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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 9th July 2013 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole – Chair
B. Mulready - Vice Chair
A. Follows
T. Williams
D. Davis
M. Dawson

In Attendance : RFO Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: No Members of the public were present.
Borough Cllrs
Apologies: B. Cllrs. Jamieson, A. Nash and F. Nash had sent in apologies with a report.

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: Cllr. E. Muluka, Cllr. P. Whyte and Cllr. R. Webber – Did not arrive or send in apologies.
Cllr. John Milne – working late, Cllr. B. Follows – unwell and Cllr. D. Woolley – Fishing trip.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th June 2013 were approved and signed.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors. Chair Cole read out the report from B. Cllr. Jamieson (see attached).

It was noted that SMBC had given the street cleaning contract to a new company.
A comment was made by Cllr. Williams regarding the proposal in the report to open a University Technical College (UCT for North Solihull for pupil's ages from 14 to 19. She wondered where it could possibly be located. No area has been suggested at the moment.

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

4.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the current account stood at £8874.36 and the deposit account was at £69.33 and £25k in the corporate account. The cheques for this month's expenses were approved and passed for payment.

4.2 It was proposed that the Cllrs. receiving Members allowances be paid by BACs. This was passed and left to the RFO to organise.

5. Pavilions:

5.1 As no update had been received regarding the situation with Calco in Administration. The Clerk was asked to write and ask for further information.

5.2 The feasibility of updating documentation and securing further the Parish Council Pavilions Sporting Fields into Trust. Cllr. Woolley had put this item onto the agenda. Clerk will contact WALC's legal department to see if they can give us any advice on the procedure. Cllrs. were concerned that it would cost a lot to engage solicitors as all documentations including the lease would have to be altered.

5.3 The rent increase for the Pavilions will go up from 13th September 2013 to £8k per annum.

5.4 Recent correspondence from Wallace Robinson and Morgan. The RFO Mr. David Wheeler collected deeds on behalf of the KPC regarding the Pavilions Playing Fields for safe keeping.

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

6.1 To discuss the possibility of organising an event to mark the WW1 anniversary for 2014. Chair of Events Cllr. J. Milne was absent so Cllr. A. Follows reported that for the Remembrance Sunday Service it was suggested that we meet up with the Vicar Jo Johnson and ask if a clip from the Dambusters could be shown, so children could have a visual of what the 617 Squadron achieved. The possibility of marking the WW1 anniversary next year will be put onto the September agenda. Chair would like all members of the community to be involved.

The Christmas event scheduled for the 14th December will be discussed on the September Agenda. Regarding the Christmas tree, the Clerk has been instructed to find out how much this years tree would cost as a few residents and Cllrs think it is too expensive.

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

7.1 Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready had received the quote for new numbered stakes to be made at Waterloo Social Enterprise at a cost of £80. It was passed that this is very good value and to go ahead with the order.

A new plot has been created so there are now 1 to 24 allotment plots. All are being used at the moment.

8. The decline of wild life in Babbs Mill Park:

Chair Cole had received reports from residents that the numbers of the Swans and Ducks had started to decline rapidly. Cllr. A Follows said at a recent meeting of Friends of Babbs Mill it had been discussed and put down to an ecological issue. It had recently been cleaned out at the so called 'Smelly Brook' had been re-routed in a zigzag fashion for the water to pass through a bed of reeds. Chair Cole mentioned there will be a Bat walk soon in August and he would like all Cllrs to attend.

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

9.1 The possibility of help required with the Marquee on the 17th August for seaside day. Chair Cole is not available for the Seaside Day but can collect the Marquee on Friday 16th if there was a place to store it in the Library. Cllr. Follows said if the weather stays warm it may not be needed. They will discuss it further between them nearer the time.

9.2 CTC Academy regarding their plans for leisure facilities for the whole community.

Nothing to report on this item at the moment. Clerk was instructed to ask B. Cllr. Jamieson if there is any progress in this area.

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

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: KPC had received a letter regarding the vision of the future of Birmingham Airport. As Cllr. Mulready was unable to make the meeting last month it had been voted that Cllr. Eric Muluka to go in his place and receive the information and report back to the Council this month. Unfortunately Cllr. Eric Muluka was not present at the meeting. Chair Cole asked the Clerk to get in touch with Cllr. Muluka and ask him for a report as priority.

10.2 WALC/SAC Cllr. A. Follows has nothing to report. The next meeting is this Thursday.

10.3 School Governors reports:

Cllr. A. Follows reported that Yorkswood School were worried about the 24 new homes in Didgley Grove. The potential of another 48 Children attending the local school will have an enormous effect on resources. Then with further properties being forecast for the future the schools will be full to capacity.

A vacancy has arisen for a school Governor with Kingshurst School. Chair Cole was voted to accept this position.

It was noted that Yorkswood had sent in a letter to ask for a donation to take Children to a cottage for a seaside holiday. Applications for Grant Aid will apply for the following year as the KPC had just given the school a Grant this year.

10.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Nothing to report.

11. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: A Planning application had been received and all Cllrs. had been given a copy.

The Application for a single temporary Classroom at Kingshurst Primary School. Clerk was asked to write to planning to request their comments on school children being educated in temporary classrooms, in over subscribed schools.

12. Planning: to consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future.

12.1 Hearings from the Local Development Plan - Babbs Mill. The conclusion of the LDF plan will be decided this summer.

12.2 It was voted to keep the Open Space Society Membership.

13. For information/action and make decisions as appropriate: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

13.1 Correspondence and emails: all Cllrs had received copies of post and emails for the month. The First letter the Clerk read was regarding an invite to The UK Central Master Plan on Wednesday 17th July at the NEC. It was voted that Cllrs. A. Follow, B. Follows and M. Dawson attend to represent the KPC.

The second letter received was from Kate Domone Solihull M.B.C requesting financial help in setting up local business with a business start up grant. Clerk was asked to write to say we are unable to assist presently.

13.2 Refuse collections. Chair Cole had been told that the company collecting refuse was delivering a poor service. It was established that no other councillor had experienced this and Chair would report this back to his residents.

13.3 Recently there has been a car for sale in the lay by off Cooks lane. Clerk was asked to give this information to the borough Cllrs as this was a matter with Fordbridge Council.

14. 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.

No members of the public were present so Chair Cole went on to the next part of the agenda.

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.

Agenda Items for next month:

Cllr. Eric Muluka report for Birmingham Airport

16. Date of next meeting: Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday September 10th 2013 at 7.15 pm in The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. Birmingham B37 6BX. Items for the agenda need to be in by Tuesday 3rd September 2013.

Meeting Closed at 9 pm

Signed Date