



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 11th September 2012 At 7pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: D. Cole – Chair
B. Mulready - Vice Chair
A. Follows
D. Woolley
J. Milne
D. Davis
M. Dawson

In Attendance : RFO David Wheeler Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: 32 members of the Public attended the meeting.
Borough Cllrs. David Jamieson and Alan Nash.

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: – Cllr. T. Williams – annual leave. Cllrs. E. Muluka, P. Whyte and R. Webber all had work commitments. Cllr. B. Follows -unwell

2. Declarations of Interest: This item will no longer need to be placed on the Agenda in the future.

3. Minutes: To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the July 10th 2012 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on the 24th July, 2012 both minutes were approved and signed.

4. Public Participation: members of the public were invited to ask questions to Borough Cllr Jamieson who had offered to attend the meeting to hear the concerns of the Residents of Kingshurst, regarding the proposals to build homes on the Nature reserve known as Babbs Mill and the proposal to build 70 homes on the green verge of the Birmingham Road. Borough Cllr. A. Nash gave apologies for Cllr. Mrs. F. Nash.
Cllr. Jamieson took the floor at the invite of Chair Cole. After mentioning that from the outset he wanted both Birmingham Road and Babbs Mill proposals taken out of the LDF draft he then went on to read a letter the Parish Council had received from Natural England. (attached). The public participated in asking Borough Councillor Jamieson questions regarding Babbs Mill and the Birmingham Road proposals. It was established that other homes were going to be build on brown fields in the North of Solihull and that it was un-necessary in the opinion of all present

to build on Green Space. The wildlife was mentioned along with comments of the infrastructure. More cars and school age children to educate in the area does not seem to be well thought out. Parish Councillors advised the residents that the Schools had not been informed of the proposals and are already at full capacity. Cooks Lane is already a very busy Road and more vehicles would cause even more accidents.

Mr. Hampton a resident from Corrine Croft thanked Cllr. B. Mulready for his help in organising the information from Natural England. He also thanked the Chair and the Clerk for their help in organising circulars, meeting and attending SMBC meetings. He went on to say in the next Meeting regarding the proposals a resident needs to discuss the infrastructure implications. But only having four minutes to get the point across is frustrating. B. Cllr. Jamieson said they would probably have more time at the next meeting.

A Mr. Fitzgerald asked B. Cllr. Jamieson if an independent assessor could be appointed to clarify the realism of the legalities. Cllr Jamieson agreed with Mr. Fitzgerald and mentioned that if it is found we have a sound argument they would have a problem to go ahead with the plans.

Mr. E. Copson of Birmingham Road, was concerned that residents from Auckland Drive do not know of the plans to built on the Birmingham Road. B. Cllr. Jamieson advised that it would be the Parish Council of Smiths Wood that needs to get involved. In the opinion of the resident it was mentioned that Babbs Mill and Birmingham Road had become a political battle field. It was noted by the resident that most Conservative members voted for the plans to stay in the LDF draft and Labour members voted for it to be taken out.

Another resident Mr. Burrows asked how many houses were to be built in the North of the Borough. Cllr. Jamieson replied approximately 400. Mr. Burrows said that would justify building a whole new estate somewhere.

More information was discussed about the services that would need to be provided for more residents to live in the area, such as doctors, schools and more traffic calming.

Residents believed they had not been informed well in advanced and were not happy with Solihull Council.

Chair closed the Residents part of the meeting at 8.15 pm

After a brief recess. Residents decided to leave. The Chair continued with the meeting.

5. Finance: To receive and approve reports from KPC Finance Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the current account stood at £8049.80 and the deposit account was at £69.33 and the new corporate account was at 20,800. Cheques approved and passed for payment were amounting to £5716. It was approved and passed by the Council to engage Louise Baudet to set up and maintain a web site for the Council. The RFO would like a Precept Meeting on the 27th November in the Office.

5.2 Council Cutbacks have now been aborted for Parish Councils.

5.3 Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase stationery for the Office with her own Credit Card. Not more than £100. It was found that stationery can be obtained cheaper than companies invoicing the Parish Council for payment.

6. Pavilions: Vice Chair B. Mulready asked the council to allow the Clerk to write a letter asking for the removal of the Burger Van in the grounds of the Pavilions. It was a health and safety issue on the day of the Fun Day and it is also stated in the contract between Calco Pubs limited and KPC that no permanent vehicles etc are to be parked on the premises.

7. **Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Events Chair J. Milne reported that the Remembrance Service had been organised and the Christmas event will be on the 15th December. The Clerk was finding out how much a third set of tree lights would cost for the Christmas Tree in the Parade. Paul Gooch had been booked for the Fun Day next year on Sunday June 9th. Cllr. Milne thanked those that had helped at the Fun Day this year.
8. **Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.**
 - 8.1 Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready reported that one plot holder had received two letters asking for the allotment to be attended to. This had not been adhered to. The Council took the decision to ask the plot holder to leave and the plot will go on to the next Kingshurst resident on the list.
 - 8.2 Yorkswood Allotments update Chair Cole had received confirmation and maps referring to the land registry of SMBC as the registered owners of Yorkswood allotments. Chair of Finance A. Follows told the council that they should have paid a peppercorn rent of £1 to the KPC when the transaction took place seven years ago.
9. **Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:**
 - 9.1 The Youth Council will be deferred until the October Agenda.
10. **To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies.**
 - 10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said that he has no report for the Council at this time.
 - 10.2 Chair Cole had no report for the Council at this time.
 - 10.3 WALC/SAC- Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report to the Council at this time.
 - 10.4 School Governors Reports: Nothing to report as the Schools have only just returned.
11. **Planning:** To consider and comment on any planning applications: Nothing to report at this meeting.
12. **Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:** The residents in Minute 4 had attended to meet B. Cllr. Jamieson to hear about the proposals being proposed for Babbs Mill and Birmingham Road.
13. **Website:** This was approved in the Finance part of this meeting.
14. **Electrician:** Extra sockets were required in the Office. An electrician had recently had an appointment with the Clerk and she is awaiting the quotation. This will go on to Octobers Agenda.

15. Information Items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.
19.1 All Cllrs. had received copies of Correspondence and Emails. No comments were made.
19.2 Cllr. A. Follows asked the Council if they would vote to host a WALC/SAC meeting in Kingshurst. It may incur costs for a venue as Teas and Coffees would need to be served. Also the Clerk had asked to take the notes and she will need to be paid for the hours she is working. All Cllrs agreed the KPC should host the meeting and the costs would be met by the KPC.
19.3 A discussion for the lack of attendance at meetings will be put onto the October Agenda.

16. **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. Members of the public were invited to speak in Minute 4 of these minutes.

17. **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.

Electrical quote for the Office plug sockets.
Closing of the Running Track in North Solihull. Evidence required.
Kingshurst Park removal of Fence and walkway covered in dirt.

18. **Date of next meeting:** Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday October 9th 2012 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7. pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 2nd October 2012.

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm

Signed Date