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Minutes of the Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th 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

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 14th 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.

6. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

6.1 Finance:

David Wheeler Accountant reported that Current Account and the End of June was in £3914. Deposit account as at the end of June was £53,460. Mr. Wheeler said that an Invoice for the Pavilions Rent needed to be raised for the end of July. Cheques and Bills needed to be sorted out in the month of August and an agreement with the Finance Committee was upheld to sign the cheques needed. Cllr. Brunger and Cllr. B. Follows asked if Chair David Cole the Clerk and A. Another sign the cheques while the Council is in recess. This was passed. The Fun day success only cost the Council £1,400.

6.2 Events: Cllr. T Williams thanked the members if the council and Mr. and Mrs. Kimberly for all their help and assistance on the day making it the day a great success. Cllr. S. Daly reported the prizes had not been claimed. The 2nd Prize the Meat Voucher would expire at the end of August. The butcher would be asked if he could extend it to next year.

The Clerk would check the Argos Vouchers do not have an expiration date.

Cllr. Brunger said he did not like the idea of the Falcon show as he thought it was a cruel way to entertain by starving the birds. He went on to say he thought the birds were terrified and should have been looked after better in the hot sun. Cllr. Woolley explained these birds were bred in captivity and would not survive on their own. After some lengthy conversations about these concerns, there was not conclusion and the councillors went on to the next item.

6.3 Allotments and Jubilee Gardens: Cllr. Mulready explained that he had asked the allotment committee to cancel an allotment holder's lease with us as he was not adhering to the rules and had neglected the plot. The weeds on the said plot were of 5 foot high and encroaching on other allotments. The holder of the plot had been informed with various letters and he would be coming to collect his shed and tools. Another holder was also being informed he was breaking the rules.

Cllr. Mulready asked as there was plenty of money from selling the sleepers between £800 to £900 he would like permission to buy a hedge strimmer. This was passed. He would ask for help from Sustain and see if 5 or 6 men could come down and clear the overgrown parts. Top soil would be needed at some point for making plots workable. This would cost in the region of £50 or £60. Cllr. B. Follows informed Cllr. Mulready that the Kingshurst Primary School may be interested in some sleepers as they were hoping to build a raised bed.

7. Progress reports for information/action:

7.1 The Pavilions. Surveyors Report. Mr. Matt Ronca, Operations Manager from Claco Midlands Limited had kindly attended the meeting to give an update on the Surveyors maintenance report for the Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive. Please see attached letter he gave to the Chair D. Cole. Mr. Ronca went on to say that he had responsibility for many premises and in the current climate major expenses would have to be shelved. He mentioned that in many reports the roof needs replacing. Cllr. T. Williams said if it is not done it will be dangerous. Mr. Ronca said he could not replace it at the moment. Cllr. Daly said to Mr. Ronca he had a legal obligation. Mr. Ronca said he would after to the work in order of what needs doing urgently. Cllr. John Milne said that he had seen holes in the brick work on the outside of the building. Cllr. Brunger said he had seen the club deteriorate. But as it belonged to the Parish we should work together to go forward. Chair David Cole asked Mr. Ronca if he would complete the forms provided by the Council as soon as possible. Mr. Ronca offered to complete the forms provided by the Council to see what ongoing maintenance had been done and he also offered to meet members of the Council at the Pavilions to show them the ongoing repairs. It was established that Cllr. A. Follows, Cllr. B. Follows, Cllr. S. Daly and Cllr. John Milne would meet Mr. Ronca at a convenient time.

7.2 RNID: The Clerk indicated to literature gathered for councillors to read on hearing devices that could be used in the public meetings by Councillors and members of the Public.

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

8.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said no meeting had taken place.

8.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole said the meeting had been cancelled.

8.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows and Cllr. Mrs. B. Follows said there was nothing to report as it was the AGM .

