

Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on Tuesday 9th May 2013 at 7p.m.
In the Pavilions Sporting Club

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
 D. Davis
 D. Woolley

Clerk J. Aske

In Attendance : Borough Cllrs; D. Jamieson,
 Two members of the Public attended

It was noted that KPC Cllrs. are invited to attend not summoned.

1. Welcome and Apologies: Cllr. T. Williams and Cllr. Whyte placed apologies before the meeting.

2. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 15th May 2012
Approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes – Chair spoke about the LDF plan and that the outcome will be announced in the summer. The Underpass has still not been filled in due to lack of funds. The HS2 keep revising their plans. A member of the public asked about the flats near the Mountfort public house. As far as we know they are going to be demolished. The Pavilions is still currently operating in administration.

4. Chairman's Report: Chair read out his report please see attached.

5. CTC Academy: Proposals for leisure facilities for pupils and residents. Each person present was given a hand out outlining the new proposals. B. Cllr. David Jamieson took the floor and firstly mentioned he was sorry he had arrived late. He had met up with Anne Jones the Head of the CTC and is helping towards negotiations for funding to convert the huge plot of land at the back of the Academy into 3 G football pitches and outdoor learning facilities for ages 6 years to 18. The Solihull Borough Council had been in negotiations to help fund a private company presently running the North Solihull Sport Centre. Cllr. Jamieson thought that the money should be used towards funding the school proposals. All the details are not confirmed at the moment but it will be an exciting project if all comes to fruition. John Henry Newman Pupils will also be able to use the facilities along with all the surrounding Primary Schools. The re-enactments run by the WW1 heritage society will manage a living history trench built and maintained. This will also bring in outside members and groups. A pond will be formed for wildlife using flood waste water. B. Cllr. Jamieson will keep the Parish Council updated. Chair Cole said they are forming a small committee to give feedback to the other Cllrs and resident regarding this project.
Chair thanked Cllr. Jamieson and went on to the next minute on the agenda.

6. Any other Parish Matters – Chair handed the meeting to the members of the public.

A resident from Silverbirch road asked firstly what is the role of the Parish Council. Chair Cole said it is the first step of local government. He said we are the eyes

and ears for the residents. He referred to Planning as being a very important issue and the details of the fight to try a stop building on the Nature reserves etc. The resident asked about the flats near to his home and said they are being used as a tipping ground at the moment. B. Cllr. Jamieson answered the gentlemen's question. He mentioned that in his opinion the flat had been emptied prematurely. The blocks of flats were still well inhabitable and the borough Council has lost a lot of revenue on them. The Mountfort public house is still in negotiations. If however, nothing comes to fruition with the Public House the regeneration and the demolishing of the flats will still go ahead. The resident asked what time scale this would be. Cllr Jamieson quoted this year as he knew that tenders had already gone out for low rise family homes to be built.

The other member of the public asked where the meeting had been advertised. The Clerk had placed posters in the Parade Shops, the Youth centre, the Cafe, the Doctors waiting room and the Library as well as the notice board outside the office. It is unfortunate that the Look Local is no longer delivered around this area. She asked about the boundaries of the Parish Councils. Chair Cole replied that Kingshurst has become greatly reduced in size but still has a high population.

B. Cllr. Jamieson mentioned the proposals for more homes to be built taking up valuable green space in this area. The schools are already full to capacity and there is no land left to expand the schools.

The member of the public said she was pleased that there seems very little trouble now days but never sees a policeman.

B. Cllr. Jamieson confirmed that the police know who the criminals are and keep an eye on them before any incidents can happen. He said crime is more difficult to get into now, as cars etc are not easy to break into. He also said that Drug taking had gone down in this area. KPC's Cllr Woolley said he thought this was on the rise.

Chair Cole asked if there were any other questions the members of the public would like to ask.

B. Cllr. Jamieson said just to finish he would like to say the Council is helping towards getting the economy moving again in this area. It's appalling that a quarter of 18 year old are out of work. It's a policy now that local people are employed in local developments. A new school will be built at the cost of £11m and British Gas are cladding tower blocks to insulate them better and our youth are being employed to work locally. He mentioned that a new Casino, Cinema and leisure areas with restaurants etc will soon be built near to the NEC which will create 1200 jobs.

He thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak and Chair Cole closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed at 7.50pm

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

