

**Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
held on Tuesday 14th April at 7.15 p.m.
At Kingshurst Primary School**

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chairman
 B. Mulready Vice-Chairman
 S. Daly
 D. Davis
 A. Follows
 B. Follows
 D. Woolley

In Attendance : Mr D. Wheeler Accountant
 Mrs. J. Aske Clerk
 Mrs. P. Ross Clerk for the Meeting

Members of the public: Borough Cllrs. Mrs. D. Evans and R. Hall, Mr. J. Kimberley and Mrs. S. Kimberley, Mr. Hampton, Mr. John Milne and Mrs. L. Baudet. Mr. Philip Lloyd-Williams and Deborah Merry

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Cllrs. L. Brunger and Mrs. T. Williams

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
Cllrs. Mrs. D. Davis B. Mulready and Mrs. S. Daly Item 5.2 Events and 5.3 Allotments

The Clerk introduced Mrs. Louise Baudet and Mr. John Milne who had recently requested to become Councillors, they were welcomed and a proposal was put forward for both new members to be co-opted onto the Kingshurst Parish Council. It was agreed that they join the other councillors at the table where they signed the appropriate forms. Resolved: Mrs. L. Baudet and Mr John Milne were Co-opted onto the Kingshurst Parish Council.

3. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 10th March 2009

5.5 Cllr. T. Williams had said "lack of disabled parking signage"
And 6.2 Jo Johnson not Jean Johnson. In Public attendance Cllr. R. Hall not Cllr. A. Nash
RESOLVED: that the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.

3. a. Mr. Philip Lloyd-Williams SMBC Monitoring Officer and his assistant D. Merry were introduced by the Chairman for a short informative speech on the Code of Conduct.

Cllr. Mrs. S. Daly asked if Mr. Philip Lloyd-Williams would have a private meeting at the Offices. He said he would and a date would be arranged.

4. To receive for information reports from Borough Councillors

Cllr. Mrs. D. Evans

1. A plan of action - There is £15,000 available for regeneration of Babbs Mill Park. Cllr. David Woolley asked if it would be possible for the gates to enable disabled scooter drivers to get through. This could be looked into, but the gates are to prevent motorbikes from causing disruption and noise in the park. It was also mentioned that the Basket ball court should be updated like the one in Shard End.

Cllr. R. Hall

1. Recent meetings have established that the regeneration of Social Housing was hit by the recession. There are currently 11 thousand people on the waiting list. A moratorium period to 2012 has been put into place. Further funding was needed for Private and Social Housing. It was established that property managers would lose 20% of their profit if private homes became Social Housing. It was also mentioned that Council Tax should be charged for empty properties. The Chair asked how many empty properties were there. Cllr. Hall said he would contact SMBC to find out.
2. An Email had been received from Tracy Churchard with a concern that the Police were taking 50 minutes to get to a situation. And asked why there seemed to be a divide between the North of the Borough and the South. It was felt that the North was being treated differently.

5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees

5.1 Finance

The accountant discussed the cheque list and reported the transfer of funds. A quote to decorate the Office at a price of £875. The full council to a vote to accept this offer and the Clerk to write to Mr. Ray Sheldon.

5.2 Events

Cllr. Mrs T. Williams Chair was absent, but all was in order. A cheque for £600 would be cashed to buy all the necessary prizes etc. All the events had been booked.

5.3 Allotments

Cllr. Mulready said there was a need for a further skip. Cllr. B. Mulready left the meeting while the proposal to rent another skip was authorised by Cllrs. D. Davis and S. Daly. The Clerk needed to contact the Scheme Manager at Bosworth Drive to make sure they still want the two raised beds. It was established that all profits and from the sale of sleepers and grants from World Wild Life trust go towards maintaining the allotments.

6. Progress reports for information/action:

6.1 The Pavilions. At present there had been no reply from them. But it was then established that the Maintenance Report had gone to the wrong address. Cllr. B. Mulready said he could get the correct address and would give it to the Clerk. Clerk to re write enclosing another copy.

6.2 RNID report from Cllr. Brunger. Cllr. Brunger was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health, but Cllr. A. Follows had been given a price and report

from Cllr. Brunger for the Council to peruse. It was felt that more time would be needed so it was left on the table for the next meeting.

6.3 Youth Council. The assistant Clerk Mrs. P. Ross, said it would be better to leave the Youth Council project until such a time when all councillors were available to give more time.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee. Cllr. Mulready said there had not been a meeting since February. The Extension had been agreed and the next meeting would be 21st May 2009. When he will report back to the full Council meeting.

7.2 CARA. Nothing to report

7.3 WALC/SAC. The meeting set for 19 March 2009 was not attended due to illness.

7.4 Sustain reply on representation. Cllr. D. Evan mentioned that the merger of Colebridge two representatives only and Cllr, T. Williams missed a chance to stand as an independent member.

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

8.1 Correspondence and emails

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:-

1. Two Letters from the New Councillors.
2. SMBC Proposal of speed restrictions to be implemented by 2011
3. House of Commons: letter from Caroline Spellman concerning a residents letter re the pollution in the culvert off Fordbridge
4. SMBC Guidelines on Youth Council
5. SMBC Letting of Office Info

8.2 Planning None

Cllr. B. Mulready referred to Grant Aid; The Furniture shop on the parade has applied for Grant Aid. He was informed that it was run by Volunteers.

Letter from John Millne complaining about the lack of parking because of the taxis. Taxis parking is getting worse and are parking on the pavement. Cllr. R Hall said he would look into it but the licensing law is different as they call themselves Private Hire.

9. Public Participation.

Mrs. S. Kimberly asked if Dot Haywood should be contacted with reference to the Surveyors report for the Pavillions. The Cllrs agreed that this would not be the correct avenue to take. She asked if the Kingshurst Parish Council was receiving rent from the Pavillions yes was the answer to her question.

Mr. Hampton referred to the sum of money available to spend updating Babbs Mill. He said the residents put up with enough bad behaviour and that making the access wider for motorised wheelchairs to pass would be a bad move in his opinion, although he had sympathy for disabled residents.

It was established that any items discussed at the Extraordinary meeting were private and confidential.

Cllr. R Hall said the £15,000 was allocated to stop anti social behaviour and he was sure that the Park rangers could open the gates for disabled access. There was a general discussion about the park gates and Cllr. B. Follows had heard that the behaviour had been cut down since the gates were installed. Mr. Kimberely mentioned the pollution in the river, he said it has been an ongoing problem for 6 years. He hopes all the Agencies involved are still working to provide an answer to the problem. He also hopes that the Kingshurst Parish Council will stay on top of the problem that the Pavillions surveyors report was completed. He also mentioned that if we talk to the Cab firm outside the Parade they usually listen for a while. He also commented that the tarmac in the parking bays were in desperate need of repair. Debbie Culvett had been asked to look into the problem.

10. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:

John Milne mentioned he was applying for a job with the Borough Council just in case it was a problem with the Councillors. It was not.

Mrs. P. Ross asked the Council members whether they accepted the Standing Orders. Mrs. Ross pointed out there were several other policies to be adopted at the Annual General Meeting to which they agreed.

Councillors were reminded of the Annual Parish Meeting on 28th April at St. Barnabas Church Hall 7.30 pm

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5th May commencing 7.15 p.m. in St. Barnabas Church Hall
Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm

The Annual Parish Meeting was set for 28 April 2009 to commence at 7.30 p.m. Clerk to book St. Barnabas Church Hall.

Signed..... Dated

