

**Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
held on Tuesday 13th January 200 at 7.15 p.m.
at St. Barnabas Church Hall**

Cllrs. present:

D. Cole	Chairman
B. Mulready	Vice-Chairman
A. Follows	
B. Follows	
T. Williams	
S. Daly	
D. Davis	
L. Brunger	
D. Woolley	

In Attendance :

Mr D. Wheeler	Accountant
Mrs. P. Ross	Acting Clerk for the Meeting
Mrs. J. Aske	Clerk in training

Members of the public: Mrs. S. Kimberely, PC Robert Morton and PC SallyAnne Colley.

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

The Chairman, Cllr. Cole informed the committee that Cllr. Evans was in hospital and that we send best wishes to him.

2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda

- (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
- All declarations were entered into the Declarations of Interest book.

3. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 9th December 2008

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.

4. Public Participation

It was suggested that KPC spend £20 on a gift of flowers for the elderly lady that was mugged, and that the flowers be given to a Mrs. Jean Johnson who knows the lady in question.

A query was raised regarding the CCTV. Cllr. B. Mulready said it is in full working order and that an operator can monitor the precinct and if necessary use speakers to stop children riding their bikes in the parade.

Police Presentation

PC Colley informed those present that she is hoping for more residents to come to the meeting. She also informed us that the new police buggy was very effective in preventing crime, as it is capable of going over grass and park land and can follow and apprehend anyone breaking the law. She also stated that the new number 0845 113 500 should be used in reporting incidents especially with gangs.

Cllr T. Williams asked PC Colley what area the buggy covered and how many buggies are there. The area covered by the officers was only Kingshurst And that 3 were in operation at the moment. Cllr. Cole suggested we arrange at a suitable time in the future to have a look at the buggy.

Cllr. David Wooley asked PC Colley if she was aware of the parking situation in Gilson Way. He said that residents were having their drives blocked by cars.

She was aware of the situation and between the SMBC and themselves they were looking into an effective way to solve it. Double yellow lines down one side had been suggested but this may prevent any new houses built in that road to be sold. It was noted that even the Rig was not sure what could be done. Cooks Lane was also noted to be a bad spot for residents at school times where parents would park anywhere to pick up their children.

Member of the Public Mrs. Kimberely asked if there was any news on the re-generation of the village. There was nothing to report. Cllr. Cole said that due to the economic spiral it would be unlikely that the moment for any plans to be approved. Cllr. D. Davis suggested we invite representatives of the re-generation body to one of the meeting.

Meeting was then closed to the Public

5. To receive reports from Borough Councillors

The acting Clerk Mrs. P. Ross read an E mail from Cllr. Mrs. Evans apologising for not being able to attend.

Cllr. B. Mulready reported that human excrement is being washed into the river once again and nothing seems to have been done about it. Children constantly play near the water and action on preventing this should be a priority. Cllr B. Fellows said The Environment Agency was investigating it. They are trying to track down the pipe work plumbed in incorrectly from home owners' improvements. Cllr. T. Williams said that only reputable builders should carry out the work where planning permission has been issued. Cllr. A. Fellows said we should write three letters of complaint one to each, the Council, the Environment Agency and Seven Trent.

6. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees

6.1 Finance Committee

The list of accounts presented had been approved for payment and the Accountant authorised to make a transfer from the deposit account to the current account of £3000.00

6.2 Events Committee

Cllr. T. Williams thanked all those who helped at the Christmas Event. The event was enjoyed by all.

6.3 Allotments

Cllr B. Mulready said that Claire Cuniffe had been in touch and a grant of 250K has been backed. He suggested we lower the price of the sleepers to £10 each.

Cllr. T. Williams telephoned Cllr. P. Allen to mention the sleepers for the Youth Council to use for their raised beds. She was not sure how many they would want.

Cllr. B. Fellows said that £15 is still cheap for each sleeper.

