



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 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  
T. Williams  
D. Woolley  
J. Milne  
E. Muluka  
M. Dawson

In Attendance : Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)

Members of the Public: Nine members of the Public attended.

Borough Cllrs

Apologies: B. Cllrs. A Nash, F. Nash and D. Jamieson had sent in apologies.

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

Cllr. B. Follow – Unwell.

Cllr. P. Whyte – working out of Birmingham.

Cllr. R. Webber – working late.

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved and signed.

**3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** Chair Cole read out a report that had been received by him from B. Cllr. Jamieson. (see attached for Minute book).  
Chair asked the Cllrs if they had any thoughts or comments on the report. No one had anything to say, so Chair went on to the next item on the Agenda.

### **4. Finance: To receive and approve reports from KPC Finance Committee and make decisions as appropriate.**

4.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the current account stood at £27,166.37 and the deposit account was at £69.33 and £15k in the corporate account. The cheques for this month's expenses were approved and passed for payment. He reported that Mr. Wheeler was looking into the cost of the milk and if it could be reduced by maybe £5k in the year between the three schools. This costing could be saved if the Government paid for any milk to children under five years old.

4.2 Precept. There were no questions regarding the precept.

## **5. Pavilions:**

5.1 No recent updates on the current situation regarding the administration of Calco Limited.

5.2 An email had been received from AMS, the Company instructed to carry out the administration of Calco. Mr. Lynch had asked if the catering van can be left on the premises permanently during the football season. The Cllrs after a discussion decided by the majority that it was not to be left on the premises. Clerk would write and tell them of the decision. It was also mentioned that Calor Gas may be left in the van causing a safety hazard and also the van is being left blocking the only access to the back of the Pavilions. If emergency services were ever called they would not be able to effectively do their job.

5.3 Update on Solicitors documentation on securing further the Parish Council Pavilions Sporting Fields into Trust. Nothing to report.

## **6. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.**

6.1 Events Chair Cllr. J. Milne said we are all set for the 14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Event. All the Cllrs. are to arrive for 10.30am to help with preparation. Tables will be picked up from Seeds of Hope at 11am. Two Charities asked for tables. One is for the Children's Hospital and the other is the Castle Bromwich Lions. Both accepted.

## **7. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.**

7.1 Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready that Gro Organic had received a grant to help with their projects on the Jubilee Gardens. He said the Clerk and himself met representatives to discuss the project.

7.2 The contractor engaged to do the perimeter hedge is half way through and doing a very good job. At this point a member of the public interrupted the meeting to ask about how she would gain access to the Jubilee Gardens. The meeting temporarily stopped. Chair asked the member of the public to wait for the Public participation to discuss her questions.

Cllr. A. Follows asked Cllr. Mulready if he had any objections to showing the allotments to a new group of residents from Chemsley Wood that are starting their own Allotments. Cllr. Mulready said he has no problem with that and would be delighted to meet them down there.

**8. Grant Aid:** The successful grant aid applicants were each congratulated by Chair Cole on their award and each representative from the organisation gave a brief description of what the money will be used for. The awards went to:

D.I.AL, 155<sup>th</sup> Birmingham Scouts, Lynne Care 2000, KEC Community Care Centre and Skills for Jobs.

Photographs will be put onto the website.

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

9.1 CTC Academy regarding their plans for leisure facilities for the whole community. There is nothing to report on this item at the moment. Clerk would email B. Cllr. Jamieson and Lee Fletcher of the Academy and ask for any progress reports.

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

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: There is still consideration on Option 5 and Options 6 of the airport plans. The airport wants planes to leave North to South but other residents in the South do not agree. The runway is nearly completed and the A45 has become unrecognisable now it loops round the whole area.

10.2 WALC/SAC - Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report, the next meeting will be in January 2014

10.3 School Governors reports: A meeting is scheduled a week on Thursday for Yorkswood Primary School Governors.

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

10.5 Regen. Cllr. A. Follows reported that the Mountford Public House was being demolished today. Hopefully consultations with John Halton of Regen will take place shortly and the Cllrs and residents are very much hoping that a much needed new Medical Centre will be built.

**11. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received:** One application had been received for Kingshurst Primary School, School Close. The proposal is: Extension of existing primary school to provide 4 additional Classrooms. Two at ground level and two on first floor level. Plus a new turning head.

Cllr. David Woolley objected to this proposal. His reason being that in his opinion there is already too many parents in cars blocking Gilson Way at 9am and 3.30pm.

Most Cllrs. agreed that with new homes being built in this area the Children will need to be provided for in the local school. They would not object to this planning. Cllr. A., Follow said the new turning head proposal will be probably situated in School Close which will alleviate traffic in Gilson Way.

It was also mentioned at this point about the 8 new one bedroom homes being built in Oakthorpe Drive. The Cllrs know many couples that the so called 'Bedroom Tax' is affecting and more one bedroom homes are needed.

Cllr. Woolley said he is concerned about the housing planning proposals and any objections may go against Kingshurst residents as in his opinion he feels there are certain representatives in S.M.B.C that are not sympathetic to any requests made by Kingshurst residents.

