sleepers.

9. Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:

9.1 Email received from Alison Saint Arts Project Manager regarding a WW1 Commemorative Open Event on 21st September to be held at SOH. She asks for ideas and help with funding for materials. Each Cllr. had received an email regarding the above. Clerk was instructed to find out further information and speak with the Seeds of Hope in order to find out how the KPC can help out on the day or leading up to the commemorative day.

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

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready has nothing to report until the next meeting.

10.2 WALC/SAC - Cllr. A. Follows reported that a meeting is due this Thursday.

10.3 School Governors reports: Cllr. A. Follows reported that Yorkswood School had received an excellent report from the recent Ofsted investigation.

Chair Cole attended a meeting for Kingshurst School. He reported that the four years of building will start on Good Friday and construction vehicles will be using the Gilson Way site for access. The deputy Head is now assigned as Head for the coming new term. They too had an excellent report from their recent Ofsted.

10.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. A. Follows has nothing to report presently.

10.5 Regen. Nothing to report.

11. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: No new planning had been received.

12. Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:

12.1 Local Development Plan: Babbs Mill. Nothing to report.

12.2 Mountford Public House Site: No updates on the site have been received.

12.3 Update on recent notification on two planning applications discussed at previous meeting: CCT and John Henry Newman College have both put planning applications in for 3G artificial turf pitches with ball stop fencing and floodlighting. This planning had been passed on the 2nd April as discussed in agenda item 3.

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

13.1 Correspondence and emails. All emails and correspondence had been received by the Cllrs for discussion. Nothing was discussed.

15. 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.

It was decided that Cllrs John Milne and A. Follows would look further into the report for Solar Panels from Community Energy Warwickshire. To be an agenda item.

16. Clerks Salary and Risk Assessment

16.1 To discuss and agree to Clerks Salary increment from SPC 22 to SCP 23 on the 1st April 2014 in accordance with Clerks Contract. This was accepted and passed.

16.2 To discuss and agree to Risk Assessment and Management 2013 (document attached). This was passed and signed by Chair Cole.

17. Date of next meeting: Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 13th May at 7.15 pm in The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst, Birmingham B37 6BX. Items for the agenda need to be in by Tuesday 6th May 2014.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Signed Date