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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 13th October 2015 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present:

- D. Cole
- B. Mulready (Vice Chair) Chaired Meeting
- L. Cole
- A. Follows
- B. Follows
- D. Woolley
- P. Cooper-Hinsley
- D. Hinsley
- J. Kimberley
- S. Daly
- M. Dawson

In Attendance: Mr. David Wheeler – RFO and J Aske – Clerk
Two members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. T. Williams – Holiday.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minute 3.1 was queried by Chair Cole the sentence referred to was the content minuted when Borough Cllr. Hall said *the Council has already approved the building plans and also approved by the inspectorate*. The Clerk will ask Borough Cllr. Hall if this is actually correct. RESOLVED: that the Full Council Minutes of the 8th September, having been circulated and read, be signed as a correct record.

3. **Reports from Borough Councillors:** All three Borough Cllrs had put in their apologies and they had to attend a Borough Council Meeting in Solihull. Reports were sent in by Robert Hall and Flo Nash. Chair read out both reports. (See attached to these minutes). Cllr. Woolley was concerned about reports of youths hanging around in the Parade, he queried what time the Parade is supposed to close in the evening as this would stop this nuisance. Clerk was asked to email Alison Lush and ask her for more details on the closing of the gates. It was noted that the gates are closed well after the Betting Shop and the Costcutters' shop have closed. Clerk to action.

4. Finance Committee

Cllr A. Follows reported that the Finance Committee approved accounts for payment to the value of £3683.17. The balance in the current account was £40366.90 and the balance in the savings account was £20,000. A transfer of possibly another £20k can be put into the deposit just as soon as calculations of any further outgoings are established. Further payments of £120 for a Childrens Magician, £90 for WALC workshop and £250 for the remembrance Sunday buffet were also passed. The Parish Council approved the report from the Finance Committee.

5. Pavilions

5.1 Nothing has been received regarding the sale of the lease for the premises.

Vice Chair B. Mulready referred to the last meeting when Mr. Gary Leake, along with two associates representing the Kingshurst Football Club made accusations that the KPC had stopped their sponsorship funding from SCH (Solihull Community Housing). The SCH representatives understood and indicated to the Clerk and three councillors of the KPC that they thought the sponsorship money paid yearly to the Kingshurst Football Club was in payment for parking on the Pavilions car part in office hours. Cllr. Mulready had asked for the conversation to be stopped as it should be discussed in private. It is now common knowledge. Cllr. A. Follows began to explain to the rest of the Council that any actual money exchanged is not anything to do with the KPC and a gentlemen's agreement was put into place by the area manager of the Pavilions back in 2008 for staff to use the car park and become members. Cllr. Mulready was worried that it looked like the car park of the pavilions was being sub let. Cllr. A. Follows went on to say that there is nothing illegal as nothing for us to dispute as no money was exchanged for the parking of staff cars in the car park. SCH are having meetings with members of the Kingshurst Football Club regarding their sponsorship and have been informed by Calco in Administration that they can continue to park on the Pavilions car park but it may change at a moment's notice.

Examples were given by Cllr. A. Follows to help with the understanding of the Lease and how it is not actually sublet it just looks like it is.

It was noted here that the KPC will ask for yearly meetings with any new tenants in the future. SCH are now aware of the agreements and will be aware of any pitfalls regarding the parking on the car park.

Cllr. John Kimberley asked if we were still receiving an income from the rent and how long have they been in administration. Yes we do still receive the rent and it will be three years in January.

Other discussions took place regarding the management of the football club and also the state of the Pavilions building itself.

Chair concluded that when the Pavilions is sold to new tenants we keep in touch with them. Clerk was asked to liaise with the administrators as often as possible.

5.2 The Clerk was instructed to engage a company to do the extermination of the rodents' along the back of the Bowling Green. The price quoted is £80. Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley will have a word with the company and ask them to go ahead with the extermination as she knows the addresses of the people concerned.

6. Events Committee

Chair David Cole read a report from Chair of Events Cllr. Tina Williams. Cllr. P. Cooper-Hinsley will contact Alison Lush regarding the cost of the Christmas tree for the Parade. The lights will be on the day it is installed. It was noted how many councillors will go to the Remembrance Service as Jean Johnson reserves chairs for the Councillors. It was passed to engage a Magician at £120. Chair asked how many Councillors will be attending to help at the Christmas Party. Discussion took place about the children and how the choices

would be made. As all the children went to the local schools this would be where the invites would go to. It would be one parent per child to attend.

