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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council
Full Council Meeting held on the 13th January 2015 at 7.15pm
In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
B. Mulready Vice Chair
T. Williams
A. Follows
D. Woolley
L. Cole
J. Milne
E. Muluka

In Attendance : Mr. David Wheeler (RFO) and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Four members of the public attended.
Borough Cllrs:

Apologies Borough Cllrs. A. Nash and F. Nash and D Evans.

- 1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:
Cllr. D. Davis – Unwell
Cllr. B. Follows - Unwell
Cllr. R Webber and Cllr. M. Dawson did not arrive or send in any apologies.

(Cllr. M. Dawson had been admitted to hospital the evening of the meeting and was unable to notify the Clerk)

2. Minutes: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th December 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors. A Report had been received from Borough Cllr .Debbie Evans via email. (see attached).
Chair Cole read out a report from Borough Cllr. D. Evans (attached). No reports had been received from Borough Cllr. A. Nash or F. Nash.
No questions arose from the report from Cllr. D Evans. Chair 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 A. Follows addressed the Council and approval for £4200.00 for the cheque list was given. The Current account stood at £42,185.12 and he mentioned that David Wheeler was asked by Lloyds for further information before a transfer of £20k into a corporate account could take place.

4.2 Precept: to discuss and finalise the figures for the 2015 – 2016 precept. It was proposed and passed that the figure of £42,859.00 be passed for the Precept of 2015/2016. All Cllrs. agreed to the proposal.

Chair asked Finance Chair A. Follows if he had anything else to add. There were no further questions.

5. Pavilions: To receive and approve any reports regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club and make decisions as appropriate.

5.1 Update on current situation regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club. Nothing had been received from the administrators regarding the situation with the Club.

5.2 Solicitors advice on present lease with Calco in Administration. A meeting had taken place in the office on Monday 12th January with Solicitor Richard Holt, Chair Cole, A. Follows, B. Mulready and J. Milne attended the meeting along with the Clerk. The advice from Mr. Holt was that he recommended he write a letter to the administrators referring to the obligation to undertake the repairs of the premises which is set out in the lease. He would give a specific time as to which a reply with satisfactory outcome is confirmed. If the administrators fail to comply, the outcome may be that the current lease will be dissolved and the Club would be back in the hands of the Parish Council.

Cllr Mulready mentioned that the sharing of the car park with the Pavilions Club and that the Parish Council was not consulted. He asked the Council if the Clerk should write a letter to SMBC and Endeavor House to point out the sharing is only on a temporary basis.

5.3 Pavilions Field: The Centenary Fields Programme designed to safeguard the green spaces for the future. Cllr. Tina Williams placed this on the Agenda. All members of the Council received information regarding green spaces been placed under a guardianship to protect the space such as playing fields for the future. The Centenary Fields Programme will be placed on next months agenda.

6. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

6.1 Chair of Events Cllr. John Milne thanked members of the public Mrs. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley and David Hinsley for their support and help in the organising of food for the Christmas Event. A small profit of £87.50 was made, but John pointed out it wasn't a profit making event and everyone enjoyed it. He mentioned the Christmas tree light had been vandalised and the Clerk would look into the cost of repairs. The summer event of the 28th June will be open to charity tables and he put it to the Council that maybe individuals that make their own products could be encouraged to hire a table this year. The Cllrs. approved of this.

The entertainer Gerri Minelli that sang carols at the Christmas event has been invited to entertain at the Summer Event too.

Outside Caters will be contacted by the Clerk for the event.

Cllr. Woolley wanted to mention that he had seen the Christmas tree lights were dropped to the floor by the men talking down the tree.

Chair Cole read out a thank you letter received from the Lady Mayor Kate Wild. The Mayor had been invited to the Christmas event to announce Santa's arrival.

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

7.1 Chair Mulready reported that the posts for the secure fencing that has been donated to Gro – Organic for the Jubilee Gardens were positioned into the ground before Christmas. When the project is finished, schools and community groups will have access to the Jubilee Gardens. In the Allotment meeting previous to the full Council meeting Chair Mulready had asked the committee to consider making each allotment plot the same yearly fee. Presently the fees alternated if people were un-employed or Pensioners. It was passed that all allotment holders pay the same amount of £25 for their plots. All agreed.

Chair Cole asked if there were any questions. No questions arose from this report so chair went on to the next part of the agenda.

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

8.1 Leaflets to be distributed to residents announcing the meeting with Borough Cllr. R. Sleigh at the next Parish Meeting 10th February. Each Cllr will be required to post leaflets door to door. Chair has designated roads. The aim of the meeting is for Residents to air their views and specifically discuss the opposing of plans to build homes on Babb's Mill Nature Reserve. As Cllr. Bob Sleigh is unable to attend the February meeting this item will be put on next month's agenda.

8.2 Letters of support from nearby Parish and Town Councils regarding Babb's Mill. Currently we have received two letters. One letter received from Castle Bromwich and the other from Fordbridge Town Council. Chelmsley Wood and Smiths Wood have not been received as yet. Clerk was asked to send another letter to those who had not replied.

8.3 Councillors Training: Opportunity for training and attending workshops. Booking info through WALC. (*Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils*). Two places of £30 each were passed. Cllr. A. Follows confirmed he would attend and Cllr. Mulready is getting back to the Clerk regarding this opportunity.

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready reported that a meeting will take place on the 5th February.

9.2 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report at the moment the meeting is due end of January.

