



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: Chair - D. Cole  
D. Davis  
T. Williams  
E. Muluka  
D. Woolley  
J. Milne  
P. Whyte  
M. Dawson  
A. Follows  
B. Mulready

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

- 1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and provide reasons for absence: – Cllrs. B. Follows – unwell Cllr. R. Webber Did Not Arrive (no apologies sent in)
- 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

Personal interest:

Events: Cllrs. D. Davis, T. Williams associated with companies that supply a service for the Events that are organised.

Vice Chair B. Mulready - Allotment Holder and A member of the Pavilions Bowling Club.

- 3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
Minutes approved and signed.
- 4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors** – Cllr. D. Evans and Cllr. David Jamieson could not attend the meeting but sent in reports with their apologies. Chair read the reports. Clerk was asked to get in touch with planning to see if there was any information on a proposal to develop 200 Homes from Foxglove Crescent onto recreational grounds used by many residents.

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

5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the list of cheques had been approved and passed. Current account stood at £43,982.01 and the deposit account is at £865.03. The previous fixed term deposit account had ended. The deposit account would be used for all monies and transfers will be arranged as and when to cover payments of cheques. This he reported would be the most secure way of handling the money. Chair Cole thanked him for his report.

5.2 Events: Chair of Events John Milne reported that most of the organising has been done for the Queen's Diamond event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June this year. He mentioned that the Events committee would be running a best crown competition for the children; which would have further discussion at the next events meeting along with thoughts of commemorative coins for the children. Other ideas of how to distribute the coins were mentioned. Chair Cole thanked Cllr. Milne for the information.

5.3 Allotments: Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready reported that the next meeting will be in March. He asked the Clerk for an up to date waiting list for allotments not including those that have already got a tenancy agreement. Clerk would do this. Chair Cole thanked him for the report.

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

6.1 Pavilions: The valuation from Aitcheson Rafferty had been received at the last meeting. Chair David Cole had read and digested the information and reported that the asset value was £100k. Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that the representative from the company of values did say he could discuss the report with the council if needed. David Cole reported that the Football Field has a covenant placed on it sometime ago to protect it.

A letter had been received from Alison O'Connell requesting a donation towards a grant they were applying for from the Sita Trust Fund. Cllr. Mulready declared a personal interest and left the room for the discussion. The Cllrs established that more information would be needed before they could make a decision on the grant. The Clerk would ask Alison exactly how much they need to raise in order to be successful in receiving a grant. Cllr. D. Davis asked David Wheeler if section 137 was different from the grant aid. He said it would come out of the grant aid and that there was more than £700 left in this years pot. This item would be placed on next month's agenda after more questions on how much they need to raise and how much they have raised so far. Cllr. Mulready was asked to return to the meeting.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready had nothing to report until after the meeting in February

7.2 CARA: Chair Cole had nothing to report. The next meeting would be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

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

7.4 Governors Report: As Cllr. A. Follows governor of Yorkswood Primary School said the next meeting would be next month along with the Kingshurst Primary School.

8. Cllr. Dawson signed the declaration and Chair Cole witnessed the signature.
9. **Youth Council:** Chair Cole had not had time to do anything about this agenda item.
10. **Jason Ward:** had been invited to the meeting to give a short report on Action in Poverty. He had sent in apologies by email.
11. **Kingshurst Primary School Award Plaques:** Cllr. A. Follows had not had time to follow up the designs for the awards as yet. This item would go onto next Months agenda.
12. **Precept: To finalise the Precept figures for this year and fill in the forms.** David Wheeler RFO stated that the Precept Meeting was very poorly attended. Each member of the Council had been given the 3 column proposal. David reported voting money was not needed. Audit fees included of £500 as last year's £500 is in the reserves. Noting had been heard from the Audit commission regarding a point that had been raised by a resident. A £5000.00 legal fee is included as a buffer to be on the safe side.  
Chair Cole said he was happy with the figures and was also disappointed at the poor turn out from Cllrs. The Cllrs. proposed to set the Precept at £44517 and was passed. Cllr. David Woolley objected to the proposal.  
Cllr. Davis asked the RFO to confirm that the precept had gone up but there was not anywhere to make savings. The RFO said savings could be made on the Events and Grant Aid. But this would mean that residents would lose out.  
Chair Cole signed the precept for 2012/13.
13. **Christmas Tree query on costs.** Chair of Events John Milne had not had any time to investigate costs occurred by other parishes regarding the erection and removal of Christmas trees.
14. **Grant Aid Query.** Cllr. David Woolley asked fellow Councillors to consider not handing over grant aid payments to any group that do not attend the meeting to receive the cheque. A resolution was passed by all Cllrs present that any group not attending the meeting to receive the award will not be given the payment. Wording in the application form will be altered so applicants understand this.
15. **Hanging Baskets in the Parade.** Cllr. Mulluka had picked up a report from Borough Cllr. Debbie Evans that Solihull Council will not be providing hanging baskets anywhere in the Borough. Various comments and ideas of the Parish Council providing hanging baskets were discussed along with hiring private contractors, health and safety issues and insurance. It was decided not to go ahead with this idea and have more thoughts on it for next year.
16. **The Localism Bill – Code of Conduct:** Cllr. A. Follows asked the Councillors to agree to adopt the WALC Code of Conduct as the original Code of Conduct Act was being withdrawn. The Parish Councils will have to come up with their own. WALC have provided a ten general principal document for Parish Councils to follow. He was not sure of the dates to adopt a new Code of Conduct. All Councillors voted and a resolution was made

to adopt the ten general principals with the new Code of Conduct when the original one is withdrawn.

**17. Information items:** To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

17.1 Correspondence: All correspondence had been received by the Cllrs. Nothing was discussed.

17.2 Planning: No planning was discussed.

**18. Public Participation:** No members of the public attended.

**19. 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.

Agenda Items for next month:

CCTV monitor in the Office needs repairing or replacing.

Pavilions Donation

Bus fare increases

214 Cooks Lane

Foxglove Crescent/Birmingham Road Planning

**20. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Cllr. Mulready asked to be excused from the confidential meeting as he had a prior engagement.

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

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