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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 12th November at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair
B. Mulready - Vice Chair
A. Follows
D. Davis
T. Williams
D. Woolley
J. Milne

In Attendance : Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public: One member of the Public attended.
Borough Cllrs
Apologies: B. Cllrs. A Nash, F. Nash and D. Jamieson had sent in apologies.

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:

Cllr. B. Follow – Unwell.
Cllr. E Muluka – in Kenya
Cllr. P. Whyte – working out of Birmingham.
Cllr. M. Dawson and Cllr. R. Webber - Did not arrive or send in any apologies for this meeting.

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th October 2013 were approved and signed.

3. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** Chair Cole read out a report that had been received by him from B. Cllr. Jamieson. (see attached for Minute book).

In the report B. Cllr. Jamieson refers to the site of the Mountford Public House, demolition is to start shortly. He mentions that new homes will be built and although they are still pressing for a medical centre as well, the slow process for funding from the NHS he feels, will affect this.

He also reports on the application for planning known as Woodland Green Kingshurst to build 27 dwellings with open space and play areas. It was asked in the report to comment on the notification as a Parish Council and lodge against the proposals. Cllr. A. Follows pointed out that the area is not under the Kingshurst Parish Council, so it would be down to individual Cllrs to put a letter of disapproval in to Solihull Council. B. Cllr. Jamieson also mentioned in his report that residents may need help with clearing wet leaves in wintery weather, snow and ice. Cllr. John Milne mentioned that this would be very risky as anyone that falls or injures themselves can put the blame against the Parish Council and hold them responsible if the Cllrs. helped towards the clearing. The Cllrs. agreed that this could be the case.

4. Finance: To receive and approve reports from KPC Finance Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

4.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the current account stood at £32,687.16 and the deposit account was at £69.33 and £15k in the corporate account. The cheques for this month's expenses were approved and passed for payment. Other items that had been discussed was the expenses for the Christmas Event, including the Merry-go-round, costumes, Cadbury selection boxes and refreshments.

Chair of Finance reported that a transfer of £20k from the precept will be transferred to the Corporate account to earn a little interest.

5. Pavilions:

5.1 Cllr. Milne had been told that the Pavilions would be returning to a Social Club for members only. This has not been confirmed by the tenants as yet. Last month the Clerk asked the Manager of the Pavilions to write into the KPC regarding the situation of the Catering van. As an Agenda item the Cllrs may make a decision if it needs to be removed. No communication had been received. The Van is used in serving hot food to the children of the football teams at the weekends. A discussion regarding the absence of a letter ensued. Clerk would ask once again.

5.2 Update on Solicitors documentation on securing further the Parish Council Pavilions Sporting Fields into Trust. Nothing to report.

6. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

6.1 Events Chair Cllr. J. Milne reported that he had heard the Remembrance Sunday Service went well. He said the buffet was reported to be excellent and he mentioned that the musician Lee who played the Last Post had recently suffered a terrible loss in his family and he would like the Council to write a letter to him for attending the service and still committing to his contract with us under tragic circumstances. Clerk will write a letter.

The Christmas event is all organised and the shop keepers will be joining in with the event. The Christmas Tree will be paid for this year as the money has been allocated for it.

7. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

7.1 Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready reported that finance had been passed for the Hedge Cutting of £484 and for a skip to be allocated to the allotments. A very good reference had been received regarding the contractor from Fordbridge Town Council. All holders had had a very good year this year. Plot holders will help with the pruning and grass cutting of the Jubilee Gardens in January.

8. Grant Aid: The Grant Aid Meeting is set for the 19th November after the precept meeting in the office at 7pm.

9. Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:

9.1 CTC Academy regarding their plans for leisure facilities for the whole community. There is nothing to report on this item at the moment. No further progress has been received.

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

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: The November meeting was cancelled reported Cllr. Mulready. Cllr. Muluka had mentioned to the Clerk that he would get the number for her of the associate that said the visit to the Birmingham Airport could take place. Cllr. Muluka had unexpectedly gone to Kenya at short notice to deal with family affairs.

