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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 8th September 2015 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present:

B. Mulready (Vice Chair) Chaired Meeting
T. Williams
A. Follows
D. Woolley
P. Cooper-Hinsley
D. Hinsley
J. Kimberley

In Attendance : Borough Cllr D Evans and Cllr R Hall. J Aske – Clerk
Three members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies:** Chair Cole and L. Cole – on holiday, B. Follows – unwell, S. Daly – unwell, M. Dawson – unwell and Mr. David Wheeler (RFO) – on holiday. Cllr F Nash had previously notified the Clerk that she would try to attend but will be at another meeting at Solihull Council House.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED : that the Full Council and Confidential minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th July 2015, having been circulated and read, be signed as a correct record.

3. Reports from Borough Councillors

3.1 Borough Cllr. Robert Hall took the floor at the Vice Chairs request. He started his report by saying he had just come from the 4pm meeting from Solihull Council regarding the plans for Babb's Mill. He indicated here that the plans were known as Cooks Lane Development. The development intended to be built, would be known as Lake View Homes. The Council plans to develop 50 homes, although their original plan was to build 70 to create more density. The 50 homes to be built are to entice a higher selling value. He said the Council has already approved the building plans and also approved by the inspectorate. The only way to object is by bringing up any historical or architectural interest the chances of stopping it are zero. They intend to take 1.4 hectares of land from the Nature Reserve. The traffic will come out onto Cooks Lane. He went onto say that he understands the Council want to re-create the nature reserve across the road in between the two developments between where the River Cole crosses Cooks Lane to the right hand side of Hadfield Way.

Cllr. A. Follows asked the Borough Cllrs what type of housing is planned. The reply was that they will be 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes. To make up the social housing these will be built on a disused Industrial Estate in Smiths Wood for social housing renting. B. Cllr. Hall said in any development you have to have a percentage of affordable housing. He said it appears they didn't want to build affordable housing on Babbs Mill, so they will bring out the two plans at the same time. He added so with the development in Windwood Way this accounts for the 40 per cent of social housing. So Babbs Mill can be a standalone private development.

Cllr. A. Follows likened this idea to the Over Green Drive development. These homes appear to be all for sale privately.

B. Cllr. Hall aired his concern that for most local residents the homes on Babb's Mill will be out of their reach.

Cllr. A. Follows asked about infrastructure as the traffic is already excessive on Cooks Lane. B. Cllr. Evans said she had asked that question in the meeting earlier. She had been told that it could cope with more traffic according to Transport and Highways, but in their next breath they said they had not done a survey on the plans yet. So she said how they can possibly consult on a building plan when they have not looked into the infrastructure and satiability of the junction.

B. Cllr. Hall reiterated again that when objecting it has to be constructive.

Cllr. Williams asked B. Cllr. Hall about the reference to the Industrial estate that the Social housing will be built on.

He replied it will be in Trent Close.

Cllr. Williams said that they had already got enough houses in this area. She worries that they will build on any park or piece of ground they can.

Cllr. Hall agreed with her. He said in the meeting he had mentioned that the area was already built up and had little park area.

Vice Chair Mulready said should we take it that the Nature Reserve has been de-selected then? The answer came from B. Cllr. Evans that no not yet. It appears that the Nature Reserve will be de-selected as the status of Nature Reserve then selected back.

Worries from KPC regarding the future of more houses were raised. This was also raised at the Solihull Council meeting earlier but the Borough Cllrs were told this could not be discussed.

The KPC were informed by B. Cllr. Evans that the plans will be shown to the KPC before they go out into the public. She went on to say where the possible advertising of the plans would be situated in local areas.

Cllr. John Kimberley asked what meeting they had attended and who was present. B. Cllr. Evans replied that it was a private meeting with John Holton, Belway representative and one from the Consultation Firm and some other person that was late with the boards, the meeting had to be started again at that point. She said Ian Courts did not arrive and he was supposed to be there. There seemed to be a lack of communication she said.

Vice chair Mulready thanked everyone and went on to the next part of the agenda.

4. Finance Committee

Cllr Fellows reported that the Finance Committee approved accounts for payment to the value of £3683.17. The balance in the current account was £13,554.86 and the balance in the savings account was £20,000. The Parish Council approved the report from the Finance Committee.

