



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 At St. Barnabas Church Hall

Cllrs. present:

S. Daly Vice-Chair - Acting As Chair  
B. Mulready  
T. Williams  
D. Davis  
A. Follows  
B. Follows  
D. Woolley  
J. Milne  
L. Brunger  
L. Baudet

In Attendance :                      Mrs. J. Aske                      Clerk  
   Rev. Jo Johnson                Member of the Public

**1. Apologies:** Chair David Cole and David Wheeler Accountant

### **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, S. Daly, D. Davis, J. Milne, B. Mulready  
Allotments: Cllr. T. Williams B. Mulready

**3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009. It was noticed that 6.2 should read members of not members if, 7. 1 Calco read Claco and the word have in place of after, 8 lines down from 7.1. After these amendments the minutes were approved.

### **4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors**

Cllr. R. Hall and Cllr. D. Evans were both absent but had given the Council written reports. These reports were read out. See attached.

An item on Borough Councillors D. Evans report referred to the licence application for the hours to be changed at the Punch Bowl Public House, Kingshurst. It seems that residents had not been informed that new times may be granted for opening late on Christmas Eve and New years' eve. After discussion it was suggested by Cllr. A. Follows suggested that the Clerk checks the actual application and maybe object on behalf of the council. This would need to go onto the Agenda for the next meeting, but the time period to object would have lapsed. Individual councillors as residents could object. Clerk to email the planning application to them so they can register on line any objections.

## **5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:**

### 5.1 Finance:

In the absence of David Wheeler Accountant Cllr. D. Davis Chair of Finance read the Finance report, all councillors had a copy. Copy attached.

5.2 Events: Cllr T. Williams, gave details of the recent events meeting. The Remembrance Sunday service still needed confirmation from the Bugle player. Cllr. John Milne was going to see if he could get someone to play the last post. He will be in touch with the Clerk in the week. Cllr Williams asked who would like to dress up for the Christmas Event, everyone said they would and a costume hire shop would be sort after. Lights were discussed and Large Christmas Bells had been seen in Costco at £178.00. These would be considered after the Finance Chair D. Davis and the Clerk go and have a look at them. The item in question would be purchased out of the Events Committee Funds. Cllr. L. Baudet proposed it was purchased and Cllr. John Milne seconded this. It was also suggested that a generator be purchased by the events committee for use with all of the Events. This raised objections by a couple of councillors that said it would not properly be insured if it was kept in another councillors garage as it would be the property of the Council. Cllr T. Williams offered her own generator for the service of the Events team and the community. Cllr. Baudet wanted to make sure the Council does do a Risk Report before the Events. This is correct the Committee always do. It was decided that the Council will lend Cllr. T. Williams generator for all the events.

5.3 Allotments: Chair of the Allotments reported to the Council that WWLT funding was turned down for help with the Community Gardens. Although this is a set back Clair Cunniffe was having a meeting in the hope of re-applying for another time. Cllr. Mulready would go to the meeting and report back.

Cllr. Mulready then went on to report an upsetting item, he referred to the catalogue of complaints that all councillors had received copies of on the 26<sup>th</sup> August. The complaints and constructive criticism were mainly from two plot holders. They complained about Cllr. Mulready and the general running of the allotments. But then recently a very serious letter was received; we had been informed by a previous plot holder of allotment number 7 that after his tenancy agreement had been terminated by the Council and he was asked to collect his shed and tools, his property had been stolen by other tenants and he had photo-graphic evidence of whom was in receipt of these items. In his letter he was holding the Council responsible and had sort legal advice. He had given the Council 48 hrs to get his property returned or he would bring in the Police. He named the plot holders who he says stole his property, which included slabs, tools, canes, wood, water butts and a pink bucket. Out of the tenants he named two were the tenants that had been unhappy and had been sending in the letters. On receiving the Email from the previous owner of plot 7, the Clerk immediately printed a formal notice, asking for the property to be returned to plot 7 immediately and this was displayed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September in the Allotment Notice Board. Up to this evening only 3 slabs and some canes had been put back. Cllr. Mulready went on to say, an offensive notice had been put up and the Clerk had to write to the tenant responsible asking him to remove it. Each member of the full council had read the letters and agreed the complaints were in-substantial and seemed to be taking on a personal ill feeling towards allotment holders who were on the Council. Cllr. Daly said that theft is a criminal offence and should not been taken lightly. It was put to the full council to consider not renewing the tenancy agreements to the two plot holders in question. Cllr. L. Brunger suggested that a complaint panel should be considered. Cllr. L. Baudet said that would be a good idea in the future, but this matter should be sorted out now as it was serious. It was resolved that the two tenants would not have their tenancy agreement renewed at the end of the year. The previous plot holder of number 7 should bring the Police in as the Council cannot be responsible for the stolen items. The Clerk would obtain a WALC's Model Complaints procedure and put it on the next Agenda