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

12.1 The Local Development Plan has released a report which involves lengthy information regarding the proposals for new homes on the Nature reserve Babbs Mill. No further objections can be made at this point, but the report does mention that Solihull Borough may exceed their quota for new homes. The report also mentions on page 15 The Area on Babbs Mill site is the most contentious site and lies to the rear of houses in **Cooks Lane, Kingshurst** Clerk has inserted the quote for information only beneath.

*“(Site 1). Local residents and wildlife groups are particularly concerned about the loss of part of a local wildlife site and the traffic implications of development. In response to these concerns, SMBC has reduced the overall size and capacity of this site from 4.37ha to 1.98ha (200-70 dwellings), retaining views of Babbs Mill Lake from Foxglove Crescent, and the remaining greenspace would be enhanced [MM21/39]. Although part of a larger swathe of Green Belt land, the release of this modest parcel of undeveloped land would not erode the overall integrity or purpose of the Green Belt. Similarly, the loss of less than 2ha of the 30+ha nature reserve would not seriously erode the nature conservation value of Babbs Mill Nature Reserve or the country park, particularly with the compensatory greenspace and biodiversity enhancements envisaged in the proposal. Following discussions, both Natural England [PSO5] and the Environment Agency are content with the allocation. The site is close to local facilities, with good public transport, and access is available from Cooks Lane. It is not subject to flood risk [SLP049], and more detailed aspects about the impact on the environment, wildlife, traffic and amenity could be considered in a development brief or planning application.”*

Chair Cole asked the councillors on their thoughts of asking the school children to petition the Government in a last ditch attempt to save the Nature Reserve. All Cllrs. agreed. It was noted that the Clerk could ask WALC for any advice concerning this. We have until 2018 before the proposals would be passed.

12.2 Babbs Mill – a starry night was proposed to be organised by Chair Cole. To recap from last month Chair said that most Children in the area had never seen the stars because of light pollution. Chair would write to the schools and ask them for support. All agreed.

12.3 Mountford Public House Site: This item had been referred to in another 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. Two letters were read out to the Cllrs that needed replies.

The first one received from Mr. James Johnson SMBC regarding fly tipping in August 2013 on the Mountfort Car Park. A letter of support was requested. Clerk was instructed to reply with support of SMBC prosecuting fly tippers.

The second letter had been received from Hayley Breen at Marie Curie. She asked for the possibility to advertise their daffodil Appeal on the KPC website. All Agreed.

**14. Non-attendance to Meetings: Chair.** Concerns had been aired regarding certain Cllrs not attending meetings regularly or helping out at the Events the KPC provide. Chair Cole said the low attendance to meetings is not acceptable and letters had been written after a spread sheet had been produced. Three of the Cllrs were not at the meeting and Chair said he would have hoped that they would have made the effort.

**15. Repairs to damp in office: quote has been received.** As the KPC are responsible for internal repairs and maintenance two damp patches needed attention after Solihull Council repaired the roof. The quote for both repairs and decorating is £184. The Cllrs agreed the work should be done as the Clerk was worried about the spores that had grown on the patches. All agreed and passed.

#### **16. 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 adjourned the meeting for the member for the members of the public to address the Cllrs.

One member of the Public referred to a recent KPC meeting where the Smith Wood Medical Centre had been discussed. Further information has come to light that the Medical Centre in Arran Way is definitely going ahead.

He went on to say, it is his understanding that any hope of having a NHS Medical Centre in Kingshurst would have a blockade on it until 2015 according to a Dr. P. Brook from the CCG (Commissioning Clinical Group). He would keep the KPC updated.

Chair thanked the resident for his input and reopened the meeting and went onto Agenda item 15.

Another member of the public had reported a street lamp out of action, that is situated outside the housing department, School Close. Clerk would write a letter to them and ask them to take a look.

Cllr. Woolley asked if a letter could also be written regarding the parking at school times in Gilson Way. Disabled residents are finding it hard to get passed the parked cars on the pavement. Clerk will request for the Traffic warden to visit the road regularly.

Another member of the public enquired about the Jubilee Gardens and had heard the pears were beautiful this year. She asked if there was access into the Gardens as she would like to visit. The Jubilee gardens have been handed over to Gro-Organic for five years in order that they can train and bring groups from the community to discover ways to eat healthy newly grown vegetables. The Site will also support two members doing their Duke of Edingborough Awards.

It was confirmed that a table will be available to the Patient Participating Group from the Kingshurst Doctors at the Christmas Event for the group hand out leaflets.

Chair thanked those members that attended.

**17. 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. D. Davis mentioned that the Saxophone Group from the CCT referred to in Borough Cllr. Jamiesons report should be contacted the fun events.

Allotments: Chelmsley Wood Resident Visit.

Cllr. A. Follows confirmed that Cllr. B. Follows will be making 15 the Christmas Cards from the KPC.

**16. Date of next meeting:** Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Chair thanked all present and gave his best wishes for the season to them all.

Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm

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