



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair  
B. Mulready Vice Chair  
T. Williams  
A. Follows  
D. Woolley  
L. Cole  
M. Dawson  
B. Follows  
D. Davis

In Attendance : Mr. David Wheeler (RFO) and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: Five members of the public attended.  
Borough Cllrs:

Apologies Borough Cllrs. A. Nash and F. Nash and D Evans.

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

Cllr. John Milne – working  
Cllr. E Muluka – Holiday  
Cllr. R Webber did not arrive or send in any apologies

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

3. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** A Reports had been received Debbie Evans sent in a report via email. (see attached).

Chair Cole read out a report from Borough Cllr. D. Evans (attached). Chair had spoken to Borough Cllr. Nash earlier that day regarding the Birmingham conceptual proposal for an assisted living apartments and landscaping near the border of Babbs Mill off Cooks Lane. The main concern is the traffic onto Cooks Lane. This matter will need further investigation. No questions arose from the report from Cllr. D Evans. 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 A. Follows addressed the Council and approval for £2507.95 for the cheque list was given. The Current account stood at £45,480.11 and he mentioned that the transfer £20k into a corporate account had not taken place as yet. David Wheeler was looking into this as the Clerk and Cllr. Follows had put the request in some weeks ago by fax.

4.2 Precept: to discuss and finalise the figures for the 2015 – 2016 precept. David requested that the figures be passed in January as final figures can be confirmed then. Chair asked Finance Chair A. Follow if he had anything else to add. There were no further questions.

#### **5. Pavilions: To receive and approve any reports regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club and make decisions as appropriate.**

5.1 Update on current situation regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club. Cllr. Mulready reported that the Clerk had sent a letter regarding the access to the playing field from Dawn to dusk. He mentioned the car park situation of the staff employed at Endeavor House using the car park in office hours. This issue is now considered to be a breach of the lease as a payment in kind is exchanged for the facility. Cllr. Mulready proposed that the KPC engage a Solicitor to take action on this matter and the terrible condition the premises have been left in. This proposal to engage a Solicitor from Evans Derry was passed and agreed by everyone present. A meeting will be arranged with Richard Holt and three Cllrs. to attend. Chair Cole, Alvin Follows and Brendan Mulready. Clerk to action this.

5.2 Inspection/Survey: this matter was incorporated in the above 5.1.

5.3 Pavilions Field: The Centenary Fields Programme designed to safeguard the green spaces for the future. Cllr. Tina Williams placed this on the Agenda. All members of the Council received information regarding green spaces been placed under a guardianship to protect the space such as playing fields for the future. The Centenary Fields Programme will be placed on next months agenda.

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

6.1 Cllr. A. Follows chaired the events meeting at 6.15 pm. He reported that before the event takes place a risk assessment must be completed. Chair Cole said he would do this.

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

7.1 Secure fencing has been donated to Gro – Organic for the Jubilee Gardens. To discuss and approve that funding from the Jubilee Gardens fund goes to pay towards the fencing to be installed. A portion of the Jubilee gardens can be fenced off from the allotment to be used for teaching and will also prevent the spread of the weed mare's tail. Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready mentioned that the KPC can help with the cost of installing the fencing with £1750. Two allotments are in a bad state and although letters have gone out to the holders nothing has been done to clear the weeds. Cllr. Mulready requested for Cllr. Williams to also inspect the plots so a decision can be made to not renew the tenancy of the two plots.

Cllr. Williams referred back to the fencing off of part of the Jubilee Gardens and said she hadn't realised that the mares tail weed can be transferred by the boots.

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

8.1 Babbs Mill: Everyone is still fighting to prevent building on the Nature Reserve.

A plan from Birmingham had been viewed as mentioned in agenda item 3. The conceptual plans for Assisted living of 100 apartments with parking. The draft of the plans appears to be on the border of Babbs Mill Nature Reserve. The buildings will be built on brown fields opposite the Texaco petrol garage on Cooks Lane. It was mentioned that the name of the dwelling as Babb's Mill Centre was not appropriate.

The concerns raised would be more cars coming out onto Cooks Lane, causing more congestion. 8.2 KPC requested for the Road Safety department of SMBC to look at improving the road layout of the Chester Road near the Kingshurst Labour Club and the Centurion Public House. Recently a fatal accident occurred which sparked the question of the Road safety. It is hoped that although it is out of the Kingshurst area that some kind of traffic calming will be provided to stop any more accidents occurring.

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

9.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready said the next meeting will be in January 2015.

9.2 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows had nothing to report.

9.3 School Governors Reports: Cllr. A. Follows will attend a meeting for Yorkswood School next week. Chair Cole reported he will be attending a meeting for Kingshurst Primary next week also.

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

9.5 Regen: Cllr. A. Follows has not heard anything regarding Babb's Mill but Land off Overgreen Drive Kingshurst of 26 two and three bedroom dwelling comprising of 22 houses and 4 apartments has now been advertised for Council to view plans and comment. Cllr. T. Williams suggested we write to oppose. This was not agreed.

