



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 The Church Hall of St. Barnabas

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

In Attendance : Mrs. J. Aske Clerk  
D. Churchard, Mr. Scarlett Mrs. Platt. Community Police K. Ballard  
and K. Wilcox.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr. Baudet

**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, S. Daly, J. Milne, D Davis, B. Mulready  
Allotments: Cllrs. T. Williams, B. Mulready and J. Milne.  
Grant Aid: Cllrs. B. Mulready, S. Daly, T. Williams, D. David and B Follows.

**3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.  
One amendment In the Finance item 5 it stated David Wheeler when it was actually Alvin Follows. After this amendment the minutes were approved and signed.

**4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors**

Cllr. R. Hall and Cllr. D. Evans were both absent but had given the Council written reports. The Chair read the reports. See Attached.

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

5.1 Finance: In the absence of David Wheeler the Chair D. Davis gave details to the Full Council. The balance at the end of October was standing at £4680.17 and the Deposit account £67,298.11 a transfer of £2,800 was to be transferred to cover cheques. This was passed. She reported the Christmas lights bill from last year had been received and the amount was £1233.75. She explained

also that a Pre Precept meeting would take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm in the Office. She told the committee that Clement Keys the Internal Auditor had found an error in the Financial Returns and had only just contacted David Wheeler about it. David has emailed a Mr. French and the Clerk had put up the notices in the Window outside the Office.

5.2 Events: Cllr T. Williams, said the Remembrance Sunday Service and gathering afterwards went very well. The Clerk had been instructed to send out letters of thanks to all those that assisted in making the day very special. The Council all thanked Cllr. Williams for all her organising and that she did a great job.

5.3 Allotments: Cllr. Mulready had handed the recent issues of having to expel tenants from their allotment plots to the Chair of the Full Council. Chair stated that the Police are not going to be taking any criminal proceeding against the tenants.

Cllr. Brunger asked if he could read some notes he had written previously to the meeting. He read his description of how he thought the events had been handled. See attached.

Cllr. Mulready noted from the statements being read by Cllr. Brunger that Cllr. T. Williams and himself were not declaring an interest. Cllr. Mulready explained they have always declared an interest. He went on to say that the tenants in question had admitted to taking the stolen property after some weeks had passed. He went on to say the Full Council had made the decision to terminate their agreement and it cannot be over turned.

Various conversations and contradictions were talked about from the reading of Cllr. Brungers notes. One being that a complaints committee should be set up. The majority of the councillors had an opportunity to voice their views that it was not necessary to have another committee as we have Chairs of committees to make the decisions. Cllr. D. Davis asked through the Chair as to why the councillors had not received a copy of Cllr. Brungers notes before the meeting proceeded, if he wanted answers from the Allotment Committee. Cllr Brunger replied that he had only just written them out.

Cllr. John Milne asked the Chair why the Police had dropped the proceedings Chair said it was because it was third hand. But there is a crime report.

Cllr. Mulready confirmed that all of the property had still not been returned.

Chair said the crime had been committed and the right procedures had taken place.

Cllr. Brunger asked Cllr. Williams if she had given up the allotment, she replied yes. He then went on to ask if the standards Board had been informed. After this statement, the Chair David Cole had to bring the councillors to order. He asked to take a vote to support the Allotment Committee.

Resolved the Council would support the Allotments Committee.

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

6.1 The Pavilions. There was not a representative from the Football Club of Kingshurst to present a proposal to change the current bowling hut into changing rooms for the current children's teams. To Go on the Next Agenda.

Cllr. Mulready read out the letter previously received by Gary Leake at the last meeting.

Cllr. Mulready said it was misleading. The Bowling hut had been there for 22 years and the Chair and Secretary of the Bowling Club have no knowledge of the proposals. Cllr. Mulready asked if the Clerk should invite Gary Leake to a meeting in the Office. Cllr. Milne asked about the surveyors report and he thought another one should be done and this time give Calco Limited a Notice of the up to date repairs and a time limit.

Cllr. Mulready said that it would be a waste of money and we should consider engaging a Land Solicitor to issue a formal notice.

Some Councillors had previously met Mr. Ronca of Calco to have a look at where the necessary repairs were and to speak to him about the urgency of them. Cllr. A. Follows explained to the Council that the water tanks placed on the roof of the present changing rooms were too heavy and are causing the roof to collapse in on itself. The tanks needed to be taken off and supported by two pillars. He also mentioned that funding would be better to use rather than money from the Precept.

