



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council ANNUAL MEETING held on Tuesday 5th May 2009 At St. Barnabas Church Hall

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chairman
B. Mulready Vice-Chairman
T. Williams
S. Daly
D. Davis
A. Follows
B. Follows
D. Woolley
L. Baudet
J. Milne

In Attendance : Mr D. Wheeler Accountant
Mrs. J. Aske Clerk
Mrs. P. Ross Assisting Clerk
Members of the Public: Mr. John Kimberly
Mrs. S. Kimberly
Jean Johnson

1. (a) Election of Chairman

Cllr. Mulready proposed and seconded

Cllr. Cole proposed and seconded

Votes for Cllr. Mulready - 4

Votes for Cllr. Cole – 7

RESOLVED: that Cllr. D. Cole be Chairman for the forthcoming year.

He accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

(b) Election of Vice Chair

Cllr. Mrs. S. Daly proposed and seconded

Cllr. Mulready proposed and seconded

Votes for Cllr. Mrs. Daly – 11

Votes for Cllr. Mulready – 0

RESOLVED: that Cllr. Mrs. S. Daly be Vice Chairwoman for the forthcoming year.

She accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Apologies: All present

3. 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 nature

None were declared.

4. Confirmation of:

Responsible Financial Officer:

Proposed, seconded and agreed that David Wheeler of Arden Associates Ltd. Continue.

Internal Auditor:

Proposed, seconded and agreed that Louise Best continue

School Governor:

Proposed, seconded and agreed that Cllr. David Woolley continue as a governor for the Kingshurst Primary School.

Members of Committees:

Finance: Cllr. Mrs. D. Davis Chairwoman, Cllr. Mrs. S. Daly. Cllr. L. Baudet, Cllr. Mulready.

Allotments: Cllr. Mulready Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. T. Williams, Cllr. Mrs. S. Daly and Cllr. Mrs. D. Davis

Events: Cllr. Mrs. T. Williams Chair, Cllr. Mrs. S. Daly, Cllr. Mrs. D. Davis, Cllr. Mulready, Cllr. John Milne, Cllr. L. Baudet and Mr. S. Kimberly Volunteer.

Grant Aid Requests: Cllr. Mulready Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. T. Williams, Cllr. Mrs. S. Daly and Cllr. Mrs. D. Davis, Cllr. D. Woolley and Cllr. J. Milne

Councillors representing KPC on outside bodies: All members happy to stay as representatives on Local bodies.

5. Minutes: To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th April 2009.

5.3 should have said Jubilee Gardens for needing a skip and 6.1 was not the wrong address for Calco it was the address we had been given they had moved.

6. To receive reports from Borough Councillors

Cllr. D. Evans had given a report and all Cllrs received it. Copy in minute book.

7. To receive and approve reports from KPC Committees:

7.1 Finance: Arising from the Finance Committee the purchase of new keys and lock for the Allotment Gates. £118.50 passed.

David Wheeler Accountant reported that Current Account and the End of April was £26,694.40. First part of Precept received £24,828.50. Deposit account as at the end of April was £40,627.17. It was agreed to transfer £3,000 to current account to cover cheques and a £500 grant aid cheque to the Seeds of Hope, towards roof repairs. Cllr. Mulready said there were four applications for Grant Aid, two out of the area, one was a business and the other Seeds of Hope. Resolved to pay a cheque to Seeds of Hope for £500

7.2 Events: Cllr. Mrs. T. Williams informed the committee that everything was in place for the Fun Day. All Cllrs will be needed at 9.00 am to help set up on the day.

7.3 Allotments. Cllr. Mulready informed the Council that a meeting had taken place that day. They had a couple of allotment members complain about certain things. School Children had been down and enjoyed a few hours learning about the plants etc. A grant was still being pursued from WWTF for wheelchair access and possibly a toilet. Clerk is going to email Mr. Jack allotment holder to ask to keep it tidy.

Cllr. L. Brunger inquired about the members of the Finance Committee as one member had an interest when ordering Skips, top soil at £35 etc. and there would only be three making the decisions. This would be due to Cllr. A. Follows and Cllr. Mrs. B. Follows leaving Finance Committee. He was informed that it is stated in the standing orders that the Finance Committee was acting within the law as the Committee is a quorum. Cllr. Mulready reassured Cllr. Brunger that the money spent on the allotments is not Parish Council Funds.

