



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 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  
E. Muluka

In Attendance : Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: 2 members of the Public attended the meeting.  
Borough Cllrs. Alan Nash.  
Guest Speaker Ian Cox from the Regenerating North Solihull Programme.

- 1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:  
RFO David Wheeler – Annual holiday. Cllr. P. Whyte – working late. Cllr. B. Follows – unwell. R. Webber did not arrive for the meeting or send in any apologies.  
B. Cllr. Flo Nash was unable to attend and sent in her apology via B. Cllr. A. Nash.
- 2.** No new Pecuniary Interests were declared.
- 3. Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on the both minutes were approved and signed.
- 4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** Chair asked B. Cllr. Alan Nash to take the floor. B. Cllr. Nash said it was all quiet at the moment and has no further details regarding Babbs Mill only that one the inspector recommends is not binding with the Council. He had been informed on recent flooding near the bridge on Babbs Mill. This was due to children playing with sticks etc and other rubbish which blocked up the river.  
Cllr. Nash said he is still concerned about the number of homeless and the number of homes that are still boarded up.  
He mentioned he had attended the recent celebration of the 50th anniversary of Jamaica celebrated at the Kingshurst New Testament Church in Gilson Way and the parishioners thought a lot of the Kingshurst Parish Council and for the KPC to keep up the good work.  
  
Cllr. John Milne asked him if he had been informed of the eroding walkways in Babbs Mill from recent flooding. B. Cllr. Nash said it had been brought to the notice of Severn Trent and concern about the bend near the old bridge has to be sorted out.

Discussions proceeded about the problem with rats in areas near to the Big Johns Takeaway. There is no problem with rats in Kingshurst. But Kingshurst does have a problem with pigeons. Cllr. Williams asked B. Cllr. Nash about the area opposite the Big Johns takeaway establishment. This she said was the old garage site and looks a terrible eyesore. B. Cllr. Nash said this area belongs to Birmingham Council and there is not anything we can do. He went on to say that some of the youngsters never leave the area and do not know where Solihull Town centre is. We must protect the wildlife of Babbs Mill for them. Another discussion emerged about the river erosion and who should play the part here. The Severn Trent water authority, The Environmental Agency or SMBC should consider working together for the benefit of the area.

Cllr. Woolley wanted to point out to B. Cllr. Nash that the Road in Kingshurst Way is still blocked off from Bellway Building contractors. This he says is a Health a safety issue as Emergency Services would not be able to attend if any youngsters got into a problem near the River.

Cllr. A. Follows said it had originally been blocked off with a sewage problem.

Chair thanked B. Cllr. Nash for his report; he went on to the next part of the Agenda.

5. Mr. Ian Cox from the Regeneration Programme had been invited to speak to the Cllrs. Chair Cole introduced Mr. Cox.

Mr. Cox remained seated to give his report. He started by referring to the recent discussion of the drainage regarding Bellwell. He will find out further information and report back the Clerk. Cllr. Milne said the access was needed as it is a public area.

Mr. Cox began his report. He said within the last seven years they had been working jointly with Belwell Building contractors and SMBC. Schools and homes have been developed mainly in the area of Smith's Wood. The projects including Housing associations and special developers have given an enormous improvement to the area. In Barston Way, the highway British Gas is helping with funding to clad the tower blocks of flats in the area also. Landscape work has and is being carried out. Craig Croft will have a new village centre. European funding will help improve Doctors surgeries, Pharmacies and Dentists.

Cllr. A. Follows said the schools are at their capacity now. Would there be a new primary school. Mr. Cox replied that they are working hard in this area and we are not forgotten. He presently is concerned as to whether the flats in Overgreen drive should be demolished and have new ones built or to refurbish the present site. New homes would be for families. He is presently working with a Kevin Roach revising the sums for the demolishing quotes and he will get back to the Clerk in three or four days. The Mountfort Pub is also a site that the Regen Committee would like to build on. This however would be up to the owner of the Mountfort. Negotiations were in the process of making him an offer. Mr. Cox said he is working also with an Adrian Stringer regarding the Parade. It has been a thought to tear down the Parade and build a new one. They will be concentrating in this area very soon.

B. Cllr. Nash told Mr. Cox that the housing proposal for Babbs Mill was highly suspect. Mr. Cox replied that we need to meet the needs of producing new homes. He added that they are expected to push the boundaries when it comes to public planning and he is well aware of the residents views on Babbs Mill.

Mr. Cox finished by mentioning that with the World economic crisis has dashed the hopes and ambitions of building new homes. He handed out a leaflet marketing a Cole Valley Vision which is exhibited in the Library in Chelmsley Wood on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012. He invited all present to go along and have a look and the plans and ask questions.

Chair Cole asked about the green sites and the proposals to build 500 homes on these sites. Where are the Children going to go to school as the schools are full to capacity? Mr. Cox replied that all these figures are taken into consideration and planned ahead by ten years. Cllr. Follows added that the schools in this area were shocked when they realised the proposals that had been put forward. Mr. Cox admitted that an extra school may need to be built. He mentioned again

the Craig Croft regeneration that 50% will be social housing along with a new medical centre. Bellwell will part exchange with homes from the local area to help people buy the new homes. There would be no more tower blocks built but no more will be demolished. The existing blocks will have new heating systems, part helped with British Gas.

