



KINGSHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 September 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church

Cllrs present : B. Mulready (Chairman for the meeting)
 A. Follows
 B. Follows
 T. Davies
 D. Davis
 S. Daly
 L. Brunger

In Attendance : Mr D. Wheeler Accountant
 Mrs. P. Ross Acting Clerk for the Meeting
 8 Members of the public including Mr. & Mrs. Kimberley
 Mr. Hampton, two candidates for the post of Clerk to

Council

1. Apologies and acceptance for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Cole, D. Evans, K. Evans, Woolley and Borough Cllr. R Hall.

2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda

The following personal interests were declared and entered into the book.
Cllr. D. Davis (Fun Day), Cllr. Mulready (Allotments), A. Follows (Regeneration), Cllr. Brunger (Regeneration), Mrs. B. Follows (Regeneration), Mrs. T. Williams (Allotments/Events/Regeneration)

3. & 4. Minutes of meeting held on 8 July 2008

Proposed, seconded and agreed that these be accepted and signed as a true record.

5. Matters arising:

5.1 Cllr. Follows confirmed that he was unaware of any other quotes being received for costs for the School Trophies and the Chairman was unavailable for comment

6. Grant aid update and Cost of obtaining a trademark/copyright for the Fun Day

Posters and advert had gone out with a closing date of 30.9.08. The cost of

obtaining a trademark/copyright for the Fun Day was quoted at £225 plus VAT which did not meet with approval. It was agreed to keep the information on file.

7. Correspondence

A full list of correspondence and emails received is attached to these Minutes.

Other items read out were as follows:

1. Alison Lush, Neighbourhood Manager Area 1 Update - circulated.
2. Neighbourhood Watch meeting 5.0.08 Cllr. D. Evans - on file.
3. SMBC.Cooks Lane. Parking near City Technology College. Parking enforcement officers check the area regularly. No proposals for double yellow lines at present. Request received for restrictions in Corrine Croft which will be investigated and consideration will be given to Eileen Gardens at the same time. Agreed to refer this letter to the Borough Councillors.
4. WALC Newsletter. Copies out to all councillors.SMBC. Council Updated. Circulated to all councillors.
5. 1st Kingshurst Girls Brigade.Thank you letter for the Fun Day and congratulations to everyone.
6. Lowbrook Stroke Club. Thank you letter for grant given.
7. SMBC. Donna Ohdedar taking over as Monitoring Officer and Janet Brayley be will administering the register of members interests. Noted.
8. SMBC. Confirmation from Returning Officer that Kingsbury PC may co-opt a new Councillor to replace Cllr. Mrs. Carter.
9. Solihull Security Services. Request to continue with maintenance agreement on the alarm system. Reply needed.
- 10.Fushion Building Consultancy. Inspection of the Pavilions. To take place on 24 September at 9.00 a.m.
11. WALC AGM - 28 October at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 7.30 p.m. Names required by 7 October.
12. NALC. Legal brief Note on Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007. Noted and file.
13. West Midlands Regional Assembly and West Midlands Local Government Association publication "Speaking Out".
14. Cllr. Mrs. Evans wrote to Pastor Hayes at the Church about car parking facilities and will report to the Borough Council on the current situation.
There was an invitation to the Induction of the new vicar and Cllrs. Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Follows, A. Follows and B. Mulready wished to attend.

8. Public participation

The meeting was opened and Mr. Hampton raised a question relating to the former Clerk.Cllr. Mulready acting as Chair stated that "any report regarding the Clerk is not for public participation by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 a of the Local Government Act 1972". Mr. Hampton said he was only interested in how much money had been spent in training the Clerk. In response he was informed that al lot of the training sessions were free and that £70 had been spent towards obtaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration. It was also pointed out that the Council Accounts were open to the public prior to Audit every year. Mr. & Mrs. Kimberley felt that the residents of Kingshurst had the right to know why the previous Clerk had left and a statement should be available.

Cllr. Follows stated that the legal advice contained a Clause that neither party should disclose any aspect of the matter to a third party. Council did agree to take further legal advice.

Mr. Kimberley asked for a update re. The Mountfort and was informed that at a Regeneration Meeting attended the previous week consultation was in process with the Brewery and it was hoped that The Mountfort and surrounding land would be sold.

