



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the June 12th, 2012 At 7pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present:

D. Cole	Chair
B. Mulready	Vice Chair
A. Follows	
D. Woolley	
J. Milne	
B. Follows	
P. Whyte	
T. Williams	
D. Davis	
M. Dawson	
R. Webber	

In Attendance : RFO David Wheeler Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Two Borough Cllrs: Mrs. F. Nash and A. Nash.
Two members of the public

- 1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: – Cllr. E. Muluka sent in an apology as his boss would not let him leave work early to attend the meeting. He is presently working in London.
- 2. Acceptance of Office:** The Cllrs. that did not attend the May Meeting made a declaration of Acceptance of Office to the rest of the Council members.
- 3. 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 naturePersonal interest:
Events: D. Davis – related to Millington’s regarding Events banner also B37 Dance Company
B. Mulready – Allotment Holder and Bowling Club member at the Pavilions regarding Grant Aid.
A. Follows - B37 Dance Company – Events

J. Milne – Dace Company – Events.
Planning: Chair Cole

4. Minutes: To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the May 8th 2012 Minutes approved and signed.

5. To receive reports from Borough Councillors –. Borough Cllr. David Jamieson could not attend the meeting but had sent a report on behalf of himself and Borough Cllr. A. Nash. See attached. Chair Cole read this report to the members of the Council. Borough Cllrs. Mrs. F. Nash and Alan Nash were present and Chair Cole invited them to give a report. Briefly spoke regarding residents serious concerns on the proposal of building homes on Babbs Mill. He agrees that there is a need for homes. He said he thinks the building will go ahead but not as many homes will be built as first published. He mentioned CARA and the difficulties they are experiencing as a charity in these times. It would be a sad loss to the community if it were to go. CARA is a valuable life line to this community and the surrounding area. Not like the Citizens Advice Bureau they help with advice for loss of income, debts and homelessness.

Cllr. A. Nash went on to mention the Bus travel prices and the private companies that will not operate certain services if it doesn't pay to do so. Residents were finding the services expensive and the service they provide.

Chair Cole asked the Borough Cllr if they do build homes at Babbs Mill will they leave the rest of the land alone.

B. Cllr. said that he could assure the Chair that they would be built. He said you have your part to play by speaking with the residents.

The HGV lorries were still a problem on Cooks Lane and although letters had be written to SMBC nothing seemed to be done about the problem.

At this Cllr. Milne arrived.

Cllr. Woolley stated that he would like to mention that he had been told certain members of the community were fishing in Babbs Mill lake and taking the fish to eat.

Cllr. Flo Nash reported that Park Rangers had said that animals were disappearing from the woodland surrounding Babbs Mill Lake. She is hoping that someone will take photographic evidence of the culprits.

Cllr. Flo Nash also wanted to mention the St. Barnabas Fete that Jean Johnson had organised. She said what a lovely day it had been and that Jean was a wonderful member of the community. All Cllrs. agreed with Cllr. F. Nash.

Chair thanked the Borough Cllrs and went onto the next part of the Agenda.

6. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

6.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the Cheques approved and passed for payment were amounting to £3175. The Deposit account stood at £20,868.39 and the Current account stood at £21,637.21 for the end of May. A transfer of £20,800 will be placed into an account which will gain 1.01% interest for 3 months. Chair of Finance also reported that a new External Auditor will be engaged from September. This Company with be Grant Thornton and the duration will be about 5 years.

6.2 The receiving of Members allowances. Once a year the Cllrs all vote to continue to or not continue their Members allowance. All voted and agreed to continue receiving their allowances.

7. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate. Chair Cole wanted to say that the right decision was made in cancelling the Fun Day due to the rain. Events Chair J. Milne said the new date for the Queen's Jubilee Fun Day is now 5th August. Paul Gooch has confirmed he can provide the amusement equipment. Unfortunately we do not have the German Shepherd Dog display this year. B37 Dance Group has confirmed they can perform on that day but nothing from the Vikings as yet. Seventy Jubilee Coins had already been given to Children at the Football games held in the school holiday, the rest will be given out on a first come first served basis. Cllr. Davis mentioned that Millington's will be sending some stickers with the new date on free of charge to place on the banners.

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

8.1 Chair of Allotments reported that a charity based in Solihull named Gro-Organic were interested in adopting the unworkable part of the Jubilee Gardens within the allotment area. He and the Clerk had met the representatives and would like approval from the Council for them to go ahead with working the piece of land for 5 years. The 5 years would enable them to get funding on the basis that all communities in the area will be able to have organised visits to see and work on the area. The Council took a vote and all agreed that Gro-Organic should have the parcel of land for community use for at least five years. Resolution: to assign Gro-Organic to adopt the parcel of land for five years.

Cllr. Mulready went on to say that the Clerk had sent out three letters to allotment holders asking them to keep their allotments in a tidy condition.

8.2 Yorkswood Allotments update. Chair David Cole reported that all forms have been filled in just waiting for land registry to confirm.

9. Grant Aid: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

9.1 Recent Grants awarded to be presented on July 10th. Three applications had been awarded to local organisations. The Kingshurst Library was awarded £300 for Children's entertainment in the Summer Holiday. DIAL, £500 to help with advertising and Kingshurst Evangelical Church, £300 for the Children's Holiday Club. Cheques would be presented to them on the 10th July at the next Full Council Meeting. All approved and agreed.

