



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 at 7pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present:

- D. Cole – Chair
- B. Mulready - Vice Chair
- A. Follows
- B. Follows
- D. Woolley
- J. Milne
- D. Davis
- T. Williams

In Attendance : Mr. David Wheeler RFO and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: Two Members of the Public attended.  
Borough Cllrs. Cllr. A. Nash and Cllr. Mrs. F. Nash attended. They gave apologies for Cllr. Jamieson.

**1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:

Cllr. P. Whyte – No apologies sent in.  
Cllr. R. Webber - Working  
Cllr. E. Muluka – Working in York

**2.** No new Pecuniary Interests were declared.

**3. Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 were approved and signed.

**4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** Chair David Cole invited Borough Cllrs. A. Nash and Mrs. F. Nash to take the floor. Cllr. F. Nash rose to address the Cllrs. She reported that before Christmas she and Mrs. Jean Johnson had approached the shopkeepers of the Parade in Kingshurst to assist in the festivities by decorating their shop windows with lights. This was welcomed by most businesses. She noted a few years ago the KPC had purchased Christmas lights for the shops. The idea had come from Alison Lush, she had arranged for the gates to be painted in Gold to brighten up the Parade. She also donated the lights to those shops that had changed hands over the years. It made a difference.

She went on then to report that recently residents from Kingshurst had telephoned her about the issue of dog fouling. After investigating she noted that there are sufficient bins but they are not properly used. She has asked for a map of where the bins are located, especially on Babbs Mill. She will send a copy to the Clerk when it arrives.

Cllr. F. Nash then went on to report that there are not enough properties to give to the homeless people. There are still too many disused properties. She notes that adult children are having to live with their parents. There is a need to part buy properties.

Chair Cole thanked Cllr. Mrs. F. Nash for her contribution and asked the Cllrs if they have any questions.

Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that he recently heard that it is okay to put dog waste in the ordinary paper bins. Cllr. B. Follows said in her experiences on Babbs Mill the dog bins are not emptied regularly which results in poo bags being left on the floor by the bin.

Cllr. Mrs. F. Nash said she would ask the question if there are adequate bins. She noted that more people are having pets now.

Cllr. John Milne asked the Borough Cllrs if they could shed any light on the eroding River bank and mentioned it had flooded badly recently.

Borough Cllr. A. Nash replied that the problem of responsibility for the water has been going on for years between Severn Trent and the Environmental Agency. No one will take on the responsibility for the water. Cllr. Milne and Cllr. B. Follows said the fence to stop people accessing the dangerous river pathway, was inadequate. B. Cllr. Nash said that he had had confirmation that work would start in January from SMBC. Cllr. A. Follows said he can confirm this too.

Borough Cllr. A. Nash went on to report that some members of the community still do not have access to a computer or know how to use a computer. This should be addressed. The library may help with this problem. He went on to report that lone people living in homes with three bedrooms should be encouraged to move to smaller properties. This can be done on line. It may affect their benefits.

Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that D.I.A.L helps residents with this problem. Funding is needed to buy a stand alone computer system with assistance.

Chair Cole reported that the HGV lorries using Cooks Lane has been acknowledged by SMBC. A resident reported to him today that a skip, with a crane, and full of rubble narrowly missed pedestrians and other vehicles as it was too big for the road.

Cllr. David Woolley wanted to ask the Borough Cllrs why trees and fencing had been taken down on the perimeter of Yorkswood Allotments. He said he had suspicions that it would be used to build on.

Cllr. A. Nash replied that he did not know what other plans had been put forward with Regen. He understands that homes have to be built but he would oppose any homes there.

Cllr. B. Follows said by taking the fencing and the trees down it has taken away residents security. The residents want the fence erected again as it is encouraging anti social behaviour opening up the woods.

Cllr. A. Nash said he would take a look. He is very disappointed with Regen, there is nothing finished we have 'No Showcase' he said it is all just 'bits'. The Cllrs agreed with him.

Chair Cole went on to **Minute 18 Public Participation**, in-case the members of the public wanted to speak to the Borough Cllrs.

A Mr. David Hinsley, resident of Kingshurst and a member of the Medical Practice Patient Participation Group asked Chair Cole when the Grant Aid committee would decide on the applications. He had submitted one. Vice Chair B. Mulready reported The Grant Aid Meeting will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. The member of the Public wanted to know if it was open to the public. Not usually was the reply. He thanked the Council.