The meeting closed.

9. Reports.

9.1 Borough Councillors: Cllr. R. Hall. Main concern is the ASB but during the Summer Holidays there had been no significant reports. He will endeavour to ensure that the Police are committed to retaining a high level of presence in Kingshurst and is a policy priority. Because of the Credit crunch certain schemes are being put on hold within the Regeneration Scheme. The Drain at Kingshurst Way which was blocked is now clear. Cllr. Mrs. Evans had looked at issues relating to a path in Babbs Mill and has been assured by Tracey Churchard that this will be covered with tarmac. The issue of Fire Hydrants not being clearly visible is ongoing. Other activities attended included a meeting with Inspector Rischmiller at North Solihull Police Station and trying to sort out problems relating to the lack of social housing. She and Cllr. Hall will be commencing surgeries for Kingshurst which will be advertised. The surgeries will be at Seeds of Hope.

9.2 Finance Committee

The list of cheques presented for August and September had been approved for payment and the Accountant would be making a transfer from the deposit account to the current account. A meeting to discuss the precept had been set for early December. Mr. Wheeler asked that any councillors who may have items which needed to be included in the precept for 2009 to please bring them to the next full Council meeting.

The Council had been given a grant of £1000 from SMBC to help set up a Youth Club and Cllr. Mrs. Evans had managed to get 10-12 young people interested in attending a laser night followed by a 'big mac' as a preliminary session prior to setting up such a club. Members of the Finance Committee had requested that the sum of £150 to cover the evening out and taken from the £1000 grant be put to full Council. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to defer until the October meeting albeit that in principle all the Councillors were in favour of the outing.

9.3 Events Committee. Fun Day: To consider changing the day of the week from a Sunday to a Saturday. Proposed, seconded and agreed to keep the Fun Day to a Sunday between the hours of 1.00 to 6.00 p.m.

Christmas Cards. Cllr. Mrs. Follows said she would be happy to design and produce these and send them out. In principle everyone agreed.

9.4 Allotments Committee. Update on Phase 1 grant. No news from SMBC.

Two new tenants have replaced two who have left leaving one vacancy.

There is a waiting list of nine. A letter offering a plot has been sent. Cllr. Mrs. Williams asked whether keys had been returned and Cllr. Brunger suggested that a deposit being put on keys. Agreed to have this item on the next Finance Agenda.

£45 had been received for railway sleepers. Cllr. Mulready would approach the press to put in a small item advertising the sleepers.

There was a request to approach Bickenhill PC re. maintenance and handyman at the Gardens. It was reported that WWT would be attending the next Allotments Meeting.

10. Co-option of Councillor

Advertise on the Notice board.

11. Reports from members representing the Council on outside bodies

11.1 Airport Consultative Committee

Cllrs. Cole, Woolley, K. Evans and Mulready were waiting to see planning permission for a new runway. The next presentation will take place in Marston Green.

11.2 Colebridge Trust

Cllrs. Mrs. Williams had heard nothing from them at all. She was asked to find out what was happening.

11.3 Cllr. Mrs. Follows asked whether the trees at the allotments had been cut and was told no. She said that 24 new properties were being built on the site of the old playing fields and when attending a Regeneration Meeting she had asked about two trees being felled. She was informed that this would allow for disabled parking. The 26 trees taken down will be replaced with 24 when the new houses are built. Ian Mills, Tree Preservation Officer was not aware of anything.

12. Approve date set by Finance Committee for initial precept meeting at the Council offices

Proposed, seconded and agreed to 3 December 2008 at 2.00 p.m.

13. Consider renaming Kingshurst Parish Council

Cllr. Brunger said Councils now had the legal right and power to change their name.

Cllr. Follows said he would like to know what the public felt about it and it was agreed to open the meeting.

Mr. Hampton said he would prefer retaining 'parish' council. The confusion between church and local government did sometimes lead to confusion but it felt more rural to use the word 'parish'. He suggested that the Council go out to consultation with the public and this was agreed to. This should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

14. Members reports

None received.

15. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14 October 2008 at Kingsburst Primary School commencing 7.15 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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