



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council

Full Council Meeting held on the 10th September 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
- D. Woolley
- J. Milne
- P. Whyte
- R. Webber

In Attendance : RFO Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Six members of the public attended.
Borough Cllrs B. Cllrs. A. Nash
Guest Speaker Mr. John Halton Regen
Apologies: B. Cllrs. F. Nash and D. Jamieson had sent in apologies.

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: Cllr. E. Muluka, in Uganda for a Funeral and Cllr. B. Follows – unwell.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th July 2013 were approved and signed. The minutes for the Extra Ordinary Meeting held in August were not passed and signed as the Chair and Clerk omitted to pass them unintentionally.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors. Chair Cole asked B. Cllr. A. Nash to take the floor. He started his report with the very good news that Regen had purchased the Mountfort Public House on Over Green Drive. But he would leave that information for John Halton to explain. He mentioned that many residents were concerned about the fruit fall from trees on the footpaths and roads. SMBC would need to look into the clearing on street rubbish and fallen fruit as it is a danger to the elderly. There is also an issue with tall trees that are not being cut back regularly. A member of the Public that has concerns said she would contact SMBC regarding the trees along the roads. Cllr. A. Follows said that a Philip Farrington Lloyd should be contacted to bring it to his attention. Also another concern for residents in Moxhull Road that was discussed that a lot of flies owing to the fruit trees. B. Cllr. Nash said that you are all paying for a service that you are not receiving.

He mentioned the HGV Lorries along the Cooks Lane. This has not been stopped and with the recent Road works taking place the lorries have been allowed to use the road. Another issue that had occurred during the road closures was that the Bus companies were not adhering to the correct

diversions and resulted in some passengers made to get off the bus. Apparently they have no legal obligation to follow the diversions.

Cllr. Davis had a leaflet regarding funding for Solihull for activities for OAP's but only in the South of the Borough. B. Cllr. Nash said it was proved that people in the South of the Borough live 10 years longer than the North. General comments were aired on this subject, by Cllrs and members of the public.

B. Cllr. Nash finished his report with the hope that new jobs will be created when the new Casino is built near the Crown Plazer by the NEC. He mentioned also that the bus routes are not serving the people of Kingshurst. He said there is not even a bus service to Coleshill so indicating that without a car jobs are harder to reach. Cllr. A. Follow said that this should be addressed as the project is hoping to employ 7.5k.

4. Guest Speaker: Mr. John Halton - Regen. Chair Cole thanked B. Cllr. Nash for his report and asked the Guest speaker Mr. Halton to take the floor. Mr. Halton represented WM housing Group and he is the Director of Development Regeneration.

He said he would like to update the Cllrs and residents on the position regarding the Mountfort Public House. After financial struggles the regeneration was given financial support from Solihull MBC to purchase the Mountfort Public House. A reasonable amount of money offered had helped the resent failing negotiations go ahead. So now he indicated the demolition will be able to take place of the Public House and the nearby flats on Overgreen Drive and Holliers Grove. Contractors are already onboard for the demolition as waiting would only encourage fly tipping etc, although the car park is in-accessible. This should take place near the end of October 2013.

He said that meetings were needed with the people of Kingshurst to hear their views as to what they would like to be built on the site. Social Housing, a Medical Centre or a retail shop have all been circulated through the grapevine. It was indicated at this point that a retail shop would take shoppers away from the Parade and this would not be good for other retailers.

When Mr. Halton asked members of the public for their views it was greatly indicated that a Medical Centre would be most beneficial to the community. A member of the Public that represents a Doctors Patient Participation Group commented that it would serve this community if the Doctors, Dentists and other health related groups were located all under the one roof. She said that some years ago it had been planned. It had been noted that the NHS does not have enough funding for a Medical Centre. Mr. Halton said we only provide the space for regeneration we cannot afford to build on it.

Chair Cole indicated to Mr. Halton that the KPC would like to be kept informed in all the processes and procedures with interested parties. Mr. Halton said he would keep in touch with the Clerk. Chair said we can call meetings with the Public as it is important to have the residents on board with this project.

Cllr. Tina Williams wanted to point out that the parking in Kingshurst was dreadful and with the Mountfort car park now gone it was increasingly difficult to find a parking space.

Member of the Public said she could give out leaflets and speak to residents to get views on what they would like on the site. The Seeds of Hope regularly have meetings and she can liaise with members there. She also indicated that not enough information was circulated regarding this meeting or any other meeting connected in the area is sufficiently advertised. She speaks on behalf of many residents that would definitely want the Medical Centre as a high priority.

Mr. Halton said SMBC have kept residents informed. Cllr. A. Follows said that invites to the Parade meeting are emailed and circulated but shop keepers and residents just don't turn up. The KPC advertise their meeting as regulated by the Government. It is always the second Tuesday of the Month except in August; the venue is the Pavilions at 7.15 pm.

Cllr. Maxine Dawson enquired to Mr. Halton as to how much the cost would be for a new medical centre or housing. He indicated that the project would have to be directly funded by the NHS or for the housing by Belwell.

Chair thanked Mr. Halton for coming along to inform us and giving us the update.

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 £4410.38 and the deposit account was at £69.33 and £15k in the corporate account. The cheques for this month's expenses were approved and passed for payment. It was agreed to purchase a hedge trimmer at £54.98 for Cllr. Mulready to cut the hedge overhanging the railings down at the allotments.

