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Minutes of the meeting of

Full Parish Council

on Thursday 08th January 2026 at 6.00pm,

at the Seeds of Hope, Overgreen Drive, Kingshurst,

B37 6EY

Council Members: (chair) Cllr D Cole, Cllr M Brain Cllr L Cole, Cllr S Daly, Cllr M Frampton, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr M Asante, Cllr J Kimberley, Cllr L Baillie, Cllr L Browning, Cllr S Golby.

Council Members Present: D Cole (chair), L Cole, M Frampton, J Kimberley, Cllr L Browning, Cllr L Baillie, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr M Asante,

In Attendance: 1 Members of the public

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Minutes

1. 1.1.	<p>Welcome and Housekeeping General housekeeping & reminder to turn off/silence mobile phones</p> <p>Before KPC proceeds to the first item of business on the agenda <i>"All members of this meeting will be conducted under KPC Standing Orders and Code of Conduct".</i></p> <p><u>Chairman's Statement</u> <i>Opening statement: Code of Conduct</i> <i>Chairman wished to remind all members of our collective responsibility under the Code of conduct</i></p>	
2.	<p>To receive and approve apologies. Cllr Brain and Cllr Daly Resolved: That all the above absences are approved.</p>	

3.	<p>To receive members' declarations of disclosable (pecuniary and other) interests. None</p>	
4.	<p>To receive and consider member's dispensation requests, if any. None</p>	
5.	<p>Confirmation and signing of minutes of Full Council meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2025.</p> <p><u>Chairman</u> "Councillor Kimberley, your behaviour is obstructing the transaction of council business.</p> <p>I am therefore issuing you with a formal warning.</p> <p>You are required to cease this disruption immediately and to comply with the rules of debate and Standing Orders."</p> <p><u>Chairman's Statement</u></p> <p><i>"The minutes were signed at the September meeting. Under Standing Orders, we cannot reopen a vote that has already been resolved and signed.</i></p> <p><i>"The minutes of that meeting were approved by a majority vote and have been signed'.</i></p> <p><i>They are now the final legal record. Under Standing Orders, we cannot revisit a resolved item. I am moving on</i></p> <p>Meeting Conduct and Adjournment: That the Minutes 11/12/25. be accepted and signed as a true record.</p> <p>Resolved: That the Minutes 11/12/25, were accepted and signed as a true record.</p> <p>Noted: Following continued disruption, the Chair issued a formal warning to Cllr Kimberley in accordance with Standing Orders.</p>	
	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>To adjourn to allow public participation for 15 minutes. Members of the Public are invited to speak in Public forum for a maximum of 5 minutes on any subject covered by the agenda and should give their name and subject to the Clerk before the meeting commences. Councillors will not comment on agenda items in the Public forum any items brought to Council not on the agenda may be considered for future meetings on written application to the Clerk or Chairman. Total time allocated to Public forum will not exceed 15 minutes in accordance with Standing Orders).</p>	

	<p>Members of the public are welcome to stay for some or all of the meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Full Council Meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>Finance to receive reports from the Finance committee.</p> <p>6.1. Finance report - Bank Statement and Reconciliation Reports for September, October, and November 2025. Bank Statement and Bank reconciliation have been sent to all councillors via email dated 4th December 2025 at 4:20pm.</p> <p>Noted: Cllr Kimberley stated that he objected and advised that he had not received the documents</p> <p><u>Chairman's Statement</u> <i>"This is the Finance Report covering September, October, and November 2025. The bank statements and reconciliation reports were circulated to all councillors by email. This item is for noting only. No decision is being taken".</i> <i>'Members have already had sufficient opportunity to review the information'.</i> <i>"Unless there is a specific question relating to <u>factual accuracy</u>, this item is concluded and we will now move on to the next agenda item."</i></p> <p>Resolved: Bank Statement and Reconciliation Reports for September, October, and November 2025. Bank Statement and Bank reconciliation approved</p>	
6.2.	<p>To Confirm all councillors have received the Draft Budget and Precept 2026/2027.</p> <p>To Note Council's Accounts <i>The sum of £8,612.51 represents the costs incurred by the Council in successfully defending actions instituted against the Council in the Employment Tribunals and £11,274.00 represents the costs incurred by the Auditor in dealing with queries raised on the Council's Accounts.</i></p> <p><u>Chairman's Statement</u> <i>"The draft Budget and Precept 2026/27 has been circulated to all councillors since 4 December 2025, giving sufficient time for review. This item is now to be presented for formal approval".</i></p>	

