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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 9th June 2015 at 6.30pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
B. Mulready Vice Chair
T. Williams
A. Follows
B. Follows
D. Woolley
L. Cole
P. Cooper-Hinsley
D. Hinsley
J. Kimberley
S. Daly

In Attendance : Mr. David Wheeler (RFO) and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)

Members of the Public: Two PCSO's Shaun Hall and Chris Stow.

Borough Cllrs: Four members of the public attended.

Borough Cllr. D. Evans and Borough Cllr. R. Hall

Apologies Apologies were received by Borough F. Nash

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: None.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st May 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

4. Guest Speaker: PCSO 30469 Chris Stowe

Kingshurst & Fordbridge Neighbourhood Team Police. Chair Cole changed the agenda so the two PCSO's could leave after their report.

Chris Stow introduced himself and Shaun Hall. He said to be totally honest that he had not got too much to report which was good news. He had written a few notes of figures and facts. His team covers Smiths Wood now which had been incorporated to them recently. He has a new Sergeant, Sgt Powel and three PC's and three PCSO's.

From June last year to June this year crime has gone down by 22%. Burglary and vehicle crime for the same period is down by 35% and 54%. The issue of off road bikes is still a problem and ways and means to prevent it are being put together. He mentioned a young man that had serious injuries from an accident connected with this crime that is willing to

help police get the message across of how dangerous it is. He said there are continues reports regarding noise and parking. Unfortunately the police have moved away with dealing with that.

Shaun then spoke about the excellent figures of the reduction of crime. He said it is a matter of targeting individuals. Known criminals are visited and spoken too. This has had a big impact and to be fair with some of them he builds up a rapport with them and hopefully can re-direct them into full employment. He went on to tell the council about Skill Swaps. This is where areas can be targeted with different patrols. Policing with different officers that have worked in other forms of policing and other areas. It seems to be working. The problem areas are split into quadrants. He himself has a large quadrant where 10 to 12 live in his patch.

Chair Cole asked if any of the Councillors would like to ask any questions. Cllr. B. Follows asked the PCSO's if they still used the scrambler bikes that used to patrol Babb's Mill. The answer is that they are not used because of bikes breaking down and the health and safety of them. He agreed with Cllr. B. Follows that they did have a good effect. She had previously taken photos of law breakers while she was at Babb's Mill. He thought this was a good idea. Traffic officers need to be on site. The police cannot do anything without them as it would be putting the criminal at risk. He advised Cllr. B. Follows to take care if she is taking photographic evidence of lawbreakers and not to put herself at risk.

Cllr. D. Woolley asked Shaun what the Police response time is. He answered as soon as possible. Cllr. Woolley gave a hypothetical example of a house burglary. PCSO explained about the different response as to where the burglary was in progress or it had happened previously and then discovered. He gave examples. He would hope that a crime in progress would be 2 minutes.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley asked how much the neighbourhood watch can help. He could find information on how much they help. He said it is a matter that members of the public help. Information can be looked into and followed up.

Cllr. Woolley mentioned the Drugs problem on the Parade but after the work of a Borough Cllr it seems to have been improved. Shaun mentioned that now they are on this patch of Smiths Wood more information is being shared and goes into the system. Policing goes to where the gangs hang out. The information is provided by people like David Woolley and members of the public. Eventually the gangs give up as they are followed and monitored.

Cllr. T. Williams asked about the surveillance cameras. She mentioned Green Lane in Smiths Wood. He advised her to get in touch with the Council regarding the cameras.

Chair thanked the two PCSO's and they left the meeting.

Chair went on to Agenda item 3.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors. Borough Cllr. Flo Nash had verbally given a report to the Clerk earlier that day. Clerk typed up the report. Chair Cole Read out the report (attached for Minutes).

Borough Cllr. R. Hall took the floor. He said he is always available to be contacted he has an email address. He said he already knows about the problems and will talk to Ted Richardson regarding the zebra crossing on the Marston Road. He said it would be nice to have a pelican crossing but this would cost £32k. He mentioned it is hoped that the Parade re-structure and alterations will take place. He will leave the discussion of Babb's Mill to Borough Cllr. Deb Evans.

