



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 8th March, 2011 In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

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

In Attendance : RFO David Wheeler Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: One member of the public was present.

- 1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: –
Cllr. 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 natureEvents: T. Williams.
Allotments: B. Mulready
Events: T. Williams, D. Davis, B. Mulready, B. Follows and A. Follows
Governors: Cllr. D. Woolley and A. Follows
Planning: Chair Cole
- 3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th February 2011 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. See attached.

5. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. Davis reported that the Deposit account stood at £23,862.01 and the Current account was technically overdrawn by £343.06 An interest from the commercial saving of £60.49 had been received which made the savings account £30,060.49 and had been re invested for a further three months. A sum of £2,000.00 had been transferred from the deposit into the current on Monday and a further £5,000.00 needed to be passed today for cheques written out. All approved and passed.

The letter from Clement Keys regarding the Annual return will be written by David Wheeler.

5.2 Events: In the absence of Cllr. Milne, chair of Events, the Clerk had noted down a little information on the organised parties that had been confirmed. Chair Cole read this the councillors.

5.3 Allotments: The Chair of Allotment Cllr. Mulready mentioned that all the allotment rents have been paid. He had contacted the contractor regarding the Waterpipes and instructed him to switch the water back on at the end of March. He also mentioned that lagging was needed for the pipes and new stop cocks are to be put in.

6. Progress reports for information/action:

6.1 Pavilions: Clerk had not organised a meet as yet with representatives of Calco to meet with councillors to discuss minor details that came up with the survey.

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

7.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready had not made the February meeting as the paperwork only came the day before.

7.2 CARA: Chair D. Cole reported that the merging with the Citizen Advice had been put on hold. Funding cuts were inevitable. He mentioned that the property the CAB works from belongs to them so this helps their situation. He informed the council that in the future people would have to pay for their advice.

7.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows said there was nothing to report until April/May.

7.4 Governors Report: Cllr. Woolley referred to agenda item 12. He would discuss Kingshurst Primary school then.

Cllr. A. Follows reported he had attended a meeting with the Chair of Governors at Yorkswood School and would attend a Finance Meeting the next day.

8. Clement Keys correspondence: 3 Elements to discuss: Part of the letter referred to the business of the allotments finance. Clement Keys had some questions they wanted confirmation on with items that had been discussed in a letter last year. One item was regarding the section 137 Act where funding was given out to prizes. The other question was how decisions were made to employ contractors working in the Jubilee Gardens; as some time ago a large pond had to be filled in and the land levelled. The letter also wanted confirmation that those allotment holders that were on the council declared an interest. David Wheeler would come into the office to produce a letter with the Clerk and produce the evidence needed to satisfy the concerns of Clement Keys.

9. Considering Louise Best: For KPC's Internal Auditor: this was passed, and David Wheeler will contact her by email.

10. Dates for Annual Parish Meeting: The 17th May was voted for the Annual Parish Meeting.

11. Youth Parish Council: AF: This was deferred to the next Full Council Meeting by Cllr. A. Follows.

12. Kingshurst School: Cllr. D.W: Cllr. Woolley reported that he and other residents had been concerned about the extension of the garden where the Caretaker of Kingshurst Primary school lives. He said that no governors had been informed of this and it had all taken place in the school half term. The Caretaker had cut down trees and put in posts by way of a digger. This, Cllr. Woolley reported was to house his 5 kids and a dog. Also a 30' fence had been erected which he did not think planning permission had been granted. He said he had spoken to various staff at the school and did not receive conclusive answers. He had asked Borough Cllr. D. Evans to make an investigation as to why school playground was being used for such purposes and if planning had been sought after.

He asked the council members if a letter could be written to find out who authorised the extension of the caretaker's garden and how it was authorised. He also wanted to know what the cost was for the work, as he does not want KPC Grant Aid to be used for such purposes. Cllr. B. Mulready said that any Grant Aid money is not used for Educational purposes and is used to provide recreational needs, for example allotment and gardening equipment or games etc. Cllr. B. Follows offered to go into the school and meet up with the Deputy Head to have a chat about it. Cllr. A. Follows said they would have had to pass any sums of money for the extension and fencing through a finance committee. Cllr. Woolley mentioned he was thinking of resigning as a governor. Other councillors advised him not to resign. It was decided that the Clerk should write a letter stating the concerns.

3. Two Wheels on the Pavement Fine: Cllr. D. W: There are warning signs been put up to inform residents not to park on the pavement with two wheels, as a £70 fine will be given to the driver.

14. Notification of Elections: Clerk informed the councillors that the paperwork had been received and was in the office.

15. Meeting Required for training on Personal and Prejudicial Interests: requested by D. Merry SMBC: It was decided to leave this item until after the Elections.

16. Standing Orders: A review to the KPC standing orders need to be discussed as the Standards Board will be abolished in April. Wording such as 'All Councillors will abide by the Code of Conduct' Clerk to email Alison Hodge to ask her opinion.

17. 214 Cooks Lane Planning Update: DC: To be put on the next agenda. The last application was not granted.

18. Thoughts on Night out for Cllrs: This item will be deferred until the Summer.

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

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

12.2 Planning: One application was read out – 128 Laburnum Avenue, Kingshurst. To extend a time limit. No councillors objected.

20. 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.

A Mrs. Wooding stood to address the council members. She lives in Dunton Road which is an area that is directly affected with the regeneration. Her own property which she has lived in for 50 years has the garages at the back of her house. She is concerned that planning permission will be authorised to build a house when the garages are pulled down. This would mean that Mrs. Wooding will have no access by way of a car to her house at all. She will be left with one small path and no parking facility what so ever. Her house will be completely hemmed in. The parking situation for the residents was already over congested and causing conflict. She noted that the plans to do this had been advertised in Smiths Wood but not in Kingshurst. She had only recently been informed of the said plans. She has been trying to obtain passed minutes from the SMBC Council in connection with these plans from 2006 but has been told they do not have any.

She went on to ask the Cllrs if they were able to give any advice or help her get hold of paperwork to support her in her plight. Mrs. Wooding was advised to get in touch with Borough Cllr D. Evans by Chair Cole and to get all the residents involved. Cllrs. A. and B. Follows said they would go out and see her in her home. This was arranged in the meeting and telephone numbers were exchanged. Mrs. Wooding was clearly very upset about the plans and felt that they were being railroaded through without a thought for her or other residents and the extreme misery that Solihull Council was causing her. She had attended a regeneration meeting on the Monday and was again told there were no copies of the paperwork that she could have. Cllr. A Follows asked how many garages were used at the moment. She said there were 10 garages and 8 in use. She herself rents out three. She has been given six weeks notice to clear her garages. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that the art shop open on the parade have the plans for regeneration on display.

21. 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:

Community Space (AF)

HS2 Rail link

Standing Orders.

22. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 12th April, 2011 at The Pavilions Sporting Club at 7.00 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 5th April 2011.

Meeting Closed at 8.25 pm

Signed Date