



KINGSHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
held on Tuesday 10th June 2008 at 6.30pm
at Kingshurst Primary School**

Cllrs present :
K Evans
A Follows
B Mulready
D Evans
T Davies
D Coles
D Woolley
D Evans
S Daly
G Carter
B Follows

In Attendance :
Mr D Wheeler Arden Associates
Mrs L Baudet Clerk for the meeting
Mr and Mrs Kimberley - public
Mr and Mrs Butler

13/08 Apologies and acceptance for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr L Brunger and Borough Cllr R Hall.

14/08 Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda

Cllr Mrs B Follows	Regen/Fun Day
Cllr A Follows	Regen/Fun Day
Cllr Mrs S Daly	Regen/Fun Day
Cllr Mrs D Davis	Regen/Fun Day
Cllr B Mulready	Allotments/Fun Day
Cllr Mrs T Williams	Regen/Fun Day/Allotments
Cllr D Woolley	Regen
Cllr D Cole	Regen
Cllr K Evans	Regen

All personal interests, Cllr S Daly a prejudicial interest in Fun Day

15/08 Matters Arising from Annual Parish Meeting

Members received copies of the draft minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 20th May 2008 for information. Under item 6.2 Cllr Debbie Evans reported that the Mountfort had lodged an appeal against their license being revoked. Arising from item 6.9 Cllr Debbie Evans reported that arrangements had been made for the gates to be open from 9.00am to

4.00pm so that the Parish Council notices were visible. As Kingshurst Library do not display the minutes a note would be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard to say that minutes were available to be viewed at the Library.

16/08 Minutes of Annual General Meeting

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2008, having been circulated and read, be signed as a correct record.

17/08. Matters Arising from Annual General Meeting

- 17.1 Arising from Minute No. 5/08 all Members received a copy of the resolution regarding revised Model Code of Conduct for inclusion in their Standing Orders.
- 17.2 Arising from Minute No 9/08 Mr Wheeler reported that mileage rates were defined by the Parish Remuneration Panel as advised by Solihull MBC. The new mileage rates had yet to be advised and would be available in September

18/08 Finance and General Purposes Committee

18.1 Finance Report

Members received the report from the Finance Committee, and noted that the balance on the deposit account was £68909.75 and the balance on the current account was £965.88 overdrawn due to unrepresented cheques. The Accountant has been authorised to transfer £7500 into the current account.

RESOLVED : that Members accept the report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee as presented.

18.2 Trophies for local schools

Cllr D Evans proposed that the Parish Council purchase nine trophies/cups to be presented each year to pupils who have improved the most in the areas of Citizenship, Numeracy and Literacy. The schools involved would be Yorkswood Primary School, Kingshurst Primary School and St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, although the latter two schools had yet to be approached. As the Parish Council already financially supports the schools in Kingshurst with milk and other items, Members discussed whether further funding should be put towards school initiatives. Although it would provide positive publicity for the Parish Council, it was also commented that other projects that would benefit residents could also generate publicity. After discussing the various options, it was agreed that before a decision could be made, comparative prices should be obtained. Cllr D Evans would get quotations for cups and trophies and Cllr D Cole would get a quotation for a larger plaque which would hold small shields which schools could then buy themselves. The Clerk was asked to place an item on the next Agenda.

Action : Cllr D Evans, Cllr D Cole, Clerk

18.3 Badge of Office

It was proposed that a Badge of Office be purchased for the Vice-Chair to wear when representing the Parish Council. It was also proposed that the Bade of Office for the Chair be professionally cleaned and a new green ribbon be purchased

RESOLVED : that the above recommendations be approved.

19/08 Report from Accountant

This item had been dealt with under the report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

20/08 Reports from Borough Councillors

The Chair gave a verbal report on behalf of Cllr Robert Hall who was attending a Regeneration Meeting and unable to attend. Cllr Hall had been in contact with Mr J Harte at Solihull MBC and also Sgt Ellis at the Police Station regarding the off road bike situation and requesting a more robust approach. He had been informed that the Police were carrying out covert operations. He had also dealt with a number of complaints regarding disruptive and anti-social behaviour by new residents in the area and was seeking clarification from Solihull MBC as to why new residents were not vetted and also given a probationary period.

Cllr Debbie Evans reported that she was dealing with a number of complaints from residents about quad bikes in the area, particularly in Eileen Gardens and Bosworth Drive where they were causing a nuisance. In addition, she was also dealing with the issue of parking problems on Cooks Lane and the roads leading off which were regularly impassable. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Solihull MBC requesting the attendance of a Traffic Warden as a matter of urgency.

Action : Chair

Cllr B Follows asked if the surveillance cameras on The Parade were in operation as residents were concerned about under-age drinking and also that youths keeping destroying the flower beds. Cllr Debbie Evans agreed to look into this and report back to the next meeting.

