



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council General Meeting held on the 10th May, 2011 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present:

- D. Cole Chair
- B. Follows
- A. Follows
- T. Williams
- D. Woolley
- B. Mulready
- D. Davis
- S. Daly
- J. Milne
- R. Webber
- P. Whyte

In Attendance : RFO David Wheeler Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Four members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: None
2. **Acceptance of Office:** All of the elected councillors need to make a statutory declaration of Acceptance of Office. A declaration was read out individually by each Councillor.
3. **Election of**

Chairman: The Full Council all voted that David Cole remain as Chair.

Vice Chairman: The full Council voted Cllr. Brendan Mulready as Vice Chair,

4. **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

Personal interest:

Events: Cllrs. T. Williams, D. Davis, S. Daly, B. Mulready, A. Follows and B. Follows.

Allotments: Cllr. B. Mulready,

Grant Aid: Cllrs. Mulready, T. Williams S. Daly, D. Davis

Planning: Chair Cole

5. Conformation of:

Responsible Officer: David Wheeler was voted to stay on as the RFO to the Council.

Internal Auditor: Louise Best was voted to stay as the Internal Auditor for the Council.

School Governor: A. Follows is an associate School Governor.

Members of Committees:

Finance: Cllr. D. Davis resigned as Chair and A. Follows was voted in a Chair of Finance and committee members would be: Cllr. D. Davis Cllr. B. Follows, Cllr. J. Milne, Cllr. S. Daly, Cllr. D. Woolley, Cllr. B. Mulready. Cllr. R. Webber and Cllr. P. Whyte

Allotments: The Council voted for Cllr. Mulready to stay on as Chair, other committee members are Cllr. T. Williams, Cllr. S. Daly. Cllr. D. Davis Cllr. A. Follows, Cllr. J. Milne, Cllr. R. Webber and Cllr. P. Whyte.

Cllr. B. Follows resigned from the committee as the office stairs are becoming difficult for her to manage.

Events: The Council voted for Cllr. J Milne to remain as Chair. Members consist of Cllr. D. Davis, Cllr. T. Williams, Cllr. S. Daly, Cllr. B. Mulready, Cllr. A. Follows. Cllr. R. Webber and Cllr. P. Whyte.

Cllr. B. Follows resigned from the events committee as the meeting took place in the office and she was finding it hard to climb the stairs.

Grant Aid Requests: It was voted that the committee remain the same: Cllrs. Mulready as Chair, Cllr. S. Daly, Cllr. T. Williams, Cllr. B. Follows, Cllr. D. Davis Cllr. R. Webber and Cllr. P. Whyte.

Councillors representing KPC bodies: Cllr. B. Mulready – Airport Committee.
Chair D. Cole – CARA.
Cllrs. A. and B. Follows – WALC/SAC

6. Minutes: To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th April 2011 Minutes approved and signed.

7. To receive reports from Borough Councillors – Cllr. D. Evans and Cllr. David Jamieson could not attend the meeting and did not send any reports.

8. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

8.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. Davis reported that the Deposit account stood at £10,863.38 and the Current account stood at £20,209.70 at the end of April. The fixed term savings account stood £30,060.49. No transfer of money needed to be agreed. But approval for the cheques was passed. Information will be given next month about the fixed term deposit account.

8.2 Events: Mr. Gary Leake had been asked to come along but he would be late. Chair J. Milne mentioned that everything was in place for the Fun Event on the 12th June. He wanted everyone to arrive at 9 am to help with the setting up. Cllr. Davis reported that she and Cllr. A. Follows had purchased some of the tombola prizes and

the sweets that day. Cllr. Daly had asked Cllr. Pat Whyte to be the First Aider on the day.

Cllr. Follows expressed her concerns about no car boots sales. It had been established the committee only wants craft type table tops as some years ago car booters had left a terrible mess.

8.3 Allotments: Chair Mulready mentioned that letters had gone out to each allotment holder referring to the abuse of the recent skips. The budget does not allow another skip until April next year. Recent letters had gone out to plot holders not maintaining their plots. One in particular had not responded and the Chair asked the committee to send a letter informing her that she would have to return the keys, as there are many people on the waiting list.

9 Progress reports for information/action:

9.1 Pavilions: Clerk had organised a meeting with Graham Andrews of Calco Pubs Limited for the 14th April at 11 pm. Cllr. A. and B. Follows met Mr. Andrews. Cllr. Follows reported the meeting went very well. The small jobs pointed out to Mr. Andrews would be looked into and another meeting would go ahead after these improvements had been done. The water tank on the roof of the changing room was mentioned and this still remain there at the moment. This was in the surveyors report and this is being looked into. The car park was also mentioned and this would also be sorted out and Mr. Andrews would get quotes. Cllr. Milne mentioned that the workers from the next door seem to be using the car park, he said at least 40 to 45 people work on those premises. It was established that the Pavilions allow the staff from the office next door to park there in exchange for sponsorship of the football teams. The spaces are in the daytime only.

