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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 11th November 2014 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
B. Mulready Vice Chair
T. Williams
A. Follows
D. Woolley
L. Cole

In Attendance : Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Four members of the public attended.
Borough Cllrs: Borough Cllrs. A. Nash and F. Nash

Apologies Borough Cllr. D Evans and RFO Mr. David Wheeler

The Chair asked everyone to stand and remain silent for Two Minutes in respect for Remembrance Day. All Cllrs, members of the Public and the Clerk stood in silence to honour those that gave their lives for our freedom.

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

Cllr. John Milne – working
Cllr. D Davis – bereavement in the family
Cllr. E Muluka – working late
Cllr. J. Milne -Working
Cllr. B. Follows – unwell
Cllr. M Dawson – unwell
Cllr. R Webber did not arrive or send in any apologies

2. Minutes: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14th October 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors. A Reports had been received Debbie Evans sent in a report via email. (see attached).

Chair Cole read out the report. No questions were asked regarding the information in the report.

Chair asked B. Cllr. Flo Nash to take the floor.

Cllr. F. Nash said is looks very promising news for the Medical Centre. They are hoping to receive further information near the end of the month and then they would know definitely.

Cllr. Flo Nash said there is no outcome regarding the Planning for homes at Babbs Mill. She mentioned the Parish Councils commitment towards objecting the planning on Babbs Mill and how the KPC have done everything possible to stop the planning and will continue to do so.

Cllr. Flo Nash referred to the Birmingham Road planning and said that the homes now will be a larger build than originally planned as this would be in keeping with the surrounding homes and will be designed to blend in.

She mentioned the School places controversy from previous months, and added that all children in the immediate area got a school place. She informed the Council that the Education Department work with the statistics for new homes in the area. She said some planning of homes has been dropped but housing developments are a necessity in some areas as everyone needs a home and car parking facilities.

She referred to the Remembrance Service at St. Barnabas Church and thanked the KPC for inviting her and her husband.

Chair asked B. Cllr. Flo Nash about the homes on the Birmingham Road, he wanted to know if they were building fewer homes would they have to make up the numbers elsewhere. Cllr. F. Nash said she was not sure at this time but thinks they would find somewhere else.

Chair thanked B. Cllr. Flo and as there were no further questions went on to the next part of the agenda.

Cllrs. A. And F. Nash left the meeting.

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

4.1 Finance: Chair of finance A. Follows addressed the Council and approval for £2100 for the cheque list was given. The Current account stood at £48,173.01 it was proposed and passed to transfer £20k into a corporate account to earn a little bit of interest. A fax would be sent with the request from himself as Chair of finance and the Clerk.

4.2 Precept meeting 18th November 7pm in the Office. Anyone that has notes for David Wheeler should inform the Clerk before the meeting.

5. Pavilions: To receive and approve any reports regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club and make decisions as appropriate.

5.1 Update on current situation regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club. The KPC have received the inspection report completed by Gavin Stevens of Fusion Building Consultancy. The Clerk is still waiting for the recent Fire Certificate and Electric Certificate from the Administrator before any negotiations can be entered into.

5.2 Inspection/Survey: Report as stated above has been completed. A copy of which has been sent to the Solicitors representing the KPC.

5.3 Pavilions Field: A concern has been raised regarding restrictions for the Children to play on the Playing field from 10 am until dusk. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Gary Leake, the Football manager of the Club running from the Pavilions, and mention the legal obligation.

It was then mentioned that the shared ownership of the car park with Endeavour house is breaking the terms of the lease. A further letter would be written to establish this concern to Endeavour House.

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

Cllr. A. Follows chaired the events meeting at 6.15 pm. He reported that the Remembrance Service was well attended and the Buffet was superb. The Christmas Event is organised and the Clerk is liaising with Alison Lush regarding the Christmas tree. The Summer Event is organised apart from outside catering van. Clerk is looking into this.