Cllr. Louise Baudet pointed out that all cheques are listed and everything was recorded, so the Council could not be open to allegations from members of the public.

8. Progress reports for information/action:

8.1 The Pavilions. Surveyors report: Cllr. A. Follows reported that this situation goes back to October, 2008. Chair David Cole said he would personally take it to the address.

Copies of the Maintenance report would be available to those members who required it.

8.2 RNID report from Cllr. L. Brunger: All members had received the information on the choice Cllr. Brunger thought would be the best option for hearing aid system. The price would be £2000. The Council would have to pay the amount before the item could be made then if the Council was not happy they would give a full refund after 28 days. He informed the Council that it is the latest digital device with no wires It comes with 3 sets . A hearing aid can be set on the 'T'. Cllr. Mrs. T. Williams said her hearing aid does not have the 'T' position so, she did not think the device would aid her. After various discussions the Council decided to order the hearing device as Chair Cole said it was a good price and Cllr. Mulready had said it has been discussed for six months now and the money was included in the Precept. Clerk to get in touch with the company and arrange a demonstration for the next meeting.

8.3 Youth Council (nothing to report) Leave on Table

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready attended the last meeting on the 23rd April and reported a number of people had been made redundant and the new runway would be in operation by 2012.

9.2 CARA: Chair David Cole reported he had attended a meeting on the 23rd April, 2009. They had been inundated with people requiring financial advice. They may ask local Parishes to help with the funding. Cllr. A. Follows said we would not be able to help them as they are not in our area.

9.3 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows and Cllr. Mrs. B. Follows were awaiting the minutes from the last meeting.

9.4 Sustain: reply on representation. To be reviewed at their next AGM. Clerk to find out when next AGM will take place.

10. Information items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

10.1 Correspondence and emails: Items read out: Letter of invite to Mayor's investiture. (Vice Chair will attend). Sustain Alert newsletter, email from Chloe MCarthy re Duncan Sutherland unable to make meeting. All other letters and Emails were given to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Mrs. P. Ross gave each member a copy of the Standing orders for the Council to adopt at the next meeting. She would prepare Chairmanship Rules.

The subject of Risk Assessment arose and Chair D. Cole suggested 3 or 4 councillors get together to work on it. Cllr. S. Daly said it affects all the Events Committee.

Cllr. Mulready discussed the break in at the allotments and said the new lock and keys cost £118.50. Chair D. Cole had said that there is an increase in thefts. Cllr. Daly had said she had heard of an instance where a mother and child had their home ransacked by two youths, and warned everyone to be wary.

10.2 Planning: There was no planning applications for discussion.

11. 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. John Kimberly inquired as to why the minutes of the last general meeting were not available that night. He was informed that as it was an Annual Parish Meeting when the minutes would be signed off the following year. Mr. Kimberly said it was too long to wait. Cllr. Louise Baudet said it would not be the correct procedure to give the minutes out at this point. Any matters raised by the public at an Annual Parish Meeting are taken to the next ordinary Parish Council Meeting to be considered. The Annual General Meeting is now legally known as The Annual Meeting and is for Council members only. The Annual Parish Meeting is for the Public and must be held between 1st April and 31st May every year. Mr. Kimberly raised another point in connection with the £15k available to raise the Park to Green Flag status and he hoped the KPC would help towards this achievement. He noted that CARA the voluntary organisation is important to the community and would urge the KPC to consider helping them out with funding. Chair Cole said there was pressure to close one down already. Cllr. L. Brunger referred to point that Council funding can only be provided in Kingshurst, but in Section 137 we can support people outside of our area. Cllr. Mulready did point out that we have in the past helped with Nine Acres Drop In and funding went to CARA for a new computer. Mr. Kimberly continues and suggests that CARA and the Citizen Advice join forces. It was decided to put the Section 137 on the Next Agenda

Jean Johnson asked about future meetings as it was suggested all meetings were held at St. Barnabas Church Hall. There was a small room but with no disabled access. It would be discussed at a later date.

12. 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.

Regen: This item should be included in Item 9 next time. Cllrs. Mulready, A. Follows said there was nothing to report back.

13. Date of next meeting: was confirmed for Tuesday 9th June 2009 at St. Barnabas Church Hall. Deadline for receipt of requests for future agenda items is 2nd June 2009.

Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm

Cllr. D. Woolley did not stay for the Private and Confidential meeting

Signed Date