



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 13th July, 2010 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
D. Davis
B. Mulready
A. Follows
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In Attendance : David Wheeler and Mrs. J. Aske (Clerk)
Lyndall Fitzgerald. PC Kilby and PC White

- 1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: Cllr. S. Daly – operation, Cllr. T. Williams – bereavement, Cllr. L. Brunger – holiday and Cllr. D. Woolley- holiday.
- 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 natureEvents: Cllrs. D. Davis. B. Mulready and John Milne.
Allotments: Cllr. B. Mulready.
Grant Aid: Cllrs. Mulready, and D. Davis.

Chair Cole asked that we go straight on to minute 6 on the agenda because the Two Police officers were on duty and could not stay long.

- 6.** The Police constables introduced themselves to the Councillors. PC Kilby said he would answer any questions the Cllrs had. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned he knew from a recent RIG meeting there were 10 officers and 3 PSO's assigned to the area. PC Kilsby said there are two shifts fluctuating between Kingshurst and Fordbridge up to the boundary of the Grace Academy. He went on to say with one sergeant, 10 officers and 3 PSO's they cope very well and there are no real burning issues. Cllr. Milne mentioned he had seen PC Jones at the Seeds of Hope and discussed the Hostel in Gilson Way. They referred to anti social behaviour on these premises and the fact that it had gone quiet since two members of the hostel have been moved on. Cllr. Milne asked if a camera could be placed near the hostel. PC Kilby agreed this would be a good idea. He went on to say that the residents need to report incidents because anything attracting a lot of phone calls would be taken seriously and dealt with immediately. Cllr. B. Follows asked if their mobile number was still in action as she had wanted to report a young lad on a bike near Shenstone Walk she thought was

dealing with drugs. PC Kilbly said it was still in use but if she had a problem reporting crimes to use the 0845 number or the emergency services 999. Chair Cole asked if anything would be done about the motorbikes in Eileen gardens, he said it was an accident waiting to happen especially with the elderly. Chair also referred to the parking at school times in Cooks Lane. This was becoming a danger as most cars were parked on the cycle path. PC White said we are working with the schools at the moment trying to get the children to understand the problems with the parking. Cllr. A. Follows asked if it was legal to park on the path. The PC said it can be viewed as a obstruction offence. Most of the time the owner would be asked to move the vehicle. It is viewed that if 50% of the footpath is taken up and a double pushchair is unable to pass then it would be an obstruction and dealt with. After a few more reference to this subject Chair Cole thanked the PC's and they left the meeting.

5. Chair went on to the speaker Lyndall Fitzgerald which is minute 5 on the agenda. A short presentation on Steps 2 Opportunities – a local unemployment intervention project. Lyndall took the floor and introduced herself to the Cllrs. She went on to tell the Cllrs. of the work Steps 2 do in the community. She and her colleges are employed by SMBC and they help 19 plus on income benefit to get into voluntary jobs, filling in forms for jobs such as Cv's and application forms. They give advice with housing issues, debt and alcohol problems, child care. They can escort people to college and sort out a voluntary job that would give them an opportunity to learn skills in something they are interested in. They always try to match the person's needs with the voluntary job. She was advised to contact Neil Roberts of NSVCA and Manjit Joel of Sustain. Chair Cole thanked Lyndall and she left the meeting.

3 **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on June 8th 2010. Cllr. Davis had requested from the draft copies that in minute 8, a sentence was added to 8.1, regarding face book.
'All Cllrs decided not to go ahead with the Facebook.' This had been added and was printed on the final draft for the Chair to sign. Minutes were passed and signed.

4 **To receive reports from Borough Councillors** – Cllr. D. Evans could not attend the meeting and had given in a report with her apologies. See attached. Chair Cole read the report. Cllr. A. Follows said the talk of a hotel in Meriden Park was not true. Cllr. Milne said he had heard that it was more than a rumour and that a plan to build a new villiage centre with a hotel is being put in the process of a proposal. This was left until further information was available.

7. **To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:**

7.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. Davis, said the Deposit account was at £55,000.38 and the Current account held £4,593.05 and a transfer of £5,000.00 needed to take place to cover all the cheques on the payment list. All cheques for payment were approved and an arrangement for cheques in the August recess to be paid, with the Clerk, David Wheeler and one other Councillor was also approved.

7.2 Events: Cllr. Milne was voted in as Chair of Events. He thanked the Cllrs for their hard work at the Fun Event. A calculation of the expenses was thought to be £2112.49. Cllr. B. Follows said she thought there would have been more attend if the posters had gone out earlier. Chair Cole said the Bungee Trampoline was a great success and noted other

amusements were not. Cllr. A. Follows said it was a great event, and the cost was under £2,500.

Cllr. Milne mentioned the Banner for the Remembrance Sunday, prices and format to be looked into.

7.3 Allotments: Chair Mulready said the Clerk had sent out four polite letters to allotment holders asking them to tidy their allotments. He had heard back from two holders that were struggling at the moment. Cllr. Milne had taken photos of the allotments in question, but it was necessary to keep to the rules. Cllr. Mulready said three allotment holders came to the meeting and one allotment holder asked if Bees could be kept in a part of the allotment grounds that is not in use. This was being looked into.

8. Pavilions: It has been established that the Tenants of the Pavilions should pay for the survey report. A letter the first week in August should be sent to Jo Burns the area Manager to put this in order. The cost is about £500. Cllr. B. Follows thought they may want to employ their own Surveyor as they have to pay. All Cllrs agreed that we should engage a surveyor of our own choice.

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said there would be a meeting in September. Nothing else to report at this time.

9.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole said a meeting will take place on the 27th July. The Cllrs discussed giving a donation to CARA by using the section 137. Office equipment could be purchased if the invoice was in the name of the KPC. This would be looked into by David Cole at the meeting

9.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows said did not attend the meeting Thursday as he had been having dental problems.

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

10.1 Correspondence and emails: Cllrs. had received copies of post and emails, a letter from the Mayor had been received with printed colour photos of the Chair, Cllr. Brunger and the Mayor. The Mayor had suggested he present the photos to Chair and Cllr. Brunger after the Remembrance service in Solihull. Chair Cole would arrange with Cllr.

Brunger to go.

The quotation for the Office to have a new sink was debated. Clerk would get other quotes.

A Note from Flow Nash stating all Cllrs are invited to attend the Fordbridge Fun Day on 1.8.10

Gilson Ladies sent a letter of thanks for the Fun Day.

Cllr. Williams – funeral of her father- in- law’s arrangements were read out.

A Resident had complained to SMBC about young trees growing in a drain near her property. Outcome was that Cllr. Woolley arranged for the School Caretaker to deal with it as it was on the school property.

11. 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.

No Public attended the Meeting.

12. Grant Aid: An Ad had gone into the Look Local magazine and posters had gone up in the surrounding shops and library. The date of the next meeting will be after the Allotment and Events meetings on the 7th September.

13. 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.

The team building Day was mentioned and Chair Cole said he would organise it soon.

14. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 14th September 2010 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.15 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 7th September 2010.

Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm

Signed Date