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Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 11th February 2014 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 D. Woolley J. Milne
In Attendance :	Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)
Members of the Public:	Two members of the Public were present
Borough Cllrs	B. Cllr. David Jamieson
Apologies:	B. Cllrs. A Nash, F. Nash sent in apologies.

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

Eric Muluka – working
B. Follows – Unwell
T. Williams – holiday
R Webber - Did not arrive or send in apologies
P Whyte - Did not arrive or send in apologies
M. Dawson – Did not arrive or send in apologies

2. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th January 2014 were approved and signed.

3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors. Chair Cole asked B. Cllr. Jamieson to take the floor. He reported that there had been a high level Regen meeting tonight discussing the costing etc. The Birmingham Road site will be developed in this financial year 2014/15. There is no certainty on the 70 homes plan. The Uni Technical College by Conway Road has a site opposite the Leisure Centre is now earmarked for housing as the college has gifted the land at a peppercorn rent. The CCT planning permission for the pitch and changing rooms is going ahead. Regen has £100k to compensate the loss to Bishop Wilson Primary School to help towards recreational facilities for children in the area. Also there is a further £100k generated from the Fordbridge School site development which is available to go towards other recreational facilities in the area. B. Cllr. Jamieson also reported that John Henry Newman and the CCT will have very good sports facilities and is very exciting. Confidential talks are being held regarding the Doctors surgery. Ongoing negotiations are taking place with SMBC and the NHS as temporary building will have to be found if the previous Doctors decline to sell the building. The Mountford site has now been reduced to rubble and consultations will take place in May/June Cllr. Jamieson said it could be for housing plus a new library youth club etc or could be a new medical centre. In the near future a cabinet meeting will take place where options and decisions of

what are likely to go ahead. Chair Cole asked if they would consult us and will they listen to us. B. Cllr. Jamieson said he will try and get the info on the meetings and the options available with what's available with the money.

He further reported that the Parade is going to be re developed, it will not be knocked down but the frontage will be demolished including the KPC office, which will open up the Parade for the Shops. Cllr. Milne asked where the funding will come from. B. Cllr. Jamieson said there should be substantial funding available and he is confident they have the funds for these projects.

Chair Cole wanted to attend the meetings and asked if they will be open to members of the public. Cllr Jamieson confirmed they are and that he would inform David Cole and the Council as to when they will take place. Three members of the Council will attend the meeting and Chair Cole will arrange to speak in the Public gallery. Cllr. Jamieson will get back to the KPC as soon as he has a date.

Chair thanked B. Cllr. David Jamieson for his time and input and Cllr. Jamieson left the meeting. Chair went on to the next part of the agenda.

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 £17,367.28 the deposit account was at £69.33 and £15k in the corporate account. The cheques for this month's expenses of £1635.68 were approved and passed for payment. Clerk was going to arrange to buy a second hand vacuum for the office but apart from that there are no other expenses this month.

4.2 Cllr. A. Follows had recently attended a meeting of WALC/SAC and information from Neil Forman of Unity Trust Bank. He briefly informed the Council that the Bank would pay interest on funds in current and deposit accounts that is higher than the high street banks. There are charges for transactions but the costs would have to be weighed up. Another advantage would be that monies can be paid into the post office and withdrawn. Chair of Finance has asked David Wheeler to look into the pros and cons of changing to this bank. Mr. Wheeler said he would make comparisons and report back next month.

Mr. Wheeler left the meeting at this point which had been pre arranged.

5. Pavilions:

5.1 No recent updates on the current situation regarding the administration of Calco Limited. It is being advertised for sale with a Commercial Estate agent. Vice Chair B. Mulready asked that the Clerk write to the administration management and point details in the advert were misleading as it stated that the Car Park was shared with offices. This is incorrect. The Cllrs agreed with Vice Chair and the Clerk was instructed to contact the Asset Management Company. The Clerk was also asked to send the link with the advert on to those Cllrs who had not seen it.

5.2 Update on Solicitors documentation on securing further the Parish Council Pavilions Sporting Fields into Trust. The only information given to the Clerk is that the Land Registry has a backlog and it will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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

6.1 Events Chair Cllr. J. Milne reported from the Events meeting that the date for the Summer Event will probably be 22nd June. The Clerk has booked Paul Gooch and he has confirmed he can supply the fairground equipment on that day. Chair Cole mentioned the van is not available that day. This was okay as everything that needs to be taken to the field can be put in Cllrs cars. Large items such as tables and chairs will be delivered and the Marquee is already on the premises.

The Mayor is booked but we will have to work around a time to suit the Mayor.

