

Cllr. Mulready agreed with the comments from Mr. Kimberley and Cllr. Mrs. Williams said the flats in Winwood Way were being bulldozed.

Cllr. A. Follows, being a member of Regen said he had raised the question of Kingshurst Village Centre and this was due for development in 2011.

Cllr. Woolley, as member of Regen was absolutely disgusted at the way SMBC and Belway were treating KPC.

Cllr. Mrs. Davis had recently spoken with contractors on the green opposite KPC offices and obtained a plan. A new play area was being installed.

Everyone was given a copy and Cllr. Brunger (although not present at this meeting) had put forward comments. He felt that the 'springy' was unsafe and he questioned 'the rope' as to whether it is fire and knife proof. He also asked whether the swings would remain and how much of the part as a whole will be re-surfaced. No consultation had taken place with KPC from SMBC and it was agreed that a letter should be written to SMBC. The Chairman offered to write a letter as Chairman of the Parish Council in consultation with the Clerk.

Action: Chairman/Clerk

The meeting was reconvened.

5. To receive for information reports from Borough Councillors

Cllr. Mrs. D. Evans

Apologies for not attending the Parish Council due to a Full Council Meeting at SMBC.

Gilson Way. The Borough Engineer is going to look at the problem with parking and make recommendations.

Babbs Mill Boathouse. Due to be demolished on 23 February 2009. She will be visiting to check and if this does not happen she will contact the relevant department to ask questions.

Larkmeadow Drive. Problems with blocking of the access to the park due to intimidation. She has been assured that measures are going to be place within the next two weeks.

Larkmeadow Drive. Regen may be considering building on a plot of ground at the back of Larkmeadow. She assured KPC that after various communications with the Regen Partnership this is not the case.

The new buggy used by the police in fighting against off-road bikes has been used with some success. She asked if there any issues KPC wished her to look into, not to hesitate to ask.

Copy of her report to Cllr. Richards is attached.

Cllr. R. Hall

Apologies for not attending tonight owing to Full Council at SMBC.

Neighbourhood Policing. He is trying to get a review regarding the way Kingshurst is policed as there has been no real impact on anti social behaviour.

Concern was shown recently at the Parade being very icy and he had enquired about getting grit down. He was informed that the Parade is privately owned. (It was confirmed at the meeting by Mr. Kimberley, former Borough Councillor, that this was not the case).

Larkmeadow Drive. He is pushing for the fencing to be erected to prevent off-road bikes gaining access to Babb's Mill Park.

Regeneration. This has slowed down due to the economic climate. There will be a strong possibility of more social housing being built due to the Council securing funding.

Cllr. Hall also verbally reported to the Clerk that he has contact Ted Richards and Alison Lush re parking in Gilson Way. He had suggested railing and wooden stakes to stop cars being parked as double yellow lines would not prevent parents parking there.

Cllr. Nash.

He had spoken to Jim Heart in connection with the parking problems at Gilson Way. He also thought that double yellow lines would not be effective.

6. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees

6.1 Finance

The list of accounts presented for February had been approved for payment. The balance in the Current Account was £6485.14 and in the Deposit Account £57,714.32. The Accountant was authorised to make a transfer from the deposit account to the current of £1,700. This figure was higher than usual in order to cover a large cheque doing out to Dairy Crest owing to the fact that two months were owing and the Accountant had had been instructed at the January Finance Committee meeting to obtain clarification on numbers of children receiving milk.

Cllr. Woolley questions the increase in the Precept for 2009/10 from £47,000 to £49,000. Cllr. A. Follows as Chairman of Finance, explained about putting aside earmarked reserves to cover any possible election expenses and Mrs. Ross explained that in line with current financial legislation, Councils were expected to end their financial year with 25% of the Precept available. The Chairman of the Council stated that KPC did in fact have the lowest precept in the Borough and Cllr. Mulready pointed out that SMBC had put their figures up by 4% and nine years previously KPC had precepted at £99,000.

6.2 Events Committee

Colebridge Enterprises had been contacted by Cllr. Mrs. Williams, Chair of Events, for prices on 3500 leaflets for the Fun Day and had been quoted £280. The Solihull Times Team had quoted £209. KPC to get the leaflets printed and book the team of adults at the Times Team no later than the first day of the week prior to distribution.

Cllr. A. Follows said that some addresses in Kingshurst did not receive a copy of the Solihull Times. He asked whether leaflets would be delivered to every household.

The electoral register would have to be used.

Cllr. Mrs. Williams said she had been in touch with Suzy Pugh about the Remembrance Day Parade and it was agreed that Suzy Pugh be invited to a Council meeting to discuss this. Dates were now awaited. The two PCSOs who attended the January Council meeting had expressed interest in helping on the day.

6.3 Allotments

The charge for railway sleepers to remain at £15.00 per sleeper is sold. Cllr.

Mulready asked about the pruning of trees and Cllr. Mrs. Follows said she would sort this out. Cllr. Mulready also reported that Stoneham Housing Group had taken up two raised beds and the CTC had taken two. He will now contact Yorkswood School.

