



Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
held on the 8th May 2018 at 7pm
At the Pavilions Sporting Club
Meriden Drive, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

Cllrs. present:

- B. Follows
- L. Cole
- P. Cooper-Hinsley
- D. Hinsley
- D. Woolley
- A. Follows
- S. Daly
- T. Williams
- J. Kimberley
- M. Dawson

Apologies Received from Borough Councillors: Cllr. R. Hall,
D. Cole has informed the Clerk that he will be late as attending the meeting a SMBC as his new role as Ward Councillor.

In Attendance: Borough Cllrs F. Nash and Dr. Marcus Brain Chair of Governors at St. Anthony's school. Clerk to the Council J Aske and 8 members of the public attended.

18/18 Cllr. John Kimberley and the Clerk opened the meeting with the Welcome and Housekeeping.
Election of a Chairman and Vice Chair went to a show of hands after Cllr. Alvin Follows and Cllr. John Kimberley both were nominated for Chairman with equal amounts of open votes.
As the former Chair David Cole would be attending it was decided to wait for him to arrive to have the casting vote.

19/18 Apologies: Cllr. B. Mulready did not arrive or send in an apology.

20/18 To receive written requests for disclosable Pecuniary Interests where that interest is not already in the register of members' interests.

21/18 Acceptance of Office: All of the elected councillors need to make a statutory declaration of Acceptance of Office. The elected Chair and Vice Chair sign a declaration of office for the year. This part of the agenda will be revisited awaiting David Coles vote.

22/18 To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th April 2018.
Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2018 that having been circulated and read were signed as a true record.

23/18 Confirmation of:

23.1 Responsible Financial Officer, Cllr. A. Follows proposed Mrs. L. Baudet. It was seconded by Cllr. Tina Williams. Cllr. Kimberley asked if there were any other proposals. There were none. Cllr. Kimberley confirmed Mrs. Baudet be the RFO.

It was noted here by Cllr. B. Follows thought that Mrs. Baudet was a temporary RFO as the Clerk was training to be the RFO. The Clerk spoke here that she had failed to succeed in that department. Conversations regarding this issue were voiced here along with the GDPR new legislations. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that it looks like Solihull Council will provide a GDPR officer.

Cllr. Kimberley noted that the pros and cons had been discussed regarding separate RFO's to Clerks but he advised that small Parish Councils usually combine both roles for one person. Internal Auditor – Cllr. A. Follows proposed Ruth Roberts seconded Cllr. Williams.

23.2 To decide and action the forming of Committees: Finance, Allotments, Events and Asset registrations for the community.

The difference between a working party and a committee was explained.

After each person knew the difference between the two, it was decided that Committees were a way forward.

A Finance Committee was agreed by the majority. Members: A. Follows, D. Woolley, M. Dawson, S. Daly. J. Kimberley and T. Williams nominated themselves

A Events Committee was agreed by the majority. Members: A. Follows, B. Follows, J. Kimberley and T. Williams nominated themselves.

A Allotment Committee was agreed by the majority. Members: S. Daly, P. Cooper-Hinsley, T. Williams and J. Kimberley nominated themselves.

No Asset Registration for the community Committee was decided on.

23.3 To decide and elect Councillors to represent the KPC on outside bodies.

Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. M. Dawson

WALC/SAC: Cllr. M. Dawson

School Governors: Cllr. David Cole Kingshurst Primary and Cllr. A. Follows Yorkswood Primary.

North Solihull Partnership Forum and Regen: Cllr. B Follows offered but it was decided to assign someone as when it was needed to attend a meeting. Currently only two meetings a year are held.

23.4 To decide and action any working parties for projects in the year ahead.

The environment working party can still proceed. Cllr. David Hinsley said a GDPR working party is necessary. This was agreed. Members will be the Clerk, the RFO and Cllr. A. Follows.

At this point Cllr. Kimberley went back to the part of the agenda for Cllr. Cole to vote for the Chairman. Cllr. Cole voted Cllr. John Kimberley as Chairman for the Kingshurst Parish Council. It was then decided that Cllr. A. Follows be nominated and elected as vice chair of the Kingshurst Parish Council.

After the decisions were made the Clerk asked the newly elected chairman and Vice chairman to read out their declaration of the acceptance of office. These were formally signed and witnessed by the proper officer. After this, each member of the council made a declaration.

24.18 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

24.1 To agree (a) to adopt the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (b) to agree to review standing orders and financial regulations through a working party. Date to be arranged and agree membership and remit.

It was suggested by Cllr. A. Follows that each member of the council read their copies and come back with any changes if needed. No working party was decided. Instead this will be put on the Junes agenda to put forward any amendments or approve them as they stand.

25/18 To receive reports from Borough Councillors: Cllr. F Nash gave her report. The subject of the worshippers from the Romanian Orthodox Church currently using St. Anthonys for their services. A meeting had taken place on Sunday with the leaders and members of the community. Further details will be spoken about in the Public participation. Cllr. Nash also mentioned the Travellers and to consider the mess and expense they cause to the residents. She reported the

regeneration of the Parade that the money is now in place and hopefully the Parade will be a much improved residence for the residents to live in.

