



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council General Meeting held on the 8th May, 2012 At 7pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: D. Cole
A. Follows
D. Woolley
B. Mulready
D. Davis
J. Milne
M. Dawson

In Attendance : RFO David Wheeler Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: No members of the public were present.

- 1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: Cllr. R. Webber – Did Not Arrive. Cllr. P. Whyte - foot injury. Cllr. T. Williams – bereavement. Cllr. B. Follows – unwell. Cllr. E. Muluka – working away.
- 2. Acceptance of Office:** All the elect councillors made a statutory declaration of Acceptance of Office. Absent Cllrs. need to make theirs at the next meeting.
- 3. Election of**

Chairman: The Full Council all voted that David Cole remain as Chair.
Vice Chairman: The full Council voted Cllr. Brendan Mulready as Vice Chair,

- 4. 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

Personal interest:

Events: D. Davis – related to Millington’s regarding Events banner.

B. Mulready – Allotment Holder and Bowling Club member at the Pavilions regarding Grant Aid.

A. Follows - B37 Dance Company – Events

J. Milne – Dace Company – Events.

Planning: Chair Cole

5. Conformation of:

Responsible Officer: David Wheeler was voted to stay on as the RFO to the Council.

Internal Auditor: Louise Best was voted to stay as the Internal Auditor for the Council.

School Governor: A. Follows is an associate School Governor for Yorkswood.

Members of Committees:

Finance: Chair and A. Follows remains as Chair of Finance with committee members: Cllr. D. Davis, Cllr. B. Follows, Cllr. J. Milne, Cllr. D. Woolley, Cllr. B. Mulready.

It was presumed that Cllr. R. Webber and Cllr. P. Whyte would remain on the committee.

Allotments: The Council voted for Cllr. Mulready to stay on as Chair, other committee remained as, Cllr. D. Davis Cllr. A. Follows, Cllr. J. Milne and Cllr. M. Dawson.

It was presumed that Cllr. R. Webber, Cllr. P. Whyte and Cllr. T. Williams will remain on the committee.

Events: The Council voted for Cllr. J Milne to remain as Chair. Members consist of Cllr. D. Davis, Cllr. B. Mulready, Cllr. A. Follows and Cllr. M. Dawson.

It was presumed that Cllr. R. Webber, Cllr. P. Whyte and Cllr. T. Williams will remain on the committee.

Grant Aid Requests Committee: It was voted that the committee remain the same: Cllr. Mulready as Chair, Cllr. B. Follows, Cllr. A. Follows, Cllr. M. Dawson and Cllr. D. Davis.

It was presumed that Cllr. R. Webber, Cllr. P. Whyte and Cllr. T. Williams will remain on the committee.

Councillors representing KPC bodies: Cllr. B. Mulready remains as a representative for the Airport Committee.

Chair D. Cole remains as a representative for CARA.

Cllrs. A. Follows remains as a representative for WALC/SAC and Cllr. M. Dawson agreed to also represent the WALC/SAC Committee.

6. Minutes: To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th April 2012 Minutes approved and signed.

7. To receive reports from Borough Councillors – Cllr. D. Evans had sent in a Farewell and thank you as she had lost her seat in the election of the 5th May 2012. Borough Cllr. David Jamieson could not attend the meeting but had sent a report on behalf of himself and Borough Cllr. A. Nash. See attached.

8. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

8.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the Cheques approved and passed for payment were amounting to £2388.72. The Deposit account stood at £20,867.56 and the Current account stood at £25,984.11 for the end of April. Mr. David Wheeler would look for a high interest deposit account. All Fun Day cheques for the Sunday 3rd June had also been approved and passed. Mr. David Wheeler RFO asked the council to agree to sign off the accounts for the year. All agreed except Cllr. Dawson as she said she had not seen

them. He asked Chair Cole to sign the form along with the Clerk. Clerk was instructed to send the paperwork to Louise Best – Internal auditor.

8.2 Chair John Milne had not had any feedback from other Parish Councillors regarding the cost of the Christmas Tree expenditure.

9. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate. Events: Chair of Events J. Milne reported that all was on track for the day. Council agreed to purchase around 25 to 30 consolation prizes for the Children entering into the jewel in the crown competition. He had also been able to get another dance performance called Valentine Dancers. These would perform at 2.30 pm on the day. Cllr. Davis mentioned that she had been into the Art shop and they were prepared to help the children make the crowns. Permission for a free table to raise funds for the Children's Hospital in Birmingham was given by all Cllrs. Cllr. D. Woolley would contact the charity and give them the go-ahead. Arrival for all Cllrs will be 10pm on the day. Cllrs. cars will be used to pick up the prizes etc from the office.

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

10.1 A report needed to be filled in regarding Yorkswood allotments, with a cost of £8 then a further £24. This was approved and passed to spend the money for the registration certificate.

