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Minutes of the Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on 8th December , 2009 The Pavilions Sporting Club

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

In Attendance : David Wheeler and Mrs. J. Aske (Clerk)
Mr. Scarlett Mrs. Platt. Community Police K. Ballard and C. Stowe

1. Apologies: Cllr. D. Davis. Cllr. Baudet (letter of resignation)

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. Davis and B Follows.

3. Minutes: To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on November 10th 2009.
One amendment in item 5.3 last line after the word committee 'with two abstentions' was added to the sentence also the word 'road' was taken out at the end of item 8.2. The work in instead of is on the last sentence of item 11, was changed so it read *in re-writing a new set of rules*. After these amendments the minutes were approved and signed.

4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors

The two Police officers Karen Ballard and Chris Wilcox were invited to speak by Chairman Cole as they would not be able to stay throughout the meeting. They gave each member of the council a newsletter with feedback of the neighbourhood policing team. They reported to the committee that 18 arrests had taken place this month in connection with various crimes. Cllr. B. Follows mentioned she had seen drug dealers at Babbs Mill on Tuesday at 10.50 am and tried to ring but could not get through to them on the Team Mobile. Police Officer Karen Ballard said she would report it in the morning. Cllr. D. Woolley had noticed police

present at the school times in Gilson way. He asked if this would be a permanent thing. The officer said that they have other areas to police so it would not be the case.

Borough Cllr. Hall and Cllr. Evans had put in their apologies 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: David Wheeler gave details to the Full Council. In the absence of Chair of Finance D. Davis Cllr. A. Follows was voted in as acting chair. The balance at the end of November was standing at £161.14 overdrawn theoretically as a deposit cheque for the costumes of £360.00 had been written out. The Deposit account £65,735.86 a transfer of £5000 was to be transferred to cover cheques. This was passed. The warranty for the Dell Computer was up for renewal and Cllr. A. Follows had had approval from the Finance Committee to pay for it with his credit card as the computer was purchased by him for the Office. This was approved by the Full Council.

5.2 Events: Cllr T. Williams reported that nearly all the arrangement for the Christmas event were in place. The mince pies will be purchased near the end of the week. She had purchased the cheese board for the gift to the Mayor that day. Cllr. John Milne could collect the generator to make sure it would power a keyboard. Cllr. Milne would also put up some sheeting across the gates where the tables would be set up. The key from Jean Johnson would be given to Cllr. Daly so she could collect the tables at 8.30 am. It was confirmed that Jean Johnson could set up a table to sell items for the Girl Guides.

5.3 Allotments: Cllr. Mulready reported that the Probation services had provided a team of workers to help towards clearing weed and tidying the jubilee gardens. They worked very hard and he was very grateful to them. The next allotment meeting would be held in March.

6. Progress reports for information/action:

6.1 The Pavilions. A letter had been received from Matt Ronca of Calco Midlands explaining that they were withdrawing their plans to alter the bowling green hut to a changing room for the children's football team. More thought and planning was needed on the subject. He also stated in his letter that the work from the surveyors report had been carried out.

With reference to the Surveyors report, a Vote was taken at the last meeting to get a Land Solicitor to look at the lease and give us advice. Chair David Cole and the Clerk had attended a meeting with a Solicitor from Evans Derry and Binnion. Free advice had been given from the Solicitor and another surveyors report should be done especially concerning the health and safety issues. It was pointed out by the Solicitor that the registered business number now is different from the number registered at Company House which is listed on the lease. The Solicitor would put his charges in writing if we needed to use him professionally. The Council agreed more advice was needed, WALC would probably be able to help.

