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Minutes of the Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on 9th March, 2010 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
D. Davis
S. Daly
T. Williams
B. Mulready
J. Milne
A. Follows
Cllr L. Brunger.

In Attendance : David Wheeler and Mrs. J. Aske (Clerk)
Mr. Hampton, Mrs. Platt. Mr. and Mrs. Churchard, Mr. Hatfield and
Mr. Browne

Apologies: Cllr. D. Woolley and Cllr. B. Follows

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. T. Williams, D. Davis. S. Daly
Allotments: Cllrs. T. Williams, B. Mulready

3. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on February 9th 2010. After one amendment - Cllr. S. Daly was in attendance but had not been typed in the minutes were passed and signed.

4. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors - Cllr. Hall and Cllr. Evans.** The Borough Councillors had sent in their apologies, along with Cllr. Halls report. Chair David Cole read out the report to the Full Council. (see attached).

5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

5.1 Finance: Cllr. Davis Chair of Finance reported that the Current account was at £1958.21 and the deposit account stood at £50,243.04 and would like the council to agree to transferring £3,500. This was proposed and seconded. Cllr. Davis referred to a request from a member of the public that owes the parish Council money to have the banks account detail, so this person could set up a standing order. It was passed that the Clerk should send the details required. Action Clerk

5.2 Events: Cllr T. Williams reported that at the last events meeting they were going to have extra amusement, i.e more dancing groups, side stalls two bands, pottery and table hires. At this point Cllr. Brunger wanted to clarify his thoughts on purchases for events. He referred to Cllr. Williams telephoning members of the Events Committee to see if they would like her to purchase Christmas figurines that had been reduced down from £200 each to £50 each. They had given their consent for her to order them. Cllr. Brunger asked if that was legal to have a committee meeting over the telephone. Cllr. Daly said the events money is there and as the purchase was so reasonable it was agreed. Cllr. Milne said all forms of communication are available to the committee and the purchases had to be reserved. Cllr. Brunger said he thought Cllr. Williams actions could bring the council into distribute. No conclusion was formed from this and the Council went on to the next item on the agenda.

5.3 Allotments: Cllr. Mulready reported the water stand pipes were leaking again and the contractor needed to be contacted once again. The only one that they have never had a problem with is the one installed in 1959. Cllr. Mulready mentioned that the keys from expelled tenants had not been returned therefore he asked the committee to give permission to change the lock on the gate and issue new keys. This act was to prevent any accusations if anything untoward happened on the allotments so previous holders would not be accused.

Cllr. Brunger said the keys had not be returned action to sue these people should be considered with sending a letter of intent to them first to give them notice of what proceedings would take place if the keys were not returned. Cllr. Mulready said he had not heard of this before and if it is not in the rules they signed we would not be able to take that kind of action. In the rules for next year it could be incorporated. Chair Cole said this would seem the best way forward on this issue. A vote was taken to buy a new lock and keys. A quote of £28 for the lock and £2 each key was spoken of. The Council voted to proceed with changing the lock on the front gate.

Cllr. Mulready asked Cllr. Brunger about the allotment waiting list he had requested a copy of. Cllr. Brunger said he was quite satisfied that the list was correct. Cllr. Brunger said he had been approached by one of the expelled tenants. Members of the committee after conversations relating to this thought that the tenant should go directly to the Clerk. At this point a member of the public wanted to speak, but Chair adhering to regulations asked the gentlemen to wait for the public participation. The gentlemen said he would.

Chair asked to carry onto the next item on the agenda.

6. Progress reports for information/action:

6.1 The Pavilions.

Cllr. J. Milne said he was confused about the surveyors report, had the work actually been done. Chair Cole had concerns referring to the company name and registration number. David Wheeler said he could do a company search on the internet to find out if the name had been changed. The Cllrs agreed this should be done. Cllr. A. Follows thought that a working party should make arrangements to go into the Pavilions and inspect the work carried out. It was decided that the clerk should contact Dot the Manageress to make suitable arrangements so the working party of Cllrs Milne, B. Follows, A. Follows and S. Daly could attend.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready mentioned a meeting had taken place on the 14th February but due to the correspondence left in the Library it was not received by the Clerk until 4th March. So there was nothing to report at this time.