Scouts have been booked but Sea Cadets have not come back to us. A tombola for the children will go ahead at a cost of £25 and a three prize raffle for the adults will take place, consisting of a first prize such as a flat screen TV and two money prizes of £30 and £20.

A costing for a banner to incorporate the commemorative WW1 anniversary would be a cost of £79.

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

7.1 Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready asked the Clerk to read a letter from Gro Organic. Sarah Gill informed the Council that for the moment they will anticipate coming back in a few months as they are waiting for the college to give them dates as to when the trainees can receive training under supervision as part of the programme. Cllr. D Davis said she had heard that a pond was on site for wildlife. This is a natural pond that is very shallow and will be left for the group to monitor.

Cllr. A. Follows asked if the Council thought it a good idea to invite Sarah to a meeting. Cllr. B. Mulready thought this is unnecessary at the moment as there is no more to report from what she has already stated in the letter. Maybe in the future it would be considered.

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

8.1 Cllr. A. Follows had a report regarding Community Energy Warwickshire. Copies of this info have been distributed to all Cllrs. At a recent WALC/Sac Meeting Cllr. A. Follows had been impressed with a talk on Community energy in Warwickshire. He briefly told the Cllrs that owning the Pavilions they could have solar panels fitted to the roof to provide energy for the Sporting Club. The Clerk was asked to contact her and invite her to a meeting for Cllrs to see if this is something the KPC should be part of. Clerk will make contact and arrange a visit.

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready attended a meeting in January all is on track. The A45 is completed now with the new diversion. Planting and habitats are going ahead. He had a circular with further information and the Clerk was asked to photo copy for the Cllrs.

9.2 WALC/SAC - Cllr. A. Follows had attended the meeting as reported in above agenda items.

9.3 School Governors reports: Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report on Yorkswood School. Chair Cole will be attending a Governors' meeting for Kingshurst School the following evening.

9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. A. Follows has nothing to report presently.

9.5 Regen. This item had been covered in the report from Borough Cllr Jamieson.

10. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: One application had been received: Site: Land at Oakthorpe Drive, Kingshurst. – Demolition of Garage Blocks and erection of 8 No. Two Storey, One Bedroom Houses. All Cllrs. are okay with this application.

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

11.1 It is most likely that if planning is agreed to build 70 homes on the Babbs Mill Site it would begin in 2016. Chair Cole proposed to put out a letter regarding the recent flooding. He asked Cllrs to agree that the Clerk should send letters to all Borough Councillors that voted to build on the Nature Reserve. Copy of letter attached to these minutes.

11.2 Babbs Mill a starry Night. David Cole will put letters together in the hope that one summer night a group of residents and families can see the stars without any light pollution.

11.3 Three members of the KPC will attend a cabinet meeting discussing the Mountford site in the near future. Chair Cole will make arrangements to speak on the behalf of those residents that would like a Medical centre built on the land.

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

12.1 Correspondence and emails: All Cllrs had received copies of post and emails for the month. Clerk read out a recent letter received from Caroline Spelman MP she had replied to a recent letter regarding the Mountford site and the hope of a new Medical Centre.

No other correspondence was discussed.

12.2 Clerk had invited SCU Tahiraj Khan to possibly attend the May residents Meeting. The Voluntary group he wanted to promote will finish in April.

13. Second hand Henry Vacuum. The Clerk is hoping to get a second hand vacuum for the office. Cllrs. approved this.

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 for the members of the public to address the Cllrs.

Mr. David Hinsley member of the Kingshurst Patient Participation Group referred to Caroline Spelmans letter the Clerk had read out earlier. He informed the Cllrs that the replacement doctors for Kingshurst had to be advertised throughout Europe by the NHS. In his opinion he said you may be looking at 12 months from now before a new doctor's partnership is formed to service the residents of Kingshurst. He went on to say that the NHS is not bothered about the state of the doctor's premises. He mentioned that the caretaker doctors on the site at the moment will only be there until the end of March and there is a need to propose an extension for this.

He also had a copy of the recent newspaper article regarding the premises and the residents worry over what is happening within the medical practice. He reported that numbers leaving the practice are in their thousands.

Chair mentioned that in the future with new homes built it will be necessary to have a good functional doctor's practice in the area. Chair Cole asked if there were any more questions or reports from Mr. Hinsley. There was nothing further to discuss. So Chair reopened the meeting.

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.

School Milk.

Solar Panels Pavilions.

16. Date of next meeting: Confirmation of the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 11th March 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 4th March 2014

Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm

Signed Date