10.2 WALC/SAC - Cllr. A. Follows attended a meeting recently. He reported that two representatives from SMBC informing the members of a newly designed website for easier access to information. There was also a report on Eco issues and a syndicate helping to keep oil prices down for those living in rural areas with no mains gas. The oil prices are regulated and is a valuable

service. The Clerk has the information pamphlet if anyone is interested. Clerk will circulate the minutes when they are received.

10.3 School Governors reports:

Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report as the meeting is scheduled for this week.

10.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. A. Follows attended the meeting. Minutes will be circulated when received. He mentioned that there was nothing that affected Kingshurst. The Libraries were providing new services including hearing books, CDs and on line services.

10.5 Regen. Cllr. A. Follows has nothing to report at the moment. Consultations regarding the Mountfort site and money will be held in the Seeds of Hope. Hopefully morning, afternoon and evening meetings will be allocated to all residents and those involved in Regen.

11. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: SMBC had sent a notification for the Site known as Woodlands Green, Kingshurst the Co-ordinates are 417533 288577. Its main part is to apply to build no more than 27 Dwellings. This had been discussed in Agenda Item 3.

12. Planning: to consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future.

12.1 Hearings from the Local Development Plan - Babbs Mill. No information had been received regarding LDF plan.

12.2 Babbs Mill – a starry night was proposed to be organised by Chair Cole. He said that most Children in the area had never seen the stars because of light pollution. The members of the Council thought it a good idea in principal but did not think that residents would switch off all lights completely. Cllr. Williams mentioned that on the bat walk it did appear very dark. It was pointed that generally to see the stars you would need all lights to be switched off. Chair asked if he could write a letter to SMBC. All agreed.

12.3 Mountfort Public House Site: This item had been referred to in agenda item 3 B. Cllrs. report.

13. For information/action and make decisions as appropriate: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

13.1 Correspondence and emails: All Cllrs had received copies of post and emails for the month. Clerk had received a letter from SMBC regarding Consultation of Solihull Housing Allocation Scheme. Cllrs. had been invited to attend on the 29th November at Endeavour House Meriden Drive. Chair Cole will attend the meeting and report back.

14. 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.

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting for the member of the public to address the Cllrs.

The member of the public was asked to take the floor. He mentioned Cllr. Jamison's report regarding the Mountfort Public House site. He said his wife was not shy to speak to the contractors working at the Mountfort site. He said they were disconnecting the gas and electric supply installing a porta-loo and clearing the area of any bio-hazards and any hazards in general. This he said is to make it safe before the demolished work commences.

He mentioned an email that had been circulated from Alison Lush SMBC. He said that in the email it was recorded that John Halton from Regen said 'if they can find somewhere to build more houses they could find the money to build a Health Centre on the Mountfort Site'.

He went on to say that Chelmunds Cross received funding from a European Agency Grant. It wasn't clear who applied for the funding. He also said the plans for a Medical Centre in Arran Way had been cancelled. Cllr. Mulready thought that this was incorrect and mentioned also an article in the

Solihull News stating that this was going ahead. The member of the Public had been assured by CCG that the plans to build a medical Centre in Aran Way have been cancelled. He stated that we have not had any consultations yet but he referred to the report from Cllr. Jamieson and in his opinion, it looks like a Medical Centre on the Mountford Site will not go ahead. He referred then to the Christmas Event this year on the 14th December. He said that Cllr. Nash knows the Cafe owner personally and will be making enquiries to get it open on that day so that the Parade committee can put on refreshments. Chair of Events John Milne pointed out to the Member of the Public that the KPC provide refreshments so it would not be necessary. It was mentioned by Cllrs that it would be a non-starter as problems involving health and safety risks, Insurance and hygiene qualifications would be needed to serve food from those premises. He finished by confirming that the Doctors Surgery Services are open late on Mondays and Saturday mornings.

Chair thanked the resident for his input and reopened the meeting and went onto Agenda item 15.

15. 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.

Nothing was mentioned for the Agenda Items for next month:

16. Date of next meeting: Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 10th December at 7.15 pm in The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst, Birmingham B37 6BX. Items for the agenda need to be in by Tuesday 3rd December 2013.

Meeting Closed at 7. 55 pm

Signed Date