9.3 School Governors Reports: Chair Cole reported he was unable to attend a meeting for Kingshurst Primary School .

Cllr. A. Follows will attend a Yorkswood School Governors meeting in a few weeks time. He went on to mention the recent news items nationally regarding the amount of school places need for the future. He said that Yorkswood Primary was getting on well with the remodelling of the school, it was looking good. He said all schools in the area are already full to capacity.

9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report.

9.5 Regen: Cllr. A. Follows reported that there is a meeting is coming up shortly. Chair was worried that Regen John Halton was not keeping us informed. Draft plans for the Mountford should be issued soon.

At this point Cllr. Mulready wanted to speak about a paragraph in the minutes of the last Parade Meeting. He directed his question to Cllr. A. Follows. The minutes of the meeting had mentioned the KPC allotments and that £26k had been spent on the Jubilee Gardens some years ago. Cllr. Mulready wanted to point out to the Council that the figure was incorrect in fact it was £35,500 that had been given to form the Jubilee Gardens. The planning and spending of the Grant was overseen entirely by Solihull M.B. Council.

Cllr. Follows informed the Council who the gentleman was that had concerns and queried the spending of the funds on the Jubilee Gardens.

Cllr. Mulready said again that the Parish Council had nothing to do with the spending.

Cllr. T Williams reported that for a short while the committee opens up the gardens and took turns to be there if members of the public wanted to come in. She went on to mention that she hadn't known that the Mares Tail weed was transferred from people boots.

10. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received:

Four Notices had been received regarding Public Speaking at the Planning Committee:

First Notice; Junction of Birmingham Road/Auckland Drive – Erection of 38 No. Dwellings, comprising of a mix of 32 houses and 6 apartments with associated parking and landscaping.

Second Notice; Junction of Windward Way/Chester Road – Smiths Wood: Erection of 27 No. (1, 2 and 3 Bedroom) dwellings with associated parking and landscaping.

Third Notice: Land Off Overgreen Drive – Kingshurst: Erect 26 No. 2 and 3 Bedroom dwellings comprising 22 No. Houses and 4 No. Apartments with associated parking and Amenity space.

Fourth Notice: Chelmsley Wood Garage Chester Road Chelmsley Wood: Demolition of existing shop building construction of a new a shop and raising the canopy by 0.660m new pump and Island and canopy extension, new jet wash bays and vac, to replace existing roll over car wash.

Nothing discussed.

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

11.1 Local Development Plan: Babbs Mill: Chair asked Miss Sarah Evans from Action for Babb's Mill to speak, but she declined and said she would speak in the public part of the meeting. Sarah and her Mother Borough Cllr. D Evans had organised an issue of a banner with wording to save Babb's Mill.

11.2 Mountford Public House Site: It is hoped that more information will be received soon. Cllr. Bob Sleight had said he would inform us by the end of January.

Cllr. John Milne left the meeting to go into work at this point.

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

12.1 Correspondence and emails. All Cllrs. had received copies of emails and post. Nothing was discussed here.

13. 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 asked for the members of the public to announce their name and address before relating their concerns.

Chair asked Sarah Evans to take the floor. Sarah informed the Council that she has just become the leader for 'Action for Babb's Mill'. She asked the Council for permission to place the newly printed banner on the allotment fencing in Cooks Lane. The Council agreed.

In her campaign for the park to remain untouched and to oppose the plans for development Sarah has set up a Facebook page from 28th November and has had 324 likes. (*Likes is a term used to agree with the information Sarah is providing on the Facebook page.*) She added that Rural England were now on board and they would write a letter of support to stop any building.

All information regarding their campaign can be accessed on actionforbabbsmill facebook page.

Sarah reported that Mr. Chris Barr had promised to deal with the wear and tear of the area. She had personally met residents that were disappointed that nothing had been done. A February Walk about is planned.

Mr. Keith Evans took the floor next and mentioned that he would like information and to be kept in the loop of other parishes willing to support us in saving Babb's Mill from developers. He directed a question to the Council as to what would happen if the KPC sold off the building of the Pavilions and fenced off the Playing Field. Cllr. A. Follows indicated that if such an outcome occurred, one possibility would be that the precept would not be applied for for a couple of years. Cllr. Mulready said the building wouldn't be sold off.

Mrs. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley took the floor. She said the Christmas Event was great and everyone enjoyed it.

She mentioned that the cars parked on Gilson Way in School dropping off and picking up times was getting worse. A mother could not get her pram passed parked vehicles. A discussion took place regarding this issue. The traffic warden was mentioned and the information that the House of Commons were debating the issue of parking on pavements. Chair Cole said they will be reluctant to bring in measures as most areas being built in the 1950's cannot accommodate vehicles parked in the road, nothing would get passed.

The main issue is that pedestrians are walking into the road. The Clerk was asked to write to Solihull Council and the West Midlands Police to ask them to monitor it.

No news regarding the Kingshurst Doctors and regen. Proposals for the Mountfort site will be proposed by the end of Janaury.

14. 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.

Chair reminded all in the meeting that Robert Sleigh will be attending the February meeting. He asked for assistance in leafleting the area to inform residents of the meeting. He said we will need lots of helpers. Further discussion took place regarding the actual leaflets and it was decided to get leaflets printed by a professional printer.

The Centenary Fields Programme will be placed on the agenda.

Drug dealing in the parade

Cllrs. can place agenda items through the Clerk in the weeks leading up to the next Full Council meeting.

15. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 10th February 2015 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7.15pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 3rd February 2015.

Meeting Closed at 8.12 pm

Signed Date