Mr. Cox finished his report.

Chair thanked Mr. Cox for his report and went on to the Public participation of the Agenda to accommodate a resident that wanted to ask questions to Mr. Cox.

**17. 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 Ms Jackie Wooding had some questions regarding the Dunton Road project and asked questions directly to Mr. Ian Cox. She lives in Dunton Road where, presently regeneration building is taking place within the Garages near her property. After much discussion on the involvement of the garages and her property, Mr. Cox made a promise to come back to her with all her questions answered and to set up a meeting with Bellwell herself and himself in the near future. The plans that were going ahead raised many concerns with Ms Wooding and she had felt she very much let down by all concerned. Cllr. Follows and Chair offered to go along to the meeting to see for themselves the problems Ms. Wooding was having with the builders, Security and the right to be able to sell her house with parking access is paramount. Cllr. Follows mentioned that his father -in-law had a similar problem and SMBC have helped him greatly by changing the pathway measurements to fit his disabled scooter. Ms. Wooding felt this community is being short changed by the Regeneration Programme.

Chair thanked Ms. Wooding and Mr. Ian Cox.

The Residents, Ian Cox and B. Cllr. A. Nash left the meeting. The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes.

The meeting resumed and Chair went on the item 6 on the agenda.

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

6.1 Finance: Chair of Finance Cllr. A. Follows reported that the current account stood at £23,764.84 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). Other consideration for payment will be the Bugler for the Remembrance Service £150 the Buffett £250 and the Transformer for the new Christmas lights for Parade Christmas Tree. These were agreed and passed by the Council. Clement Keys had passed the last few years accounts. The Danwood lease for the photocopier is due for renewal. It was agreed and passed that the Clerk write to Danwood cancelling the agreement with them and the KPC would purchase an A3 printer at some point in the future.

6.2 The date for the Precept is set for the 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Office.

**7. Pavilions:** Vice Chair B. Mulready asked the Clerk if she had received a copy of Calco Insurance Policy for the Pavilions. The Clerk had not received one and would follow it up, as it was a stipulation in the Contract.

7.1 The Clerk had asked the Manager of the Pavilions by writing a letter to remove the Catering Wagon from the premises, as it was a breach of the contract with us. At the point of

the meeting the Wagon had not been removed. The Clerk was asked to write again giving a notice of Seven Days to remove it.

- 8. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Events Chair J. Milne reported that all the preparation for the Remembrance Service had been organised along with the Christmas event. Chair of Events asked Chair Cole if he was available to use his van for the transportation of the marquee. This was confirmed that Chair Cole can pick the Marquee up on the Saturday evening from the Pavilions.

8.1 A new set of Christmas Tree lights had been passed earlier in minute 6.
- 9. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Chair of Allotments Cllr. B. Mulready reported that two allotment holders had left but need to collect their sheds and tools. He also reported that a skip will need to be ordered soon. Only one skip a year will be provided now.

9.1 Yorkswood Allotments update Chair Cole had received confirmation and maps referring to the land registry of SMBC as the registered owners of Yorkswood allotments. Cllr. A. Follows and Chair Cole will meet up at some point to discuss the outcome of the service provided by the land registry.
- 10. Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:**

10.1 No further information has been obtained regarding the Youth Council.
- 11. To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies.**

11.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said that he has no report for the Council at this time.

11.2 Cllr. A. Follows said there is nothing to report form WALC/SAC.

11.3 School Governors Reports: Nothing to report from the Schools.
- 12. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications: Nothing to report at this meeting. No planning applications have been received.**
- 13. Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:** The proposals for the new homes to be built in the area were discussed within Minute 4, 5 and 17.
- 14. Electrician:** It was agreed to engage B. Manson to install the new electrical sockets required before the Christmas Event. A fee of £325 was agreed and passed for the work to be carried out.
- 15.** Chair Cole wanted to discuss the lack of Cllrs. attendance at meetings. The other Cllrs agreed that Chair should write a letter to those Cllrs. that do not attend meeting and do not even put in apologies for not attending meetings. The general feeling of those Cllrs present was that as the residents had made comments, something should be done about it and also the work load was greater for those that are committed to being Councillors. Chair proposed that a letter should be written officially. This was agreed.
- 16. Information Items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action If appropriate.**

16.1 All Cllrs. had received copies of Correspondence and Emails. No comments were made.

16.2 It was agreed that the Grant Aid will be advertised for the month of November.  
16.3 The WALC workshop for New Cllrs. will be on a Saturday in February 2013. Cllrs agreed that all new Cllrs should attend.  
16.4 The running track is now scheduled to have another two years contract reported Cllr. David Woolley.

**17. 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. Members of the public were invited to speak in after Minute 5 of these minutes.

**18. 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.

Chair Cole reported that CARA is now wound up. The Name will be kept at Companies House.

Cllr. A. Follows had been to a workshop and will report back the information regarding Council Tax. He briefly mentioned the outline of the meeting to the Cllrs.

Cllr. Woolley asked the Clerk to arrange for the Traffic Warden to visit Gilson way at 3.30 in the afternoon, when the parents are collecting their children as they park on the double yellow lines.

**19. Date of next meeting:** Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday November 13th 2012 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7. pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 6th November 2012.

Meeting Closed at 8.20 pm

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