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

7.1 Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready mentioned they had met with Gro-organic Sarah Gill and her colleague David their landscape architect to discuss the lottery grant £5k for the Jubilee Gardens. The meeting went very well and David produced rough sketches of how the money is to be spent. A teaching table and benches will be provided with a shallow pond and a lookout hideaway for observing the wildlife. A further bit of good news had been received, that £8k of fencing had been donated to provide a secure space around the area and keeping it separate from the allotments and also stop the spreading of the mares tail weed.

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

8.1 Babbs Mill: At a recent meeting with Chief Exec Nick Page of SMBC and Bob Sleight with Chair Cole and Cllr. A. Follows it was requested by Chair how much it would cost to take over the running of Babb's Mill Nature Reserve. Most Cllrs agreed that the cost of running Babbs Mill would be out of the KPC budget. The precept would have to increase by 330% for the bare minimum towards the expenditure that Babb's Mill generates.

8.2 KPC requested for The Road Safety department of SMBC to look at improving the road layout of the Chester Road near the Kingshurst Labour Club and the Centurion Public House. Recently a fatal accident occurred which sparked the question of the Road safety. The Cllrs debated on what could be done to improve the safety at this part of the Chester Road. Traffic lights seemed to be the obvious choice or speed bumps. SMBC will no doubt come back to us regarding our request.

8.3 Recent disparaging publications stating North Solihull 'deprived area'. Each Cllr had a attached copy from Caroline Spelman to Nick Page SMBC regarding the use of wording when describing Kingshurst and the rest of North Solihull. Chair Cole said that the recent programme aired on BBC3 'People Like us' only mentions the 15% single parent families and misrepresents the other 85% of the population that live with their own homes and permanent jobs. Cllr. A. Follows pointed out that to be part of a regeneration programme the areas does have to be deprived to warrant the expenditure for the area.

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said the next meeting will be in January 2015.

9.2 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows said a meeting attended the recent meeting held on the 23rd October. The speaker was discussing the possibility of Councils in Coventry and Warwickshire having a 'Disaster Plan. Cllr. Follows gave an example that if a flood occurred in Redwood House, the residents would need to be moved to a local community hall. The speaker wanted Cllrs to be aware of the situations that could occur. Cllr. Follows said it was very interesting and something he had never thought of before.

9.3 School Governors Reports: Chair Cole had attended a Governors meeting at the Kingshurst Primary School. The meeting involved the subject of safeguarding children in school and the home. The meeting took over 3.5 hours and he said it was very deep and frightening information. Cllr. A. Follows will attend a meeting for Yorkswood School at the end of the month. He then went on to mention that there are concerns over the re-build and re-modelling of classrooms such as porta cabins which may cause disruption.

9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. A. Follows attended a recent meeting where the main subject was social network media. He added that Facebook and Twitter is a good way to interact with the public. This Council had rejected the idea sometime ago. Maybe it should be looked into again on a future agenda.

9.5 Regen: Cllr. A. Follows has not heard anything since the meeting with Cll. Bob Sleight, we are hoping more details of projects in the area will be revealed in January 2015. Recently a leaflet was circulated regarding the previous plot for planning of land off Cooks Lane. This had been given permission for a care home to house 55 bedrooms. This application is now for 27 Flats. Access to this development will be through Tower croft.

10. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received: Two Notices had been received:

First: Junction of Birmingham Road/Auckland Drive. Erection of 38 homes and apartments.

Nothing to oppose. This application is part of The Local Development plan.

Second Notice of planning: Land off Overgreen Drive, Kingshurst. Erect 26 two and three bedroom dwellings comprising of 22 houses and 4 apartments. Nothing to oppose.

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

11.1 Local Development Plan: Babbs Mill: Nothing to report.

11.2 Mountford Public House Site: It is hoped that more information will be received early next year.

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 emails and post.

