



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council  
Full Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7pm  
At the Pavilions Sporting Club  
Meriden Drive, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

Cllrs. present:

- D. Cole - Chair
- L. Cole
- P. Cooper-Hinsley
- D. Hinsley
- T. Williams
- D. Woolley
- A. Follows
- B. Follows
- T. Williams
- S. Daly

Apologies Received from Borough Councillors: Cllr. Jean Hamilton and Cllr. Nash

In Attendance: Borough Cllrs. Deborah Evans, Cllr. Robert Hall, Cllr. Mark Wilson and PCSO A Cameron.

J Aske – Clerk and nine members of the Public attended by the end of the meeting.

**43/17** Welcome and Housekeeping.

**44/17 Apologies:** Cllr. B. Mulready – Holiday, Cllr. J. Kimberley - Holiday and Cllr. M. Dawson – Unwell.

**45/17** Minutes of the previous Full Council.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May that having been circulated and read were signed as a true record.

**46/17** To receive reports from Borough Councillors, West Midlands Police and SMBC's Regeneration Department.

Borough Councillor Deb Evans was asked to take the floor by Chair Cole. She reported along with Borough Cllr. Hall that there are still problems with off road bikes. The bus services are still causing problems as direct routes are interfering with people's jobs and general everyday such as getting to the gym. She's expressed her frustration and reported that she will fight on regarding these discontinued services.

Cllr. Evans then went on to the plans for Kingshurst Parade. She is worried that residents and business have not been engaged in the planning proposals before going to Cabinet which is scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. She mentioned here that they only have a voice not a vote and she urged everyone to come up with an alternative to the shown plan. She is her opinion SMBC should be held to account and this is not what the resident want.

She spoke here that there will be a meeting in St Barnabas's Church on Thursday night at 7pm. Cllr. Hinsley disagreed with Borough Cllr, Evans regarding her opinion of the four options. He agrees the Parade will be vastly improved. He mentioned that seven people own their own flats and four definitely want to leave.

B. Cllr. Evans agreed that some resident living on the parade may well want to leave, but thought another 88 homes were unnecessary at the expense of retail units.

It was noted here that homes built in the Master Plan will all be for sale and termed as socially affordable prices.

Cllr. Hall offered his report regarding flooding, parking, the bus services and off road bikes which are ongoing problems. He is looking into all these problems and actively working on relieving the issues that are concerning the residents. He feels that SMBC are not interested.

B. Cllr. Mark Wilson was asked to take the floor. The plans for the Parade will be discussed in the beginning of July, so it's a waiting game to see what happens. The Laburnum Avenue Parking is still ongoing – spare garages are being looked into for extra parking, but the residents are helping each other out with agreements of where each parks their vehicles. He said Paul Tovey is looking into the problems and may start up some kind of pilot scheme.

Cllr. Woolley mentioned here that the play park is in a terrible disrepair and needs sorting out. He also mentioned the locking of the Parade gates and said the closures are very inconsistent. It's an open invitation for kids to cause problems.

Discussions took place regarding SMBC plans and the selling of land for private homes. It was noted here from Borough Councillors that SMBC does not put the money they raise back into the community.

Chair thanked the Borough Councillors for their input.

He then introduced PCSO Cameron. He asked if there were any questions. Each Parish Councillor asked by the Chair to ask the PCSO a question.

Common issues regarding the parking near Schools were discussed at great length. Members' of the public began to participate at this point. Off road biking, parking on pavements, HGV's on Cooks Lane and prevention of stopping persons from gaining access to the back gardens were also spoken of here. A recent daytime robbery was discussed when the victim was very badly beaten by a man and a woman. They have both been arrested for the crime.

The PCSO asked the councillors and members of the public to report crime, to report where these people live and help the police convict the lawless.

Chair thanked PCSO Cameron.

**47/17 Finance:** To receive and approve reports from KPC Finance Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

47.1 Chair of Finance gave a brief report from the earlier committee. He reported that the Finance committee voted to have their meetings before the full Council meeting on the same day.

47.2 To Agree and pass the payment for June totalling £2823.38. Resolved that payments of £2823.38 be passed for payment.

The approval to spend the VAT from the Lottery Award has been granted from Awards for all.

