



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th June 2009 At St. Barnabas (Seeds of Hope) Room

Cllrs. present:

S. Daly Vice-Chairman **Acting Chair for the Meeting**
B. Mulready
T. Williams
D. Davis
A. Follows
B. Follows
D. Woolley
L. Baudet
J. Milne

L. Brunger

In Attendance :

Cllr. D. Evans
Cllr. R. Hall
Mr D. Wheeler Accountant
Mrs. J. Aske Clerk
Members of the Public: Mr. John Kimberly
Mrs. S. Kimberly
Miss S. Evans

1. **Apologies:** Chairman D. Cole, Cllr. B. Mulready and Cllr. Louise Baudet.

2. **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

Events: Cllrs. T. Williams, S. Daly, D. Davis, J. Milne

Allotments: Cllr. T. Williams

3. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th April 2009.

The apologies from Cllr. R. Hall and Cllr. D. Evans had been omitted, this was rectified for the minutes to be signed off. The minutes were approved and passed.

4. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors**

Borough Cllr. R. Hall took the floor. He had had a meeting with the Police Inspector Miller. Problems with antisocial behaviour were increasing with the Polaris not in use. He had suggested an idea that the Police use quad bikes. The Subway at Cooks End was constantly flooding and needs closing. But there may be a problem as the Junction is a busy one. A campaign to clean the North of the Borough needs to be put in place and there is an

inequality between North and South of the Borough. We should make a stand that the South should not get priority over the North. He spoke also on the Community Centre as several members of the public had asked him for an update. He suggested the Public and especially the Youth let him know what they want from it.

Borough Cllr. Mrs. D. Evans referred to Babbs Mill. Two residents had contacted her about the base left from the old Boat House, she is unsure when this will be dealt with. The netting for the basket ball area was to be looked at the following day. Mrs. Tracy Churchard and the Environmental Agency are going to make a start on the cleaning of the whole of the River. Trees needed to be cut back. Cllr. Evans referred to the Play area and update will be available soon and young people will be involved. Disabled gates will be made for better access. Crash Barriers will be painted and maintained. The Fair caused mixed feelings. It was noted that the fencing worked very well and the site was well maintained this year. The manager of the Fair was always happy to meet up and discuss any problems.

Vice Chair thanked Cllr. D. Evans for arranging the repairs and maintenance of Gilson Way and Marston Drive.

Cllr. John Milne asked Cllr. Evans about the erosion of the River Bank, Cllr. Evans replied it was being looked into.

Cllr. B. Follows enquired if we could have an extra disabled parking bay outside the Parade. They maybe a ratio of how many disabled bays you can have for the size of the parking allocations.

Cllr. Brunger said in respect of the Fair, Mr. Robert Wilkinson the previous owners were very considerate and respectful of the grounds. They always cleaned up after themselves and restored turf that had been ruined. The music always stopped at 9pm.

Cllr. A. Follows enquired to Cllr. Evans that he had heard the Lottery Bid had collapsed with reference to the Cole valley re-development. Cllr. Evans replied that it had not collapsed, once the inspections of Meriden Park had taken place and brought up to standard; the status of Green Flag will be achieved.

Cllr. B. Follows asked if any other road surfacing was to take place. As the Road by the Doctors was in need. Cllr. Brunger referred to the Hump outside the Church, saying it was very dangerous.

Chair thanked Cllr. Evans for her time.

5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

5.1 Finance:

David Wheeler Accountant reported that Current Account and the End of May was in debt of £344.00. Deposit account as at the end of May was £61,958. It was agreed to transfer £4500.00 to current account to cover cheques raised. Mr. Wheeler said the Internal Audit for the year ending had been completed by Louise Best and found all to be in order. The books would be open to members of the Public for 20 days starting from Monday 15th June, in the Parish Council offices.

5.2 Events: Cllr. Mrs. T. Williams informed the committee that everything was in place for the Fun Day on Sunday All Cllrs will be needed at 9.00 am to help set up on the day. She asked if anyone was unable to help. Cllrs. L. Brunger and Mrs. B. Follows were unable to help due to disabilities and commitments. Cllr. John Milne said he had a family member willing to help.

Chair said that we would all meet at the Council Office on Wednesday at 2pm to count the monies with Mr. Wheeler.

5.3 Allotments: As Cllr. Mulready was absent, Cllr. T. Williams said that Martin from Sustain had arranged for a crowd of people to come and help in the Community Gardens. A Strimmer had been given to them but she was unsure how to work it. Cllr. Milne said he would be able to show her, as he had had training in how to operate petrol strimmers.

