



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 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  
D. Woolley  
T. Williams  
D. Davis  
B. Follows  
M. Dawson  
E. Muluka

In Attendance : Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: Four members of the public were present. Sergeant Mernagh and Chris Stowe from West Midlands Police attended later in the meeting.  
Borough Cllrs: Borough Cllrs. A. Nash and F. Nash were present.  
Apologies: B. Cllr. Jamieson had sent in apologies with a report.

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

Mr. David Wheeler RFO – on holiday, Cllr. P. Whyte – on a course, Cllr. R. Webber – working late and Cllr. John Milne – working late.

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were approved and signed.

3. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** Chair Cole read out the report from B. Cllr. Jamieson (see attached).

**Chair asked B. Cllr. F. Nash** to take the floor. She reported that the Flats near the Mountfort Public house were definitely to be knocked down. There is no indication of how many homes will be built on the site.

British Gas has had a great effect on the cladding of the tower blocks making them insulated against the cold weather.

She also reported the Bedroom Tax is having a terrible effect on the residents. There is not enough one-bedroom houses to transfer the tenants to. She said the problem needs sorting out. Chair Cole asked if the flats to be demolished were part of the LDF plan – they are not reported C. Cllr. F. Nash.

Cllr. B. Follows mentioned that the loss of rent on the empty flats must be running into millions of pounds now.

B. Cllr. F. Nash agreed and finished her report by saying too many rumours are confusing the residents.

Chair Cole asked if the Cllrs. had any more questions. He thanked the Borough Cllrs.

**4. To receive a report from Sergeant Glenn Mernagh:** Sergeant Mernagh was not present at this point.

**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 £16,513.67 and the deposit account was at £69.33 and £25k in the corporate account. The cheques for £12,409.34 including expenses for the fun day amusements were approved and passed for payment.

5.2 It was proposed that the Clerk be paid her wages by BAC's to guarantee payment at the end of the month. All agreed. Cllr. Davis enquired as to the possibility that all members allowances could also be paid by BAC's. The Councillors all agreed.

**6. Pavilions:**

6.1 No update had been received regarding the situation with Calco in Administration.

6.2 A recent meeting had taken place with the Manager of the Pavilions. Following the meeting a request had been sent to the Chairman of the Pavilions Sporting Kingshurst Football Club for paperwork regarding the Astro Turf Pitch. No paperwork has been received by the KPC. Also information had been sourced regarding the Pavilions Car Park let to the members of staff working in Endeavour House for Solihull Community Housing. Paperwork received from them indicates that all staff are members of the Sporting Club and although no money is exchanged, Solihull Community Housing Group Sponsor the Football kits for the children.

Cllr. Davis asked the committee to note that only residents of Kingshurst could have free entry as member of the Club. Cllr. T. Williams also had noted that when there is a funeral on at the Pavilions, mourners are parking on either side of the roads surrounding the Pavilions. After much discussion the Clerk was asked to speak with the advisors from WALC.

A letter had been received from solicitors Wallace Robinson and Morgan regarding a suggestion from many years ago to register a strip of land at the corner of Cooks Lane and old Chester Road. A previous Chair had instigated this. Paperwork had only just been received from the Solicitor and a bill would be raised for the work already done back in 2008. The Clerk was instructed to write back to them stating the KPC do not want to take any further action.

With regards to Solicitors Cllr. D. Woolley put forward an idea that the land owned by the KPC known as the Pavilions Sporting Club should be put into Trust.

A free half hour will be arranged with a solicitor to discuss all the above. Cllr. Woolley said he would like to attend.

Chair Cole suggested a feasibility study would need to take place as to which way the KPC should go, as a new lease would need writing and may be very costly. All agreed that a feasibility study should first take place.

**7. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Chair of Events Cllr. J. Milne was absent so Cllr. A. Follows reported on the events from the Fun Day. He thanked everyone who helped out and mentioned that £1k was taken in all with the gate and raffle and tombola combined. The stall that was doing the Birmingham Hospital Charity also made £1k. Everyone had a great day.

**8. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready had instructed the Clerk to send out four letters to allotment holders that were not keeping their plot tidy. He has arranged for Cllrs. T. Williams and D. Davis to accompany him on Thursday at 10am to

inspect them again and make a decision as to terminate their contracts. All agreed that Cllr. Mulready should take this action.

The plot numbers have been altered now to 1 – 23. New number posts would be needed at some point. Chair Cole will pop into the Waterloo Social Enterprise and get a quote for them.

**9. Grant Aid:** Successful applicants were presented with cheques by Chair Cole.

The first successful applicant was Yorkswood School. The Headmaster Mr. Andy Tunstall gave a brief update on how the Grant would be used and thanked the Council. The second applicant represented the Kingshurst Medical Practice Patient Participation Group. He also gave a brief description of what the PPG does and how it can improve peoples lives. He also assured the Committee that the Practice would not be closing down as had recently be rumoured.

The third successful applicant was Kingshurst Library/Northern Star. They would be putting on a themed fun day 'Kingshurst by the Sea' on the 17<sup>th</sup> August. The Grant would go towards this event. The fourth applicant was Pastor Albert from the Kingshurst New Testament church. He helps run the Kingshurst Development Trust and the grant would go towards activities for children and young adults in the summer months.

