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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 12th March, 2013 at 7pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present:

- D. Cole – Chair
- B. Mulready - Vice Chair
- A. Follows
- D. Woolley
- J. Milne
- D. Davis
- T. Williams
- R. Webber
- M. Dawson
- E. Muluka

In Attendance : Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Two Members of the Public attended.
Borough Cllrs Cllr. A. Nash
Apologies: Borough Cllr. Mrs. F. Nash and Borough Cllr. Jamieson.

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

- P. Whyte – working late.
- Mr. David Wheeler RFO - unwell
- Cllr. B. Follows – unwell.

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th February 2013 were approved and signed.

3. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** Chair David Cole read out a report that was sent in by B. Cllr. Jamieson. See attached. B. Cllr. A. Nash was asked to take the floor. He gave printed copies of 'Inside Out' produced by the CTC Academy in Cooks Lane to the Clerk for her to give the Cllrs. He had recently seen a presentation for a project named 'Three Gees' that involves the planning of a recreation facility that would span 3 football fields. This would benefit the Academy and after 6pm in the evening it would be open to members of the public. He asked that Kingshurst Parish Council to consider joining Fordbridge Town Council in combining a date when the presentation of the future plan can be viewed. This he hoped would get the KPC on board. He reported that the Youth of the area should be helped and he hoped that the KPC would support the venture. He asked the Clerk to organise with his Clerk the arrangements for a date when the presentation could take place. All Cllrs agreed to go to the presentation if they were available on the date. Clerk would liaise with Fordbridge Town. B. Cllr. Nash also went on to say it is apparent that the people in North Solihull are coping with poor diets, lack of jobs and generally in ill health. This he said, has got to change there is a

need to educate people in these areas. Chair Cole mentioned that he advertised a position in the company he works for and 268 applicants applied for the job. Cllr. Nash said the lack of transport does not help the situations currently.

Cllr. Nash also went on to report that British Gas is paying to clad the outside of multi-story flats in the area. This will cut the heating bills and it welcomed in the community as Residents have been putting up with cold frame windows and drafts for a very long time. Chair Cole thanked Cllr. Nash for his report and went on to the next part of the agenda.

Cllr. Eric Muluka arrived at 7.20 pm. B. Cllr. Nash left the meeting.

4. Guest Speaker: Clerk invited Ms Emily Walsh, from the Planning Department of SMBC. Ms. Emily Walsh was unable to attend the meeting.

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 reported that the current account stood at £15,373.94 and the deposit account was at £69.33 and the corporate account was at £10k. The cheques were approved and passed for payment. See attached.

5.2 Allotment insurance has been paid at £60 on the 15.2.13 passed at the February meeting.

6. Pavilions:

6.1 The KPC had received a cheque of £500 in respect of the Grant aid that was given on the understanding that the Kingshurst Sports FC received grant aid from an outside source. The Football Club was hoping to receive a grant but had to achieve a lump sum themselves. Unfortunately this had not happened so the KPC asked for the money to be returned.

6.2 The Clerk had written a letter to Calco in Administration outlining all of the recent problems that had occurred. See attached. All members of the Council had received a copy of the letter. It was decided that Chair Cole would ring the company and ask them to resolve all the issues outlined in the recent letter.

7. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate. Chair of Events Cllr. J. Milne reported that tombola prizes will now be food items, packaged as complete meals. For example, a tin of potatoes and a tin of stew. Chair Cole agreed that this is ideal for the current climate. The music will be provided by John himself.

8. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate. Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready reported there had recently been four vacancies and now one left to fill, the person on the list had been contacted and we are waiting for him to contact us. Gro Organic had been to have another look and the Jubilee gardens in the hope to get funding from the Lottery. He said there is not much to report as they are just starting the season.

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

9.1. Police request to Monitor HGV Traffic flows on Cooks Lane. The Clerk had emailed Sergeant Glen Mernagh to say the Cllrs are willing to support the police in Traffic monitoring in Cooks Lane road. The KPC had not heard back as yet.

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

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready reported the new control tower should be fully in operation this April. The residents in Hampton in Arden are distressed as they are being affected by the new flight path. Cllr. T. Williams mentioned that this had also been reported in the Solihull News paper.

10.2 WALC/SAC Cllr. A. Follows has nothing to report. The next meeting is in April and the KPC are hosting the meeting in the Pavilions. The last meeting had been cancelled owing to the weather.

10.3 Cllr. A. Follows did not having anything to report at this time. A finance meeting will take place in two weeks time.

10.4 Cllr. Maxine Dawson was elected by members of the Full Council to join the North Solihull Partnership Forum and attend their meetings as a representative for the KPC.

11. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: Nothing had been received this month. Last month the KPC had written to oppose the planning application for a change of use from a public car park on The Mountfort Over Green Drive. The applicant, Kojaz Limited had put an application forward to operate a Car hand washing and valet area. Cllr. Mulready had noticed workmen in the area and was told they were fixing a gate.