5. Pavilions

5.1 Nothing has been received regarding the sale of the lease for the premises.

5.2 Councillors were informed that residents have reported rats in the back gardens adjacent to the Pavilions, in the row of Conifers by the Bowling Green. Whilst in previous years residents had paid to have the rats removed, it was now requested that the Parish Council cover the cost. A quote had been received for the amount of £80. The Clerk was instructed to engage this company to do the extermination of the rodents'.

6. Events Committee

Chair of Events Cllr. Tina Williams read her report. She mentioned that an event meeting took place in the office on the 1st September. The meeting concluded that a Christmas Party in the Seeds of Hope for Children. This will replace the outside event in the Parade. The Party will take place on the 12th of December from 2 pm till 4 pm. Jean Johnson has agreed to put of the party food for the Children from the three schools and the Churches in Kingshurst. The Clerk will invite the Mayor and she will also get in touch with Alison Lush regarding the Christmas tree for the Parade. The lights will be on the day it is installed.

7. Allotments Committee

Cllr Mulready reported that mostly everything is running smoothly although after an inspection with Cllrs. Cooper-Hinsley and T Williams two allotment holders will need letters to ask them to tidy their allotments. Cllr. Mulready will see the Clerk in the week to discuss the letters.

At this point former Cllr. J. Milne joined the members of the public.

8. Progress reports

8.1 The Chairman reported that he had written to Solihull M B Council regarding the garages between Wheeley Moore Road and Meriden Drive. Nothing has been received back from Solihull Community Housing. B. Cllr. Evans will contact them and sort it out.

8.2 The Zebra Crossing in Marston Drive: A successful site meeting has taken place with Cllr. A. Follows to re position the bus stop. Cllr. A. Follows reported that after initially Cllr. Woolley had witnessed a near tragedy at the crossing it was placed on the agenda that something must be done about the re-positioning of the bus stop. Cllr. B. Follows had originally said that the bus stop should be moved forward in front of the crossing. After the meeting with Centro it was proved to be a good idea and so instructions went ahead to move the stop. The bench will be moved but is owned by Solihull Council and that is still being looked at. Possibly in six weeks. Locals had complained that they didn't realise that its moved. The Clerk was instructed to put up a poster to indicate where the stop is now.

8.3 Kingshurst Academy Mr. Lee Fletcher would like a letter of support for Flood Lit tennis courts. See email. Clerk had received an email from Lee Fletcher stating that the submission has gone in now so no further info is required. He will let us know how they get on.

8.4 Anti social behaviour. DC. See email. Clerk read out a report from Chair Cole regarding anti social behaviour from a resident in Cooks Lane. Police have dealt with it. But Chair asked if we could write a letter to support the other residents with this complaint. B. Cllr. Hall said it had been sorted. It was decided to write a letter of support.

8.5 Residents in the flats on the Parade are complaining about the rubbish at the back of the empty shops. Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley said this has now been sorted.

9. Reports from Parish Council Members on outside bodies

- 9.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr. Mulready said there is no change, nothing to report
- 9.2 WALC/SAC – No Meetings until 15th October. Cllr. David Hinsley is taking over from Cllr. A. Follows and will represent KPC in future.
- 9.3 School Governor Reports – Cllr Follows has nothing to report as the schools have been in recess for the Summer.
- 9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum – Cllr. Hinsley reported that there is no longer a North Solihull Partnership Forum it is now just a Solihull Partnership Forum. They now meet twice a year in one location.
- 9.5 Regeneration – B. Cllr. Evans mentioned that the Parade and reported that it would be a least 12 months before anything would be released regarding the regeneration. She also reported that the Doctors Surgery, NHS have finally come to the table to talk about funding a new GP surgery.
- 9.6 Parish Council Environmental Committee – no matters to report; meeting to be arranged.

10. Standing Orders To discuss adopting new legal notices and updating the KPC set of standing orders. The addition for filming and recording Council meetings can be placed on the existing Standing Orders at any time. It was proposed to accept the addition for the standing orders. Clerk can put this now in the members standing orders.

