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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council

Full Council Meeting held on the 10th February 2015 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
B. Follows
D. Woolley
L. Cole
R. Webber

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

Apologies Mr. David Wheeler RFO for the KPC

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

Cllr. D. Davis – Unwell

Cllr. J. Milne - Working

Cllr. M. Dawson and E Muluka did not arrive or send in any apologies.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th January 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors.

As the three Borough Cllrs were present Chair Cole invited B. Cllr. Flo Nash to take the floor. She reported that various meeting had been taking place concerning the Solihull Hospital, Heartlands and Good Hope. The issues discussed in the meetings were regarding transport to and from the hospitals. It is apparent she said that it very much needs improving. She mentioned that Doctors are working later hours and there is a shortage of midwives because of the qualifications it's harder to get staff. The busses need to be improved to give people a better quality of life. Bus Companies are keen to assist if they can in future discussions. It was also established within this report that parking fees were nothing to do with the NHS. Help can be obtained to be reimbursed for excessive fees with people on low income and disability allowances. She did say we do need a medical centre in Kingshurst but we may not hear any plans for the Mountfort Site for a couple of months. Cllrs. mentioned that GP surgeries are finding it difficult to give out appointments. Cllr. B. Follows said in her opinion 'no shows' should be fined.

Chair asked if there were any other questions for Flo. There were no further questions so Chair Cole asked Borough Cllr. Evans to take the floor.

Debbie reported that at the Full Council meeting for Solihull Council the precept for the Police Crime Commissioner was up by 1.99% which means the speed cameras in the area can now be maintained and put back on. No news for residents regarding the John Henry Newman College. The Babb's Mill Plans are due to be out in June or July. Various help from the Rural England, Open Spaces and Ecology Companies are on board.

The Parade was discussed under private papers so nothing to report as yet. The Shopkeepers are anxious to know what is intended for the Parade and will attend the next meeting.

The underpass in Cooks Lane is going to have £20k spend on it for new pumps and lighting. It was noted by Cllr. T. Williams how the traffic on Cooks Lane was getting really bad and had witnessed taxi drivers pulling out dangerously from Fordbridge in front of oncoming traffic causing vehicles to brake sharply.

A conversation went on to the JHN plans for a 3G football pitch. Cllr. F. Nash said there had been a poor turnout from residents. Lighting issues and the fact that it would generate more traffic along the Cooks Lane have been highlighted, but it looks like the planning is going ahead. She also mentioned how hard everyone has worked to save Babb's Mill from the developers.

Borough Cllr. A. Nash took the floor next and reported on the fatal accidents in the area and after reporting it to Cllr. Ted Richardson he was told there is nothing we can do about the situation. He went on to report the future Engineering College in Conway Road is something positive for the Youngsters in the North of Solihull. The parking in the area will be a problem as staff and pupils will probably all have cars.

He concluded his report with a mention of the homeless and the shortage of homes in the Borough and that more homes need to be built.

This sparked various questions on the percentage of social homes to homes for sale. It was established that it should be a 60 – 40 split. 40 being the homes to rent. In the conversations on this subject Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that the old School site in Gilson Way was developed and all of the houses were for sale and a small block of apartments were for social housing.

Cllr. D. Woolley mentioned the parking in Gilson Way at school time and had heard that parents picking up their children were parking in private drives. Chair said we should invite the police again to our meetings. They used to come regularly. Mrs. Cooper-Hinsley had reported how bad the parking was in Gilson Way at the last meeting. The Clerk reported it to the Police. Presently the Surgery is having maintenance and repairs on the building and the workers vans are taking up more valuable parking places.

Chair thanked everyone and proceeded to the next part of the agenda.

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 £3718.07 of payments out. Approval was passed. The Bank account stood at £35,283.36. £20k is still to be put into a high interest account. The Precept has been approved by SMBC at the sum of £42,859 and it was noted that it is a 2.88 % decrease on last year.

Cllr. R. Webber left the meeting at this point to go into work.

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 Administrators had in place a buyer for the lease and to take over the premises. The Council would need certainty that the new buyer would spend the money on the fixtures and fittings which is part of the conditions of the lease. Cllr. Tina Williams asked if we could change the lease. Cllr. A. Follows replied that we could not change the lease unless they are prepared to release us from it owing to the cost of the repairs.

5.2 Solicitors advice on present lease with Calco in Administration. |Nothing to report at the time of the meeting. A letter had been written to the Administrators asking that the repairs should take place before any re-assignment or give the lease back to us.

5.3 Pavilions Field: The Centenary Fields Programme designed to safeguard the green spaces for the future Cllr. A. Follows had looked into this and it involves signing in to a document which will include a fee. The form can be downloaded from the internet. He will look further into the costs.

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

6.1 Chair of Events: nothing to report at this time.

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

7.1 Chair Mulready had nothing to report at this time. But he did want to mention that the original Grant from years ago for the Jubilee Gardens was in fact £35,600. He had reported £35,500 in last month's minutes.