5.2 It was proposed that the Precept meeting take place on the 19th November at 7pm in the Office.

6. Pavilions:

6.1 Once again the Management Company A.M.S had chosen to ignore recent communications requesting an update regarding the situation with Calco in Administration. The Clerk would write a letter to Calco complaining that the conifers had not been cut back which was requested in February this year. The Car Park lights and the state of the car park surface had also been ignored. This Cllr. Mulready indicated that this is clearly breaking the contract with the KPC. The Clerk was asked by the Cllrs to engage a contractor to cut down the Conifers' and send the bill to Calco in Administration. All Cllrs agreed to this.

6.2 Update on Solicitors documentation on securing further the Parish Council Pavilions Sporting Fields into Trust. All in the hand of solicitors presently.

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

7.1 To discuss the possibility of organising an event to mark the WW1 anniversary for 2014. Chair of Events Cllr. J. Milne reported that the Remembrance Sunday Service was all organised with the catering and the bugler.

The possibility of marking the WW1 anniversary next year will be put onto the October agenda. Chair would like all members of the community to be involved.

7.2 The Christmas event is scheduled for the 14th December and as previously discussed the Clerk was asked to get a breakdown of the costs regarding the Christmas tree. It was decided and passed by the majority, after discussions of buying a large artificial tree, that as it had already been precepted, to go ahead and purchase the tree from SMBC this year. Next year we would have time to purchase a tree and go through any implications of health and safety etc as it would have to be cleared by SMBC as they own the Parade.

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

8.1 Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready mentioned that family related to plot holders have been given the combination code to the lock on the gates. This had resulted in two members of a family coming in and picking unripe pears from the orchard. A letter had gone to the plot holder and a notice is now up to indicate this must stop. Recently an active wasp's nest was discovered near the fencing between the allotment and Endeavour House. This was dealt with and broken fencing has been repaired.

9. Grant Aid: Advertising and date for completed applications forms. Also date for meeting of decisions to be confirmed. It was decided to advertise Grant aid for the four weeks in October and to have the meeting for any decisions to be made on the 19th November after the Precept Meeting.

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

10.1 CARA: Last report of the round up of CARA. Chair Cole had attended the meeting to wind down CARA (Chelmsley Advice and Resource Agency). All Staff had been made redundant and equipment was been sold cheaply. The KPC have been given a cheque from funds as Grants had been given to them throughout the years they were in operation.

10.2 CTC Academy regarding their plans for leisure facilities for the whole community. Nothing to report on this item at the moment. No progress in this area.

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

11.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready had recently attended a meeting regarding the vision of the future of Birmingham Airport. He reported that the take off and landings will be more South when the new runway is completed. This means Berkswell and Balsall Common will mostly be affected. He said that it was not mentioned about the invite to visit the airport and be shown around. As Cllr. Eric Muluka had information and reported back to the Council that this could take place. Unfortunately Cllr. Eric Muluka was not present at the meeting so the Clerk will find out more details for the next meeting.

11.2 WALC/SAC Cllr. A. Follows reported he attended a meeting in July and when the minutes are done the Clerk will circulate them.

11.3 School Governors reports:

Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report as the schools had just gone back after the six week break. A vacancy has arisen for a school Governor with Kingshurst School. Chair Cole was voted to accept this position. The School has not come back to confirm the acceptance as yet.

11.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Nothing to report. The meeting was cancelled until October.

12. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: No significant planning had been received.

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

13.1 Hearings from the Local Development Plan - Babbs Mill. No information had been received regarding LDF plan.

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

14.1 Correspondence and emails: all Cllrs had received copies of post and emails for the month. The first letter Clerk reminded the Cllrs of a VCS Conference scheduled for 12th September and if any member of the KPC were attending to contact the Clerk and she will book them a place. The second was an email received on the 4th September from Jon Walden, he wrote to enquire about the PAT tester that had been left in our care by Cllr. M. Dawson. A reply was made with assurance that it would be taken to full Council. In the meantime Clerk had been given notification by Mr. Dave Pinner that it was not part of the Asset register and therefore not part of the transfer. Clerk has not had a reply as yet.

The third letter had been received and circulated regarding views on Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2014/15. Clerk asked if any views of those without email needed to use KPC email to send them.

15. 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 adjourned the meeting for the members of the public to address the Cllrs.

Member of the Public Mr. Hinsley had noted that the website had not been updated and the minutes for May and June were not available to read. He asked if unapproved minutes could be posted onto the website. The Clerk would ask the Service provider to update the website with all the relevant information.

The general discussion referred by Mr. Hinsley and Mrs. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley indicated that they were not happy with the communication process of this Council. Chair Cole said he leafleted 300 homes regarding the Bat Walk this August. Only 40 people attended. Cllr. A. Follows said the Agenda and Notice of Meetings is always displayed in the Glass fronted box outside the Office in the Parade. This is required by Law.

Mr. Hinsley and Mrs. Cooper-Hinsley referred to a recent Grant that had been awarded to the Patient Participation Group as part of the Doctors in Gilson Way. The Group Representative Mr. Hinsley had signed to say that in such an event that the Doctors had to close the money needed to be returned to the KPC. They both hoped that this would not be adhered too as the money had been spent and the group were still actively playing a role in this community. Cllr. B. Mulready chair of Grant Aid said he could see the PPG was still doing a good job and the Committee would not require the £100 grant aid to be returned.

As most questions had taken place from members of the public regarding the Mountfort. Chair Cole thanked the members of the public and they left the meeting room.

He reopened the meeting and went onto Agenda item 16.

16. 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 guest trip.

Chair Cole gave his apologies for the next meeting the 8th October and asked Vice Chair Mulready if he would stand in.

Cllr. Tina Williams also gave in her apologies.

16. Date of next meeting: Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday October 8th 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 1st October 2013.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Signed Date