



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: Chair - D. Cole  
D. Davis  
B. Mulready  
P. Whyte  
J. Milne  
D. Woolley  
B. Follows

In Attendance : RFO Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: No members of the public attended.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs. E. Muluka – working away.  
R. Webber DNA.  
T. Williams – holiday  
M. Dawson – HS2 Meeting in Coleshill  
A. Follows – HS2 Meeting in Coleshill

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

- (a) Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
- (b) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature
- (c) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature

Personal interest:

Events: Cllrs. D. Davis, T. Williams and B. Follows are associated with companies that supply a service for the Events that are organised.

Vice Chair B. Mulready - Allotment Holder and A member of the Pavilions Bowling Club

- 3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Minutes approved and signed.

**4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors:** Cllrs. Jamieson, Nash and Evens were unable to make the meeting and sent in their reports. (see attached) Each Cllr. had received the reports and Chair Cole read them and asked for any comments.

Chair noted that the reports seemed to have mixed messages. Cllr. Milne asked the Cllrs. what they thought of the new improvements on Cooks Lane. It was established that most Cllrs. thought the new bollards were dangerous and ill thought out. Cars had been seen swerving into the centre of the road, an accident waiting to happen. The Council took a vote that the Clerk and Chair should put a letter together to complain about the new layout of the road. Clerk/Chair to Action.

Cllr. Davis asked Cllrs. what were their thoughts on the Notice of only 1 hour parking on the Chester Road. She thought that 2 hours would be more suitable for residents. She asked the Council to object to the recent proposal. The Council declined.

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

5.1 Finance: Cllr. Davis had stood as Chair in the absence of Cllr. A. Follows, she reported that the current account stood at £9,948.48 and the deposit account £20,866.65. Fifty percent of the precept will be going into the account this month. The notification had been received for the advertising of the accounts for the perusal of Kingshurst residents. The RFO was organising this after the internal auditor had returned the books. Clement Keys had still not audited the previous two years accounts. The Cllrs. would consider looking into other options of using external auditors for the Parish Council accounts.

5.2 Alison O'Connell had been granted a £500 donation for the Kingshurst Sporting FC under section 137. A letter will be signed on the day of the presentation to assure that if the grant applied for fails the £500 would be returned to the KPC.

5.3 Christmas Tree expenditure: JM - DEFFERED

**6. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Chair of Events John Milne reported all well with the arrangements so far for the Fun Day. Chair Cole asked if CARA could have a table at the Fun Event. This was agreed. Cllr. Mulready asked for some posters to be laminated. Clerk would action this.

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

7.1 Chair Cole reported that the paperwork had been received which outlined specific areas in colours of the Yorkswood allotments. This would need more studying of the exact ownership. Cllr. Mulready mentioned that in 1969 Kingfisher adopted the area and they were to maintain it as a conservation site. It had been purchased from Birmingham City Council for one penny he thought. Chair Cole would report back to the council. All agreed to take ownership.

7.2 Maintenance work of pipework, had been done satisfactorily. A break in had occurred recently by the gate lock being cut with bolt cutters. Nothing had been taken. Cllr. Mulready thought they were looking for rotavators or electrical equipment. A new set of keys had been cut which resulted in a payment of £73.60. There is no insurance provided for a replacement lock. There would be no charge to the holders for the new keys.

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

8.1 Pavilions: The Clerk had been in touch with Philip Lloyd Williams regarding the documentation from 1959 whereas the Pavilions Sporting Field is put in trust for the children of Kingshurst. Previously Cllr. Mulready asked the Council to consider the protection of the Pavilions Football pitches and a possibility of a legal document of a Covenant Trust to protect them in the future. Clerk

said that Philip would need to see the documents already in place before he could comment on them. Clerk would send him copies.

8.2 School Plaques. In Cllr. A. Follows absence this item was deferred and will be put on the next agenda.

8.3 Localism Bill, In Cllr. A. Follows absence this item was deferred and will be put on the next agenda.

8.4 Youth Council – Chair Cole asked for this item to be deferred and will be put on the next agenda.

8.5 Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection Policy: Website and antivirus software. In Cllr. A. Follows absence this item was deferred and will be put on the next agenda.

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr. Mulready had nothing to report. The next meeting is the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012.

9.2 CARA – Chair Cole, reported that CARA will have to move premises in July as the building they use, will be used for a housing development. It looked likely that the CARA and CAB would have to merge which would not benefit the residents as CARA specifically help with problems of Debt and CAB do not.

9.3 WALC/SAC- In Cllr. A. Follows absence and Cllr. Muluka having to work away at the moment, Cllr. B. Follows reported the meeting is only quarterly; so Cllr. A. Follows would have nothing to report at this time.

9.4 School Governors Reports – No reports.

**10. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received:** A letter from MP Caroline Spellman had been received on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, regarding feedback of the plans for the development of HS2 Rail. Chair Cole is going to personally write back to her.

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

11.1 214 Cooks Lane. Chair reported that Severn Trent Water were holding up the proceedings as the land sloped down towards Low level bedrooms.

11.2 Babbs Mill – It was decided that KPC should write to Solihull M.BC to ask if the residents of Kingshurst, could protect the land at Babbs Mill by joining the Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge. This is regarding correspondence received by National Playing Fields Association operating as Fields in Trust. Clerk would gather information and write a letter.

11.3 Parking in Cooks Lane – The Council agreed for the Clerk to write a letter of complaint last month to the traffic department of SMBC regarding the heavy goods lorries. No response had been received. Clerk will write again.

At this point it was mentioned that another letter should be written to CENTRO Busses regarding reviewing the prices for shoppers and evening saver for those residents that wish to go out for the evening without taking their cars.

**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 email and post.

12.2 S John Gallagher, manger of a Special Needs football team asked the Cllrs. for support by coming along to the matches. Cllr. Mulready is willing to support this good work by meeting with John and the team players.

12.3 Parade Competition. Recent information from Housing Minister Grant Shapps. – Chair Cole would like more time to consider and asked it to be deferred for Mays Agenda.

12.4 HGV Lorries: Discussed in Minute 11.3

12.5 Buses: Discussed in 11.3

12.6 Risk assessments passed.

12.7 Cllr. Woolley had reported the road sweeper did not seem to clean Gilson Way. A letter had already gone to SMBC to complain about the litter especially the Greggs paper bags. Cllr. B. Follows said she observed the sweeper and it did not seem to pick up the rubbish just blow it onto the pavement.

**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. No members of the public attended the meeting.

**14.** Clerk had put this request on the Agenda in the hope that Becky Froggart and Kim Coleman from LINK will be available to present a 15 minute talk on what the aims of Link are and also what they have done so far and where they want to go on the project. The Ladies were unable to attend the meeting.

**15. Grant Aid dates to be organised and advertising.** It was agreed to have a Grant Aid meeting on the 1st May, 2012

**16. Residents Annual parish meeting-** This will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Pavilions. Clerk will advertise the meeting in the Birmingham Evening Mail,

**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.  
Cllr. John Milne – Electricity at the allotments.

**18. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012 owing to bank holiday.

Meeting closed at 8. pm

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