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

10.1 School Plaques. The Plaques will be delivered on Wednesday morning at 8.30 am

10.2 Youth Council : Chair Cole had recently been in discussion with a representative from Castle Bromwich Youth Council. He would have further talks with A Cllr. Yates and go along to one of their meetings to see how involved the Youth Council would be for the Kingshurst Parish Council to organise.

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

11.1 Progress reports –all approved that in future all reports be in writing and attached to the Agenda.

11.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready had sent out a report with the agenda. Cllr. Williams wanted to know from the last month's report which Rugby Pitch had gone with the developments of the land. It was the Exile Rugby pitch that had been demolished.

11.2 Chair Cole attended a meeting for CARA along with Borough Cllr. Flo Nash. He handed a report to each member of the Parish Council. He reported that half of their funding had been cut.

There is talk that the C.A.B will merge with CARA but this would be devastating for the residents locally as the two organisations give advice on different issues and areas in people's lives. A general discussion between Borough Flo Nash and the Cllrs. on to how to save CARA took place. In some opinions of the Cllrs. they considered there was a hidden agenda with SMBC. CARA give a unique service helping with job losses, Financial difficulty and helping them get on their feet with good sound advice and filling in forms for those that are unable. It was agreed that a letter of support would go to CARA from the Parish Council. Residents needed to support them with letters acknowledging their services to prove that it is worth keeping.

Cllr. A. Follows reported that CARA should apply to the three wards for funding from WALC/SAC. Chair Cole said he thought they were going to register for charitable status.

A member of the Public stated that they should do a case study to prove their worth.

Cllr. B. Follows suggested that each member of the Council write individually to support CARA and their good work within this area.

Cllr. Flo Nash remarked that the residents do not know they are going to lose CARA. All other organisations direct residents to CARA as they are the only ones that can actually help as they are so experienced in a range of services.

11.3 WALC/SAC- No meeting until July

11.4 School Governors Reports : No meeting until July.

12. A presentation of a Cheque for £500 was made to Alison O'Connell of Kingshurst Sport F.C. Alison signed an agreement regarding the funding. If they were unfortunate not to receive the Grant applied for the £500 would be returned to the KPC. Alison gratefully received the cheque from Chair Cole. He wished her every success in raising the rest of the money. Borough Cllr. Alan Nash expressed his thought that the Kingshurst Parish Council had missed a golden opportunity that night by not informing the press of the award. It would be publicised if the bid was successful. Clerk asked Alison how much money they still needed to raise to go towards applying for the funding. Alison told the Council £8,500. This would be raised with functions such as Beer and Skittles, Football Cards etc. She mentioned that they would like to engage Donkey rides at the KPC Fun Day. She would make contact and confirm to the Clerk. Clerk mentioned that the donkey rides would still have to be tokens as no money is exchanged with the entertainers and the Children.

13. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received: None had been received to be discussed.

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

14.1 214 Cooks Lane: Chair said there was nothing to report on this. Borough Cllr. Nash was asked by the Chair if he had heard any more. He answered that he had noticed Caravan Parking signs had been noticed and he thought the number of proposed houses was coming down. He mentioned that all Cllrs. and residents can go to SMBC for information.

14.2 Babbs Mill. Cllr. A. Follows went back to a private conversation before the minutes were signed regarding Cllr. David Woolley's enquiry to recent work being carried out in Dunton Road. Cllr. Woolley had noted that the construction company Bellway had been blocking an access to Babbs Mill Park. He expressed his concerns that emergency vehicles would not be able to get past the area. He said in his opinion it was putting lives at stake. It was suggested the KPC write to the Highways Agency expressing the concerns.

15. Information Items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action

if appropriate.

15.1 All Cllrs. had received copies of Correspondence and Emails. A quote had been received from AEC Lee Miller electrical engineer, regarding double sockets to be installed in the office. This would go onto the next agenda. A letter had been received from St. Andrew’s Church of Chelmsley wood regarding funding for a wall in the Garden of Memory. Cllr. B. Follows advised that the Clerk could find out if other Parish and Town Councils are contributing to the project and if so to share the funding out equally. Clerk to action this.

A quotation had been received from ‘Smile regarding the setting up and operating a Website for the KPC. This item would go on to the next Agenda as Cllr. A. Follows would like to compare prices. Cllr. T. Williams referred to a letter regarding the closing of the Parade gates. It had not mentioned the actual time of closure during the summer months. The letter advised the possibility to an extended time of opening for residents to have access to the betting shop. The Cllrs. thought that it should be no later than 9.30 pm as it could affect the residents living above the shops. Clerk was asked to write a letter to object to the later opening of the gates to the Parade.

15.2 Parade Competition. Recent information from Housing Minister Grant Shapps. The Cllrs. decided not to pursue this item. It is to come off the agenda.

16. 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 wished to speak.

17. 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.

Items early had been discussed for Julys Agenda.

Electrical quote

Website

St Andrews’ funding request

18. Date of next meeting: Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday July 10th 2012 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7. pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 3rd July 2012

Meeting closed at 8.15 (Cllrs had a recess and then went back to the Confidential part of the meeting)

19. Confidential matters: To consider the exclusion of the public and press under Section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

19.1 Clerks recent pass of her CiLCA requires approval of an increase in salary. Clerk was congratulated on the exam pass and awarded one spinal column increase in pay.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Signed Date