Cllr. B. Follows asked the representative from the PPG if they had funding from the medical practice. The reply was that they help only with admin. No money is involved.

*As the PCs had arrived Chair Cole went back to Minute 4 on the Agenda.*

**4. To receive a report from Sergeant Glenn Mernagh:** Chair asked Glenn to take the floor. He introduced himself and Chris Stow and thanked the Council for giving him the opportunity to speak. He was asked by Cllr. Woolley about the drug transactions that go on in Kingshurst. PC Mernagh reported that numbers from members of the public reporting crime have fallen. He thinks more people have become tolerant of these activities. Newsletter and emails are available for residents to post a reply. Cllr. A. Follows asked if the newsletters could be emailed to the Clerk as the Solihull Times is not available in Kingshurst. This would be so.

PC Mernagh understood that if people could not use the internet or have access to it they could still report crime on the 101 number. The aim was to increase the publication on anti social behaviour and get more people to report it on line.

Chair Cole asked Glen about the HGV lorries using Cooks Lane and that something needed to be done as it is a tragedy waiting to happen by the schools. PC Mernagh reported that Chris Stow had used VHS cameras on occasions and reported that most vehicles were not exceeding the weight restriction.

Chair Cole mentioned the parking in Cooks Lane at School Times. PC Mernagh spoke of the Children acting as PCSO's are talking to the parents and making them aware of the dangers to their children by inconsiderate parking. Chair Cole suggested that anyone parking in the Cycle lane should be given a ticket.

Cllr. B. Follows mentioned that drivers of HGV lorries were taken down Cooks Lane by the SAT NAV's they are using. This needs to be sorted out.

B. Cllr. Nash said the road has always been dangerous at school times.

Chair Cole asked if it were possible to put a camera up. PC Mernagh said the cameras only registered speeding cars. The Police are not able to be there 24 hrs he said.

Chair thanked the two PC and went onto Minute 15 of the agenda.

## **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.

A member of the public wanted to ask the B. Cllrs about their report on the so called 'bedroom tax' and the lack of suitable properties. He suggested as they have done in other areas such as Birmingham, to re-class the bedroom. So to assign it to something like a dining room for example. B. Cllr. A. Nash responded that people are giving up food and heating and that a food bank will have to be set up shortly. He had heard that spare bedrooms do need to be used for medical equipment or for Carers to stay the night or member of the family. The Government need to listen. B. Cllr. Flo Nash said that SMBC are not doing anything about the situation. There are no one bedroom properties to transfer residents too. Birmingham Council are having the same problem. The Member of the Public that asked the question said that in Darlington up in the North the Council has re-classified the spare bedroom to another name and it is perfectly legal. Chair Cole thanked everyone and brought the public participation to a close and went on to Minute 10 of the agenda. The members of the Public apart from one left the meeting with Borough. Cllrs. A. Nash and Mrs. F. Nash.

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

10.1 Request by Cllr. A. Follows to lend the Marquee to the Library for their seaside day. Cllr. A. Follows had been approached by the Kingshurst Library to see if there was a possibility that the Marquee could be loaned to the Seaside fun day event. This was passed. Clerk to make sure it is insured.

10.2 CTC Academy regarding their plans for leisure facilities for the whole community. Nothing to report on this item at the moment.

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

11.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Clerk read out a letter that had been received about the vision of the future regarding Birmingham Airport. (see attached). As Cllr. Mulready had to put his apologies in, the Council voted for Cllr. Eric Muluka to go in his place and receive the information and report back to the Council in the following month.

11.2 WALC/SAC Cllr. A. Follows has nothing to report. The minutes of the last meeting had been typed up by the Clerk and copies were available. The next meeting is in July.

11.3 Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report on Yorkswood School, the next meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

11.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum- next meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**12. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received:** A Planning application had been received and all Cllrs. had been given a copy.

The Application was to extend time left on approved planning application 2010/18 outline Application for a 56 Bedroomed C2 Residential Care Home with Associated Ancillary Accommodation. The full Council had no observations to report.

**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. The conclusion of the LDF plan will be decided this summer.

**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 the Clerk read out that a copy had not been circulated was received from a publican in Kingshurst enquiring about the possibility of taking on the Pavilions. The Clerk replied stating that the Pavilions is still being run and managed in Administration.

The second letter that had been received where copies had not gone to each member was from Wallace Robinson and Morgan regarding a piece of land as part of the playing fields. In 2004 members of the KPC council had engaged the solicitors to register this. The Clerk was actioned to send a letter stating no further action was to take place.

**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:

Events: To Consider something to mark the First World War

Pavilions: Car Park. Rent Increase next year.

Refuse Collections: Enterprise.

Cllr. T. Williams just wanted to mention that she used to two free tickets to attend the Smithswood Charity Dance and although it was not overly attended she and her husband were made to feel very welcome and enjoyed the event. She donated £20 towards the fund. The total raised was £330 for the Valarie Taylor Trust.

**17. Date of next meeting:** Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013.

Meeting Closed at 9 pm

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