7. Allotments Committee

Cllr Mulready said that Gro-Organic intends to finish the teaching station by Christmas. He had been informed by Mark Frampton that Gro-Organic had been trying to get in touch with the Clerk regarding the confirmation to build the pool. The Clerk will get in touch with them to say that there is no problem with having a shallow pond.

Cllr. B. Follows wanted to go back to the Events. She asked if the musician that was booked last year had been informed she will not be needed this year. Yes this had been done by email, although no reply had been received.

Chair asked Cllr. Mulready if he had finished his report. He had so Chair went onto the next part of the agenda.

8. Progress reports

8.1 Solihull Connected Green Paper: Cllr. David Hinsley and Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley attended the meeting.

It was regarding the Councils strategy for transport for the next 20 years. It is in conjunction with other authorities in the Midlands. As it is just the green paper at the moment they intend to produce the white paper with their conclusions in early 2016. They are looking at the growth of business in the areas and for the future. But said no money to take in extra roads for extra transport. HS2 would increase more people coming into the area. Solihull was broken down into several areas to distinguish areas like the hub around the airport, NEC and JLR also including HS2. In the North of Solihull they intend to set up better links with transport to Solihull Town Centre. Cllr. Hinsley said he can issue a resume he has done on the meeting if anyone would like a copy. But what it boils down to is the proposed strategy is anti car and pro public transport and very very pro cycling and walking, to the extent of planning to put cycle routes totally everywhere throughout the borough. There was only He and Cllr. Cooper Hinsley and one other Parish Councillor that attended this meeting. The representative that took the meeting in Chelmsley Town Council office took on their opinions on the recent so called road improvements in reduction of the dual carriage way up to Birmingham business park, Hurst Lane and the reduction of the road towards Chelmsley Wood Town Centre. New markings are a no use whats so ever. Another point is that the Public Transport in the North of the Borough is totally inadequate. To get to the NEC or Airport on a Sunday you would have to take three buses. The Final thing that we brought up was do they actually take into account the effects that with all these so called improvements have on the movement of the transport. He said further consultations regarding the Chester Road being narrowed even more towards the Tyburn Road.

Cllr. A. Follows mentioned a recent closure planned for the collector Road and will be closed for re-surfacing.

Cllr. John Kimberley wanted to add a point that he thought we should be cautious in suggesting that only people want to go into Birmingham as by and large younger members of the community do enjoy Solihull Town and frequent it for night life etc. Discussions took place regarding different opinions on hospitals in Birmingham and Solihull.

Chair Cole thanked David for his report.

9. Reports from Parish Council Members on outside bodies

9.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr. Mulready said there is a meeting next month.

9.2 WALC/SAC – No Meetings until 15th October. Cllr. Reported Cllr. David Hinsley.

9.3 School Governor Reports – Chair Cole had nothing to report from Kingshurst Primary. Re Yorkswood School, Cllr Follows reported he was unable to attend the recent Governors meeting but could report that the new modelling of the school is hectic and the cost is considerably more than the original quote. As the school is built as a single story it probably would have been better to build a new school. As part of the remodelling he had suggested to the Council to put Solar Panels on the roof for heating and electricity. This is now being looked into. He concluded that we need to watch this space whether it gets re-modelled or re-built.

9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum – Cllr. Hinsley reported that minutes had been circulated. But nothing significant to report.

9.5 Regeneration – As above.

9.6 Parish Council Environmental Committee – no matters to report; meeting to be arranged.

10. WALC Training 17th November. To consider payment of £45 per person. All agreed to send new Councillors to this workshop. Chair Cole took this opportunity to address the Council with a cautionary note for all Councillors to consider the consequences of discussing future planning and developments that are not in the public domain for discussion.

11. Planning: There were no consultations to respond to.

12. Planning applications

12.1: Local Development Plan: Comments on Babb's Mill that it was a disappointment to be informed of the 4 and 5 bedroom homes planned to be built. It was noted that these types of homes will not benefit anyone on the housing list as they are all private. Cllr. Woolley noted that it did say Phase One. Cllr. Hinsley did say that Phase two is probably the 21 flats and 2 two-bed roomed houses to be built in Smiths Wood.

Cllr. B. Follows said the money from Babb's Mill will go towards future generation of the Parade.

Chair Cole

12.2 : Mountford Public House site – no updates to report.