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

6.1 The Pavilions. Surveyors' Report: Cllr. John Milne reported that he, Cllr. B. Follows, Cllr. A. Follows and Cllr. D. Davis represented the KPC in a meeting with Mr. M. Ronca. The inspection took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. Since then we have not had any reports back from Mr. Ronca referring to any other work carried out. Cllr. John Milne suggested we have another Surveyors' done. If the work is not carried out it can be seen as a breach of contract with us. It was resolved that another report would not be done, and the Council would act on the present one. The Clerk was to write to Calco with a 'Notice of Repairs' and point out they are in breach of their contract. Cllr. Brunger said the deposit in the Allied Bank should be used to pay for the immediate and necessary repairs.

6.2 RNID. At the last Full Council Meeting the Clerk had given each member of the Council information regarding hearing devices which included prices. Only Cllr. D. Davis had studied them but considered that each item seemed to be the same hardware but with various pricing. Cllr. T. Williams asked the Rev Jo Johnson what kind of system she had set up. She said it was a loop system. She would get more information for her. Cllr. L. Brunger reported that the loop system was a permanent wire installed in the building and persons with hearing aids would put their aid on to a 'T' switch to hear what is being transmitted through a microphone. But because this committee has its meeting in different places at the moment, these systems would be of no use to him or other members of the council with hearing difficulties. He went on to say that this council had set aside £2000.00 to buy a system. Both Cllr. T. Williams and Cllr. D. Woolley said they would not benefit from the system as their hearing aids would not be compatible with it. Cllr. Woolley said he would not want one and Cllr. T. Williams said she does not either. The majority of the Councillors present felt it was a lot of money to spend when it only seemed to benefit one person. More information would be obtained. At this point Cllr. Brunger became agitated and Cllr. B. Follows began stating it was unfair and against the disabilities act to discriminate against her father. Vice Chair said we would need to move on as she would not take the responsibility, it would have to go onto the next Agenda. At this point Cllr. Brunger and Cllr. Follows were still putting their point across and seemed to be frustrated with the situation. Vice Chair S. Daly acting as Chair, used the gavel to request order and said we need to move on and that if he cannot be quiet he could leave the meeting. (*Respect the Chair*). Cllr. Brunger and Cllr. B. Follows got up and left the meeting at 8.25pm

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready reported that a meeting is scheduled for the next day so he would report back next month.

7.2 CARA: In the absence of Chair D. Cole the Clerk read out his report he had emailed.

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report

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: Items were read out. One item from Jean Johnson referred to a cheque for £50 Grant Aid that had had to be rejected for the Dominos Club as they did not have a bank account. This item would go onto the next Agenda. Cllr. D. Davis mentioned a invite from WALC for a Finance Training in January 2010. She would be interested and so would Cllr. A. Follows. Clerk read a message from a member of the public about the dog excrement from the post office to School Lane. She should be advised to get in touch with the Borough Council and maybe they could check the CCTV. Clerk had at the time given her the telephone number of Solihull Council.

