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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 13th March 2012 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: Chair - D. Cole
D. Davis
T. Williams
M. Dawson
A. Follows
B. Mulready
R. Webber
D. Woolley

In Attendance : RFO Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: One member of the public attended.

1. Apologies: Cllr. E. Muluka – working away, J. Milne – working late - P. Whyte – unwell
B. Follows – unwell.

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 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 14th February 2012
Minutes approved and signed.

4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors: Cllrs. Jameson, 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 then asked for any comments. It was noted that Cllrs. M. Dawson and A. Follows would attend a meeting for the HS2 Coleshill Junction on the 10th April. (Full Council Meeting date).

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

5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance reported payments of £4925.55 for the outgoings this month. These were agreed and passed. The current account stood at £15,671.99 and the deposit account £20,865.82. No further correspondence had been received from Clement Keys so he had asked David Wheeler to write a strong letter to them.

5.2 Letter from Alison O'Connell requesting a donation of funds to the Pavilions Sporting Club to help secure a Grant from outside bodies. Cllr Mulready left the room after declaring a prejudicial interest as he is a member of the Bowling Team. The rest of the Council discussed the figures relating to the amount the sporting club would have to raise to receive a substantial grant. It was agreed to give £500 donation but if they did not receive the Grant they had applied for the £500 must be returned to the Parish Council. A vote was taken and passed to give the donation of £500. Cllr. David Woolley wanted it noted that he did not vote.

5.3 Christmas Tree expenditure: JM - DEFFERED

5.4 A Cllr. to be elected to take on doing a bank reconciliation each month as well as the RFO. As advised by WALC to avoid fraud occurring. It was proposed by Cllr. Mulready that Cllr. Davis take on the job of doing a Bank Reconciliation at the end of each month. RFO Mr. David Wheeler suggested from April. Although he did not have any objections he thought that the advice was to be adhered to if the Clerk of the Council was doing the accounts. As it is separate there is not the possibility of fraud taking place as the Clerk has the cheque book in the office.

5.5 The CCTV monitor in the office needed replacing and Cllr. A. Follows had found a replacement for £149.99 including VAT and delivery. This was passed to purchase this item with either Cllr. Follows Credit Card or the Clerks.

5.6 It was proposed and agreed to purchase Bull Guard Software to protect computer Data. Approval of Private Credit Card use was agreed for the sum of £95.99

5.7 It was agreed to hire a skip for use in the allotments.

6. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate. Chair of Events John Milne was working late and could not attend the meeting. A brief discussion on the Pavilions being in Administration took place. It was established that the Fun Day will still go ahead whatever happens to the tenants of the Pavilions.

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

7.1 Chair Cole reported that the paperwork for Yorkswood Allotments was now in a 'Search Room' for completion. Clerk mentioned the letter the Cllrs had received that night from Gary Farmer who had written to ask for permission to use reeds as a barrier to filter the river water of unwanted toxins. Clerk would get back to him and explain about the registry.

Cllr. Mulready reported to the council that the Clerk was getting another quote from a commercial plumber for the pipe work at the allotment, as discussed in the financial meeting. The pipe work was becoming essential. The quote the Cllrs received, was from the previous installer of the pipe work.

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

8.1 Pavilions: Minutes of the extraordinary meeting were signed.

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. Cllr. A. Follows said that there is an existing covenant on them. Cllr. Mulready agreed that one was drawn up in 1959 but that they may be overturned in these times. He added he would like the Clerk to look into what would be involved. The subject then went to the Security Bond that was set up between the tenants of the Pavilions and the KPC. The sum of £25k was supposed to be available if the tenants broke agreements to upkeep the premises. Cllr. Follows said he would come into the office and look for the said document. He thought Robinson and Wallace Solicitors had drawn the document up.

8.2 School Plaques. Cllr. A. Follows will chase up the graphics that need to be decided before the plaques could be made.

8.3 Localism Bill, To discuss this item each Cllr. needs to have the correct paperwork. Cllr. A. Follows will sort this out.

8.4 Youth Council – Chair Cole said he will have some spare time in April to put thoughts into the possibility of starting a Youth Council.

