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Minutes of the Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on 9th February, 2010 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
D. Davis
T. Williams
B. Mulready
D. Woolley
J. Milne
A. Follows
B. Follows

In Attendance : David Wheeler and Mrs. J. Aske (Clerk)
Mr. Hampton, Mr. & Mrs. Scarlett, Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Platt. Members of groups invited to receive their Grant Aid cheques were also present.

1. Apologies: Cllr L. Brunger.

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, J. Milne, D Davis, B. Mulready
Allotments: Cllrs. T. Williams, B. Mulready and J. Milne.

3. Minutes: To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on January 12th 2010. Minutes passed and signed.

4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors - Cllr. Hall and Cllr. Evans. The Borough Councillors had sent in their apologies, along with their reports. Chair David Cole read out their report to the Full Council. (see attached).

5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

5.1 Finance: Cllr. Davis Chair of Finance reported that the Current account was theoretically overdrawn by £125.16 because of un presented cheques and the deposit account was at £57,240.92 at the end of January 2010. A transfer of £1500 was done and a further £4,500 needs to be transferred to cover grand aid and other cheques. This was proposed by Cllr. A. Follows and

seconded by Cllr. B. Mulready. Cllr. Davis referred the Precept information over to David Wheeler. David asked Chair Cole to sign off the Precept all agreed at £46,700 as it would need faxing over to SMBC the next day. After a few more questions to David Wheeler by Cllr. A. Follows with reference to the Members allowances if other Cllrs. joined in May after the elections. The precept was signed by Chair Cole.

5.2 Events: Cllr T. Williams had said she has purchased two Christmas figurines, a Santa and a Snowman for outside use. They were reduced down to £50 each from £200 each. She said she had phoned the committee members to see if they wanted to agree to the purchase. All agreed. Clerk had given Cllr. Williams £100 for the purchase.

5.3 Allotments: Cllr. Mulready reported that all vacant plots had now been filled at the allotments. Previous Plot holder of number 8 had still not taken his tools. Three sets of keys from previous plot holders still have not been returned to the office despite a number of letters requesting them to do so. The locks may have to be changed. Cllr. Milne stated he had received all the correspondence in relation to the recent issues regarding the recent expulsions of tenants. Cllr. Mulready said it had been dealt with and finished. Cllr. B. Follows said she thought that she had not received all the information regarding the same issue and requested to see the correspondence relating to the subject. Cllr. Milne said he would drop the folder into her.

Cllr. D. Davis asked if she could go back to item 5.1 on the agenda re the Debit card for the Clerk to purchase items for Council use. David Wheeler said it was doubtful. He did not think it was a possibility. The council decided not to peruse the issue.

6. Progress reports for information/action:

6.1 The Pavilions. Chair David Cole asked the councillors if they had all received copies of letters from the solicitors. Cllr. Mulready had received the letters but said he thought that the solicitor just needed to tell us what the KPC is liable for. He thought that we are not supposed to be paying for surveyors reports, Calco were supposed to. The matter of the registration number of the company being different from the original needed to be looked into. Cllr. B. Follow mentioned that the Pavilions had also changed the name by using the words Sporting Club. Cllr. Mulready said we need a Solicitor to look at the lease. It was estimated that the solicitor will cost around £2k. Various discussions went on with reference to having another surveyors report. Chair Cole had said they have told us the work had been carried out but no report has been returned. It was suggested by Cllr. B. Follows that the subject should be taken to a private meeting in the Office and a future date. Various councillors suggested we need legal advice. NALC should be able to help. The Clerk mentioned we had had advice from them but it was hard to understand as it was of legal jargon. Chair asked the Clerk to get back in touch with NALC for further advice. ACTION CLERK

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready had nothing to report, as the meeting will be held next week.

7.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole said the next meeting is on the 25th February. The staffs are inundated with the amount of people now that have been made redundant.

7.3 WALC/SAC: With the last meeting cancelled because of the snow and the recent meeting had just taken place, Cllr. A. Follows said all Cllrs will be receiving copies of the minutes from Rosie.

7.4 Sustain: No representative.

8. Information items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action
If appropriate.

8.1 Correspondence and emails: Cllrs. Had received copies of post and emails, apart from emails which the Clerk read out with reference to applying for grant aid funding for the Jubilee Gardens, and a quote from Knights Security for a CCTV system for the office.