Cllr. Woolley asked the Council if they knew any information about the maintenance of work being carried out on the Road leading to Yorkswood. He considered that it may be a health and safety issue as the emergency services would find it hard to pass. Cllr. J. Milne assured Cllr. Woolley that gates could be opened to let any emergency vehicle come through.

10.2 The idea of putting electric down at the allotments would prove too expensive and would not be considered at this time.

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

11.1 it had been suggested as a possibility of putting the Pavilions Football Pitches into the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. This was decided that the Fields should remain as they are.

11.2 Cllr. Follows will follow up the School Plaque designs as soon as possible.

11.3 Chair Cole said he has sometime in June to look into the possibility of forming a Youth Council.

11.5 Cllr. Follows proceeded to inform the councillors of having an encrypted piece of software for the office computer to store information. He had been informed at a meeting with WALC/SAC that it was becoming more and more necessary to store and protect Parish Councils computers and information. It was agreed that Cllr. Follows look into the possibility of free encryption programmes available. He went on to mention a website would help the Parish Council to exercise the Freedom of Information Act. It was noted that a website costing of £2k had been reserved in previous precepts. This was questioned by Cllr. Davis as she thought the sum was only £500. Cllr. A. Follows said it was passed five or six years ago. Mr. David wheeler confirmed this. Permission was given to Cllr. A. Follows to look into the facts and figures again and report back to the council.

11.6 Cllr. A. Follows and Cllr. M. Dawson had attended the recent meeting of the HS2 on April 10th 2012. It was reported that the proposed date would be 2020 but could be later than this. Most of the track in the surrounding area of Coleshill will be 90 per cent built on Viaducts. It is proposed because of the noise to build a 4 metre wall either side of the track. The track will go above the M6

and M42. A car park near the NEC and Melbicks it to be built, to accommodate 10k cars. Kingshurst should not be affected but the roads from Coleshill into Kingshurst will be harder for commuters. The date it will go to Parliament will be in 2015.

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

12.1 Cllr. Mulready reported that the Airport committee had not been a meeting. The next was scheduled for the 23rd May. Diggers had started clearing and the Rugby Pitch had now gone.

12.2 Chair Cole reported that CARA was due to move premises on the 1st June into Bosworth Drive. They were going to lose 50% of their funding from SMBC which means they may have to wind everything up. One possibility looked into is that they could register for charitable status, which David Cole had signed the paperwork to put this action in motion. Cllr. Mulready mentioned that he assumed they would go into partnership with CAB. Chair Cole said the work CARA do is of a different nature and in these difficult times residents need more advice on debts and loss of job etc. Cllr. Mulready had heard from Borough Cllr. Flo Nash that SMBC had given £40k to Castle Bromwich Gardens. Clerk would verify if possible if this was true and would contact SMBC.

12.3 Cllr. A. Follows asked that as Cllr. Muluka is working away would any other Cllr. be interested in attending the meetings of the WALC/SAC. Cllr. M. Dawson offered to take on the Role. All agreed with this proposal. Cllr. A. Follows also mentioned that he had heard from a recent workshop that if the Parish Council is paying for the Clerks SLCC they should not as it is classed as a union. David Wheeler RFO assured Cllr. Follows that the KPC were not paying for this subscription.

12.4 Cllr. A. Follows had not managed to get to the recent meeting of the Governors of Yorkswood school owing to illness.

13. A cheque of £500 as a donation to Alison O'Connell of Kingshurst Sport F.C. was not given out as there was no representative attending the meeting. Clerk will contact her to find out why she did not attend.

14. Planning applications received to be considered, regarding the Co-op signage. No problems with this.

15. No further proposed planning had been received.

15.1 No further information had been received on 214 Cook Lane. Chair Cole told the Council that he had spoken with a Polish Lorry Driver who had said the SAT NAV had sent him down Cooks Lane. This needed to be reported to the Traffic Department of SMBC.

15.2 It was considered to write to SMBC and ask if Babbs Mill could be registered with the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge. Clerk would put this in writing to SMBC planning department.

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

16.1 All Cllrs. had received copies of Correspondence and Emails. Cllr. J. Milne queried Knights Kavanagh regarding information on playing Field facilities that the KPC owned and Danwoods Photocopier contract. Clerk explained the above correspondence to Cllr. Milne. No action was taken from the queries.

16.2 No date has been set for the Parade Competition. Recent information in the press had been looked into by Chair Cole as the Government Minister Grant Shapps had launched a possibility of a completion for money to be awarded to the best design of regenerating local Parades.

17. 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.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

18. 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.

Member's allowance: Members would need to approve the allowance for the forthcoming year in retrospect.

19. Date of next meeting: Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday June 12th 2012 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7. pm. Items for agenda to be in by Friday 1st June 2012

20. Confidential matters: To consider the exclusion of the public and press under Section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

20.1 Minutes of confidential part of the meeting held on 10th April, 2012 were approved and signed.

Meeting Closed at 8.10 pm

Signed Date