	<p>The finance chair read a statement outlining the changes. Attached below.</p> <p>Resolved: All councillors have received the Draft Budget and Precept 2026/2027.</p> <p>Noted: Cllr Kimberley stated that he objected and advised that he had not received the documents</p> <p>Chairman's Ruling: The Chair ruled that further discussion on this matter was out of order and instructed the meeting to move on in accordance with Standing Orders.</p> <p>To Approve Kingshurst Parish Council Budget/Precept 2026/27.</p> <p><u>Chairman's Statement</u></p> <p><i>"As previously stated, the Budget and Precept have been circulated and this item is now for formal approval only. Any further debate on previously circulated figures is out of order."</i></p> <p>Resolved: That the Kingshurst Parish Council Budget and Precept for 2026/27 has been approved.</p> <p>Noted: The Precept Form for 2026/27, being the legal notification of the Parish Council's precept request based on the tax base provided by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC), was signed and authorised.</p> <p>Recorded Vote: Cllr Kimberley voted against the resolution and requested that his vote be recorded.</p> <p><u>Chairman's Statement</u></p> <p><i>" Cllr Kimberley I am duty bound to ensure this meeting does not fall into an abuse of process. My rulings are based on ensuring the legal and effective transaction of council business. I will not allow the meeting to be derailed."</i></p> <p>Employment Tribunal Case - 6015667/2024 brought by J Kimberley against Kingshurst Parish Council.</p> <p>The Tribunal found the case to be an Abuse of Process, preventing the</p>	
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	<p>claimant from pursuing the same matters against the Council.</p> <p>(This was the 4th case, all cases were dismissed). This matter is now deemed concluded.</p> <p>Noted: Members noted the outcome of Employment Tribunal case 6015667/2024, brought by J Kimberley against Kingshurst Parish Council.</p> <p>The Tribunal determined that the claim amounted to an abuse of process and ruled that the claimant was prevented from pursuing the same matters further against the Council.</p> <p><i>Members were advised that the Clerk holds a copy of the Tribunal decision, which would be available for inspection at the end of the meeting if requested.</i></p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1.</p> <p>7.2.</p> <p>7.3.</p>	<p>Parish Council and Committee Reports</p> <p>Committee Reports:</p> <p>To Be Noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Lottery Solar Project, the final stages of Completion. • https://offgridinstaller.com/ <p>https://www.facebook.com/reel/1937265226831096 Solar Project.</p> <p>Noted: The National Lottery Solar Project has already been implemented.</p> <p>Members were advised that the published links are available for reference should they wish to view them. Any member wishing to see the contractor's quotation or invoice was advised that these would be made available at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>National lottery Community open day date to be arranged.</p> <p>Noted: A National Lottery Community Open Day is to be held at the Community Garden, with invitations to be extended to Councillors, the Mayor, local volunteer groups, the Press, and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council's Environment Team.</p> <p>Action: To agree and confirm a date in March, to be arranged.</p> <p>Information only</p>	J/E

	<p>Community Volunteer projects at the Community Garden <i>Soup is provided for all the groups. (HE Prevention Funding).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older Adults Group Mondays Meditation and wellbeing. • Youth Home Education Group Wednesdays. • Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteer Saturdays. <p>Noted: The Clerk confirmed that notes have been provided and that any further questions should be submitted by email outside of the meeting.</p>																						
8.	<p>Date of the next meeting Thursday 09/04/2026 6pm at the Seeds of Hope.</p>																						
9.	<p>Private and Confidential: Exclusion of public and press To consider the exclusion of the public and press from the discussion of confidential items under section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.</p>																						
9.1.	<p>Chronology Summary for Report/Reference:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>18 Sep 2025</td> <td>FOI Request Initial</td> <td>Submitted by Cllr X.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>End of Sept</td> <td>Follow-up FOI</td> <td>After expressing dissatisfaction with response</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Oct 2025</td> <td>FOI Request 2.</td> <td>Submitted by Cllr X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16 Oct 2025</td> <td>SARS (Subject Access Request)</td> <td>Submitted by same requester</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 Nov 2025</td> <td>Final FOI Reminder</td> <td>Follow-up to earlier FOI requests</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 Dec 2025</td> <td>FOI Request</td> <td>Further request(4)submitted by C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02 Jan 2026</td> <td>ICO Complaint</td> <td>Case Reference: IC-463368-K9W9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cllr x submitted multiple FOI requests and a SAR between September and December 2025, followed by an ICO complaint in January 2026.</p> <p>The pattern of requests is linked to employment claims previously deemed by the Tribunal to constitute an abuse of process.</p> <p>This history provides context for the Council's approach to managing these ongoing information requests.</p> <p>Noted:</p>	18 Sep 2025	FOI Request Initial	Submitted by Cllr X.	End of Sept	Follow-up FOI	After expressing dissatisfaction with response	7 Oct 2025	FOI Request 2.	Submitted by Cllr X	16 Oct 2025	SARS (Subject Access Request)	Submitted by same requester	11 Nov 2025	Final FOI Reminder	Follow-up to earlier FOI requests	11 Dec 2025	FOI Request	Further request(4)submitted by C	02 Jan 2026	ICO Complaint	Case Reference: IC-463368-K9W9	
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9.2.	<p>During the private and confidential (Part 2) session, the Chair requested that Cllr Kimberley leave the meeting in accordance with Standing Orders. The request was repeated, and following this, the meeting was paused to allow the matter to be managed.</p> <p>SAR Request</p> <p>Resolved: That the Council approved the decision in relation to the Subject Access Request (SAR), as discussed, and that the matter remains private and confidential.</p> <p>Noted: The Clerk is authorised to proceed in accordance with the approved decision.</p> <p>Noted: Peninsula has been informed and is involved.</p>	
	<p>Meeting Finished 6.40pm</p>	

Finance Chair Statement for budgets and precept

In October, a meeting was held with the Chair of the Council, the Chair of Finance, and the RFO to review and discuss the draft budget for the 2026/27 financial year. All Councillors have now received the proposed budget along with the recommended precept that we think is a reasonable budget going forward.

There are only three main changes from the 2025/26 budget:

1. **Staffing Costs:** A small increase has been included to reflect the rise in National Insurance contributions that all employers have faced since April last year.
2. **Professional Fees:** Audit and solicitor costs continue to rise. I have allowed a modest increase of £4,100.00, which is conservative given how high these fees can be.
3. **Community Support:** To maintain the strong progress we have made in supporting local schools and community groups, I have increased this budget line by £1,500.00.

Most other budget lines remain unchanged. Following discussions with the committee chairs, there is agreement that we should aim to operate with broadly the same expenditure levels as in 2025/26.

Therefore, to approve an increase to the precept of £5,000.00 for 26/27, bringing it to £70,000.00. This represents an annual rise of just £1.50 per household, this would still mean that Kingshurst remains one of the lowest-precept parishes in Solihull.