At this point Cllr. Woolley mentioned that after the charity shop has closed people have left items. The items had been there sometime and a local resident that was in the public had put everything into his car and taken it to Stonebridge. Cllr. Woolley wanted the KPC to address this problem by writing to SMBC and ask them why they refused to collect the items for a month.

Clerk mentioned here that after Cllr. Woolley reported it to her she reported it to Adrian Stringer and he arranged for Acorns to collect the items. Acorns had said they would only once collect it. The Clerk asked Jean Johnson if and any further items are left was she interested in delivery it to a charity.

Cllr. Hinsley said it should have been reported as fly tipping. SMBC had said the items were too good to go into a skip. The Clerk will write a letter about the concerns to SMBC.

Cllr. B. Follows wanted to mention continues problems of the quad bikes.

Cllr. Nash said that the police were meant to be on the beat they do not appear to be. She offered advice to have the police to come back to the KPC.

Cllr. Woolley wanted to inform the Council that drug dealers are operating in the Childrens park. With all these issues we will see if the KPC can invite the police to the annual Parish meeting or the June meeting. Chair Kimberley asked Cllr. Cole if he had anything else to add. Cllr. Cole said he will carry out and honour his pledges.

There were no other reports.

26/18 Finance:

26.1 Cllr. Follows as previous chair of finance read out the RFO's report. All members of the Council received a copy of the report.

26.2 The finance committee approved cheques this evening to the value of £2802.66 all agreed to pass payments for May 2018.

26.3 Repairs to fencing by plot 3 on the allotments. Cllr. Hinsley will mend the fencing at no cost to the KPC

26.4 Hedge cutting around the perimeter of the Allotment. Cllrs. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley and Cllr. Hinsley need to get two more quotes.

Clerk asked if the Risk assessment paperwork could be approved at this point. This was on the Finance report with copies for the Councillors. This was not possible as the paperwork needed more studying.

27/18 Events

27.1 Report from the Events working party Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley reported that they were waiting on John Lewis for a donation of £1k. It is hoped that an extra £500 the Lord Mayor of Birmingham Andy Street. Pauline commented that it will still go ahead with the Parade Beach Party, with the help of Linda and David. A burger/hot dog van is required and Pauline asked the committee if they had any ideas on this. The Clerk will contact previous catering vans the KPC used. Pauline finished her report by mentioning the car park will be suspended hopefully for the van and entertainers. Pauline had been in touch with SMBC regarding water and electricity facilities. A boxing ring will go ahead. No toilet facilities had been secured as yet.

All help will be needed on the day from 11am until 4pm.

The Mayor will be attending. The company Amey is being asked to clean the sand after the event.

28/18 Allotments

28.1 Report from the Allotment working Committee. Cllr. David Hinsley reported how the holders are helping clear allotments ready for planting. There are four allotments that appears that no work is being done. This needs to be looked into. He recommends they receive warning letter in terms with their new leases.

It was established here by the Clerk that old allotment holders had a rolling lease and only the recently new holders were given the new lease.

Allotment holders will need to receive and sign the new leases.

Cllr. Hinsley mentioned he will sort out the link fencing and will mend the leaking tap. He commented that there has been no progress with forming an allotment association. Burnable rubbish will be looked into to have a fire at some point.

28.2 Report from Report from Vice Chair John Kimberley and Cllr. Sheila Daly -Gro Organic. No report has been received from Gro Organic. The poly tunnel will be replaced.

Nothing to discuss until a report is available. Chairman John Kimberley asked the council if we need to draw a line under this or take it forward. Various comments were mentioned and the councillors own opinions on Gro Organic and their services.

Nothing was decided by a vote but the future precept should include money to spend on the gardens and Gro organic should be pursued to complete what they have started. Most Cllrs. agreed to this.

Cllr. Hinsley pointed out here the contract with Gro Organic runs out this year.

Discussions took place regarding insurance for the area and further grants for the Jubilee Gardens.

29/18 Transport and Environmental. Nothing to report here.

30/18 KPC Documents/legislations to be discussed and make decisions as appropriate

30.1 Western Power- awaiting completion by Evans Derry. Cllr. Cole will meet up with Richard Holt on Tuesday and discuss the new contract for the substation.

31/18 To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies

31.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Maxine Dawson had nothing to report. Her apologies will be put in for the meeting as she will be away.

31.2 WALC/SAC Cllr. Hinsley reported of the recent meeting. The discussions were wide and varied. GDPR was mentioned and Local Councils awards scheme. SMBC offer legal services to parish Councils where there is no conflict of interest. Cllr. Hinsley mentioned section137 payments and where there has been a misuse of payments and councils have been taken to court. He advised we look into the milk payments to make sure we are in line with the legislation. He commented on the Parish boundary moves. The merging of Parish councils and some parish councils being abolished was spoken about and has implications on all parish councils in the area if SMBC are going to start looking at de-parashing councils. He said to watch this space.