8.4 Sustain: No representative.

9. Information items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

9.1 Correspondence and emails: Items were read out.

9.2 Planning: Chair D. Cole invited two representatives Jennie Watkinson and Jane Humby from Elite Architectural Design Services Limited, Newport, Shropshire to talk on the new plans to update Over Green Drive by replacing 12 flats with 13 houses, 9 two bedroom and 4 three bedroom houses. The ladies provide the councillors with copies of the plans. The councillors and chair asked various questions on parking security and maintenance charges. The houses would be in line with social housing and maintenance charges would be part of the rent. Parking would be allocated to the homes to the legal requirements. And safety had been taken into account with the surrounding roads. Most of the councillors were giving a very positive feedback to the ladies. The representatives said they were not sure when the phases would begin but they would update the Councillors through the stages. Chair David Cole thanked the ladies for their time and assistance.

10. Newsletter and Website:

10.1 To create and produce a regular newsletter for the KPC: Cllr. Baudet had put this on the Agenda but due to work commitment she was unable to attend. But it was agreed that it is necessary to have a newsletter produced.

10.2 To review the production of a Website and appoint a new contractor. This was also put on the Agenda by Cllr. Baudet. Cllr. Follows mentioned a Mike Henderson to contact for information. The Clerk mentioned her son does websites while at university and did not know if it would be appropriate for him to put in a quotation. This item would be left until Cllr. Baudet can attend.

11. 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.

Mrs. S. Kimberly said she thought the Solihull Council would be able to give information about the website as they would have a computer department that may be able to quote. Mr. John Kimberly informed the members of the council that he thought we had given Mr. Matt Ronca a soft ride. With the income from the lease being so low and the actions of the report not done he considers a surveyors report each year may not be necessary. Mr. Kimberly said we should get firmer with the tenant and make sure he responds. He should be set a time scale for what needs to be done. He went on to say he thought Mr. Rona was running rings around the councillors and we were not representing the residents of this community efficiently. Cllr. Daly said she would like to see a copy of the report. Cllr. Mulready said that we should wait and see what has been done when we receive the report back. There is a secure £25K in holding. Mr. Kimberly wanted to point out that the councillors should be more demanding and therefore the bond of £25K should be used as a lever to make the tenant honour his agreement.

Mrs. Kimberly said she was annoyed that the public were not allowed to speak with Mr. Ronca.

It was hoped that The Council will invite Duncan back and that opportunities to ask questions would be available.

The question of the Newsletter and Website would be welcomed and it was said again that the SMBC should be able to give the Council some advice.

There was general discussion again about the Lease of the Pavilions, from how it was produced and accepted.

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.

Pavilions: Chair D. Cole wanted a report back from the working party to be put on the next agenda.

Standing Orders

Any other business

Election of members that want to go on to committees

13. Meeting Venue: The possibility of having the meetings at the Pavilions. It was decided that KPC Meetings, if possible should be at the Pavilions as it is owned by the Council. As the Seeds of Hope room hire had been paid up to January 10th we would alternate the meetings.

14. Grant Aid

14.1 To re-evaluate and improve the publication of Grand Aid: it was established that the need to advertise the Grant Aid in the newspapers as the local shops and library was inefficient and not many people applied for the Aid. Cllr. Brunger mentioned that in section 137 of the Standing Orders we can let charities outside of Kingshurst put proposals in.

15. Solicitors

15.1 To look for new solicitors: Ian Marks at NALC would always be able to give advice.

16. Court case Ref No. 7QT61559: Chair D. Cole asked for a vote to send in the bailiff to recover monies owed to the KPC. Majority voted for action to be taken to recover the monies by applying to proceed with Bailiffs. £55 was agreed for Clerk to fill in the application form.

17. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on the 8th September 2009, at the Church hall of St. Barnabas at 7.15 pm. Chair D. Cole, gave his apologies and asked if Vice Chair S. Daly would stand in for him

Meeting Closed at 9.25 pm

Signed Date