8.2 Planning: Two planning application that applied to the area, one a proposed covered play area to be erected at the Kingshurst Primary School. All were in favour. The other being an extension of hours for the Punchbowl House, as previously discussed in these minutes Clerk was asked to lodge a complaint on behalf of the Council.

Jennie Watkinson was unable to make the meeting to discuss further issues of Phase Area 1.

## **9. Newsletter and Website:**

9.1 To create and produce a regular newsletter for the KPC: Cllr. Baudet asked if the council would be willing to put a newsletter together again. Everyone is in favour of this. (Cllr. B. Follows came back into the meeting after taking her father home) Opinions of how it should be done with the least costs were given. KPC's photocopier would be used. It was noted that we may be able to apply for a Grant for producing the newsletter and distribution of it. Clerk would look into this. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that a meeting had been set up in the Office for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September with Manjit from Sustain to go over applying for Grants.

9.2 To review the production of a Website and appoint a new contractor. Cllr. L/ Baudet described how well other website work for Parish Councils. Cllr. Milne asked if it was cost effective. Cllr. Baudet said it does go towards Quality Status. Residents can view minutes of the meetings and information of items and events. Cllr. A. Follows said the money had been approved and set aside for a website. The Clerk had asked a D. Rapson of Colebridge trust to quote for a website. Cllrs A. Follows and Cllr. Baudet would help fill in the form required before Mr. D. Rapson could give us a costing. Clerk would email the details to Cllrs. Baudet and A. Follows. Details would be reported back to the Council.

**10. Public Participation:** Vice Chair S. Daly if she would like to speak. The Rev. Jo Johnson introduced herself as a fairly new vicar of the St. Barnabas Church. Cllr. T. Williams said that everything was in order for the Remembrance Sunday Service. A tank may be displayed in the grounds and the vicar said that would be fine. Cllr. T. Williams said there was a decision not to have rum as this could be seen as an unnecessary expense. The vicar agreed that the drinking of alcohol should not be encouraged.

## **11. 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. B. Follows, as her role of Tree Warden is in touch with SMBC and still following up the clearing of branches and maintenance of the trees. She said that SMBC has nothing to do with the trees in Endeavour House.

Cllr. A. Follows mentioned Funding: Mr. Ronca tenant of the Pavilions had asked if the Council could get any funding to do the roof maintenance on the community changing rooms that the footballers use. He had set up a meeting a previously reported with Manjit the co-ordinator of Sustain. He asked if any other councillors would attend the meeting. It was decided they should produce a kind of 'wish list'.

Cllr. John Milne, wanted the Hearing device put on the next Agenda. Vice Chair S. Daly made an apology for having to call order the way she did banging on the gavel.

**12. Meeting Venue:** It is now confirmed that October 13<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup> and then from February 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 all meetings will be held in Meeting Room at the Pavilions Sporting Club.

## **13. Grant Aid**

13.1 To re-evaluate and improve the publication of Grant Aid. It was decided that more advertising was needed. Examples were given as to what donations could be given to outside bodies which is in section 137 of the orders or Grant aid which non profit making bodies could apply for in this area only.

**14. Photocopier**

14.1 It has been established that the second photo-copier in the office is not under a contract and we only pay for any copies that are done on it.

**15. Standing Orders**

A new set of Standing Orders needs to be produced including the Chairman’s set for all the Councillors. A down load would be taken from the WALC site and adopted by the Council on a future date.

**16. Election of Members onto Committees:** The following Cllrs. were elected onto Committees:

Cllr. A. Follows – Events, Allotments and Finance

Cllr. B. Follows – Events, Allotments and Grant Aid

Cllr. J. Milne – Allotments and Finance

**17. Wording of ‘Any other Business’.**

Chair D Cole had put this on the Agenda, but in his absence Cllr. Baudet pointed out that this was taken out of the minutes as item 11 ‘Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda’ had replaced it.

**18. Date of next meeting:** The next Full Council meeting will be held at the Pavilions Sporting Club on the 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm Cllr. D. Woolley did not stay for the Private and Confidential part of the meeting.

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