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

8.1 Leaflets to be distributed to residents announcing the meeting with Borough Cllr. R. Sleight at the next Parish Meeting 10th March. Each Cllr will be required to post leaflets door to door. Chair has designated roads. The aim of the meeting is for Residents to air their views and specifically discuss the opposing of plans to build homes on Babb's Mill Nature Reserve.

8.2 Letters of support from nearby Parish and Town Councils regarding Babb's Mill. Currently we have received two letters. One letter received from Castle Bromwich and the other from Fordbridge Town Council. Chelmsley Wood and Smiths Wood have not been received as yet.

8.3 Councillors Training: Opportunity for training and attending workshops. There is a workshop in Myton School Warwickshire for the 7th March. The fee is £47 per person. Any Councillor wishing to go should inform the Clerk. No one at the table said they wanted to attend. It was noted that if a place is booked and the Cllr. Does not attend the fee must be paid by the individual.

8.4 Drugs being sold in the Parade. It was noted that drugs were being sold and money openly exchanged in the Parade on certain evenings. Specifically noted on Monday 9th February a deal was taking place in the Parade with a police officer watching but appeared not to be taking any notice. Borough Cllr. Evans said she would get on to this and now she has times and days the police will be able to prevent it.

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready reported that it had been another record year for the airport with four more destinations the outlook was encouraging. He mentioned that Grant Aid can be obtained from the Airport Committee and if we know any charities to tell them to put in an application form.

9.2 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows reporting that the meetings guest was CEO Nick Page. In a very positive meeting and is not against coming out and meeting with residents at Parish Councils.

9.3 School Governors Reports: Chair Cole had nothing to report for Kingshurst Primary School. Cllr. A. Follows reported that Yorkswood School Governors were still worried regarding the future School pupil numbers and the extensive re-modelling of the school's single story classrooms.

9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. A. Follows reported that there has not been a meeting for some time. An email suggests merging with another Partnership and having the meetings twice a year in Solihull Council Office. This would be a problem for Cllr. A. Follows.

9.5 Regen: Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report other than what was mentioned earlier that the Mountford site has been discussed in Private Papers and information will be available soon. However he was informed by John Halton of Regen that the proper consultation on process will take place hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

10. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received: No planning applications have been received.

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: Letters have been delivered to the Borough Cllrs regarding the plans for building on Babb's Mill and a list of the wild life we would lose.

11.2 Mountford Public House Site: Nothing to report

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. Nothing was discussed here.

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.

Miss Sarah Evans took the floor first Sarah is the leader of Action for Babb's Mill. (*The Solihull Council propose to build on the Meadow of Babb's Mill Nature Reserve.* The banner advertising Save Babb's Mill will be put up shortly on the fencing backing onto Fordbridge Road owned by the KPC surrounding the allotment perimeter. She announced there is a public meeting to take place on the 25th February at 7pm in this conference room in the Pavilions. She said we need as many people possible to attend. On a recent walk about in Babb's Mill Nature Reserve she said residents were angry that the gate had not been locked. Prevention of quad biking and other nuisances are reduced by measure such as fencing and a large tree trunk to obstruct vehicles getting through causing damage.

Further damage has been noted and has been reported to Chris Barr the damage from bird droppings on Babb's Mill the old boat house area. She went on to say that Chris Barr had promised new bins on the Reserve but only refurbished bins have been installed. She said why should we have other people cast-offs - it's not good enough and we deserve new bins. She mentioned the facebook page she has set up for action for Babb's Mill there is now 330 likes which is encouraging. 44 people liked it in the last half hour. (*'Likes' being a term used to agree with the information Sarah is providing on the Facebook page.*)

She added that two major groups are on our side regarding the ecology of the area and her mother is holding Chris Barr the Environmental Manager at SMBC personally responsible. Cllr. A. Follows commented here that in a meeting some months ago with Bob Sleigh Leader of the Council it was noted that the poaching was becoming a real problem on the Reserve.

Chair Cole thanked Sarah for her input.

Borough Cllr. A. Nash reported the meeting for the decisions on the planning for Mountford site had taken place in private. We would have to wait for the outcome.

Mr. Keith Evans referred to Cllr. A. Follows regarding the Pavilions and Calco in Administration. He said he recalls that when he was Chair on the KPC that Calco had a bond which the KPC could use for repairs. This was correct in the beginning of the first lease but is no longer available as it had a time limit on it. He then went on to ask Borough Cllr. F. Nash about her report regarding the bus travel into the hospital sites. He mentioned the Shuttle bus that is available. A conversation took place between the two of them regarding staff working in the hospitals, the service only running every hour. She hoped a new service would pay for itself. Chair asked if anyone else wanted to speak as time was getting on.

Mr. David Hinsley of the Patient Participation Group for the Kingshurst Practice took the floor. He mentioned the refurbishments have started at the cost of £80k work will be completed by the 31st March. He said the new doctors are due to take over on the 1st April. It will probably take a good six weeks to get everything settled and sorted out but contracts have been signed.

Chair thanked the members of the public and went on to the next part of the agenda.

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 to add to the agenda

15. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 10th March 2015 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7.15pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 3rd March 2015.

Meeting Closed at 8.16 pm

Signed Date