



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 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  
   L. Brunger.

In Attendance :                      David Wheeler and Mrs. J. Aske (Clerk)  
   Mr. Richard Wallwork, Alison Lush, Mr. Hampton, Mrs. S. Kimberly  
   and Mr. Churchard,

**Apologies:** None

### 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.  
Allotments: Cllr. B. Mulready

3. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. 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 their report. Chair David Cole read out the reports 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 £2,977.68 and the deposit account stood at £46,744.76 and would like the council to agree a transfer of £4,500. This was proposed and seconded. Cllr. Davis said a letter from Clement Keys had been received to submit the accounts by the 28<sup>th</sup> June for external auditing.

5.2 Events: Cllr T. Williams reported that at the last events meeting was cancelled due to illness of most members of the committee. She had purchased some Wheeley Bin liners for the event fun day

in June. Cllr. David Woolley asked the committee if the table hire of £10 could be waived at the Fun Day for a Children's Hospital Charity to sell goods. Chair David Cole offered to pay the £10 for the charity.

5.3 Allotments: Cllr. Mulready reported the meeting had been cancelled due to committee members being ill. The water stand pipes had been fixed. The only stand pipe they never had any problems with was installed in 1959. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that as three members of the public had turned out for the allotment meeting he took the opportunity to pass on the information he had received at the recent Allotment workshop he had attended with Mr. Maurice Lander. He explained that members of the allotments and KPC Committee could think about a self management scheme. The Council would still be ultimately responsible for the allotments but the allotment holders may be able to sort out any disputes between themselves. A meeting could be arranged when we have more details. Any views on this matter could be related to the Clerk.

Cllr. Mulready stated that The Clerk and Manjit had been trying to get a grant to help towards the running and maintaining of the Jubilee Gardens. The Jubilee Gardens is run as a separate entity and Parish money does not support the gardens. But with the Grants been applied for the companies need the accounts. It would be helpful if this can be shown in the accounts. Various conversations went on with different councillors giving their opinion what should be done with the Gardens. The weed Mayors Tail is the biggest problem in the Jubilee Gardens, which would make it impossible to turn it into separate allotments.

## **6. Progress reports for information/action:**

### 6.1 The Pavilions.

Cllr. A. Follows said working party met Jo Burns the area manager of Calco. The work had been carried out from the last surveyors report apart from there minor things, a window frame, a half brick missing and something else but Cllr. Follows could not remember, but was assured by Jo Burn that the work would be done within the next four weeks.

Cllr. J. Milne asked if a time limit is adhered to. Chair David Cole said there was not. This should be specified. It was then established after various conversation that we should seek advice from NALC to see if the KPC have to pay for a surveyors report or to Calco have to pay for one. Cllr. Mulready is certain that Calco have to pay and he will show Cllr. Milne where in the lease it stipulates that. More advice should be sort after.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said there was nothing to report at this time.

7.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole could not make the last meeting, so he had nothing to report,

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows reported that the meeting will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Copies from the last meeting are in the office.

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 WALC about a workshop in September.

8.2 Planning; One planning application that concerned the area.

**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.

Chair Cole and the Councillors had received letters from two residents with questions that they wanted answers to. Chair read out the letters (see attached) and answered each question. The Council admitted they had made a mistake with the precept for the elections and that they would take place next May 2011 not this May. RFO David Wheeler then explained how the precept works to the members of the public, and that all money would be carried forward.

Chair Cole explained that no one stands for a political party in the KPC. There was an item also mentioned in the resident's letter in connection with a financial matter concerning either an X Councillor or a present Councillor. Chair confirmed we were in receipt of gradual payments owed by an X Councillor. The resident said he knew of another case more current and wanted more information. Chair Cole had no information on this to offer Mr. Hampton.

Mr. Hampton listed what he thought was necessary for the Parish Council to precept for but was still unsure as to why the KPC asked for further funding when a large sum of residents money is just sitting there. He said he agreed with forward planning but was not happy with the amount asked for. David Wheeler explained the money has to be there for any expenses that may occur in the next 12 months, the councillors have to predict what they believe they may spend. The £6k that was precepted for the elections will now be brought forward to the following year.

David Hampton said that he could understand what was being said but the residents only see the costs.

Cllr. Brunger said that the Council is subject to an audit which is very thorough. Various conversations went ahead and some of the councillors addressed Mr. Hampton pointing out the positive achievements the KPC have been successful in. Mr. Hampton asked the members that were co-opted to raise their hands. Cllr. Brunger said he receives £48.08 allowance and proceeded to tell Mr. Hampton what he spends it on. Just after this statement Chair Cole asked to move on. Mrs S Kimberly asked to speak. She said she was fed up with the lengthy conversations related to the allotments. Is this not why you have a committee she asked. Explanations were given to her. She wanted to say that the presentation after the public participation was something that she would be very interested in and proceeded to list very good ideas for residents to participate in. She also mentioned that the notice for the meetings is too high up in the Notice Board Box and she was unable to read it properly.

Mr. Churchard wanted the KPC to write to the managers of the football team that were playing on the field on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April at around 10.30 to 12.30. He went on to say that the language was vulgar and foul. He and residents at the allotments should not have to tolerate listening to it. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Gary Leake Manger of the Football to state the concerns of the residents.

David Hampton just wanted to add that he was concerned about the finance of the Jubilee Gardens, he would bring this up at the Parish General Meeting would this be allowed to take place.

**11. A 25 minute presentation by Richard Wallwork representing Charity Festival and Carnival Events.** Richards main reason in his presentation was to show the councillors and public what their charity could do to bring events and competitions to the residents of Kingshurst. He asked volunteers to make this possible. He would be putting events on in between 11<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2010. Most of the councillors expressed an interest in helping.

Then Alison Lush representing SMBC – Places Directorate took the floor asking the council for ideas and discussing their Fun Event in June. Various councillors gave ideas of what could take place at the Babbs Mill Park, such as an event for St. Georges Day next year and a suitable children's playground. Information needed to be gathered from the public and the library is a possible way for the word to get out that ideas are needed. Clerk would put a notice up inviting residents to contact her with any ideas they have for an event.

Chair David Cole thanked both Richard and Alison for their time and input.

**11. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting.** The meeting will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 in the Pavilions Meeting Room. Chair Cole would not be available but Vice Chair S. Daly would be there.

**12: Standing Orders:** All members have a copy of the part two standing orders. Completed sets will be available soon.

**13. Web Site:** Cllr. A. Follows explained to the council the difference between a Handcoded System and Management Contact system. Various conversations went ahead and at one point a vote was going to be taken. Funding could have been a possibility through WALC. Cllr. A. Follows was going to look into this. It was established that 95% of Parish and Town Councils do have a web site. The advantages were discussed. It was left for more information on prices and systems to be gathered by Cllr. Follows.

**14. 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. Milne – Sink in the Office toilet/kitchen.

Website/Newsletter

**16. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at The pavilions Sporting Club at 7.15 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm - Cllr. B. Follows gave apologies and left the meeting, indicating she was unable to stay to the private and confidential part of the meeting.

Signed ..... Date .....