Clerk had received a letter from WALC. The letter invited colleagues to join the WALC committee which looks at issues to specific Councils with an electorate of under 6000. After reading the information Cllr. A. Follows suggested the Clerk contact Farook at SMBC to get an up to date figure of the Kingshurst Parish electorate.

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.

Chair Cole asked for the members of the public to announce their name and address before relating their concerns.

David Hinsley member of the PPG for Kingshurst Doctors, referred to agenda 8.1 regarding the possibility of taking over the running of Babbs Mill. He asked if the KPC took over the running of it would it stop the building that is presently proposed for the area. Cllr. A. Follows said it would not as SMBC own the land. Chair said if we had control over it we can cultivate a forest and make it impossible to build on.

Mr. John Kimberley spoke next and enquired about the Pavilions inspection report. He said he thinks the administrators should be pursued in making good the state of disrepair that has taken place with the current tenants. He said as owners of the premises we need a foothold to assert our authority in this case and ensure the future of the establishment.

John Kimberley went on to the subject of the possibility of taking on the running of Babb's Mill Nature Reserve. He said although it is enthusiastic he added be very cautious, as to take on the responsibility of the whole of Babb's Mill as a Nature Reserve in his understanding the money would never be anywhere as much as would be needed. He appreciates the idea but to err on the side of caution as the Precept would have to be raised quite a bit.

John Kimberley then went on to another subject that has been on the agenda, the disparaging words used to describe the North of Solihull, including the word 'deprived area'. He said this is like a double edged sword. Although we do not like being called this the statistics say we are 10% from the bottom in the country. It releases more money into the area for generation purposes.

Chair spoke about the programme being aired presently on BB3 'People like us', of how the aerial shots of Chelmsley Wood were very good and took place on a beautiful sunny day. John agreed that from those shots it is evident we still have a lot of green spaces that we must continue to fight to keep. He said he understands we need housing so young people can stay in the area. Babb's Mill is a gem and people in surrounding areas are envious we have such a gem. Chair said the PC has written to other surround Parish and Town Councils to ask for their support in saving the Nature Reserve from builders.

Mr. David Hinsley spoke next and mentioned that at a recent doctors meeting the interim caretakers are Vitality Partnership. Mr. Richard Jarmen the Practice Manager and Locum Doctors will run the GP services for five months to see the patients through. He said he thinks there is a 100% certainty they will have a new medical building which will be a good outcome.

David Hinsley went on to the subject of becoming a Parish Councillor and asked how one applies to be on the Council, he referred to the recent nomination of Mrs. Linda Cole who was co-opted a few months ago.

Chair explained the system. There are twelve seats available on a Parish Council, some sets are co-opted and the others are elected candidates. He said that in May next year all the seats will be up for election. If anyone is interested in becoming a co-opted member of the Parish Council they write to the Clerk. For a seat in the elections persons need to write to SMBC for the paperwork and be sponsored by two residents. If more than 12 people want to become members then a full election would take place at a cost to the tax payer for the Hire of the room and printing of nomination papers. All other expenses will be incurred at the cost of the individuals wanting to be elected. Residents that live within three miles of Kingshurst or work within the area can apply.

Mr. Keith Evans took the floor next and he started to explain about the area of Kingshurst and the wards. He said the Doctors are presently situated in the area of Smithswood. Further conversations took place regarding the area wards and also that the Parish Council office is also in Smithswood.

Mrs. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley asked about the Christmas Event to take place in the Parade on the 13th December. The theme will be Victorian costume and food will be available from the Parish Council table. Pauline offered to help with the organising of the day, which will be appreciated.

Chair thanked the members of the public and then reopened the meeting.

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.

Nothing was noted for future agendas. Cllrs can place agenda items through the Clerk in the weeks leading up to the next Full Council meeting.

15. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 9th December 2014 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7.15pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 2nd December 2014.

Meeting Closed at 20.20 pm

Signed Date