Borough Cllr. Evans took the floor. Chair apologies for the noise coming from the room adjacent. Debbie Evans proceeded to report the over the noise that she had seen a report from April specifically stating that the plans would be coming forward in the middle of June and would be looking to start procedures in December. She added that the report said the Council had been instructed to get two independent architects to design one Nature Reserve friendly and one not. She said yes they are going to take away the Nature Reserve they just have not done it yet. The Council can now do this with new powers from

the Government without consulting the people. She has looked at the markings and thought there is a lot of trees down there. She had a word with John Holton and she told him in no uncertain words that there would be no building on Babb's Mill. Another Road on Cooks Lane would be suicide and they would have to seriously think what they are going to do.

Chair Cole mentioned that where the proposal for the road junction in question. He said they are measuring the traffic either side of it. She was aware of this. She said they will go ahead with their plans Chair. We have to get as many people as possible to write in and help us overthrow this. She attended a Planning meeting on another matter to do with the new technical College on Conway Road. She was told that because the plans are in the local Development Plan they do not necessarily have to build on them. This information was given to her by Mr. Lawrence Osbourne of Solihull Council.

She added that the technical college is supposed to bring in six million pounds a year. She indicated that the North would not benefit from this but the South would for sure.

She would like supporters with banners to stop the proposed planning on Babb's Mill as soon as she knows the date.

Chair asked if anyone had any questions. Cllr. Mulready asked if Babb's Mill had been de selected as a Nature Reserve. Borough Cllr. Evans replied not yet. They will move the boundary to facilitate the Road. She fears once they do it they will continue.

Cllr. Mulready added they could still build the 200 homes in five years time what would stop them. This was the concerns of the Councillors.

Borough Cllr Evans said this is why Sarah started up Action for Babb's Mill. Efforts must be made to write into the Council.

Cllr. M. Dawson mentioned recent paperwork regarding the planning for Chemlsley Wood and plans can be viewed on the 10th. This Cllr. Evans said she only found out yesterday and has lodged a complaint that two days is not enough notice.

Cllr. John Kimberley asked what year was the DVL plan formed. The answer was 2012.

B. Cllr. Robert Hall just wanted to add that he gets annoyed with Regeneration as it appears they just want to build houses not medical centres or schools.

B. Cllr. Evans just finished her report by mentioning the plans for a 'T' Junction by the Labour Club on the Chester Road. This had been in the original stage one plans.

Chair thanked Robert Hall and Debbie Evans for their input and went on to agenda item 5.

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

5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance A. Follows addressed the Council and approval for £6354.03 of payments out. Approval was passed. The Bank account stood at £26,965.93 and in the £20k new deposit account. Also in the finance committee approval was made to sign off the Kingshurst Parish Council accounts to now be sent off to the external auditors Grant Thornton. Chair Cole asked if there were any questions for Cllr. A. Follows. No questions were raised.

It was noted here that the noise from the adjacent function room was becoming so loud that the members of the public could not hear. Chair Cole said he would speak louder and Cllr. Mulready went to see if he could ask the staff to close doors.

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

6.1 Update on current situation regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club and the re-assignment of the Lease to Derby Pubs Limited. Clerk informed the Council that Derby Pubs Limited had pulled out of the sale of the lease and that from today the Pavilions is back on the market with a company called Fleurets.

6.2 Rats have been reported in the back gardens adjacent to the Pavilions. A resident had reported this to Cllr. A. Follows in April and he placed it on the agenda to further investigate as to whether the KPC could pay for a exterminator to poison the rats are the side of the Pavilions. The Council had been informed by David Hinsley at that meeting that the cost was in the region of £16. The Clerk was instructed to price up charges from SMBC before approval can be passed to carry out the work. Cllr. S Daly said Rats will only come where there is food been left out.

