



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive.

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair  
S. Daly Vice Chair  
T. Williams  
A. Follows  
D. Woolley  
J. Milne  
L. Brunger

In Attendance : Mrs. J. Aske Clerk  
Mr and Mrs. Kimberly, Mrs. Stout, Mr. Scarlett, Mr. Lucas and  
Helen Pitt

**1. Apologies:** Cllr. Mulready, Cllr. Davis, Cllr. B. Follows and Cllr. Baudet

### **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, J. Milne,  
Allotments: Cllr. T. Williams

**3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Item 9 second line down beginning 'Everyone' the word 'in' was inserted. And item 10 first line should read Vice Chair S. Daly asked the Vicar if she would like to speak.  
After these amendments the minutes were approved.  
The minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> August were also approved and passed.

### **4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors**

Cllr. R. Hall and Cllr. D. Evans were both absent but had given the Council written reports. The Clerk read out the reports. See Attached. From the report the subject of youth gangs came about.

Cllr. Woolley mentioned the Youth Culture of gangs coming from other areas and causing problems ie. pelting busses with anything they can throw. Cllr Brunger said the Youth of Kingshurst are exceptional compared to other youths.

The subject of the Fair was mentioned and how residents were not happy to have the fair in Kingshurst. Cllr. Brunger enquired how many residents had said they did not want the fair. The Chair said there was a rise in thefts when the fair is at Babbs Mill. A general discussion on the problems that arise when the fair in the area were aired.

Cllr. Brunger mentioned the clearing up of litter was organised and it was a good experience to see the children all taking part, the bags had been provided by Greggs. Maybe the KPC should do more to encourage this.

#### **5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:**

5.1 Finance: David Wheeler said the balance at the end of September was standing at £603.56 and the Deposit account £71,795.41 a transfer of £3K was to be transferred to cover cheques. This was passed.

5.2 Events: Cllr T. Williams, gave details for the Remembrance Service to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. The Last Post would be played by a young music student. Atwells would be erecting the marquee and a buffet would be served after the service.

With regards to the Christmas Event, the costumes would need to be hired. There is another hire shop in Hall Green if anyone wanted to go there.

5.3 Allotments: Chair of the Allotments was on annual leave. So there was nothing to report.

#### **6. Progress reports for information/action:**

6.1 The Pavilions. Surveyors' Report: Up to this date there was no evidence of any work being carried out. The Clerk was still waiting for a legal letter to issue a Notice of Repairs.

6.2 RNID. Cllr. John Milne demonstrated a hearing device with Cllr. Brunger. It proved to be very good. Cllr. Brunger had purchased another one with his own funds but it was not as effective as the one Cllr, Milne had demonstrated, Cllr. Brunger was going to get himself a refund on his hearing device and look further into the matter. The hearing device Cllr. Milne produced was only £50. Cllr. Brunger thanked Cllr. Milne for his help and consideration.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: With Cllr. Mulready on holiday there was not a full report. But it was noted that the plans for the airport extension had gone through.

7.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole reported that there is great pressure on them at the moment with the current economic situation. They are in need of more support and cannot cope with the overwhelming amount of members of the public looking for help and assistance.

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows had gone to a meeting where Alison Hodge was the main speaker. It proved very informative and he will get a copy of the minutes.

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: Clerk read a letter emailed from Mr. Matt Ronca Operations Manager for Calco Limited, the present tenant of the Pavilions. The letter was from the Kingshurst Sporting Football Club written by the Club Secretary Mr. Gary Leake. Its contents were asking the councillors to consider a proposal of changing the current bowling hut into changing facilities for the current children's teams. It was resolved that more information would be needed. The Clerk had been notified by Matt Ronca that he would like to come in person and talk about the proposals possible at the next meeting. It was proposed to put this item on the next agenda.

A letter from the Mayor's office had been received inviting a representative from KPC to the Remembrance Sunday Service in Solihull. Cllr. Brunger said he would like to attend. Clerk would make the arrangements.

8.2 Planning; The subject of the Punchbowl opening hours had been looked at on the SMBC website and it was not too clear. Clerk would try and get further information.

## **9. Old Computer in the Office**

9.1. Cllr. John Milne had concerns that the old computer in the office was not the same computer that was originally listed on the contract. It came about that when the previous clerk was on maternity leave, the temporary clerk had a problem with the computer and the company contracted to KPC exchanged the computer. Clerk would ask the company about this.

## **10. Fair**

10.1 The subject of the fair had been raised and discussed after the Borough Councillors reports had been received.

## **11. Councillors ID**

11.1 David Wheeler the RFO requires copies of facial documentation and a utilities bill from each of the Councillors.

## **12. Solihull Remembrance Sunday Re invite from Mayor**

12.1 Chair D. Cole had put this item on the agenda. It was resolved earlier in the meeting that Cllr. Brunger would represent the KPC at the Service in Solihull.

**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 D. Cole invited the public to take the floor. Two members of the public wanted to speak. One mentioned the kids riding bikes in the parade. The CCTV was supposed to stop this from happening. Warnings should be given to the children. Cllr. John Milne said the CCTV is working but they only have a certain amount of staff operating.

The other member of the public wanted to make a point on the subject of the Pavillions surveyors report. He said a time scale should be set to get the work carried out and they should simply be informed that they are breaking the law by not adhering to the report. Cllr. John Milne reported back that legal advice had been sought after from WALC/NALC and a Legal Notice of Repairs was being prepared. The gentlemen went on to say that the KPC represented the residents and we were doing a very poor job.

A reference was made also by the member of the public to the planned Youth and Community Centre at Fordbridge. The proposals put forward had been supported by a Lottery grant of 5 million pounds. The residents interest was around 50 – 50. He asked as a Parish Council could we get more information from Dave Pinwell. The Youth of Kingshurst require something similar. A meeting should be set up with Mr. Pinner so public members can air their views. Cllr. A. Follows thought that the project was overseen by Sustain or Colebridge Trust. Cllr. T. Williams asked if any young people went along to the meeting. Yes, they did. Cllr. Williams asked if the plans were on show. The answer was the planning application has only just gone in. It would be a three story building. It would be open to all as there did not seem to be a geographical limit. The member of the public finished by saying we should welcome 5 million to help with facilities for the Youth.

A Lady representing Solihull Action through Advocacy asked the chair if he had received a private and confidential letter from her. He said he had. She asked if this could be read out on the 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Allotment Meeting.

This concluded the public speaking.

**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.

Cllr. Williams asked that the rejected Grant Aid cheque of £50 for the dominos Club to be put on the next agenda

**15. Grant Aid**

15.1 Meeting to be held at the Offices of the KPC on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm

15.2 The advert in the Look Local had a good response.

**16. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 at St. Barnabas Church Hall at 7.15 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009.

Meeting Closed at 8.35 pm

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