



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 8th July 2014 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole – Chair
B. Mulready - Vice Chair
T. Williams
A. Follows
B. Follows
J. Milne
E. Muluka
M. Dawson
D. Woolley

In Attendance : Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Nine members of the public attended.
Borough Cllrs Borough Cllrs. A. Nash and Mrs. F. Nash

Apologies: Cllr. D. Evans – attended another meeting.

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

Cllr. D. Davis – has relocated.
Cllr. R. Webber - working late
Cllr. J. Milne – Family emergency
Cllr. P Whyte - working

2. Minutes: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th June 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by Chair Cole.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors. A report had been received from newly elected Borough Cllr. D. Evans representing Fordbridge and Kingshurst. (see attached).

No questions were raised from this report.

Borough Cllr F. Nash was asked to take the floor by Chair Cole. She reported that the Parade was looking a disgrace with rubbish and cigarette nubs. Her main concern was the dog bins that are not be used properly. Dog owners are leaving bags of dog mess in bags at the side of the dog bin clearing indicating that owners need to be educated This would be understandable if the bins were full but they are not. She reported there are issues with trees needing to be cut back as some were

becoming a health and safety problem. She mentioned the black bags of rubbish that are discarded in Fordbridge and Kingshurst.

B. Cllr. F. Nash had previously had meetings with parents of nursery children that were appealing for a place in Kingshurst Primary School. Some of the parents had attended the meeting in the hope they could get some answers as to why their children were not able to get a place in the school. Chair Cole thanked Borough Cllr. F. Nash and the parents and acknowledged that they will be able to speak in the public participation part of the agenda.

He then went on to introduce the guest.

4. Guest Speaker Mr. Simon Phelps Wild Life Project Officer. Simon was asked to take the floor and address the members of the public and the councillors. Simon had recently been promoting Health and wellbeing in the North of the Borough. He mentioned the benefits of being outdoors and how it can physically better your body and mind. He spoke of the Health Trainers in the area and promoted their outstanding work in helping residents see the benefits of being healthy. He went on to report the Bluebell Community gardens and how growing your own food was becoming very popular. A new project in the Kingshurst Parade will promote growing your own fruit and veg. He asked for help with volunteers to join in with the project. Any available growing space will be used to grow food. Schools and community clubs will all get involved. He also went on to say they are hoping to get funding to produce a shallow pond in the Kingshurst Allotments to encourage insects and wildlife.

Chair Cole asked Simon about his views on the green spaces being used to build houses on. Simon agreed that it should be opposed. He mentioned that we still have a further opportunity to oppose the Babbs Mill Nature Reserve proposals to built 70 homes. He said it was sad that Natural England had pulled the rug from out of the WWL by writing to say it would not harm the habitat. He mentioned the wildlife and a very rare plant called Navel Wort had been found. Any information he had on reports and statistics' he will forward on to the Clerk. It was pointed out that the Babbs Mill Nature Reserve had been open by the Queen in her Silver Jubilee year.

It was noted that the Bat walk will take place on the 14th August. Members of the public offered to help with putting posters up help promoting the growing of vegetables and fruit in the Parade and the Art Space shop.

Chair Cole thanked Simon for his talk and wished him well.

5. Finance: To receive and approve reports from KPC Finance Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

5.1 Finance: Chair of finance A. Follows addressed the Council and approval for 7462.66 for the cheque list was given. The Current account stood at £18963.66 the Deposit account at £69.33 and the corporate account stands at £15053.51.

6. Pavilions: To receive and approve any reports regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club and make decisions as appropriate.

6.1 Update on current situation regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned he thought the Pavilions is now due for a valuation. The Clerk has been given a quote from Fusion to an itinerary for the Pavilions. The charge would be just over £300 as it is an hourly rate of £100 a hour. Clerk will contact The Pavilions to make sure they know they have to pay the bill as it is part of the lease with the KPC

6.2 Gates to the Pavilions Playing Fields. Cllr. Mulready reported that the Pavilions staff were having a little problem with youths using the field for underage drinking. The staff asked Cllr. Mulready if the gates can be closed at 8 pm. He agreed. The Council agreed.

7. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate. Chair of Events Cllr. J. Milne had been called away for a family emergency and Cllr. Muluka stood in as chair. He reported that the Fun Day next year will possible on the 28th June. He thanked Cllr. Davis for coming over from Bromsgrove to help on the Fun day. Next year

the Cllrs will leaflet the houses in the vicinity of the Pavilions so residents can prepare for any noise and disruption on the day.

8. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate. Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready reported he had met Sarah Gill of Gro Organic, looked at the possibility of getting funding for a pond and the clearing of the weeds. Grants would hopefully be available to them shortly.

9. Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:

9.1 A banner will be provided by the KPC to commemorate the WW1 anniversary. The banner will incorporate the 21st September date for the Service at St. Barnabas Church followed by Refreshments. The Day will include areas for contemplation. Photos and memorabilia will be on display also.

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

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready reported there was no meeting. He mentioned that the Parish Council may no longer be invited to the meetings. The Borough Cllrs will be invited so they will report back to us. B. Cllr. A. Nash confirmed this.

10.2 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows reported a meeting is scheduled for a week on Thursday. He will ask the Clerk to distribute the minutes when they are available.

10.3 School Governors Reports: Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report from Yorkswood Primary School.

Chair Cole had recently attended a Governors meeting for Kingshurst Primary School. He reported that the Kingshurst Primary School have recently been declared Top sports School. They are very proud of the new title. The award has taken pride of place in the Trophy Cabinet.

He went on to mention the pupil numbers were increasing for September and how the school has concerns regarding the waiting list for reception.

10.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: No one was available to attend the meeting. Minutes should be received shortly and will be distributed.

10.5 Nothing to report regarding the Re-Gen of Kingshurst.

11. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received: Nothing to report or oppose.

12. Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:

12.1 Local Development Plan: Chair read out the recent letter received by Caroline Spelman MP he asked the Council to agree for a letter to be sent to each Borough Cllrs with a copy of her letter stating that she was told by the Borough Council that the KPC did not oppose the Babb's Mill planning of building on the Nature Reserve. He said we should have answers as to why she was misinformed, at our expense. All agreed for the Clerk to write and send a copy of Caroline Spelmans letter.

12.2 Mountford Public House Site: No news at the moment.

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

13.1 Correspondence and emails. All Cllrs. had received copies of emails and post. Nothing was noted or discussed.

14. 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 asked the members of the public to speak. A resident Mrs. Hall asked the KPC if they were able to find out the exact numbers waiting to get into Kingshurst Primary School this September. She had recently been told it was fifty then told again it was eighteen. She would like to know exactly. She thought that if there were enough children on the waiting list a further Reception Class could be established.

Chair said he does not know the exact figure but he was told it was high.

Mrs. Hall said that pupils were given places in the nursery and it seemed unfair that the children will have to go to other schools. She had taken her case to the appeals. If the child in question did not win the appeal, arrangements would be made for home school education.

The Council agreed for a letter to be written to the admissions department of Solihull Council and ask how many pupils were on the waiting list.

B. Cllr. Alan Nash said how all Services in the area will suffer with the developers wanting to build further houses. He said there is an un-known quantity of outside people coming into the area. It is time that the Council invested in our young people.

Mr. David Hinsley reported that the NHS has allocated £80k to spend on refurbishing the doctors surgery. He said 14 organisations have applied to run the doctors. He will keep us informed.

15. 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.

Nothing was noted so the Chair went on to the next part of the meeting.

16. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 9th September 2014 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at **7.15pm**. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 2nd September 2014.

Meeting Closed at 20.27 pm

Signed Date