Cllr. Hinsley asked if another bank can be pursued for a Non profit treasury Bank account and to ditch applying to HSBC. Chair of Finance A. Follows said that in her report the RFO will seek to ask Lloyds bank to change the account or see if they can help reduce the bank charges.

It was pointed out here that Borough Cllr Nash had telephoned in a report. Clerk had written the report and given a copy to each Parish Councillor. Chair read out the report.

The Bus stop was discussed and Borough Cllr. Evans informed the Council that a legal objection had been lodged regarding the removal of the bus shelter and not replacing another in the road.

**48/17 Events**

48.1 Cllr. Tina Williams reported a meeting with the Vicar Jo Johnson to finalise the time table for the Flower Festival. She urged the Councillors to participate and come along. A Church service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June with the Bishop will take place and a shared table of food is available.

#### **49/17 Allotments**

49.1 Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley said a meeting will be set up soon to discuss the procedures and also a recent incident that took place in the allotments recently. Common areas that will be discussed are health and safety issues. The Association of the allotment holders needs to be set up very quickly.

49.2 No reports have been submitted as yet.

#### **50/17 Transport and Environmental**

50.1 David Cole will hold this at the moment. He will need feedback before a meeting can take place.

**51.17 MEB Lease:** KPC recently agreed to a five year contract for £150 a year. This is now in the hands of Solicitors for a lease renewal. No updates from Evans Derry Solicitors the KPC representative.

#### **52/17 To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies**

52.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Dawson was absent, the clerk advised the next meeting was in August.

52.2 WALC/SAC. Cllr. Hinsley had nothing to report.

52.3 School Governors Reports. Cllr. A. Follows said the Yorkswood School meeting will be next week. Chair Cole had nothing to report on Kingshurst School.

52.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. Hinsley had nothing to report.

52.5 Regen: Nothing to report.

#### **53/17 Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:**

53.1 Cllr. Hinsley reported the new website had been demonstrated and some issues regarding the contact details need to be sorted out. Photos need to be set up soon.

**54/17 Planning:** The only paperwork obtained was the papers prepared for the Cabinet to take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Nothing discussed here

#### **55/17 Planning: proposed for the future**

55.1 Local Development Plan: Nothing discussed here.

55.2 Mountford Public House Site: Nothing discussed here.

#### **56/17 Information items**

56.1 Correspondence and emails:

Cllr. Tina Williams read out a reply received from Fordbridge Town Council thanking her for attending the Chairman's Charity and for her generous donation.

The Clerk read out a letter from Fordbridge Council asking KPC Councillors if they would consider co-opting onto Fordbridge Town Council as there is a small number of vacancies.

B Cllr. Evans mentioned here of a gathering in the Seeds of Hope Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm promoting young people and apprenticeships.

Chair read out a letter from the Mayor of the West Midlands Andy Street. He conveyed his concerns regarding the Travel for West Midlands changes of the bus services.

B. Cllr. Evans said that Andy Street would have no authority to change the agreements and that it is already a done deal.

**57/17 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.

Sarah Evans of Kingshurst Way, mentioned here of the progress of the plans of the Parade. She thought that the report lacked information, especially regarding consultations with the public. She would like to know how many people took part and how the preferred option came about. She also mentioned she would like to know what level the consultations expanded too with the community services, like the Seeds of Hope, The Vicarage and DIAL etc.

Jean Roberts of Gilson Way spoke here of the Parade Plans. Her worries of the Library, the Nursery and the shops not being replaced.

Chair said this is at the beginning of the consultations. B Cllr. Evans said it will take some time and they haven't got the funding for it yet.

A resident living above the Parade shops spoke of his concerns but welcomed the regeneration and the new plans. He said that living there he knows it has to change and any change will be for the better. He mentioned incidents of rubbish dumping and anti social behaviour is out of hand.

Another resident spoke of the terrible conditions outside of their homes.

Resident Mr. Shakespear mentioned here that the gates to the parade are not being locked.

Chair brought the public part of the agenda to a close. He said as soon as he knows when the consultations are going to start he will let everyone know.

**58/17** Councillors' reports and items: Cllr. T Williams gave her apologies for the next meeting as she will be away on holiday.

**59/17** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for **Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 2017** at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 6.30 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

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

Chair said there will be a break before the Private and Confidential part of the meeting.