6.3 Pavilions Car park use by Endeavour House. Cllr. Mulready placed this on the agenda. The Council had received a letter from Sarah Brookes Endeavour House Community Housing, regarding the Pavilions Car Park. A meeting with the management is to be set up as soon as possible regarding the staff from Endeavour House sharing the car park of the Pavilions and supporting the Childrens Football teams with donations. It is viewed as sub letting. Clerk would action this.

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

7.1 Chair of Events: Cllr. T. Williams reported they were all ready for the Fun Day on Sunday 28th June and she hopes to see everyone there. Hopefully she said the sun will shine on us.

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

8.1 Chair Mulready reported that Cllrs. Tina Williams and Pauline Cooper-Hinsley had gone down to inspect the allotments. Some were a disgrace. Letters will be written out to the ones that have not kept their allotment tidy and ask them if they are having any problems. Skips will be provided soon for the allotment rubbish. Gro Organic will come back and sort out the new gate as it is too low. Chair asked if there were any questions for Cllr. Mulready. Cllr. John Kimberley said he had noticed the hedge on the boundary was very untidy and needs cutting. Cllr. Mulready said he would do this. After some discussion on this Cllr. Mulready said he would do the cutting back of the hedge.

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

9.1 Rubbish outside the doctor's surgery: Cllr. David Woolley had put this on the agenda but said it has have been sorted out now. Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley said it had been a problem that the cleaner leaves out the rubbish for collection on a Friday. Some discussion went on here as to the best time the cleaner should put out the rubbish bags for collection.

9.2 Garages between Wheeley More Road and Meriden Drive: Cllr. S Daly placed this on the agenda. She informed the Council firstly that Taxi drivers use the garages as a public convenience and secondly that the rubbish that is being dumped at some garages behind her house it getting really bad. Her son has been going to the tip to get rid of dumped furniture. She would ask the Council to write to the authorities to get them to sort it out. Borough Cllr. Evans spoke to the Council and said that the person to write to would be Steve Boyd. Chair said he would prepare a letter to highlight the situation.

9.3 Zebra Crossing in Marston Drive: Chair Cole said we have already discussed this. Borough Cllr. Evans said she would take this up. She said Centro would not do anything. Much discussion took place regarding the crossing could be moved or the bus stop needs moving.

Cllr. B. Follows said the best place for the bus stop is where the telephone box is at the edge of the park. Chair said he will write a letter. It was noted that due care and attention should be adhered to by members of the public using the crossing.

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

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Nothing to report.

10.2 WALC/SAC: A meeting will take place on the 23rd April in the Pavilions Kingshurst. When the minutes are finalised he will make sure the Council gets a copy.

10.3 School Governors Reports: Cllr. A. Follows said there was nothing from Yorkswood to report. Chair Cole reported that Kingshurst Primary School is full to capacity even before the homes are built. The tots have been re located and the builders have not finished making a ramp for the prams etc. the job needs to be completed and they fear it is being dragged out. Chair told them he would write a letter to the council to see what the holdup is.

10.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. A. Follows has resigned from the committee and Cllr. David Hinsley is now representing the KPC. David said he has been looking n the internet to see when the next meeting is. Cllr. Follows will send him the link to Hannah Colson.

10.5 Regen: Nothing to report.

10.6 KPC Environmental Committee. Chair Cole said he will have a look in the standing orders to see if they can get this off the ground.

11. Standing Orders: To discuss adopting new legal notices and updating the KPC set of standing orders. WALC standing orders can be down loaded and changed to suit the KPC. Updates on the new legal topics such as allowing the filming of meetings is now necessary to update. Cllr. John Kimberley and Chair Cole will look at the standing orders. WALC

12. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received: No planning applications have been received that affects Kingshurst.