10 To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said the next meeting is 26th May. The Airport have been granted 15 million.

10.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole said the last meeting was cancelled until 25th May. A figure of 10 million pound of debt was in the Borough alone.

10.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows said The high speed rail link was being looked into with the borough councillors and new councillors. He will report back on that as and when he receives information. He said he would come into the office and install the plans on the office computer and print out the proposed plan of where the High Speed rail has been proposed.

10.4 Governors Report:

Cllr. A. Follows said no meeting since February, so nothing to report at this moment in time.

11. Playground on Babbs Mill. (DC) Chair Cole reported that the facilities in the play ground were very poor. There is no see saw now and no swings. Cllr. D. Evans the equipment for the swings had gone for restoration and the see saw had been stolen, possibly for the metal. Chair asked the Cllrs. to keep an eye on it.

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

12.1 Correspondence and emails: Cllrs. had received copies of post and emails.

Clerk read items that had been received and could be discussed: -

First letter had been received from Eric Muluka, this gentleman was writing to apply to become a co-opted councillor. The council asked the Clerk to arrange for him to attend the next Full Council Meeting on the 14th June.

Second letter had been received from Cllr. D. Evans: Clerk suggested this was not read out to the public as it contained personal information. All councillors had received a copy.

Third letter was received from Alison Lush with reference to Responsible Dog owners. She requests a table at the Fun Event to offer Dog Tags for £1. The Council said yes to this request. Clerk to email her back.

Forth Letter was from Sustain referring to a meeting of the Colebridge Trust AGM for 19th May. It was discussed that Cllrs. A. B. Follows would attend the meeting.

Fifth letter was referring to correspondence received from Cllr. Follows and Philip Lloyd Williams of SMBC. This was in connection with the Members Allowances. The councillors were thinking of for-going their members allowance. Cllr. Daly had asked the council to consider the members of the public at this time and in the current climate of being unstable economically it would be a good gesture to not take an allowance. Chair Cole had researched the information and had said that the members allowance would have to be replaced with expenses. Various responses to this matter were aired, and not all of them came through the Chair. It became difficult to record all the information that was said by individual councillors. At one point Cllr. Daly asked to withdraw the subject and for everyone to forget it. Chair asked to take a vote, that it was best left as it was that all members of the council receive their allowances to cover their expenses. Resolution to keep the members allowances as they are. All agreed.

12.2 Planning: No planning applications had been received.

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.

At this point Mr. Gary Leake had come into the meeting and Chair Cole asked him to speak with Chair of Events John Milne. Gary discussed the football pitch will be treated with chemicals. This will have cleared by the Fun Event on the 12th June. He will rope off where the different events will take place. Cllr. T. Williams asked if the treatment on the Pitch would affect the Dog. No it would not. The bins would need to be emptied before the event. Health and Safety will be looked at before the Event. Cllr. Milne thanked Gary Leake for his time.

Chair asked members of the public to speak. Pastor Watson from the New Testament Church referred to the recent Royal wedding and said he thought that the KPC would have done something for the residents of Kingshurst to celebrate the day. He said it would have been a good time to foster community cohesion. Especially at this time with high unemployment he thought that the interest would have been better with the community. The Church intended to reach out to the local people and put something on that day. Cllr. T. Williams explained to the Pastor that the announcement of the Royal wedding was short notice and was very close

to our Fun Day. Pastor Watson thought that other creative ways can be embraced. Cllr. Follows said that other organisations tried to plan a street party but the members of the public were not interested. A picnic in the park was also abandoned. Cllr. Daly explained that the KPC put on a Remembrance Sunday Service and looked into having a procession. This would not have been cost effective as more marshals would have been needed, than members of the public. Pastor Watson said he knew the KPC were very pro-active. Cllr. Daly mentioned that meeting about the parade were not very well attended. It had been suggested a market once a week would bring trade into the shops. This has been ignored by SMBC.

Cllr. J. Milne mentioned that the Golden Jubilee next year may be a big event we can put on.

Cllr. R. Webber said we need to get SMBC behind us for this community. Cllr. B. Follows asked Cllr. P. Whyte if they could organise carollers from their Church for our Christmas Event.

It was mentioned that the annual parish residents meeting was organised for next week and hope that members of the public would attend and tell us what they want.

The Christmas Event would probably be on the 10th December this year.

- 16. 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.

Items for the next agenda are:

Community Space (AF)

HS2 Rail link

Standing Orders. – New Code of Conduct

Meeting with D. Merry

- 17. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 14th June, 2011 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 7th June 2011.

Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Signed Date