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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council

Full Council Meeting held on the 12th January 2016 at 7.pm

In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

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

In Attendance: Borough Cllrs. F. Nash
Guest Speaker: Mr. David Jameson – West Midlands Crime
Commissioner.
Two PCSO's Chris Stow and Steph Brady.
Mr. David Wheeler – RFO and J Aske – Clerk
5 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies:**– Cllr. D. Woolley – attended Meeting representing St. Barnabas Church and Cllr. B. Follows – unwell.

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8th December 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

Chair went onto Agenda item 11 and introduced PCSO's Chris Stow and Steph Brady.

11. **44ft Lorries using Cooks Lane. DC. PCSO Stow may be able to attend this meeting.**

Chair asked to take the floor. He introduced Steph Brady and proceeded to inform the Council of the latest information and statistics. He said that the Kingshurst team will be disbanded and be covered by Castle Bromwich which will mean more officers on the streets. Instead of five there will be twelve under Sgt. Heathcote. Crimes have been reduced from this time last year in Kingshurst. The main worry in Kingshurst is off road bikes. It is a battle as police cannot pursue them. He went on to ask Chair about Cooks Lane. Chris said has been highlighted for when the

Teams merge together. Hoverboards were mentioned by Cllr. A. Follows and how dangerous they are. It had been noted they are using the roads. There were no more questions for the two PCSO's. They both thanked the KPC and said they would remain and listen to guest speaker David Jamieson. Chair Cole thanked both PSCO's and went on to agenda Item 3.

3. Guest Speakers: Crime Commissioner Mr. David Jamieson. Chair introduced David Jameson and asked him to take the floor. David thanked the council for inviting him and proceeded to address the council and members of the public. After mentioning the new Chief Constable David Thompson highlighted the recent evidence of the crimes and ways forward in helping and reducing young people from getting into crime. Members of the Public were asked for their opinions which are taken on board. The web site is being constantly updated and refreshed. David went on to discuss the economy, and how to get people back into work. He mentioned the ages of young people of about 8 – 19 years getting into activities such as sports, boxing etc. Funding is available here for this kind of youth project. Crime is reducing he added. Everyday crimes such as robbery, has been decreased from out local neighbourhood policing. But crimes that have increased is domestic violence. In five years these numbers have increased along with Child abuse and FGM. They are taking a stand against these crimes and more people are coming forward. Internet crime is now of a high importance. With these crime changes it is a totally different type of policing. We will not see as many police in our streets as we used to due to internet crime.
- The Budget has been cut by 1.6% and over 2000 officers have been cut. Strong views have been expressed regarding the cuts recently especially with the threat of terrorism and especially Paris attacks. A mention of Council Tax increases has been noted as essential. But it is still in consultation to increase this by £5. David Jamieson said he has been fighting to keep PCSO's and these will be funded.
- He went on to highlight the new approach to offenders that have mental health problems. Cases were unsatisfactory dealt with years ago but now we have what is called tri-arching. An Officer will attend along with a Mental Health Nurse and in some cases and A and E nurse as well. When they arrive on the scene an assessment is made by them and they are not taken into custody. This is a big move forward by W M police and saves money.
- One other area is Stop and Search this is essential. Figures showed in previous years that 60 thousand a year had been stopped and searched and 2 thousand were arrested. A new programme of training has taken place and more questioning is applied and now the right people are being stopped and searched. This cuts down on certain people feeling aggrieved for being searched when it was unnecessary.
- He ended here and thanked everyone.
Every clapped.
- Chair thanked David and asked the Councillors if anyone had any questions. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned he had read a new item that the Chief Constable for the West Midlands were increasing the number of officers with fire arms. David mentioned a spike upwards that happened last year in the number of persons having fire arms.
- David Jamieson replied that undercover Police cars do have armed officers. Intelligence behind the scenes is quite substantial.

Police Dogs were mentioned as specialist in sniffing our weapons drugs and money. Potential Police dogs are assigned as puppies into a family and trained by a police officer outside of the home.

Cllr. Kimberley wanted to ask David Jamieson about the concerns of police stations closing. He said with visible presence on the streets it assures members of the public.