Cllr. Daly agreed we should get Legal Advice from a Land Solicitor. Cllr. Milne said again he thought a new surveyors report would be better.

A Vote was taken to get a Land Solicitor to look at the lease and give us advice. The majority of the councillors voted a Land Solicitor should be engaged. Resolved: A land Solicitor would be contacted and the issue discussed with them.

6.2 RNID. Cllr. Brunger, proceeded to tell the council of the various equipment he had purchased with his own money. He had bought one similar to the version Cllr. Milne had demonstrated. After explaining to the council the pros and the cons of some of the equipment he said he would need more time to evaluate them. It was noted that maybe the microphone and sound system in the office used for the events could be of some assistance to Cllr. Brunger. It would go onto the next Agenda.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said the meeting are only every 3 months. The planning had gone through for the extending of an existing runway.

7.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole reported that there situation is going from bad to worse. The staff are having to cope with no funding whatsoever. The people they are helping find themselves in positions they have never had to experience before in their lifetime such as being made redundant. It appears to be the worst hit in this area.

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows reported that he had not been given a copy of the last meetings minutes, as yet.

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: Cllr. Mulready stated a letter had been received by a Mr. Lander via a member of the public in connection with the recent issues raised at the Allotment meetings Mr. Lander represents the National Society of Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Limited. He had asked Mr. Lander to get in touch directly with the Clerk for any further correspondence.

8.2 Planning; It was reported that at certain times of the day the parking was restricted outside the Kingshurst School. Cllr. Follows had noticed the notification on lampposts in the Gilson Way and Meriden Drive roads.

## **9. Youth**

9.1. Borough Councillor D. Evans had asked this to go on to the Agenda as gangs of youths had been hanging around the Parade. Chair Cole asked the two Community Police Officers to take the floor. It had been mentioned to get a dispersal Order with reference to the youth. PC Kirk Wilcox said he had been advised this was not a good idea and the process is very long. The new anti-social behaviour act is a more efficient way of dealing with the situations that arise. He told of recent arrests and in the last 3 weeks 8 gang ring leaders had been identified and arrested. These arrests will help with the present problems, and positive action will be taken. The CCTV cameras are very valuable to be able to make accurate arrests. He went on to say they needed extra officers to help with the increasing offenders coming in from other areas.

Cllr. Daly asked the Officers if the kids get away with it once an arrest has been made. Officer Kirk Wilcox replied it is the courts that make the end decisions. He assured the councillors the Police were doing a good job and very positive action in dispersing the gangs has proved successful. Cllr. Woolley said he had thought a lot of the problems came from gangs coming into Kingshurst from Shard End. Fighting had been started outside the Mountfort Public House. PC Kirk Wilcox agreed

there was a problem but assured the councillors that the New Chief of Police wants the crime of the streets and is expanding the man power.

Cllr. Brunger wanted to know if the Police would be able to identify youths if he took photographs of them. He had said while he was out gangs of youths on bikes were hanging around Broomcroft at 2.30 am some looked as young as 14 years of age. This would not be advisable to take photographs of the youngsters as it could be illegal and it could cause a volatile situation. Cllr. Brunger was advised not to approach them.

Chair David Cole thanked the Police Officers and they left the meeting.

## **10. Grant Aid**

10.1 A good response had been received this year as it was advertised in the Look Local Magazine. The Clerk had written back to all the applicants asking for more details as to what the grant aid would be spent on and for some of the groups to provide a bank statement.

**11. 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 resident of Kingshurst was invited to take the floor. The gentlemen referred to item 5.3 in a previous set of minutes. He wanted to know if the tenants expelled from the allotments was for theft or from writing in letters of complaint. The councillors answered that it was for the theft.

The gentlemen, an allotment holder went on to say he thought the rules and agreements could be better. With a clear outline of correct actions that would be taken. He ended by saying all tenants needed to be protected and the rules should be changed.

Chair David Cole said that Cllr. Mulready is the Chairman of the allotments and is a very approachable man. He is very much appreciated for all he does. It was concluded that both the committee of the allotments and the holders put their time together is re-writing a new set of rules and agreements for the Allotment Holders to adhere to.

## **12. 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. L. Brunger Asked for the Code of Practice for handling complaints. He wants all Cllrs to have a copy of the LTN 9.

Cllr. Davis would like the Clerk to invite a representative from the Re-gen Committee.

**13. .Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.15 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

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