8.2 Planning; A letter for planning to build a 56 bedroom residential home in Larks Meadow Cooks lane. Cllrs were all unsure exactly where the building would be. There were no objections, but it would be helpful to have exactly where the building would be sited.

9. 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.

Mr. Hampton referred to correspondence relating to the Fair at Babbs Mill and mentioned that MP Caroline Spellman had also written with her support.

Mr. Hampton went on to talk about the issue of the Pavilions. He said from what he hears and from passed knowledge going back some years he thought the whole situation could get messy and very costly to us the residents. The whole idea of leasing the pavilions out was to alleviate the pressure from the KPC. He warns that the Council should tread carefully, and does welcome the fact that they are going to an organised body to seek advice. He went on to say even if it takes 12 months, it's better to tread carefully. He went on to say the Pavilions are being run very well along with the facilities of the sporting ground. He thanked the Council.

No other member of the public wanted to speak.

10. A 15 minute presentation from Richard Wallwork representing Charity Festival and Carnival Events. Unfortunately Mr. Wallwork did not arrive.

11. Grant Aid. Chair Cole presented Grant Aid cheques to the various groups that had applied and been awarded a sum of money.

12. New CCTV for Office. The Clerk referred to the quote from Knights Security. It was proposed and seconded that a new CCTV system at £499.00 plus VAT should be purchased for the office.

13. Big Johns: Chair David Cole said the litter from Big Johns was disgraceful. He had taken a walk along a road of thirty-two houses and in each house there was litter and rubbish from Big Johns. He asked the Clerk to write to Big Johns to complain on behalf of the residents and also to the schools as it appears the older children use the take away at lunchtime. Cllrs agreed the Clerk should write to the take away and state they should have a team of litter pickers cleaning up the area. Also to make the schools aware their pupils are contributing to the litter. ACTION CLERK

14. Road Cleaning: Cllr. Woolley stated that the wagons are not cleaning Gilson Way. They are turning around in Collinge croft. Litter from Greggs is not being cleaned away. He asked if the Clerk could write a letter to Enterprise to complain that the job is not being done. The council agreed the Clerk should write a letter of complaint to Enterprise. ACTION CLERK

15. SMBC Milk for schools: Cllr. Milne had reported that the SMBC would pay for any children under five to receive milk. Currently the precept pays around £12k a year and get back £3.5k for

school milk. The three schools the KPC supplies to need to tell us how many children under five we supply to. After various discussions among the councillors regarding the children and the uniqueness of parish council supplying milk, it was decided that the clerk should contact the schools and get the exact numbers of under fives and over fives we supply the milk to.

ACTION CLERK

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.

Cllr. Mulready wanted the Standing Orders put on the Agenda.

Cllr. Tina Williams – Stage Bus for Events

Cllr. B. Follows wanted the letter by Cllr. Brunger that was given to each member and the clerk just before the meeting opened to be noted.

Cllr. D. Davis asked about the WALC workshop on the 6th March. There was a workshop titled Allotment Management and she thought it would be a good idea to attend. Chair Cole said it would be a good idea for Cllrs to attend. Cllr. B. Follow pointed out that the elections of councillors were due this May and she said it may be a waste of the resident's money if they were all not elected back in as councillors. Chair asked if any councillor would pay for themselves. Cllrs. Davis and Vice Chair Daly said they would. Chair said if Cllrs paid for themselves and were re-elected back onto the council in May they could have their money back. Various conversations went ahead and Chair Cole decided that as the money was already in the Precept for training and hand out paperwork from the workshops would be useful to future Cllrs, he asked who wanted to attend.

Cllrs. Milne, Daly, Davis, Williams, B. Follows and A. Follows all stated an interest. It was decided that these Cllrs would attend the workshop for allotment management on the 6th March organised by WALC. ACTION CLERK

Cllr. A. Follows asked if the Clerk could arrange for the forms for the elections in May from Farook of SMBC. Chair Cole had asked the Clerk that morning. ACTION CLERK

16. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 9th March 2010 at The pavilions Sporting Club at 7.15 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 2nd March 2010.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Signed Date