

**Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
held on 14th February 2019 at 7.00pm
At The Seeds of Hope, Kingshurst**

Cllr present : Alvin Follows (Chair)
 Tina Williams
 Sheila Daly
 David Cole
 Linda Cole
 Maxine Dawson
 Dave Woolley
 Beverley Follows (7.45pm)

In attendance : Ms Louise Baudet (temporary Clerk
 5 residents

155/19 Apologies for absence Chairman John Kimberley and Clerk J. Aske

Cllr B Follows would join the meeting later.

156/19 Housekeeping

The Chair requested that all present turn mobile phones off. It was agreed that this should be on every Agenda.

157/19 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2019 having been circulated, be signed as a correct record.(David Cole and David Woolley)

158/19 Reports to Parish Council

158.1 There were no reports from Borough Councillors

158.2 David Cole reported on the following matters :

* There would be a 24/7 pelican crossing installed by St. Anthony's during Easter

* Traffic around Kingshurst and Yorkswood continue to be a concern. Cllr Cole had undertaken a joint inspection with the Traffic Officer from SMBC, who is now compiling a report to go to the Transport Committee for consideration

* Bus services – consultation is continuing with Travel West Midlands ; Claribel is no longer running and the 71 bus service is in demand and often full . 55 people were asked to leave a bus and get on another bus as they were running late ; Cllrs have no powers regarding service delivery as this is a commercial enterprise. The only bus service which is grant aided is the no 71 on a Sunday morning. Tina reported that Travel West Midlands are having problems with the high usage of bus passes and that it is affecting their commercial viability.

* The St Anthony's Easter celebration is continuing. Cllr David Cole has been in touch with organisations and they will hold a meeting with everyone involved to ensure that the event is well planned and managed.

* Ongoing parking problems in Oakthorpe Drive have been reported. Cllr David Cole has visited the site weekly, as have the Church representatives and also the Police who have visited and issued parking tickets to the church users as well as residents.

* Litter picking work is continuing by volunteers who are asking where the litter can be deposited, particularly following the recent incident when it was set on fire. Love Solihull had recommended a place however it had not been secure ; Councillors discussed more secure places in the area.

* The redevelopment of Kingshurst Parade has been approved by Cabinet and will now go to public consultation. Consultation events will be held at Kingshurst Library on 25th February (2pm to 5pm) and Thursday 7th March (4pm to 8pm). The local schools would be requested to put details about the consultation on their website and it will go on the Parish Council website, as well as SMBC website.

* Sheila highlighted the need for a zebra crossing by Fordbridge Road into the park ; Cllr David Cole stated that this was not on the list of planned crossings for the next 2 years, however an application could be submitted. Councillors and residents highlighted how dangerous the stretch of road is and the speed of cars. Cllr Cole stated he could request for it to go on the list for the future. Those present discussed and agreed that a 'slow' sign would also help and Cllr D Cole agreed to request this.

* Debbie Evans had contacted him regarding letters sent to the Parish Council in September to which no response had been received ; he had requested that the Chair of the Parish Council look into this.

* Access to Babbs Mill – residents will be able to walk through new estate from Larkmeadow Road from 1st March 2019.

* SMBC will be undertaking some major roadworks on the South bound carriageway of the A452 from 15th February 2019 for a period of 8 to 12 weeks. One of the carriageways will be closed and there is likely to be some traffic chaos in the locality.

159/19 Public participation

159.1 David Hinsley informed the meeting that the Cabinet meeting discussing the redevelopment of Kingshurst could be watched on the SMBC website. He also made reference to Appendix 1, pages 26 to 30 which would be of interest to the Parish Council. He went on to say that from the plans it appeared that the shops would move to where the old Library is situated and the road will be moved further North. The shopping area will be where the Co-op is located, along with a new Health Centre, Council Offices, Library etc....

159.2 A resident asked why the swings had been removed from Babbs Mill Park ; Councillors were not aware that they had and requested that the Clerk look into this.

159.3 David Hinsley made reference to his recent attendance at the regional meeting of the National Allotment Association. He reported that Warwick Council, Rugby Council as well as other neighbouring Councils were supporting the development of self-managed Allotment

sites. The initiative gives Allotment holders assistance to set themselves up with a formal constitution, bank account etc.. and hands over the running of the Allotments on seven year leases ; the groups would be self-sufficient in terms of funding and would have to raise any funding they require. It was requested that the Clerk put this on the Agenda for the next Allotments meeting and David Hinsley would forward further information to the Clerk.

- 159.4 A resident expressed her dissatisfaction that residents at The Parade had not been made aware that new Plans had been done and queried why. The Chair suspected that it was because the additional dwellings needed to be included for SMBC to get the funding to get the Redevelopment started. The lack of consultation with residents was of concern, as was the existing living accommodation which had damp etc... The type of accommodation being built in the redevelopment was discussed and Cllr Cole highlighted that there was a high demand for single bedroom accommodation.