**10. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received:** Two Notices had been received:

As mentioned above in agenda item 9.5 Notice of planning: Land off Overgreen Drive, Kingshurst. Erect 26 two and three bedroom dwellings comprising of 22 houses and 4 apartments. Nothing to oppose.

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

11.1 Local Development Plan: Babbs Mill: Nothing to report.

11.2 Mountford Public House Site: It is hoped that more information will be received early next year.

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

12.1 Correspondence and emails. All Cllrs. had received copies of emails and post.

The Clerk had received an invitation for her Council to send money towards a retirement present for Alison Hodge. Alison is presently County Secretary of WALC. This stands for Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils. Their role is to represent and advice Town and Parish Councils. An email had been received from the Clerk of Cheswick Green Parish Council requesting cheques to be made out directly to the Clerk. The outcome for this correspondence resulted in the KPC not sending any donation towards a retirement present.

Chair mentioned the letters that the Clerk sent some months ago requesting surrounding Town and Parish Councils to write to support the KPC in saving Babb's Mill from the Authority building homes on the Nature Reserve. We had only received one letter from the Clerk representing Castle Bromwich and an acknowledgement from Smiths Wood Clerk. Clerk would send requests again.

**13. 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 asked for the members of the public to announce their name and address before relating their concerns.

Mr. John Kimberley local resident wanted to speak on three points, firstly he is pleased that Cllr. Mulready proposed to take legal advice regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club. He said the sub letting of the car park will be a strong case. Secondly, he wanted to mention that Fordbridge Town Council had received a letter from the KPC asking for their Council to support the campaign to save Babb's Mill from development. He assures the Council that they do support their efforts and also will send a letter directly to Solihull M.B.C. Chair said thank you to Mr. Kimberley for this.

Mr. Kimberley finally wanted to add to the point regarding the Birmingham Plans for assisted Homes near Babb's Mill that had been noted in agenda item 3. He said he thought that the Name Babb's Mill Centre for the completed homes should at least be commented on to the Birmingham Authority that the park is ours and we should express this opinion to them. The name he said will mislead people as there is a distance between the two places.

Cllr. B. Follows made a point to the Council that the original Babbs Mill 'Mill' was situated in Birmingham and not Solihull.

The main concerns on this planning application was the extra traffic going out onto Cooks Lane. Chair thanked Mr. Kimberley.

Sarah Evans took the floor next. Sarah informed the Council that she has just become the leader for 'Action for Babb's Mill'. This has been set up to campaign for the park to remain untouched and to oppose the plans for development. Sarah has set up a Facebook page from 28<sup>th</sup> November and has already had 200 likes. (*Likes is a term used to agree with the information Sarah is providing on the Facebook page.* She said watch this space. She added her mother Debbie Evans is planning a visit with Rural England. All information regarding their campaign can be accessed on [actionforbabbsmill facebook page](#).

Chair Cole thanked Sarah and the Councillors and members of the public gave her a round of applause.

Keith Evans spoke next and addressed the Council he referred back to item 8 on the Agenda that recently a fatal accident occurred on the Chester Road near the Kingshurst Labour Club and the Centurion Public House which sparked the question of the Road safety. His question to the Council was 'is this in Kingshurst. Chair advised that it was not in Kingshurst but Fordbridge. Chair said it is in everyone interest that safety comes first. Keith suggested we get in touch with Chelmsley Town Council. It was mentioned that in the future plans the Centurion Public House is coming down and homes will be built on the site.

Mr. David Hinsley spoke next. David is part of the Patients Participation Group and Kingshurst Doctors. He reported that 'Vitality' have a further 5 months until the end of March to run the practice. However they are not involved in the bid for the future running of the surgery. A recent Health and Safety check established the premises are satisfactory for a further three years to maintain and run the present medical facility. This he says will result in the £80k reserved for the refurbishment of the premises to now be withdrawn.

Mrs. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley mentioned the good news that Greggs Bakers are donating cakes to the Victorian Theme Christmas Event that the KPC are putting on in the Parade on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. She also mentioned that the Co-op Manager will provide a hamper of food for a raffle and the butcher in the parade will be making turkey sandwiches. The Co-op she said will be doing

a charity table outside of their premises. Cllr. B. Follows thanked Mrs. Cooper-Hinsley for all the organising and help towards the forthcoming event.

Keith Evans spoke again and directed a comment to Mr. David Hinsley regarding the Medical Centre in Craig Croft Smiths Wood and a time of three years before it was running. This conversation resulted in a clash of opinions. Chair stopped the disagreement and closed the Public Participation part of the meeting.

Chair thanked the members of the public and then reopened the meeting.

**14. 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 reminded all in the meeting that Robert Sleight will be attending the February meeting. He asked for assistance in leafleting the area to inform residents of the meeting. He said we will need lots of helpers. Further discussion took place regarding the actual leaflets and it was decided to get leaflets printed by a professional printer.

The Centenary Fields Programme will be placed on the agenda.

Cllrs. can place agenda items through the Clerk in the weeks leading up to the next Full Council meeting.

**15. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7.15pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Meeting Closed at 8.05 pm

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