6. Progress reports for information/action:

6.1 The Pavilions. Surveyors report: No response from Matt Ronca. Clerk to write once again. If no reply to evoke the clause in the Deeds that repairs are done. Otherwise apply to the bank of Ireland and get authority through solicitors to acquire monies from the deposit.

Cllr. R. Hall gave a word of warning. We would have to issue a Notice of Intent and legally give them a notice period. Failure to do so could get us into a lot of trouble.

6.2 RNID. The Clerk cancelled the purchase of the equipment, as most members of the Council had considered it may not be the right one to pay for. The payment had to be paid before the equipment would be demonstrated. It appeared that only one Cllr could benefit from the hearing device and the other Councillors that wear hearing aids would not be able to use the system.

Cllr. Brunger challenged this by saying he would have to express an intent and quote the Disability Act. He asked members of the Council to note how long he had been a member and thought the Council had an obligation to do something about it. Chair Cllr. Daly said that £2000 is a lot of money to pay for only one member of the Council to benefit from. Other options should be looked into.

Cllr. Brunger said he could hear in the room today as it was smaller but the access was not disable friendly.

Various conversations took place about the places the Council could conduct their meetings. Cllr. Brunger said the Office would have to have a stair lift. Cllr. John Milne said why was it that if we owned the Pavilions how come we did not use it for the meetings. Cllr. A. Follows said that the Council had to be careful where meetings took place because of the premises having an alcoholic licence.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Nothing to report as Cllr. Mulready was absent.

7.2 CARA: Nothing to report as Chair David Cole was absent.

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows and Cllr. Mrs. B. Follows said there has not been a meeting.

7.4 Sustain: No representative.

8. Standing Orders: To approve/amend and adopt the standing orders:

Cllr. L. Brunger held up the last copy and drew the members' attention to the Chairman's part. Certain information that other members need to know was only set out in the only Chairman's copy. Cllr. Brunger considered the information should be available to all councillors. It was decided to defer the adoption of the Orders. Information from NALC was needed.

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

9.1 Correspondence and emails: Items read out an invite from the Mayors Parlour inviting one Cllr plus guest to attend a Civic Services on the 28th. Chairman Cole would be attending. Clerk to arrange reply.

9.2 Planning: A letter had been received from Robert MacDonald (Transport Highway) SMBC to change the address of 75-77 Kingshurst Way currently Yorkswood House to Venture House. The Councillors had no problem with the name change.

10. 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.

Mrs. S. Kimberly asked Cllrs. D. Evans and R. Hall about a leak in Gilson Way. She wanted to know if Severn Trent were doing anything about it. Cllr. D. Evans said she was chasing them up. Cllr. R. Hall said that Severn Trent had been informed on many occasions but had not bothered to take action.

Mr. J. Kimberly, had three items he wanted to discuss. The first was the Pavillions. If the Council had not had a response to letters requesting the maintenance report. Then surely they are breaking their legal requirements with the contract. He suggested legal advice should be considered.

Mr. J. Kimberly referred to the Acting Chair she had earlier made a comment that members of the public should be allowed to hear all that is said in meetings. He said that residents would like to know more about the Finance side. But information is being slipped into the Confidential parts of the meeting.

Mr. J. Kimberly referred to the Monitoring Officer for SMBC. He would like an opportunity to put questions to him at an open meeting. At the brief meeting he had with the Council he came across as a keen and a very encouraging man. It would be a good time for residents to ask him about their concerns.

Mrs. S. Kimberly asked if we had had heard from D. Sutherland. The Clerk advised he would be at the next meeting as a guest speaker.

Cllr. L. Brunger said there is a Legal Note explaining what items should be in the Confidential Meetings. He agrees with Mr. Kimberly that openness is better. Acting Chair Mrs. Daly also agreed.

11. 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.

11.1 Cllr. D. Woolley reported that the Fun Fair on Babbs Mill recently was becoming a problem. A driver of one of the trailers dangerously drove across the path as a short cut to get into the field to avoid going around the fenced off area. Cllr. Woolley observed this driver four afternoons in the week. Cllr. Mr. B. Follows agreed this was dangerous. Cllr. D. Evans said she would look into it.

11.2 Photo copier on next agenda

11.3 The key holders for the Fire Alarm procedure had been established in the Correspondence section of the meeting.

12. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on the 14th July, at the Church hall of St. Barnabas.

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm

Signed Date