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

13.1 Local Development Plan: Babbs Mill. Nothing to report presently.

13.2 Mountford Public House Site: Nothing to report on the site of the old Mountford Public House. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that Bob Sleight said we would hear something about the site in June. Chair Cole said he had heard that decisions for the Mountford site could be along way off. Borough Cllr. Evans agreed with the Chair that it does take time judging by Craig Croft it could take six years. Chair asked Borough Cllr. Debbie Evans if she could

get a commitment from Leader of the Council Bob Sleigh that the site will be kept. She answered that in principal we have the commitment from the regeneration department. They have been told not to build on that site until the plans for the GP practice have been put forward. Cllr. A. Follows said the area has been ring fenced. Borough Cllr. Evans mentioned that Bob Sleigh would not return to our meetings because of the reception he had in March. The Council voiced opinions that it was a fair reception and well behaved. Cllr. B. Follows questioned Debbie and asked her why he would not come back here. Debbie replied that Bob Sleigh said the chances of coming back to a meeting in Kingshurst were highly remote. Chair said he thought the meeting went well and found this news disheartening. Cllr. B. Follows agreed and said that this was not very nice. Chair went on to the next part of the agenda.

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

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

15. 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 if any members of the public would like to speak.

Miss Sarah Evans took the Floor. Sarah is the chair of Action for Babb's Mill. She reported that the meeting held last week had an attendance of over 30 people. Her face book page with 600 likes is doing extremely well in getting the message out there. TC Cars is also sharing their posts along with Gro Organic and skills for jobs which is a major employment for the North of the Borough. She would like to thank Mark Frampton for pruning our around the banner so people can see the information. She went on to say that they have three draft letters for opposing the plans. The grounds are: Education and Wellbeing, Volume of Cars that will be coming on to Cooks Lane and Nature Conversation. One of the key principals of green belt land is to aid urban regeneration. She added that Babb's Mill is a Jewel in our crown. She thanked the KPC for forwarding on contacts numbers of residents that wish help. People now feel that they are able to report issues of the park to them. They have also formed an photography drive with volunteers as they cannot afford a professional ecologist. They have had a huge response to this. They wish to have a table at the KPC fun day to explain who they are and what they are about. She added we need people on our side otherwise we are going to lose this space. It's not just about the legacy to our children but it's in a time where childhood obesity is at its highest. We can promote wellbeing and children's development. Major conservation she added in a past Regeneration report clearly stated that this area must be protected.

The banners are attracting a lot of attention, she finished saying they are making progress and feel passionately about saving Babb's Mill and they will win.

Chair thanked Sarah for her report the council members clapped their appreciation.

Chair announced that any Councillors that wish to take photos of the wildlife should do so. Send photos to Sarah of the wildlife captured on film.

Borough Cllr. Robert Hall said they have double standards they want to protect hedgehogs but want to take away or nature reserve.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley asked Sarah if they had been in touch with the rangers. Not as yet Sarah replied. Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley said she must do because they are taking photographs all over Babb's Mill.

Borough Cllr. Evans mentioned that the rangers are employed by Solihull Council and she said that the council have told them not to get involved.

It was discussed here that the Artspace which is run by Solihull Council is not allowed to advertise any posters etc.

Chair asked Keith Evans to speak. He said that Sarah would like to organise meetings in schools to promote the area and ask children to draw and write individually to the Council to keep Babb's Mill safe. Chair and Cllr. A. Follows said they would mention this to Yorkswood and Kingshurst School.

Cllr. David Hinsley wanted to say that he had heard the Birmingham Authority have put in a plan for Cooks Lane. Would this impinge on the Nature Reserve. No was the answer.

Cllr. Tina Williams asked Sarah if she had been in touch with anyone from the Smiths Wood Council or the schools in Smiths Wood. Sarah said she had not. Tina said that Babb's Mill is important to this area too. Sarah agreed that it is the only green space left in the area.

Borough Cllr Robert Hall informed the Council that 58k people live in the North of the Borough.

Chair thanked everyone and went on to the next part of the agenda.

16. 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.

Rats on the Pavilions land and the back of residents Houses.

17. Date of next meeting: Scheduled meeting for the 14th July 2015 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7.15pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 7th July 2015.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Signed Date