Action: Cllr. Mulready

7. Progress reports for information/action:

7.1 The Pavilions. Surveyors report. KPC needed to write to CALCO regarding the last report and find out what items had been carried out. It was thought that 12 of the 40 items listed were urgent. It cost about £400 for the report and no feedback was every received. Cllr. Mrs. Daly said that if work was not carried out by CALCO it had

been agreed that KPC would arrange for contactors to do it and claim back from CALCO. Letter go to CALCO.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. A. Follows

7.2 Youth Council. Dealt with under Public Participation.

7.3 New letterhead. Samples were passed around the table. A majority vote RESOLVED: that there should be no box around any part of the letterhead, the tree motive would remain the same and the Clerk be given authority to make a final decision.

8. To receive reports from members representing the Council on outside bodies

8.1 Airport Consultative Committee. Next meeting due on 26.2.09

8.2 Colebridge Trust. Disbanded. SUSTAIN had taken over. Cllr. Mrs. Williams had not been invited to join. It was agreed that SUSTAIN be asked whether KPC could have a representative. Write to Charles Rapson. This was outstanding from the January meeting. Cllr. Mrs. Williams also reported on furniture restore. Colebridge Enterprise, at it was now called, came under the umbrella of SUSTAIN.

Action: Clerk

8.3 CARA. Meeting next week.

8.4 WALC/SAC. Next meeting early March.

8.5 Nothing to report on trees. Trees on allotments need pruning. Next Agenda. It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs. Follows should attend a meeting with two people from the Environment Agency as a councillor from Kingshurst PC.

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

9.1 Correspondence

A full list of correspondence and e-mails is attached to these minutes (members having already received it). Other items read out were as follows:-

e-mails

1. NALC. Employment Briefing on Age Discrimination, The 'Heyday Challenge' and the compulsory retirement age.

Legal Briefing on The Power of the Promotion of Economic, Social or Environmental well being.

2. WALC Newsletter and Notice of One day briefing seminar on Saturday 7 March 2009. Clerk to fill in form and send cheque as agreed at the Finance Cttee Meeting.

3. SMBC. Environment Champions information.

4. North Solihull Partnership - Regenerating North Solihull. Consultation 19.1.09 - 16.2.09. The Framework Review document available.

5. The Standards Board for England. Satisfaction with Advice and Guidance Research 2009. As the Clerk had not been in the post very long, a copy was handed to the Chairman to fill in. Return of form is Monday 16.2.09.

e-mails

1. SMBC. David Wigfield Strategic Service. Copy of presentation by Severn Trent Water.

2. SMBC. Emma Holwell Strategic Services. Copy of 2 External Funding Team editions.

3. Volunteer Managers Forum. Jess Bishop. Next meeting 13.2.09 at 1.30pm at the Women's Institute, Solihull.

4. SMBC. Alison Lush, Community Services, Town Centre Management. Newsletter.

5. SUSTAIN. Charles Rapson. Latest information.

6. Paul Richards, Service Manager, Stonham. Copy of project details re. redevelopment of Yorkswood House.

6. Mike Henson, Parish Council Website wishing KPC a 'Happy New Year'

9.2 Planning

SMBC. Public speaking at Planning sub-committee.

Proposed development of land adjacent to 2 Silver Birch Road (including demolition of side extension), creating a detached 4 bedroom dwelling with associated parking and garden.

10. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:

10.1 Cllr. Woolley reported that road conditions in Gilson Way had not improved and he referred to the emails from Borough Cllrs. Mrs. Evans and Richards. The two PCSOs had visited twice following the last KPC meeting but had overlooked that schools are closed at weekends. If cars get damaged owing to the state of the road SMBC will be held responsible.

10.2 Cllr. Mulready said that adverts should go out in the press asking people to come forward for grant aid in the Solihull News and Solihull Times. A notice also to go on the Notice Board with a closing date of the last Friday in March.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Mulready

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10 March 2009 at St. Barnabas Church Hall commencing 7.15 p.m.

Cllr. Woolley said he was due in hospital at the end of February and apologised in advance in case he did not make it to the March meeting.

15. Confidential matters: To consider the exclusion of the public and press under Section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to meeting) Act 1960.

14.1 To approve minutes of meeting held on 9 December 2008

14.2 Personnel issues

14.3 Legal issues

Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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12. Confidential matters taken under Section 1 Public Bodes (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

12.1 To approve minutes of confidential part of meeting held on 13 January 2009
Proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record and signed.

12.2 Personnel issues

Mrs. Ross presented two copies of the Contract, both to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk. One to be retained in the offices and one to be retained by the Clerk. The Contract was based on the model supplied by NALC and SLCC and adapted to suit Kingshurst Parish Council. The Chairman signed and dated both copies and gave them to Mrs. Ross to arrange for the Clerk to do likewise.

Cllr. Mulready reported that Mrs. Aske, the Clerk arrived each day at the offices at the latest by 9.30 a.m. in order to secure a car parking space outside the office. The post was now arriving by noon and Mrs. Aske had requested that she be allowed to work from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. instead of 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. A vote was taken with all in favour.

12.3 Legal issues

An application to Appeal against the preceding Judgement in the Carter v KPC case was set for Wednesday 11 February at 10.30 a.m. The Judge will look at the reasons for such an Appeal and if he rejects the Appeal the case will end. At a previous PC meeting approval had been granted for three members to attend. Cllr. Brunger, Cllr. A. Follows and either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. As neither Chairman or Vice-Chairman were available, for personal reasons, it was agreed that Mrs. Aske, the Clerk should attend. Cllr. Brunger had been appointed as Spokesman.

Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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