8.5 Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection Policy: Website and antivirus software. Cllr. A. Follows explained how important it was for a web site to be up and running for the Parish Council. At a recent seminar he said there another parish council and ours that do not have a web site. He also asked the members of the council to consider the data protection policies that are coming into force where the computer in the office will have to be backed up with encrypted software. He asked the Council to agree with the go-ahead to set one up. Cllr. Davis thought that we had voted against a website in the past because the money was not available. RFO David Wheeler said he would check the precept. The item would go onto the next agenda.

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr. Mulready reported that all was going ahead with the new run way, which is hoped to be completed by 2014.

9.2 CARA – Chair Cole gave the annual report to the Clerk to keep in the Office so as Cllrs can read it.

9.3 WALC/SAC- Cllr. A. Follows reported the meeting was mainly about the encrypted software and the HS2 Rail link. Most Cllrs he said are all now aware of the plans for the HS2 Railway. He added that the other representative for WALC/SAC was Cllr. Muluka who is currently working away.

9.4 School Governors Reports – No reports.

10. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received: None received. No Planning applications had been received.

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 nothing is happening at the moment the procedures are being held up by Severn Trent Water. A re-draft is being drawn up of the 8 homes planned to be built at the Cooks Lane site.

11.2 Babbs Mill – A letter of objection was sent to the Borough Council but no reply has been received as yet.

11.3 Parking in Cooks Lane – Chair Cole reported that the yellow lines do not deter people from parking. The Council agreed for the Clerk to write a letter of complaint to the traffic department of SMBC.

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. The HS2 Rail link meeting had been received and had been discussed in Minute 4.

12.2 S Information concerning the Parish Council is to go through the Clerk: Cllr. DD. A recent example of the Clerk not being informed on important meetings taking place has caused concern with parish Councillors and residents. All agreed that everything should be reported through the Clerk.

12.3 Parade Competition. Recent information from Housing Minister Grant Shapps. – Chair Cole would like more time to study this and it would be deferred to the next meeting.

12.4 John Gallagher Special Needs football teams: BM. Deferred to next agenda.

12.5 HGV Lorries: DC –The Council Agreed for the Clerk to send a letter to Traffic Control of SMBC to complain about the HGV Lorries using cooks lane when they are over the 7.5 Tonne regulation.

12.6 Buses: Chair Cole asked the Council to agree for the Clerk to write to Borough Cllr. Meeson and Centro Bus Services to make a complaint on behalf of the residents regarding the excessive bus fair rises. It had been noted that the fairs have risen three times in 9 months. All agreed for the Clerk to write the letters.

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. One member of the public had attended the meeting and wanted to know any further

development regarding the proposed building on Babbs Mill. Chair Cole said that we have written

to object but have not heard anything as yet. The gentlemen said he had been disappointed with the

speech from Cllr. Ian Courts.

At this point Cllr. R. Webber asked if he could leave the meeting. This was granted and he left to go into work.

The member of the public asked the Cllrs. what more could be done and how the residents could stop the planning from going ahead. He went on to say that the empty properties are losing £800k a year in lost revenue.

Cllr. A. Follows said the properties boarded up were due to be re-furbished by Solihull Community Housing. But he thought that the funding was the problem.

Chair Cole said the feeling of the public on this subject was getting to boiling point. He mentioned the report from Cllr. Jamieson regarding the lack of funding.

Chair Cole reassured the resident that the Cllrs. felt the same. He thanked the member of the public and resumed the meeting.

14. Possibility 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 put an advert out into the shops and library to advertise Grant Aid. All applications would have to be in for the 27th April 2012. Clerk would do the poster.

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. Cllr. Davis had attended a recent WALC workshop on the subject of Insurance for Parish Councils. She reported how informative it was and had given the Clerk paperwork regarding an Insurance Company that only deals with Parish Councils. This would be looked into when the present policy is about to expire. The lady doing the talk would also come out and speak with the KPC Cllr. is so wished.

Cllr. Woolley had asked for the Clerk to write a letter of complaint regarding the lack of cleaning in Gilson Way. It appears that the street cleaning is done in Meriden Drive but not in Gilson Way. He had asked for it to be put on last months agenda. Chair Cole asked for it to be placed on Aprils Agenda.

17. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday April 10th 2012 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 3rd April 2012.

18. To sign the minutes from the confidential part of the meeting 14th February, 2012. The minutes were proposed and passed.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed Date