



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst.

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

In Attendance : Mr. David Wheeler RFO and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: One member of the Public attended the meeting.  
Borough Cllrs. David Jamieson

- 1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:  
Cllr. P. Whyte – Transport problems  
Cllr. B. Follows – unwell.  
Cllr. R. Webber asked Cllr. Whyte to put in apologies but no reason was given.  
Cllr. E. Muluka – No apology received.
- 2.** No new Pecuniary Interests were declared.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 were approved and signed.
- 4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** Chair asked B. Cllr. David Jamieson to take the floor. He had been advised that negotiations for disposal of the Mountfort Public House were well advanced and hoped there would be an announcement before Christmas. He reported that Kingshurst School had been completed first and other schools were to start being rebuilt shortly, the current Fordbridge School site is to be developed partly for housing which was not part of the LDF plan.  
He mentioned that the Kingshurst Shop keepers had had a meeting and the momentum needs beefing up. The Art shop is doing a great job with this.  
The leaf clearing is taking place in many parts of Kingshurst as they are a nuisance.  
Regarding Babbs Mill, no explanations have been given as to why Natural England had not received a letter and had not been consulted on the matter of building on the Nature Reserve. He reiterated again from the outset he wanted Babbs Mill removed from the LDF Plan. There are other areas earmarked for housing that were not included in the plan. This can be put forward to the inspector. The date of the hearings will be from the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013.  
The HGV lorries on the Cooks lane was brought up again and is a continuing problem.

Cllr. Woolley asked Cllr. Jamieson if he had any report or information on Yorkswood. There is part of the brook that is becoming very smelly. A diversion of the water to re-route it to the brook had been put in place. Reed beds had been put in place to clean the water before it goes into Babbs Mill Lake.

Cllr. Woolley also mentioned how dangerous the crossing on Marston Drive had become. Pedestrians were crossing behind the busses and oncoming cars are not stopping as they cannot see the pedestrians.

Cllr. Jamieson will get in touch with Jim Heart of SMBC and ask him to take a look at the situation.

A member of the public was allowed to speak as he wanted to ask B. Cllr. Jamieson some questions regarding Babb Mill Proposals. Mr. Fitzgerald said he intends to speak on the hearing from the 10<sup>th</sup> January.

After discussions between Mr. Fitzgerald and Cllr. Jamieson it was concluded the best way forward is to speak on the Soundness of the proposal.

## **5. Finance: To receive and approve reports from KPC Finance Committee and make decisions as appropriate.**

5.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the current account stood at £18,158.04 and the deposit account was at £69.33 and the new corporate account was at 25,000. The cheques were approved and passed for payment (see attached cheque list). Clement Keys will be paid for their four years of invoices which amounts to £1920. This is £400 a year plus VAT.

5.2 The date for the Precept is will now be at the end of the full council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. Mr. David Wheeler would like any comments through the Clerk before the meeting. A Dispensation Form will be drawn up and circulated to be signed before the meeting by each member.

5.3 A resolution was passed that Cllr. A. Follows use his credit card to purchase a new printer, and a computer with windows 8 for the KPC office.

**6. Regen Information:** Vice Chair Cllr. Mulready visited the Coley Valley Master plan exhibited at the Library in Chelmsley Wood on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. He was astounded at the lack of expert advice that was given regarding the plans. He said the three people he spoke to did not even know where Kingshurst was. He asked the Council members if a letter could be drafted to make an official complaint. The Clerk would send a letter.

## **7. Pavilions:**

7.1 It was reported by Cllr. Mulready that the Catering Van was not a permanent fixture and was taken off the premises when not in use.

**8. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Chair of Events Cllr. J. Milne thanked all of the members that attended the Remembrance Sunday service. He had reports that it all went well. The small gazebo will be used next year and the large one needs more man power to put up. The Cllrs that attended agreed that the Buffet produced by Mrs. Jean Johnson was excellent and the Trumpeter for the last post was well worth the £150 as he was note perfect. Cllr. Milne went on to the Christmas Details for the 15<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas tree lights had been organised. Each member helping on the day is to have £5 to spend on food, as they are there all day.

8.1 A few months ago Alison Lush of SMBC wanted members of the community to share the day with us on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. The Cllrs. did not have a problem with this. It was mentioned however that in the past, Cllrs. had tried to organise a market but SMBC had refused it.

8.2 Cllr. Williams will take the deposit into the Costume Hire Shop and collect the costumes. Cllrs. that have not already booked their costume need to go into the shop.

**9. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Chair of Allotment Cllr. Mulready reported that three vacancies have arisen and the next people on the waiting list will be contacted. He also reported that Gro Organic had been contacted by The Big Dig. If they are successful this organisation may help towards the Jubilee Garden project, by promoting Grow your Own Veg. Cllr. Williams said she had seen a report in the Solihull News where organisations will give money to good causes. Cllr. Mulready said he would have a look at the article.

A skip will be needed at some point soon.

9.1 Yorkswood Allotments update: Nothing to report.

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

10.1 Nothing to report.

**11. To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies**

11.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready may be able to attend the meeting scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> November. He will report back with further information then.

11.2 WALC/SAC Cllr. A. Follows reported that he and Cllr. Dawson attended the meeting and listened to a report from two ladies from SMBC giving a talk on Welfare Reform Benefits Structure, The Code of Conduct and the Effects of HS2. When the minutes come through he will pass on the information recorded.

**12. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received:** Clerk had received planning for 8 Didgley Grove. Erection of 24 No. New two storey terraced and semi-detached dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping. Cllr. Mulready wanted to know if they were demolishing the garages adjacent. Confirmation came from Cllr. Milne and Cllr. A. Follows

**13. Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:** Chair Cole mentioned a report he had seen on the BBC Country File referring to Village Green Society, where a Parish Council had managed to secure their Village Green from being built on. He asked the Council their thoughts on joining the Open Space Society. The Cllrs agreed to join and to register the Meadow on Babbs Mill.

13.1 A pre hearing for the Local development Plan will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. As the chair cannot attend due to work commitments, the Clerk will attend. The meeting is scheduled for 10 am in the Studio of the Solihull Arts Complex.

**14. Information Items:** To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

14.1 Correspondence and emails. All Cllrs had received a list up to 6<sup>th</sup> November of correspondence and emails. No action.

14.2 Grant aid applications are up to the 30<sup>th</sup> November. A date in January to make decisions will be approved on the next agenda.

**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. Tony Fitzgerald was invited to speak. He mentioned that he agreed with Cllr. Mulready regarding the in-experience of the members employed by the Regen to explain the Cole Valley

Master plan. He referred to it as 'Spin'. He mentioned that they did show a proposed plan of the access Road from Babbs Mill into Cooke Lane. In his opinion it would need to be double in size to get just one vehicle in. He was unable to get a copy of the drawings. He mentioned that the way forward in objections will be using the 'Soundless' issue. He also mentioned that the homes will only be 40 yards from the flood waters.

Chair Cole thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for his input and went back to the Meeting.

**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.

Village Green Society

Precept meeting after the FC Meeting.

**17. Date of next meeting:** Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. Birmingham B37 6BX.

Items for the agenda need to be in by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

Meeting Closed at 8.00 pm

Signed ..... Date .....