13. Information items

13.1 Correspondence and emails: All Councillors received a list of recent post and emails. A request to pay for the half of the repairs to the Kingshurst brick bus shelter with the Parish Council of Smiths Wood was considered. Conclusion would be to have three quotes for the work before any proposal is considered. Clerk will see if she is to obtain the quotes.

A second item was the new position of the bus stop on Marston Drive. B. Cllr. Evans had received residents' complaints that it was still in a dangerous place and asked the SMB council to consider putting in a pelican crossing.

A third item received was further information regarding the garages at the back of Wheeley Moore Road. This is now regularly checked by Council area caretakers and also a word with TC car drivers that may have been discarding litter in this area.

- 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

14.1 Chair asked the two members of the public if they would like to take the floor. Sarah Evans from Action of Babb's Mill took the floor. After initially explaining her busy day and speaking in the full council at Solihull she informed the Council that Ian Courts had informed her that Kingshurst has had considerably less homes built. She said she switched off at this point because it did not relate to the campaign is to fight for a nature reserve and the history legacy and fighting for this community. Too often the North of the Borough is left out. She went on to say she thinks it's about time we came first. On a lighter note she said they had made the front page of the News Blog called on the other side of Solihull. Face book has had 700 likes on the page.

She went on to say the consultation for Babb's Mill, she totally gets the concerns over the infrastructure. They intended to object. She mentioned how the Council pushed through the technical college on Conway road under the School Travel Plan, which is supposed to come with the plans. So basically more pressure will be added to the infrastructure with students etc. The Consultation event she attended on the 30th had a really good turnout. She spoke with the Architect but had no joy at getting her point across, as was told that sites in the LDP have a choice of development on them. She mentioned that there was no need for four or five bedroom properties in this area. She asked what they were thinking but the point didn't come across. She mentioned that the consultation period ends tomorrow so if you haven't completed your forms please do so and email it to them or put it in writing. The last public meeting they had organised had an attendance of 40 people. She listed the names of those that had spoken publically and thanked them. She said that the Solihull Council had offered help with clean up days etc and taking away rubbish. She said the last year has been tough but are still positive. The message is still being spread and Action for Babb's Mill is still inspiring people to take part in the ownership of our park. She briefly mentioned the history of Babb's Mill, going back to the Norman Conquest and the Families that had previously owned this ancient park.

She went on to say that yesterday she had completed a Freedom of Information requesting how much money has been received for the sale of the local land like Wind Wood Way, Birmingham Road and the Technical College, and how many hector's have been lost and how this will be given back to the residents of Kingshurst. She also intended to find out how many people have been consulted with the recent new builds regarding the Local Development Plan. Further information she reported has been gained from Borough Cllr. Evans regarding the purchase of Cooks Lane development and the ownership concerning Belway. She will report this at a later date when the land has been transferred. She lastly reported that at the consultation she was told by representatives of Bellway that if the homes are not built then other projects will not go ahead. She felt this was said as a threat. She said they just don't get that this is the only principal park in this area and if they start chipping away at it we are going to lose it. She asked if we had all had a copy of the WWL report. The Chair said yes we had all received one. Chair thanked Sarah.

Keith Evans took the floor and asked the Council why is the KPC paying for the removal of Rats. He was informed that the rodents' actually on the Pavilions land. Chair closed the Public Participation and went on to the next part of the agenda.

- 15. Councillors reports and Items for Future Agenda:**

Councillors were informed by Cllr. David Woolley that the vandalised matting under the climbing frame in the park on Marston Drive has now been replaced.

Cllr. Hinsley asked if a discussion should be arranged with John Holton of Regen regarding the lease of the Pavilions. Chair advised that there are other concerns at the moment to take priority. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that the KPC would not be able to buy back the lease at £300k from the administrators.

The Clerk was instructed to keep asking the administrators for updates. It will be on the agenda next month.

Cllr. M. Dawson asked if the events for Christmas can be put on the agenda for next month also.

David Wheeler just mentioned that the School Milk will need to be paid. The amounts for the three schools would be £2600. This can wait until next month.

Cllr. John Kimberley said he was under the impression that the Government paid for school milk. Cllr. A. Follows answered that it is only up to a certain age. Clerk will make enquiries as to what age groups the KPC pay for as it originally was the Infants, year one and year two.

Chair Cole mentioned the 44ft Lorries going up the Cooks Lane continually. This will be put on the agenda.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 10th 2015 at The Pavilions Sporting Club commencing at 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 20.45

Signed (Chairman) Date