Chair Kimberley said he thought it would be highly unlikely that SMBC would go against the wishes of local resident. So if local residents wanted to retain an existing Parish Council he thinks SMBC would not contest that. He said residents can set about dissolving their Parish Council if they so wished but he thought this would be unlikely.

31.3 School Governors Reports. Cllr. Follows commented that there is a meeting in three weeks time for the governors of Yorkswood. Capital House has now become part of the school facilities. Cllr David Cole mentioned that The Kingshurst Primary will be celebrating 10 years and having a celebration on the 19th July where Mayor Flo Nash will be attending.

31.4 Solihull Partnership Forum. Nothing to report here.

31.5 Regeneration. Cllr. Hinsley mentioned here he had heard that some private residence have been purchased by SMBC on the Parade. Cllr. Cole had nothing to report from his enquiry earlier at the SMBC Borough Councillors meeting.

32/18 Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:

32.1 Pavilions sporting Club updates. No updates have been received. It had been established by the manager that the asbestos was still being removed. Clerk will forward her email to Chair that she had sent to the tenants.

33 /18 Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: Nothing received. Nothing received.

34/18 Planning: proposed for the future

34.1 Local Development Plan: Nothing discussed here.

34.2 Mountfort Public House Site: No updates.

35/18 Information items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

35.1 Correspondence and emails. Clerk had made a communication regarding help for cleaning shopping trolleys from the Babbs mill lake. Community youths will be part of a clear up. A further email from a representative of Yorkswood School requested funding to send a couple of coaches to send children and families to the seaside. The Finance office Louise Baudet had said 'No' but asked the Clerk to contact John Crossling for further confirmation. It is not possible under section 137. Discussions took place regarding all three schools. More information will be required from Louise the RFO on the proportion of the percentage of the milk. Cllr. Hinsley mentioned the general power of competence. This will enable the councillors to decide for themselves how they want to spend the precept without being restricted by legislation.

Chair Kimberley asked to bring this part of the agenda forward for the Public participation.

36/18 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 Kimberley mentioned the recent upsets and disruption to the residents local to the St. Anthonys Church. An influx of over a thousand Romanian Orthodox worshippers had arrived on mass for a Christian event. This occurs frequently.

A recent meeting with the Catholic diocese involved discussions with various representatives of the St. Anthonys School, the KPC and local residents.

A resident spoke of the total lack of respect that takes place most Sundays and each Easter festival. He mentioned the parking over of peoples drives, parking on the footpath, urinating on peoples gardens and fences and throwing rubbish everywhere. He himself had attended the meeting and came away feeling that no one will actually do anything about the problem. In this residents particular opinion he said they do not want to be helpful towards the residents plight.

Another member of the public that lives close to the Church mentioned he that it should be remembered it's about Right and wrong for this community. Previous locations had also had to move the congregations on as similar behaviour would not be tolerated.

One more resident mentioned that the KPC was going to meet with the Church and SMBC. Cllr. David Cole spoke of the previous elections taking place and he was unable to sort out problems out until after the elections. This is referred to as purdah a term for a period before local elections.

At this point Dr. Marcus Brain the Chairman of the Governors of St. Anthonys School was asked to speak. He wanted to differentiate between the School and the Church. This was purely the Church. He spoke of the meeting he had been asked to attend and the hope that the problem will come to a swift conclusion. The school car park was referred to and Dr. Brain spoke of the insurance and it would not be cost effective to open the school.

He also explained that the police will not interfere as it is a private issue and that is why private security had been hired. He commented that the Church, moneywise run a loss from hiring it out to the Romanian Orthodox Church because of the damage that is caused by so many people. Dr. Bain mentioned here that the capacity of the Church is for 350 and on that day there was upwards of 1200 people.

The Police had not responded to the complaints.

Chair Kimberley concluded this part of the meeting by giving his details of the meeting that had taken place. He made a point of the bad behaviour and the concerns the bad behaviour is having

on the local residents. Chair also mentioned that the Catholic Church has a Landlord and tenant responsibility. He also commented that he never heard one apology from the Church.

It was left that the Church said they would come back to the residents, Chair said this should take no longer than 3 or 4 weeks.

Lastly Cllr. Hinsley mentioned here that SMBC may be able to offer legal advice of the situation. Borough Cllr. Flo Nash spoke here of the length of time it is taking and it should be sorted out soon as the people in Kingshurst have rights to enjoy their own homes, streets and their own community.

One resident spoke about a holy pilgrimage being organised for February. It was established here that this is for pilgrims to fly back to Romania, not to take place in Kingshurst as what had been first understood.

Chair Kimberley thanked everyone for their participation.

37/18 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.

Move Public Participation near the beginning of the agenda.

Invite Amey High Ways.

38/18. Date of next meeting: 12th June 2018 any items for the agenda need to be in by 5th June 2018. Venue, **Pavilions Club Meriden Drive, Kingshurst B37**

Meeting Closed at 21.21

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