11. Planning: There were no consultations to respond to.

12. Planning applications

- 12.1: Local Development Plan: Babb's Mill. Nothing has been received regarding the plans.
12.2 : Mountford Public House site – no updates to report..

13. Information items

- 13.1 Correspondence and emails: Clerk read out a letter from Seeds of Hope thanking the KPC for the donation for the Food cooked for the VE Day.
13.2 Crime Commissioner David Jamieson will attend KPC January 2016 Meeting.

14. Public participation

14.1 Vice Chair Mulready asked the member of the public to take the floor. Alison O'Connell introduced herself as part of the Kingshurst Sporting Club. She addressed the members of the KPC and asked if she could have a discussion or would it have to go onto an agenda. Cllr. A. Follows said that she can speak in the Public Participation part of the meeting. She said that it appears that the KPC members have put a spanner in the works regarding their sponsorship from Solihull Community Housing. She said SCH seem to think that the KPC have put a stop on it.

Vice Chair Mulready replied that before we go any further he advised her that this should not be discussed in public as a private meeting needs to be put in place to establish concerns regarding the use of the car park of the Pavilions. Cllr. Follows agreed that it should not be discussed in Public. Alison said it is nothing to do with the Car Park. It was established that the two issues were connected.

At this point former Cllr. J. Milne received a phone call and left the meeting from the public gallery.

Cllr. Williams also said that this issue is ongoing and should not be discussed.

Mr. Gary Leake also representing the Kingshurst Football Club asked that he should be able to speak and wanted to make a point. He did not want to talk about the car park. He wanted to talk about the funding from SCH that helps provide footballs for over 300 children in the community. He said that they have an agreement with SCH that they provide sponsorship only and is nothing to do with the staff parking their cars in the Pavilions Car Park.

Vice Chair Mulready said that it seemed it was to do with the car park.

Mr. Gary Leake said he knew that the staff from SCH were made members so that they could park legitimately in the car park.

Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that verbally the KPC was told that the SCH sponsorship was given to the Kingshurst Sporting Club so they could park on the Pavilions car park. Gary said that the football club had spoken to SCH along with the Chairman Solicitors and announced that there is nothing, absolutely nothing in writing that says their agreement with us the Kingshurst Children's Football Club sponsorship and the use of the pavilions car park. He said they are members of this club which entitles them to park in the car park.

Cllr. Follows again said this should be discussed in private.

Alison O'Connell spoke and requested they have a private meeting, She went on to say that the Club has spend £9,000 this year on new kits and no sign of the money coming in this is really detrimental to the football club.

Gary Leake again asked are SCH stating that they are renting the car park with our sponsorship.

Cllr. A. Follows said this seemed correct.

Gary Leake said at the Chairman's Solicitors meeting this was not what has been minuted. He added that the agreement is with the tenants that SCH can use the meeting rooms, enjoy coffee and teas etc.

Vice Chair Mulready said again this subject should be stopped. He asked the committee if they agreed with him. They all agreed. The issue should be kept private until true facts were established.

14.2 Clerk read a report from Sarah Evans Action for Babb's Mill. See attached.

B. Cllr. Debbie Evans mentioned a note that Sarah had received through her front door indicating that the Pavilions was going to be sold to Solihull Council for housing. This was an anonymous note that was clearly used to scare residents. Conversations regarding this note were spoken about.

14.3 B. Cllr. R Hall mentioned the Police have been involved with an incident of drugs being sold in the car park of a public house in Kingshurst.

Vice Chair Mulready asked if there were any more questions. As there were no more questions he went on to the next part of the agenda.

15. Councillors reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Councillors were informed by Cllr. David Woolley that the Clerk and B. Cllr. Evans had reported the rubber matting under the climbing frame had been vandalised. He said that only sand had been placed under the frame. This he said is not sufficient to stop a child hurting themselves. He asked if the Council could write again and ask for the rubber matting to be completely replaced. Clerk to action.

Concerns were raised by Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley regarding a teenager that was offered drugs outside Greegs in the Parade. It appears that other youths are selling the drugs. It was noted that they seem to all be on push bikes and leave a lot of rubbish where they have been congregating. CCTV will be looked into regarding the incident.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at The Pavilions Sporting Club commencing at 7.15pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date