



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair  
D. Davis  
B. Mulready  
A. Follows  
B. Follows  
T. Williams  
S. Daly  
D. Woolley

In Attendance : David Wheeler and Mrs. J. Aske (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: Cllr. David Jamieson and PC Kilby of West Midlands Police.

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence – Cllr. J. Milne - Upset tummy.
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 natureEvents: Cllrs. D. Davis, B. Mulready, S. Daly and T. Williams.  
Allotments: Cllr. B. Mulready.
3. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.  
Minutes approved and signed.
4. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors** – Cllr. D. Evans could not attend the meeting and had given in a report with her apologies. See attached. Chair Cole read the report. Chair Cole welcomed Cllr. David Jamieson and asked him to take the floor. Cllr. Jamieson apologised for not attending before and said he had been elected in May and gave a short history of his time as a councillor dated back to 1970. His priority at this time is the safety of the highways, he generally tries to maintain a high standard regarding good quality workmanship. He is also interested in the unemployment figures which are very high in North Solihull, he went on to say that it seems to be predominately young men of the ages of 16 to 30. He urged the Cllrs to participate in any way to help the young and unemployed.

He mentioned that the gritters had gone out that very night as the temperature was going to drop between the hours of 4am and 8 am when people will be travelling to work. Only the main roads would be gritted. Motorists would be informed that they should question if their journey is essential in times of really bad weather. A conversation was struck up about the amount of leaves on the paths and in the roads as to how dangerous when wet. An exceptionally large fall of leaves had taken place in the last ten days. Cllr. Jamieson would look into the safety of this and get back to the Cllrs. He mentioned that Alison Lush is there to help as an area co-ordinator. Cllr. Jamieson went on to mention the Centro and the new outline plans to help people get to the NEC and train stations etc. New Cycle paths were being put into place. It would be a good idea for the Council to invite a member from Centro to come and talk to us. Clerk would put this into action.

A 20 mile an hour restriction has been enforced on some roads near schools but only at certain times. Then it goes back up to 30 at other times. This has proved to be very successful, and Kingshurst Primary are going to participate very soon. A pedestrian crossing will be installed at the Cooks Lane and Babbs Mill path. It would cost too much to fill in the underpass, Cllr. Jamieson informed the Cllrs.

KPC Councillors questioned the crossing and generally thought it would cause havoc at school times. Cllr. Jamieson said that between 600 to 700 people cross that road each day and it was needed. He will send a plan to the Cllrs, via the Clerk.

The subject of parking at school times was mentioned and Cllr. Jamieson informed the Cllrs that schools are starting a walking bus – this is when the children walk to school and join in the body of people as they pass their homes or designated points. This would also relieve traffic problems and families with smaller children would find it helpful in the morning to put their school children in the walking bus and know that they are safely looked after by monitors. The Coop would be sponsoring high visibility jackets for the children and monitors. He also mentioned that the old pound shop in the parade can be used for art projects to encourage the children to be creative and get life back into the parade.

Cllr. Jamieson went on to mention that they think they have cracked the Sale of used cars on the Island. He was thanked by Chair Cole and Cllr. Jamieson said he is happy to help on any issues. Cllr. Jamieson left the meeting.

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

- 5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. Davis, said the Deposit account was at £65,358.01 and the Current account held £3190.68 A transfer of £3500.00 was agreed to be transferred into the current. All cheques for payment were approved. Cllr. Davis mentioned that David Wheeler the RFO had made enquiries to place £30,000.00 into a .5% interest account as the rate we are getting at the moment is 0.05%. This was agreed for David to do this investment. No joy as yet from Clement Keys as to the answer that the accounts have been passed. It was suggested David writes a very strong letter to Clement Keys.
- 5.2 Events: Cllr. Milne was not present but Cllr. Williams had brought the Standard that had been recently made and had said she asked the Vicar to bless it on the Remembrance Sunday in the Service. She hoped that was okay that she had asked. Everyone agreed that would be great. We still did not have anyone to play the last post.
- 5.3 Allotments: The Chair of Allotment Cllr. Mulready told the council that the hedge had been done and was a very good price. He also informed the Councillors that we were unsuccessful in the pursuit of a grant for the Jubilee Gardens. Manjit will come into the office and help the Clerk with other avenues.

At this point Chair Cole asked PC Kilby to take the floor. A bag snatcher locally known had been given a 7 year prison sentence. There had been 14 robberies and 8 houses burgled in the last 5 weeks. New houses with no occupants had been having the boilers stolen from the premises. Shed and garages had been broken into, 2 in Kingshurst and 6 in Fordbridge. Push bikes were stolen. The police were trying to get across to car owners not to leave valuables on display. A drugs warrant obtained saw a supplier on bail. A house in Conway Road was investigated and found to be growing cannabis plants. 470 plants in all were taken away. Cllr. Williams asked if they are helped by the electric supplier. In this case PC Kilby said the metre was by-passed. The estimated value of the plants was in the region of £100,000.00. It was a professionally run operation. After some discussion by the Cllrs on this item, Chair Cole said he hoped the Officers will not be affected by the recent talk of cuts within the force. PC Kilby hoped they would not. Chair Cole thanked the Officer. PC Kilby left the meeting.

6. **Pavilions:** An Invoice needed to be raised to Calco Limited for the Surveyors report. Clerk had left many messages with the receptionist asking Jo Burne to contact the KPC. As yet no contact has been made from her.
  
7. **To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies**
  - 7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said the next meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, and he will be able to report back at the next meeting of the Council.
  - 7.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole said attended a meeting two weeks ago and CARA merged with the Citizen Advice which they do not want. At these times with all the cut backs it is very much needed to have CARA. The merge with Citizens Advice is in abeyance. They are so busy with threats of suicide and debt worries. They are vital to have in this community.
  - 7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows said there was nothing to report as the meeting is a week on Thursday.
  
8. **Information items:** To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action If appropriate.
  - 8.1 Correspondence and emails: Cllrs. had received copies of post and emails. Clerk mentioned the meeting in the Community Centre on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. The invite had come from Alison Lush in the hope of joining forces with us at our Christmas Fair. Most Cllrs said they would attend. Clerk mentioned that a course in Berkswell was on the 11<sup>th</sup> December for Clerks and that she may go but it is on the same day as the Christmas Event but she will probably be back in time to help.  
Cllr. Williams that some help would be needed with the marquee for Remembrance Sunday. Chair Cole and Cllr. A. Follows said they could help.
  - 8.2 Planning: None to discuss.
  
9. **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.
  
10. **The possibility of having a PO Box:** Clerk had looked into this, and its not a possibility for the local Post Office to accommodate us with a PO Box. KPC would look into maybe a

different post box outside of the gates in the wall. It would have to be fire proof. Cllr. A. Follows would look into it.

**11. Records of Kingshurst Parish Council History.** Chair Cole would like to place information for future generations with the Solihull Archives. Castle Bromwich and Berkswell have done it. Chair asked the Cllrs if he had their support to do this. He would not want the history to be lost. Cllrs. agreed that this should be done. It would only be the minutes of the meeting and not the Confidential minutes.

**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.

Danwood Photocopier (RFO)  
Standards Board report (individual Cllrs. were asked to put their views forward as to the future of the Standards Board.

**13. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

Meeting Closed at 8.05 pm

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