Mr. David Hampton resident of Kingshurst took the floor. He reported that he has applied to speak at the LDF hearing on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January. He will try to go to the open sessions and when Caroline Spelman MP is speaking. He will report back to the Clerk with any information.

He mentioned that the dog bins provided, in his opinion should be foot operated for health and safety. He mentioned he sees people not cleaning up after their dogs. He would like to know how often the rangers are in the parks.

Mr. David Hampton also went on to mention the underpass, it was full of dirty water. Cllr. F. Nash said she would look into it, no one had reported it to her. Mr. Hampton said it was an eyesore in this Parish. Chair Cole thanked Mr. Hampton for his contribution. The members of the public and the Borough Cllrs left the meeting.

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

5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the current account stood at £22,292.65 and the deposit account was at £69.33 and the corporate account was at £10k. The cheques were approved and passed for payment. See attached. No other expenses are expected between now and next month. Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows asked Mr. David Wheeler to address the Council regarding the Precept. He asked the Cllrs if everyone was happy with the figures he had produced for the precept budget. All were happy. David Wheeler mentioned that the total figure £53,268.00 will be made up with a grant aid of £7,400. Confirmation of the exact figure is still to come. RESOLVED: The Council passed and all agreed the Precept for £53,268. Paperwork will be received shortly to confirm the Precept budget for 2013/2014.

**6. Pavilions:**

Cllr. Mulready reported the Catering Van had not been removed from the premises. A letter needs to be written by the Clerk to Calco in Administration, regarding the Administration of Calco, the RFO would like some clarification on the general state of the situation. Cllr. Mulready also mentioned that a copy of the insurance certificate should also be asked for. Clerk will get the information required and report back.

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

Chair of Events Cllr. J. Milne thanked the Cllrs for the help and hard work on the Christmas Event day. He said it went very well. The times of the switching on the light will be 3pm this year as it is too late waiting till 4pm. More tombola prizes will need to be purchased at a price of £100 for the adults gifts and £50 for the children's prizes. Chair John Milne requested that the Clerk get in touch with Paul Gooch and get a written quotation of all that has been booked for the 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**9. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Chair of Allotment Cllr. Mulready reported that a break-in had occurred recently and that four sheds were vandalised. He was not sure how the culprits were getting in. Individual shed owners had to report it to the police themselves. No locks are allowed on the sheds and nothing of any value is ever left in them.

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

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready was away when the meeting took place. The new runway is scheduled to be in 2014.

10.2 WALC/SAC Cllr. A. Follows said the next meeting will take place in April 2013. Nothing to report at this moment.

10.3 Cllr. A. Follows reported that renovations of Yorkswood School would take place - no new build as previously thought. A project from Gro Organic is making a sensory garden for the children.

**11. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received:** No planning had been received.

**12. Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:** Chair Cole informed the committee of the hearing scheduled on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January with the Government Planning Officer. He will give a lift to anyone that would like to attend.

**13. HGV Lorries using Cooks Lane: DC. To discuss, make decisions and take action if appropriate.** Discussion took place regarding the nuisance of HGV lorries using Cooks lane. Previous emails from Jim Hart had been received stating that they would look into it. Clerk would write another letter to keep on top of the situation.

**14. Parking at school time in Gilson Way** was discussed. Cllr. Woolley had spoken with the traffic warden but he has no control over what time he is scheduled to work in Gilson Way. The worry is that parents are parking inappropriately to drop off and pick up their children from Kingshurst Primary School. Clerk will correspond again with traffic management and see if the warden can be there at these times.

**15. For information/action and make decisions as appropriate:** Village Green Society. KPC joined the Society for help and advice. Chair Cole reported that any land saved and taken out of the LDF plan can be protected using the help from The Village Green Society.

**16. Grant Aid:** A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> in the office at 7pm. Cllr. T. Williams put her apologies in as she would not be able to make it.

**Information Items:** To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

17.1 Correspondence and emails: all Cllrs had received copies of post and emails for the month. Cllr. D. Davis asked about the Website. Cllr. A. Follows said it was up and running. It was decided that the website can now be put onto the letterheads.

17.2 Health and Safety for the Clerk: Regular health and safety checks are discussed with Clerk and Cllrs. Cllr. John Milne will look into organising and purchasing office equipment and stationery for the office.

**18.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.

This minute was discussed in minute 4.

**19. 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.

Nothing was reported.

**20. Date of next meeting:** Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. Birmingham B37 6BX.

Items for the agenda need to be in by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

Meeting Closed at 8.00 pm

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