



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 14th September, 2010 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present:

- D. Cole Chair
- D. Davis
- B. Mulready
- A. Follows
- B. Follows
- T. Williams
- S. Daly
- D. Woolley
- L. Brunger
- J. Milne

In Attendance : David Wheeler and Mrs. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Pastor Albert Watson and Miss Rachel Hamilton Vicker.

Before going to minute 1, Chair Cole announced that Cllr. Brunger would like to say something to the Council members. Cllr. Brunger sat and read a letter to the Full Council stating that he was tendering his resignation due to continuing infirmity combined with advancing age. Chair Cole accepted his resignation and stood to applaud him along with other councillors. Mr. Brunger left the meeting escorted by Cllr. A. Follows.

The meeting proceeded.

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: All present as Cllr. Follows would be returning shortly.

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

Events: Cllrs. D. Davis. B. Mulready

Allotments: Cllr. B. Mulready.

Grant Aid: Cllrs. Mulready, D. Davis and D. Woolley

Cllr. Mulready declared a prejudicial interest in respect to Grant Aid.

3. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on July 13th 2010. After one amendment where Cllr. J. Milne had been missed off the Cllrs. Present, the minutes were passed and signed.
4. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors** – Cllr. D. Evans could not attend the meeting and had given in a report with her apologies. See attached. Chair Cole read the report.

Cllr. A. Follows returned to the meeting.

5. **Introducing Pastor Albert Watson.** Albert Watson had not arrived so Chair Cole went on to the rest of the Agenda.

6. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

6.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. Davis, said the Deposit account was at £45,004.36 and the Current account held £4,425.62 and a transfer of £3,000.00 needed to take place to cover all the cheques on the payment list. All cheques for payment were approved. Cllr. Davis went on to say that a Precept meeting needed to be booked before the end of January next year. An ideal date would be towards the end of November. The Committee decided on the 23rd November, 2010. She also mentioned that at the end of September, the Clerk would once again contact Clement Keys to ask for confirmation re the 2009 accounts. It was mentioned here by Cllr. A. Follows the fact that two invoices will be received by Clement Keys in the one year. This had been accounted for. Cllr. Davis asked the Council if we could bring the Full Council Meeting forward by 15 minutes as the Finance meeting did not take as long as they used to. All agreed to this. Cllr. B. Follows asked if she could go back onto the finance committee. All were in favour of this.

6.2 Events: Cllr. Milne listed the arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday service at St. Barnabas Church. The Buglar, buffet and poppies were all in hand. The Standard was also in hand but not promised for this Remembrance Sunday Service. He went onto list the arrangements for the Christmas Event. Not so many bottles of mulled wine and mince pies this year as there appeared to be some wastage last time. Rides for the merry-go round would be 25p with discs again. Cadbury selection boxes would be ordered as last year. A different Costume Company may be used without having the Victorian Theme. Clerk reminded Cllr. Milne that Jean Johnson had mentioned the tables may not be available owing to a quiz night that same evening. Cllr. Daly said she thought the KPC should buy their own tables. She said they are only £7 each in a wholesale shop. These tables would fold up and fit under the stairs of the office. Arrangements were made for Cllr. Daly to buy the tables and receive the money from Petty Cash.

6.3 Allotments: Chair Mulready said it had been a good year so far. The allotment that was in dispute is now being cleared to let out. Half of this plot has already been allocated to a local resident on the waiting list. A skip would be needed very shortly. Cllr. Mulready also mentioned that the Clerk and Manjit Johal had been in conversations with the Sita Trust Funding representative. This representative had put in the application for the £10,000. But the Community gardens would have to pay £1,000 towards it if it were successful. The application would go to the board on the 14th December.

7. **Pavilions:** It had been discussed in the finance meeting that a survey should be done this month and paid by the KPC and the bill forwarded to Calco Limited. Clerk to arrange this.

At this point Pastor Albert Watson came into the room with his assistant and took a sit. He apologised for being late.

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

8.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said plans for all other airports are not going ahead, but Birmingham Airport will be expanded as soon as the finance is on the agenda.

8.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole said a meeting took place where three main Cllrs of CARA did not turn up. CARA is becoming dependant on funding to keep it going. A letter had been received asking for help with office equipment.

8.3 WALC/SAC: Noting to report until October. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that Rosie Weaver was attending big meeting in connection with the high Speed Rail Link. He asked the members to stand behind the people that will be affected by this rail link cutting through large sways of the country side and homes demolished for commuters to save a couple of minutes off their journey. Cllrs. would look into the issues.

9. Information items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action If appropriate.

9.1 Correspondence and emails: Cllrs. had received copies of post and emails. Clerk had had a telephone call from a resident that owned a flat above the Charity Shop and was subjected to looking out at old settees and dirty mattresses. She had telephoned the Clerk in the hope that SMBC would give the shop a permit to take rubbish to the tip. Clerk and Cllr. Woolley was in the Office at the time and on his advice the Clerk emailed Borough Councillor Debbie Evan. Cllr. Evans immediately started to sort out the problem by contacting Alison Lush at SMBC.

Clerk mentioned the Standards Board review of local Assessments of Complaints seminar on the 28th September at SMBC. Most Cllrs. would be attending. Transport to be considered.

9.2 Planning: Some planning had been received but nothing to discuss.

9.3 Regeneration of Kingshurst. Cllr. Mulready had a resident complain to him regarding the way the regeneration was being adopted. This resident would be moved from their home and given a much smaller home to live in. Cllr. Follows said that although letters have gone out to residents to inform them their homes are going to be demolished there is no money to do it. Regen has been put back by at least two years.

Cllr. Daly said that herself and Cllr. Davis attended a meeting for the way forward with the shops on the parade. The meeting was not very well attended. They had decided to put on a merry-go round to entice families back to the shops. The empty shop may become a cafe. Various comments about the parade were spoken about, but it would probably be 2017 before the Parade would be re-generated.

9.4 Missing Barrier from Overgreen Drive. Cllr. Woolley asked if a letter could be written to SMBC to have the barrier put back up as resident had begun to park on the grass. Cllr. Milne said the barrier was due to be put back up on the 21st September.

10. 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 asked Pastor Albert Watson to now deliver his talk to the Cllrs. Pastor Albert Watson introduced himself and then his colleague Miss Rachel Hamilton Vicker. They represent the New Testament Church in Kingshurst. The Pastor wants to start a Kingshurst Development Trust. He is having meetings with groups and committees in the local area. He noticed the lack of wholeness within the community and wanted to create activities to bring a togetherness. He would like individuals to be supported to maximise their full potential as members of the community. He has noticed a large divide between North Solihull and South Solihull and obviously a financial issue. He aims to promote the fact that every individual deserves the right to a quality of life. He asked the Cllrs if they would attend a couple of socials to get to know him and other members of the community. The Cllrs. said they would attend.

12. Grant Aid: Cllr. Mulready said the meeting went very well and many had been awarded grants. A letter from Cara had been received and each member of the Council had been given a copy. The Cllrs, under the section 137 act supported a sum of £500 to be given to CARA for office equipment. The Grants would be given out at the next meeting on the 12th October. Cllr. Daly asked if it was worth advertising the meeting in the Look Local Magazine as Members of the Public do not come to the meeting. This would prove costly and there would be no guarantee that the public would still attend.

13. 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.

The New School on Cooks Lane. Traffic Problems.
Members of the Public Not attending Full Council Meetings.

14. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 12th October 2010 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 5th October 2010.

Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Signed Date