7.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole reported that their Annual General Meeting took place a couple of weeks ago. The committee is operating in profit at the moment and although another consultancy committee would like to merge with CARA it would not be to the benefit of this estate. They have employed new staff to relieve the pressure of those who have become unemployed and need help and assistance from them.

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report as the last meeting was cancelled. When he is in receipt of the draft minutes from Sep/Oct he will be able to report more information.

7.4 Sustain: No representative.

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

8.1 Correspondence and emails: Cllrs. had received copies of post and emails, Clerk read out a letter received from Big Johns take away referring to the litter their establishment causes, a letter from Mrs. Stout re allotments and an email from Mr. Hampton re allotments.

8.2 Planning; A letter for planning was read out at the last meeting, it referred to a proposal to build a 56 bedroom residential home in Larks Meadow Cooks lane. Cllrs at the time were unsure exactly where the building would be. There were no objections in the last meeting, but Cllrs had discovered the building if passed, would be situated by the playing fields off Cooks Lane and Waterloo Avenue. There were still no objections voiced.

9. 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.

Mr. Hampton took the floor, he referred to the recent success of getting the Fair at Babbs Mill to be moved to another venue. He would like it placed on record how Mr. John Hatfield, Cllrs Robert Hall and Cllr. Debbie Evans had worked very hard to achieve this; and expressed sincere thanks to them. He said it was sad to note that other political parties had taken credit for the outcome. Chair David Cole stood and thanked Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Hampton for their outstanding effort in getting the fair moved.

It was then noted that at the part of the meeting earlier when Cllr. Brunger had said he had been approached by an expelled allotment tenant that he should take the views directly from them and not refer them to the Clerk. That is why they represent the KPC. Chair David Cole said he agreed in some circumstances but if they want to go onto the waiting list they do need to get in touch with the clerk.

Mr. Hampton asked about the public participation part of the agenda and enquired if it could be put on later in the meeting so as the members of the public could speak about further agenda items. He also mentioned about the formation of the table and how the council sit. This was discussed, and various ideas were put forward. It was established that the Chair needs to see each member of the Council to conduct the meeting to the regulations provided. Mr. Hampton also went on to say he is

not happy about the City Technology Schools plans to build so close to the road in Cooks Lane. He says he objects to this as it is a lovely road and will be spoilt once again by new building. It was established by Cllr. Brunger that planning permission is not required when it comes to the school. This completed the public participation and Chair Cole thanked them.

10. Web Site: Cllr. A. Follows told the council a meeting had taken place with the Clerk and David Rapson in connection with establishing a web site. David Rapson has come back with a quote of £829 including VAT. The Clerk had given the members of the council further quotes for their perusal. Cllr. A. Follows went on to discuss the differences between the managing of the websites. The Clerk would get back to David Rapson and ask him to quote for a Hand Coded System.

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Cllr. Daly asked why do we need one. Cllr. A. Follows said to show people we are out there and they can go on line and look at the minutes, accounts and any events and news we have about the KPC. Most Parish Councils have websites now.

11. Submission by Cllr. Brunger: Cllr. B. Follows had given each member and the Clerk a letter from Cllr. Brunger at the beginning of the last meeting. See attached.

Cllr. Brunger went over the item and was satisfied all had been dealt with.

12. Risk Assessment: A meeting would take place with Chair Cole and Cllr. Milne on Monday to do the required assessment.

13. Clerks Time: Cllr. S. Daly had put this on the agenda as the clerk needed help with the organising of the Events and the Standing Orders. It was agreed that Louise Baudet would be asked to come into the office to help with the preparation of the Standing Orders, and agreed that Cllr. Davis would come into the office to help with the organisation of the events.

14: Standing Orders: All members had been given a copy of the new downloads from NALC. David Wheeler had looked at the draft in the office and it was an easier copy to understand. It just needed the additions of the requirements that were specific to the KPC.

15. 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. Williams would like permission to contact Maurice Lander of the National Association of Allotments to ask advice referring to the Jubilee Gardens.

Other agenda items were Hedge Cutting and Cllrs. Corner

16. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 13th April 2010 at The pavilions Sporting Club at 7.15 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 6th April 2010.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Signed Date