Public participation closed.

160/19 Report of Finance Committee

- 160.1 Cheques for payment – RESOLVED : that the cheques for payment be approved as presented.
- 160.2 Consideration of s137 donation to a Defibrillator Committee for Meriden Park. Costs had been provided however s137 money can only be used for the benefit of the majority of the parish. This meant the Parish Council had no power to contribute towards the cost of the Defibrillator. Action : Clerk to write and inform Sarah Evans accordingly.
- 160.3 Parish Council magazine – this was discussed and the Committee felt it was expensive and Councillors did not feel that they would have enough editorial to include in the magazine. The Parish Council did not approve. A resident asked if the Parish Council could produce one themselves and it was noted that there used to be one produced by the Colebridge Trust but they found it difficult to sell advertising. RESOLVED : that the Parish Council do not wish to produce a magazine through an external publisher.

Councillors agreed to produce their own newsletter and put it on the website ; it was commented that not all residents would look at the website or were aware of it. The Chair requested that the Clerk obtain website visitor statistics to ascertain how many residents look at it.

- 160.4 Parish donation – the Parish Council agreed to support donations Macmillan, Cancer Support and Marie Curie of £100 each as recommended by the Finance Committee. RESOLVED : that this be approved by the Parish Council

161/19 Retirement Gift

Information about the proposed retirement gift for Cllr Mulready to be emailed to Councillors by the Clerk or posted out to those not on email. Beverley stated the items costed about £30 each.

162/19 Reports from KPC Events Working Party

Cllr Linda Cole reported that the Working Party had discussed holding an event at the Pavilions which would be a Fun Day followed by a Disco/Dance in the evening. It was agreed to try and book a date in June at the Pavilions.

163/19 Allotments Committee

This had not met due to the meeting not being quorate.

164/19 Plastic Free initiative

The Chair opened public participation. Information about Plastic Free ; Surfers against Sewerage was given to Councillors. The concept behind the initiative being that there is an undertaking by schools and local businesses to reduce the amount of plastic they use. For example schools reducing the amount of milk cartons these use and to encourage businesses to reduce their plastic usage. There is a nationally recognised Award to those involved for their commitment to the initiative. Kingshurst PC would be the first Parish Council to be awarded this if it went ahead. Cllr David Cole reflected on the successful litterpicking initiative and went on to say that all the schools were in agreement as well as some local businesses, however there needed to be a formal lead on the initiative. Marcus would take the lead on this on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Cole reported that Solihull was at the forefront of initiatives to reduce the amount of plastic being used. Councillors discussed generally about the increase of plastic usage in society.

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council support this initiative and that the appropriate paperwork be completed and submitted. Would like to be lead 'Champions'

A residents' daughter had produced a story at school about a turtle with a straw in its nose which had recently been in the media. The parent agreed to ask the school if this could be reproduced on the Parish Council website ; the parent agreed to forward the story to the Clerk via email.

Marcus Brain went on to highlight the Great British Spring Clean on 13.4.19 and requested that Parish Council participate.

A resident asked if the plastic pots from the Allotments could be recycled, but they won't recycle as wrong type of plastic. Put in black bin and they will go to landfill.

Marcus – reported that the Yorkswood Residents Association meeting are pursuing the emptying of the bins as they are not being emptied.

Public participation closed.

165/19 Planning

There were no planning matters discussed.

166/19 Information items

Councillors had received emails and information items prior to the meeting – no discussion

167/19 Councillors reports and items for future agendas

167.1 Airport meeting – Cllr Maxine Dawson had attended a meeting at Birmingham Airport and reported that they had appointed a new CEO, Nick Barton who is very optimistic for the future of Birmingham Airport. She went on to say there were lots of job opportunities and lots of new businesses and facilities are being opened there. The Disability Assistance for travellers is taking longer than they would like but they are addressing this. Changes to runways 15 and 33 have been altered and planes are flying higher on a slightly different

route, however there is no impact to Kingshurst. Cllr Maxine Dawson raised concerns about air quality in the area and the impact on health, and the Airport had stated that they do not have any legislative regulations they have to adhere to. They do, however, monitor the air quality voluntarily in Castle Bromwich and also by The Pump (results from the latter not valid due to the monitor at the Pump not working). She reminded Councillors that residents can ask Borough Councillors for air quality to be monitored.

- 167.2 Concerns were expressed that the funding for DIAL was being cut as this provided a valuable service in the locality. There were plans for a public meeting to be arranged and Councillors would be notified of date.

168/19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 14th March 2019 at the Seeds of Hope Parish Room of St Barnabus.

Termination of meeting

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date