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

12.1 Hearings from the Local Development Plan - Babbs Mill that took place from 10th January to the 23rd 2013. The hearings had come to an end now and the outcome will be revealed in the summer. Cllr. Woolley referred to a previous Cllr from this area that now lives in Solihull and asked about declarations of personal interest. He was advised by Cllr. A. Follows that all personal and prejudicial interests are no longer valid. The new pecuniary declaration is in force now. Cllr. Woolley's concerns were that this person was making decisions regarding planning in North Solihull which is affecting the area he used to represent. Chair Cole asked to move on to the next part of the agenda as this issue was not an agenda item.

13. For information/action and make decisions as appropriate:

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

13.1 Correspondence and emails: all Cllrs had received copies of post and emails for the month. The Clerk read out a thank you card received from Ann Lansbury thanking the KPC for the recent Grant aid which went towards buying metal pin badges for the First Kingshurst Girls Brigade.

A complaint regarding the Pavilions toilets had been received from a resident. The toilets seemed to be blocking regularly and have been closed off to the children and football teams. On investigation the toilets had been repaired.

Clerk wished to know if any Cllrs could attend the Northern Star Community project to take place on the 23rd March. Cllr. Williams will be attending.

A thank you letter had also been received from Redwood House for a recent grant.

B. Cllr. F. Nash had sent a detailed report on the days that the dog bins were emptied via the Streetcare Officer – Environmental Services.

13.2 The WALC workshop went very well. Cllr. A. Follows reported that there is a software package for £85 for Financial Local Risk Assessment.

Cllr. A. Follows also mentioned in the workshop that property owned by the Parish Council should have a more commercial valuation. The Pavilions was noted and maybe should be considered again for the Valuation records and the asset book.

Cllr. Williams went back to the emails and correspondence, she referred to an email from Former Cllr. Debbie Evans referencing a Grant application that had been rejected for the Patient Participation Group. Mrs. Evans had asked as to why the Chairman was informed they did not receive a Grant before the letter had been received. There was no conclusion to this as Mrs. Evans did not know who had told the Chairman. The letter had been posted by hand through the official letterbox of the Doctors Surgery two days after the decision had been reached.

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.

Chair Cole asked the members of public to take the floor. Mr. David Hampton local Resident, mentioned the above report from B. Cllr. Nash regarding the CTC Academy and wanted to give a word of caution that members of the public may not support the new plans for leisure facilities to be built on the site for everyone to enjoy. He said he feels the members of the public let us down when it came to the LDF plan and Babbs Mill. He went on to say in his opinion that not many Parish Councillors supported their Chair when it came to the hearing that took place in Solihull regarding the Babbs Mill Plan. This statement caused a reaction from the Cllrs and Cllr. John Milne asked Mr. Hampton if he could explain this statement, did he mean that by not attending in person to the hearings they did not support the Chair. Mr. Hampton said he thought that more Councillors should have been there.

Mr. Hampton also mentioned the Allotment report and was given further information regarding the Charity Gro-Organic. The Jubilee Garden had been placed in the hands of Gro Organic and they were applying for a lottery fund to take it on and bring groups of residents and clubs to show them how to grow their own produce. Mr. Hampton had had previous knowledge that in the past, that lottery funding had been misappropriated.

Chair thanked Mr. Hampton for his contribution. He asked the other member of the public to take the floor.

Mr. Hatfield local resident, wanted to discuss the recent charge on his council tax bill, referring to the amount going towards the Parish Council. His bill has increased by £7 a year and he was not happy about this. He reported that he had telephoned Solihull MBC to put in a complaint. The rise reported on the bill stated 42.4 % increase. Cllr. A. Follows Finance Chair proceeded to explain how Solihull M.B.C had done the calculation. Clerk was instructed to send Mr. Hatfield the calculation and report from Solihull Council so he could see how the Council Tax had been worked out. Chair of Finance went on to say that in the calculation there have been 600 dwelling taken out from last year.

In the opinion of Mr. Hatfield, he and other residents do not want a Parish Council and that is why he and others do not attend meetings.

Chair thanked the two residents for their input and went on to the next part of the agenda.

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.

Agenda Items for next month:

Chair Cole asked if the meeting for May can be on the 7th of the month. This would go onto the agenda for April to be passed.

Parish Meeting Date to be decided.

Cllr. Williams mentioned a recent conversation with the Parking Officer that the ongoing parking problem at school time in Gilson Way could be alleviated by making a request to the School.

This statement caused a conversation that was not to be discussed as it was not an agenda item and Chair Cole asked for us to carry on with the meeting.

Cllr. B. Mulready asked if he could leave at this point.

16. Date of next meeting: Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 9th April 2013 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 2nd April 2013.

Meeting Closed at 8.25 pm

Signed Date