Action : Cllr D Evans

21/08 Public Participation

21.1 Mrs Butler referred to the recent Annual Parish Meeting and felt that certain members of the public should have been removed from the meeting as they were disruptive and other members of the public did not have the opportunity to ask questions. Cllr Mulready stated that all members of the public had been given an opportunity to speak, but for future reference the Parish Council would ensure that the procedures for disruptive behaviour were available. She then referred to comments made by Mr Hampton at the meeting regarding the absence of the Chair. Mr Kimberley stated that Members did not legally have to attend the Annual Parish meeting. For the record the Chair stated that his daughter had escorted Cllr D Evans and that he had been invited by the Mayor to attend as representative of the Parish Council. It was also commented by Cllr B Follows that it was disappointing to see that organisations who received cheques from the Parish Council left upon receipt of their money and did not stop for the remainder of the meeting.

21.2 Cllr D Evans made Members aware of a meeting to be held by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust regarding the old boathouse, and urged people to attend and participate in the consultation. Members discussed in depth the implications of the proposals being put forward by the Wildlife Trust, including the financial arrangements and the proposals to rent out accommodation and let the building for social events. It was agreed that it was important to attend the meeting to obtain accurate facts about the proposals before making any objections, as information did not appear to be consistent at the moment.

Public participation closed.

22/08 Report from Allotments Committee

Cllr Mulready reported on the last meeting of the Committee held on 27th May 2008, minutes of which had already been circulated. He highlighted the following items :

- approval has been given by the Finance & General Purposes Committee to order another skip for the allotments
- possible funding from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to include the Jubilee Gardens. Cllr K Evans asked the Committee to check that WWT would not be requiring any funds from the Parish Council and that all projects would be covered by grant funding.

Action : Cllr Mulready/Allotments Committee

- a noticeboard is needed for Allotment holders to use which is easy to open, after discussing whether to purchase a new noticeboard, the Parish Council agreed look into the feasibility of adapting an existing board with top hinges and posts.

Action : Cllr A Follows/Cllr B Mulready

RESOLVED : that Members accept the report of the Allotments Committee

23/08 Report from Events Committee

Cllr S Daly reported on the last meeting of the Committee held on 27th May 2008, minutes of which had already been circulated. She then went through the arrangements for the Kingshurst Family Fun Day to be held on 15th June 2008. A statement on income and expenditure for the Fun Day would be available at the next meeting, and would go towards the cost of Christmas Lights for The Parade. The Chairman proposed that a short letter be distributed to residents in nearby roads to apologise for any inconvenience with noise and traffic, which Members agreed was a good idea.

RESOLVED : that Members accept the report of the Events Committee

24/08 Affirm Terms and Conditions and powers of the following Committees

Finance & General Purposes Committee – tender procedures are not required for items under £10,000. Terms and Conditions/powers accepted.

Allotments Committee – Terms and Conditions/powers accepted.

Events Committee – Terms and Conditions/powers accepted.

25/08 Babbs Mill

25.1 Quad Bikes

This item had been dealt with earlier in the Agenda.

25.2 Member of Parish

This item had been dealt with under the Annual Parish minutes.

26/08 Correspondence and Emails

Members received details of correspondence and emails as contained in Appendix A of these minutes.

27/08 Items for next Agenda

It was agreed that the Fun Day be placed on the next Agenda.

28/08 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 8th July 2008 at 7.15pm at St Barnabas Church Hall. The deadline for Agenda items would be 12 noon on 30th June 2008.

29/08 Termination of meeting

The public meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed (Chairman)

Date

CONFIDENTIAL – ITEM 12 a

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 D Davis
 S Daly

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 Mrs L Baudet Clerk for the meeting

The following were deemed confidential items under 12a

30/08 Update on Court Case

Cllr A Follows reported that he had attended the Birmingham Civil Justice Court at 11.00am on 10th June 2008 as per correspondence received from the Courts. However, at the time of arriving a Judge had not been allocated for the hearing which was due to last one and a half hours. A Judge was allocated at 11.10am at which point the Judge decided that the time allocated for the hearing was insufficient and would require a hearing of four to five hours due to the complexity of the case.

Cllr Follows then went on to say that Mr G Jagger, acting as Lay Advisor to Mr B Carter, advised the Court that Mr Carter would be unable to attend Court during July due to holiday commitments. A date was therefore set for the case to be heard on 15th August 2008 at 11.00am, which Cllr A Follows would be attending.

Concluding, Cllr A Follows commented that the Judge had commended the Parish Council on the presentation of their case information. A copy of the case paperwork is available for all Councillors to peruse in the office.

31/08 Update on Clerk

Cllr K Evans referred Members to a letter received from Mrs Zizzi dated 4th June 2008 and reported that the Parish Council solicitors had approved a response to this. They had initially asked Mrs Zizzi to suggest meeting dates so that it could be arranged at her convenience, but this had not been acceptable and so some possible dates have now been suggested to Mrs Zizzi.

32/08 Minutes

Mrs Davies referred to the minutes of a meeting held on 4th April 2008 in the Parish Council offices and wished Minute No 6.5 to reflect that the items had been put to vote and accepted by a majority.

Cllr B Mulready referred to the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and requested that Minute No 2.1 be amended to state that Mrs Zizzi had returned the office key directly to the office in an envelope marked for his attention.

Signed (Chairman)

Date