The next meeting for Events and Allotments will be held in the Offices on 27th February 2009 at 7.15

7. Progress reports for information/action:

7.1 CCTV- dealt with

7.2 Motorbikes – dealt with

7.3 Re-generation – Parking dealt with

7.4 Sleepers – dealt with

7.5 Surveyors – Pass by – look into on next agenda

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

8.1 Airport – Planning permission is being considered. But in the economic climate it is doubtful it will go ahead.

8.2 Colebridge Trust – This appears to have disbanded

8.3 Cllr. B. Mulready asked if we could have a representative from Sustian

8.3 CARA & WALC/SAC meeting due.

8.4 Tree Surgery No reports will go on next agenda

8.5 Environmental issues. Cllr. B. Fellows asked if she should represent the council in her efforts to get something done about the environmental issues regarding the river, or if she should complain as a member of the public. It was agreed that she put her complaints forward as a Councillor.

10. To consider adoption of the New Freedom of Information Act New Model Publication Scheme

It was agreed to go ahead with the proposal on the table. Cllr. A. Fellows proposed it and Cllr. T. Williams second it. Cllr. L. Brunger wanted to know at what point in time could confidential items be discussed. The answer was when the said issue had been concluded.

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:

11.1 The re-generation plans – It was agreed we send a formal request to the borough council asking them to come along to meetings and keep us in the loop.

11.2 Cllr. S. Daly suggested we ask the SMBC to help us financially with the lights for Christmas in the Parade. As having some quotes last year, they are very expensive. Chairman D. Cole said we should send a letter to Solihull Council.

11.3 Youth Council - The way forward. Kingshurst Primary School, St. Anthonys' and Yorkswood Schools were all for it. It was established that we need to organise a working party from the council to service the three schools and support their Head teachers. A question of age groups was queried.. Chairman Cllr. Cole suggested we send a letter to each school to get a meeting arranged when we have the working party formed. Cllrs Daly, B. Fellows, A. Fellows D. Davis all volunteered to go on the working party list. PC Colley also wished to be included.

Cllr. Davis asked if there were any guidelines as to and the acting Clerk said we can consult WALC.

11.4 Greggs to be given a letter of thanks along with Atwells and the Chior who all helped to make the Christmas Event very special.

12. Information items: to receive and discuss items for information and comments/action if appropriate

12.1 Agenda for next meeting. Hearing loop. A brochure of various hearing loop systems and prices was presented by Cllr. L. Brunger. It was agreed that a representative should come and explain the system to us. This item needs to be put in the Finance Agenda. Cllr. L. Brunger wanted to know who is the SMBC monitoring Officer as he has had no joy with them re a member of the public issue.

12.2 Chairman Cllr. Cole – Youth Council the way forward.

Correspondence

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th February, 2009 at Kingshurst Primary School commencing 7.15 p.m. (Clerk needs to contact school to see how many meetings have been booked in with them)

- 14. 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 9th December 2008
 - 14.2 Personnel issues
 - 14.3 Legal issues

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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

13.1 To approve minutes of confidential part of meeting held on 11 November 2008 Proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record and signed.

13.2 Personnel issues

Appointment of Clerk. There were six applicants. Five to be interviewed on Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

One on Friday at 10.00 a.m.

The Interview Panel consisted of Chairman Cllr. Cole and Vice-Chairman Cllr. Mulready of the Council, Chairman of Finance Cllr. A. Follows, Chairman of Events Cllr. Mrs. Williams plus Cllr. Mrs. Daly. Mrs. Ross, Acting Clerk, would be in attendance.

RESOLVED: that the Interview panel consider all applicants and should an applicant prove to be suited to the post of Clerk, go ahead and appoint for commencement of duties in January.

13.3 Legal issues

Nothing to report on the case re. Carter

Cllr. Mrs. Daly reported on an e-mail from the Standards Committee re. Marie Zizzi (former Clerk) who had reported four councillors for acting inappropriately. A decision from the Standards Committee was awaited.

Cllr. Mrs. Davis referred to a e-mail from an individual councillor requesting legal advice on the approach made by Marie Zizzi to the Standards Committee and asked what this would cost the Parish Council. She questioned the fact that not all the councillors had seen the relevant correspondence. Mrs. Ross advised members that no individual councillor may take action on behalf of full Council without being specifically authorised so to do at a full Council meeting.

13.4 Precept

The Accountant gave a brief update on the precept. A revised schedule had been given to each member of the Finance Committee and at present, the precept looked to be set just below £50,000 keeping reserves at around £17,500.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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