Cllr. Kimberley mentioned the Kingshurst team collapsing into Castle Bromwich. He said police presence is necessary in the area.

David Jamieson replied, buildings that once housed the police are looked into as viable. They may be sold on for other things. He mentioned how they are not a useful way for resources. He mentioned again that reporting crime on line is becoming very easy now more and more people are computer literate. This will free up other resources for those that do not use the internet, such as 101 non emergency reporting.

Cllr. Maxine Dawson asked a question regarding anti-social behaviour of neighbours and what can be done. She gave examples and referred to it a torture.

David replied that the Council do get involved by taking out injunctions on these people that if broken they can go to jail. The victims of domestic violence etc can be helped in the whole of the West Midlands there is funding available for them.

Cllr. Dawson asked if there could be a quicker way to deal with anti-social behaviour. David Jamieson said that if she was unhappy regarding an actual problem she know of then to involve the Borough Councillors from the area.

Chair Cole asked the members of the public to contribute. Borough Cllr. Flo Nash wanted to speak about the lack of PSCO's and Police presence in the area. She gave examples of crime and how the police deal with it. She said she appreciates the PSCO's but it would be nice to see Police in the area. She asked could it be possible to get one Police Station for everybody. Residents are complaining to her that they do want Police presence in their area.

The two PSCO's left at this point 19.45

David Jamieson replied to B. Cllr. Nash that the money saved from closing the police buildings down is used to keep crime down. People are more protected now.

Cllr. F. Nash disagreed.

David Jamieson mentioned the protection of the public is out there when we have of hundreds of officers working to take down websites of dark crimes.

Money from building has been put into technology. Access of information is immediate now with Ipad etc carried by officers.

A member of the public asked David Jamieson what is being done about off road bikes. The PSCO's cannot go after them. This seems a waste of time. He went on to mention that 14 off road bikes went across the park on a Sunday Morning. The children's play area is used by teenagers drinking and smoking at night. The member of the public said the police are never around when this antisocial behaviour is happening.

David mentioned the problem with quad bikes members of the public can be injured along with the PSCO's. When they are here David answered that he must report it and give details. If he doesn't get a satisfactory answer ask the parish Council to report it and speak with Alex Murray the Chief Super intended. David said he himself will ask what is being done about it.

Further conversations took place with the member of the public and Mr. Jamieson of previous events that had been reported and the authority of the PSCO's. Litter was also mentioned.

Chair thanked David once again and went on to the next part of the agenda.

David Jamieson Crime Commissioner left the meeting at 8pm

4. To receive reports from the Borough Councillors.

Borough Cllr. Robert and Borough Cllr. Debbie Evans had sent in a combined report which Chair read out to the council and members of the public. The report mentioned the off road bikes and the antisocial behaviour in the park. Chair will send a letter regarding the off road bikes.

Chair asked Borough Cllr. Flo Nash to take the floor and give a report. She said about the concern of the off road bikes.

She is glad they are not losing any PSCO's but worried about their authority. She disagrees with David Jamieson that we should lose Police buildings. New buildings are close to the roads. Accidents are going to happen. But more money should be spent on improving the anti-social behaviour.

She added that housing issues are occurring and not enough social housing have been built for our young people.

Cllr Hinsley said that the consultation on the Solihull Local Plan Review ends on the 22nd of this month. We need to put forward our ideas of what is needed in our area. These views are important.

Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley mentioned that she and David Hinsley attended a meeting meeting on the Local Plan Review for future housing needs, and that they were the only two from the north of the borough to attend. Borough Cllr. Nash said that Chelmsley Wood council only know about these meetings when it is too late to attend.

- 5. Finance Committee:** Chair of Finance Alvin Follows reported that the finance committee approved the payment of cheques amounting to the sum of £6802.60. All approved. The balance in the current account and the deposit account £26,637.59 and £20k respectively. He passed over to the RFO David Wheeler to proceed with the passing of the Precept for 2016/2017. David answered questions regarding the precept and the updating of the CCTV in the office which had been part of the figures. David explained that the precept is reduced because events has been reduced and put into miscellaneous the money precepted for elections was never used as not charged by SMBC, Legal fees etc. A saving of £15,600. The Precept was passed and approved by the majority, at the figure of £35,400 before the Government Grant. The paperwork will be signed by the chair before the 29th January.

