



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 11th January, 2011 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
 D. Davis
 B. Mulready
 A. Follows
 T. Williams
 D. Woolley

In Attendance : David Wheeler and Mrs. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Mr. and Mrs. Kimberly and the guest speakers Rebecca Grant and Gary Baker

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: –
B. Follows – unwell
S. Daly – unwell
J. Milne – working nights

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. D. Davis, B. Mulready and T. Williams.
Allotments: Cllr. B. Mulready.
Governors: Cllr. D. Woolley.
Planning: Chair Cole

3. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th December, 2010.
Minutes approved and signed.

4. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors** – Cllr. D. Evans and Cllr. David Jamieson could not attend the meeting and had given reports with their apologies. See attached. Chair Cole read the reports.
Cllr. Mulready referred to an item in Cllr. Evans report. He mentioned that work was still being carried out at the old TC car premises even though they had not been given planning permission. Chair Cole said he thought that they could carry on with work but could not open it to the public without the planning permission being granted.

In the report given to us by Cllr. David Jamieson he suggested we contact the treasury dept of local government to explain the necessary cuts that had recently being published. The Council thought that this would be a good idea and asked the Clerk to instigate a meeting. Mr. John Kimberly asked if he could speak. Chair Cole offered him the floor. Mr. Kimberly said that with all due respect the Treasury Department would only be able to discuss the decisions made by the politicians. He said that local residents would rather know why the politicians made the decisions. He thought that contacting the treasury would be a waste of time. Chair David Cole agreed and said he would speak with Cllr. D. Evans and report back to the Council.

5. A 15 minute presentation: Guest Speakers Rebecca Grant and Gary Baker from Action Against Poverty Strategy.

Chair Cole introduced the speakers and asked them to take the floor. Please see attached report.

6. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

6.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. Davis, said the Deposit account stood at £28,860.84 and the Current account at £798.03. A further £30,000.00 is in a fixed rate interest account. An agreement of £5,000 had been passed to transfer from the deposit to the current. All the cheques had been approved. The Precept is at £37,000.00 and will be discussed in item 9 on the Agenda. There had been no reasonable reply from Clement Keys, and David would send another letter to them.

6.2 Events: Cllr. Milne was absent as so no report was given.

6.3 Allotments: The Chair of Allotment Cllr. Mulready had said the weather had been so bad that there was nothing to report. He had had some correspondence for a work shop in Perry Barr for Saturday the 5th February and handed this to Cllr. Williams. The workshop would be free of charge.

7. Progress reports for information/action:

7.1 **Pavilions:** An Invoice had been raised to Calco Limited for the Surveyors report. The Clerk was advised to send a statement to them as the money was due now.

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

8.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready had nothing to report until the next meeting

8.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole attended a meeting just before Christmas. He said that times are very tough for the residents and CARA are finding it hard to handle the amount of people needing help and advice. There had been no merger yet with the Citizens Advice.

8.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows said there was nothing to report as the meeting will be in March.

It was decided to put the Governors report back on the agenda now as Cllr. David Woolley has become a Governor for the Kingshurst Primary School. Cllr. Woolley mentioned the School was doing really well and delivers outstanding excellence.

9. Precept

David Wheeler asked the Council to approve the Precept figure of £37,000.00. This was a great improvement from last years which was £46,700. All the Councillors were happy with it and it was agreed and passed. The paper work would be signed by Chair Cole at the end of the meeting.

10. Allotment Rents

Cllr. Mulready said there had been no increase for the yearly rent of the plots. All the invoices have been sent out and many have already paid. Cllr. Mulready also wanted to reiterate that the Kingshurst residents get priority when it comes to the waiting list for an allotment. Letters had gone out to the holders asking of their views to having a bee hive situated in the grounds.

11. Governor needed for Yorkswood School: Cllr. A. Follows had put this on the Agenda when there was a vacancy for a Governor at Yorkswood Primary School. After enquiring the School has asked him to become an Associate Governor. This would enable Cllr. Follows to attend the meetings but would not be able to vote on any decisions. The Council approved this position and all agreed.

12. Photocopier: Contract

It was decided that the contract with Danwoods would remain as it is and be reviewed in three years time when the contract is finished.

13. Grant Aid

The Clerk was instructed to organise the next Grant Aid advertising and correspondence. The decisions would all be needed before April. The Clerk would place an Ad in the Look Local and put posters in the local shops.

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

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

8.2 Planning: No planning had been received this month.

15. 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimberly and the Guest speakers had left before this point.

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:

214 Cooks Lane planning – report from Chair Cole

Governors reports to be included on Agenda.

17. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 8th February, 2011 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 1st February 2011.

Meeting Closed at 7.55 pm

Signed Date