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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 14th January 2014 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
- B. Follows
- R. Webber
- P. Whyte

In Attendance : Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Two members of the Public were present
Borough Cllrs B. Cllr. David Jamieson
Apologies: B. Cllrs. A Nash, F. Nash sent in apologies.

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: All Cllrs present.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th December 2013 were approved and signed.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors. Chair Cole asked B. Cllr. Jamieson to take the floor. He said the Local Development Plan had been put to the vote last December. He voted against the Babbs Mill proposals to build 70 homes and further homes on the Birmingham Road. These proposals could be voted in within the next 12 months. He also mentioned that as the KPC did not vote against the proposed planning of Woodlands Green he said that it was used against the case. He said that residents from Woodlands Green in the odd numbered houses of the Chester Road were indeed in Kingshurst. It was a five to four vote. He mentioned also about the recent letters in the Solihull News regarding the planning issues in the area. The Mountfort Site is key to the Ward now and they are actively seeking to get a Medical Centre for the site. There are no real plans for the moment he said but if anyone has any evidence then they should let the Borough Cllrs. know. He went on to say with any evidence available he would be happy to take it forward to the committee. June 2014 would be the cut off time. Chair Cole said he would like representatives from the Parish Council to push forward for a medical centre to be built on the Mountfort site and he would ask the Clerk to make arrangements for this.

B. Cllr. Jamieson went on to the CTC Academy and how plans are still moving forward for Sports facilities which will be available to other schools. The Christmas concert was very good and he could recommend the Saxophone group. He said the community have a wider spectrum of sports,

including football, tennis, hockey and a girl's boxing team has been set up with respect and good sportsmanship

The high rise flats in the area are soon to be insulated for a better appearance and to save on costs of heating.

A good surplus and supply of grit and salt is ready for any bad winter.

He mentioned the bedroom tax and how it is affecting over 700 people in Kingshurst some being wrongly charged payments of £13 per person.

Cllr. David Woolley mentioned that he was told by a resident that the doctors at Smith Wood Medical Practice have refused to go out on home visits. He asked B. Cllr. Jamieson what could be done about this. Cllr. Tina Williams who is registered with this particular practice had to sign a form to when she became a patient that home visits would not be available to her. They concluded that this was probably the case in this matter. Cllr. Davis who also worked in a Doctors Practice some years ago confirmed this was correct.

Chair Cole asked the Cllrs. if there were any more questions. There were not so he thanked B. Cllr. Jamieson for this report and went on to the next part of 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 £22,539.20 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.

4.2 Precept figures which had been circulated and discussed were passed by all but one member of the Parish Council. The Precept for 2014/1015 will be £42,859.00 the Grant will be £6882.00. The residents will be charged £42,859.00.

5. Pavilions:

5.1 No recent updates on the current situation regarding the administration of Calco Limited. It is being advertised for sale with a Commercial Estate agents. Vice Chair B. Mulready mentioned that the company will need to come through the Parish Council before giving the lease to another party. Calco do have a copy of the lease in their possession.

5.2 The Catering Van that had been left over night in the Pavilion Car Park and last month the Cllrs decided that it should be removed for health and safety reasons and that it one of the restrictions in the lease. A letter had been received from the Administration Company stating that it will be removed when not in use. The van has now been removed according to Cllrs.

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 reported from the Events meeting that the date for the Summer Event will probably be 22nd June. The Clerk will get in touch with Paul Gooch to confirm he can supply the fairground equipment on that day. He mentioned the resident that had been upset that the Parade is not going to have a Christmas tree this year. The KPC saved £1600 on not including the tree in the Precept. It had been suggested to spend more money on the Children's Santa Parcels this year. The CTC saxophone group will be contacted to ask if they would play at the Fun event. Only charity and awareness tables will be invited onto the field.

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

7.1 Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready reported a new lock had been purchased for the gate as the other one was broken. The invoices will be going out shortly and one plot holder will be asked to leave as he has not attended the plot for a while and he has been given time to clear the weeds. The Cllrs. agreed he should be asked to leave. Gro Organic is doing a brilliant job on the Jubilee

Gardens. They will also prune the fruit trees in the orchard part of the gardens. (*Gro Organic have been given the use of the Jubilee gardens for five years free of charge for them to help with education and charity's such as Princes Trust to teach young members of the community in garden and planting husbandry*).

The group of people that would like to start allotments in Chelmsley Wood have not got in touch with the Clerk to arrange a visit to the KPC allotments.

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

8.1 CTC Academy regarding their plans for leisure facilities for the whole community. The CTC is actively working hard to bring all plans to a fruitful outcome.

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee: The recent meeting was cancelled. Cllr. Mulready will keep us updated on any further plans as and when they are received.

9.2 WALC/SAC - Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report, the next meeting will be next week.

9.3 School Governors reports: Cllr. A. Follows reported that Yorkswood school is expecting a re-modelling of classrooms to take place very soon. The school is still experiencing problems with truancy.

9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. A. Follows has nothing to report presently, a meeting is scheduled for February.

9.5 Regen. Cllr. A. Follows reported that he is hoping a public meeting will be announced regarding the Mountford Public House site.

10. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: No planning applications had been received.

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

11.1 The Local Development Plan. A recent write up in the Solihull News regarding the Babbs Mill site had been mentioned in B. Cllr. Jamieson's report.

11.2 Babbs Mill a starry Night. David Cole will put letters together in the hope that one summer night a group of residents and families can see the stars without any light pollution.

11.3 Cllr. John Milne asked B. Cllr. Jamieson that when he referred to June as the cut off point what does this mean. B. Cllr. Jamieson said all ideas need to be finalised by that month. The Parade was mentioned also regarding refurbishments, but B. Cllr. Jamieson said there is no money to regenerate it.

12. For information/action and make decisions as appropriate: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

12.1 Correspondence and emails: All Cllrs had received copies of post and emails for the month. Clerk read out a letter from WALC regarding nominations for attendance at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 21st May 2014. Chair Cole would be nominated.

Clerk read an email from a Tahirah Karn NHS Central Midlands Commissioning Support Unit requesting that as we hold regular meetings was it possible for them to come along and talk to the Cllrs. regarding future proposals and develop communication. Clerk would contact them and ask them to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting if this is convenient to them when the date is decided.

Cllr. Davis asked about the email received from Cllr. A. Follows regarding a new computer for the office. Cllr. Follows had found a new computer at a very good price. Nothing has been decided regarding the new computer. Cllr. Davis also asked the members what she should do with recycling the paperwork from the KPC. As it is on the website is it necessary to shred paperwork now. It was concluded that most KPC paperwork can be recycled.

13. **New Hot water tap:** The hot water tap needed replacing in the office toilet. This had been done at a cost of £40.

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.

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting for the member for the members of the public to address the Cllrs.

As the meeting was adjourned the two members of the public spoke to the Cllrs regarding the hope of a new medical centre on the Mountfort site.

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.

The Doctors Medical Practice in Kingshurst will be put on the next agenda for February.

16. Date of next meeting: Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 11th February 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 4th February 2014

Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm

Signed Date