6. Pavilions:

- 6.1 Clerk recently made enquiries with the Administrators of Calco Limited and nothing has changed regarding the sale for the lease for the premises. The Lease is for sale at a cost of £300k

7. Events Committee

Chair of Events Cllr. Tina Williams reported that the Christmas tree festival she visited in Derbyshire was excellent. Hoping to organise the same festival in St. Barnabas she will make arrangements to see the Vicar Jo. Johnson of St. Barnabas Church and will report back the ins and outs of organising one for ourselves in the

Parish. She had established that within the surrounding area of the Parade there are about 42 organisations that she could contact to see if they are interested in joining in the festival. Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley mentioned that residents were unhappy that the Parish Council did not put on the Victorian Christmas. Chair said that it is not ruled out completely for the future but it was not financially viable. Cllr. Kimberley wanted to add that he has seen a Christmas Festival in Bakewell and was very good. We would need a reasonable number of trees to make it look good. Communities use it as a small form of publicity. It looks promising and brings communities together. He hopes we can do it this year. It is good to rethink ideas and refresh them.

8. Allotments Committee

Cllr Mulready as chair of the allotments had nothing to report. Cllr. T Williams mentioned that an allotment holder had asked if the water had been turned off for the winter. Yes this is being sorted.

9. Progress reports: No progress reports.

10. Reports from Parish Council Members on outside bodies

10.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee – A meeting is scheduled for the 20th January 2016

10.2 WALC/SAC – A meeting is scheduled for the 21st January 2016

10.3 School Governor Reports – A meeting is scheduled for 13th January 2016. Kingshurst School Governors – Nothing to report. February will be the next one.

10.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum – Cllr. D. Hinsley reported that there was nothing in the offing and notes from the last meeting were circulated by the Clerk. Planning and Housing were the issues highlighted in the paperwork.

10.5 Regeneration – Cllr. Hinsley wanted to add here that there have been several meetings recently, one being the combined Authority a recent one regarding transport and one today the Solihull Plan are all actually interconnected. A lot of it is combined with regen. Today we asked about Kingshurst to Ian Courts. He said there are some plans there but if February he informed them there will be an opportunity to put the plans before the public. Various conversations took place about how SMBC spend money in other areas very easily.

10.6 Parish Council Environmental Committee – no matters to report; meeting to be arranged. Clerk was instructed by the Chair to remove this item from the agenda.

12. Planning: There were no consultations to respond to.

13. Planning applications

13.1: Local Development Plan: The Meeting date for Babb's Mill should be coming up in February but unsure of exact date.

13.2: Mountford Public House site – no updates to report.

14. Information items

14.1 Correspondence and emails: All Councillors received a list of recent post and emails.

A Telephone call had been received on 29th December. The Clerk had spoken with Mrs. Jean Hamilton from Dorridge regarding the Kingshurst Bus shelter. She has offered to make enquiries to Centro to see if they are able to help out.

A letter regarding the Royal Garden Party had been sent into all Parish Councils by WALC. A member of a Parish Council can be nominated to attend the Garden Party in recognition of past services and outgoing members. Chair Cole asked Cllr. John Kimberley if he would like to be nominated to attend the Royal Garden party this year. He agreed. Nominations will have to be in by noon before 2nd February to the WALC offices.

A quote for the repairs to the Bus shelter was received from G Bates Roofing for the sum of £1,200.00. Other quotes will be required from commercial builders that carry public liability insurance.

- 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. This had taken place earlier within the meeting to accommodate the members of the public speaking with the Crime Commissioner.
- 16. Councillors reports and Items for Future Agenda:**
The Bus Shelter – Cleaning.
Cllr. Kimberley wanted to know who responsibility it actually is is. Conversations took place regarding this issue and if the KPC had it built.
- 17. Date of Next Meeting** 9th February 2016 at 7.15pm.
Chair thanked the members of the public and they left the meeting room. He went on to the Private and Confidential part of the meeting. This part of the meeting concluded at 20.40

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