6.2 RNID. Cllr. Brunger said he could hear well this evening he had gone to a specialist to get a hearing aid. He had tried a few but returned them. He said the one he has is very good and has no complaint. Cllr. B. Follows said we should still buy a portable for members of the public to use. There was some question of hygiene on the ear pieces but this could be overcome with exchangeable disposable ones. Cllr. T. Williams said she had been given one and the Council could have that for its use. It was decided this would now be taken off the agenda now as the outcome had been resolved.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready missed the meeting, but reported the second runway would probably be shelved as the private funding had not been raised. The surrounding residents would be relieved as it had taken at least £100K from the valuation of their property. It was also discussed that the Coventry Airport had gone into receivership that very day.

7.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole reported that their situation is not good at all, it is going from bad to worse. The staff are having to close the doors at lunch time as they are having 30 to 40 lining up outside everyday seeking advice. It is the first time some people have been made redundant and these people have not got a clue how to cope with their situation. The Job Centre cannot cope either. The AGM is next week and funding for next year does not look good.

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report.

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: The Clerk read an email from Cllr. Baudet giving her resignation into the Council. She was over committed and could not give her best. Cllr. Cole asked the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to her for all the help she has given in the past and they would be sorry to lose her. An email had been received from Borough Councillor D. Evans requesting that the Parish Council look into paying for a TV licence for Redwood House. This was declined. All other emails had been copied and given to the members of the council the week before the meeting.

8.2 Planning; One letter had been received with reference to a single story rear new store room at 2 Dunton Road, Kingshurst. The Council had no comments about this application.

9. Community Facilities: The KPC welcomed Mr. Neil Roberts from NSVCA. Mr. Roberts has been invited to give the councillors and members of the public an update on what the NSVCA is currently involved in. Mr. Roberts showed a screening of how the voluntary group can help in North Solihull area. The NSVCA work with groups who feel they are not being represented. It proves that working together gives a voice across the whole of the borough. He said there is a need for people to have an opportunity to speak out for example items like the regeneration can steam roller in without taking into account how important groups are. After the presentation on various issues in the local area, Neil asked if the NSVCA could rely on the support of the Kingshurst Parish Council. He pointed out they do not compete with other groups they are there to help and support them. He said it is important to have a partnership with Parish Councils. Cllr. A. Follows is already on the committee. Neil would write to the KPC to ask for their support and also if councillors would join them.

10. Grant Aid

10.1 A good response had been received this year as it was advertised in the Look Local Magazine. All information had now been received and a meeting could be arranged. Cllr. Brunger said to be sure that an interest is declared for example if anyone has children or relatives in the boy scouts, or any of the groups listed to receive Grant Aid.

11. Memory Stick for CCTV. A representative from Knights Security is coming into the office to show the Clerk how to operate the recording of the CCTV footage if any incidents occur in the office they can be recorded onto a memory stick. The Council members thought this a good idea.

12. LTN 9: At the request of Cllr. L. Brunger all Cllrs will have received a copy of the LTN9 before this meeting. The Legal Topic Note is in relation to Handling Complaints. Cllr. Brunger did not recognise the paper as he had an older copy and thought there was a hundred percent difference between the two. He said he would need more time to read it. But that the reason he wanted all the council to have a copy is he would like to see a complaints procedure put into place. It was established that if any complaints came into the council not involving councillors a procedure needed to be in place. He gave examples of the Allotment holder's complaint or if a complaint needed to be made against the Clerk, if the gates were closed when they should not be. Cllr Brunger suggested that as he was not on any committees along with Chair Cole and Cllr. Woolley but he could take the job on of being a complaints officer. He could do this from home. He could set out what needed to be done when a complaint came in. It was decided to put this item on the next Agenda to discuss if we do need a Complaints Officer. The Standing Orders needed to be adopted, the Clerk needed to supply a copy of the Chairman's Orders to complete the set.

13. Precept Meeting: This meeting would be held on MONDAY 11th January 2010 at 7.15 in the Office. The Grant Aid Committee will have their meeting afterwards.

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.
No members of the Public wanted to speak.

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.
Standing Orders to be adopted
Letter from Mr. Lander NSAG

16. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 12th January 2010 at The Church Hall of St. Barnabas at 7.15 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 5th January 2010.

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

Signed Date