



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Allotment Committee Minutes
 on Saturday 18th April 2026 at 1pm,
 at Kingshurst community garden
 Fordbridge Road B37 6BX

Committee Members: Cllr J Edwards, Cllr L Browning and Cllr L Baillie
Co - opted members: B Baillie, S Carney, D Quinney, F Green, S Smith, A Brooks, M Frampton

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Minutes

Action

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1.	Welcome and Housekeeping	
1.1.	General housekeeping.	
2.	To receive apologies. Resolved: Apologies were received and accepted from S Carney	
3.	To receive members' declarations of disclosable (pecuniary and other) interests. None	
4.	To approve the Minutes of the last Allotment Committee Meeting held on 17 th January 2026.	
4.1.	Resolved: That minutes of the last Allotment Committee meeting held on 17 th January 2025 were approved, and signed by the Chair as a true record.	
5.	Allotment Chairman Councillor Edwards end of year report 2025/26. Attachment A	
	Public Participation To adjourn to allow public participation for 5 minutes. Residents/Plotolders are requested to give their views and question to the Allotment committee on items on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman.	

6.	<p>Allotment Site - Plot Holders <i>For information</i> <i>The Community Garden will no longer be discussed at regular allotment plot holder meetings, allowing those meetings to remain focused solely on allotment related matters.</i></p> <p>6.1. All plots have been allocated</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the current payment status of all allotment plots. It was noted that the tenant of Plot 11 has failed to settle the outstanding balance for the current lease agreement</p> <p>Resolved: The Committee formally agreed to terminate the existing tenancy for Plot 11 with immediate effect.</p> <p>Plot 11 is to be officially recorded as vacant.</p>	
7.	<p>Allotment Finance</p> <p>7.1. Finance report - Cllr Browning. Resolved: Cllr Browning provided a report on the current allotment accounts.</p> <p>Budget 2025/26: The budget for the upcoming year was presented and noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Information Only</p> <p>The committee noted the Spring/Summer site attendance schedule: Residents will be attending the site during the following times. Spring/summer 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mondays 10.30am-12.30pm. ● Tuesdays 1- 4pm ● Wednesday 11am -1pm. ● Saturday 11.30am. 	
9.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting: TBA</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed: 1.40pm</p>	

Signed (Chair): _____ Date: _____

Attachment A

End of Year Report 2025/26

Parish Councillor- Cllr John Edwards,
Chairman, of the Allotments & Community Garden

This past year has been a wonderful one for both the allotments and the community garden.

The allotments have seen some exciting changes, with all plots now fully allocated in 2025. It's been fantastic to see so many residents getting involved and making the most of their plots.

Over the year, we've made sure the site is tidy and welcoming, with bushes at the back and front of the allotment kept to a manageable height, and we used two skips to help keep the site in great shape.

To help focus on the needs of plot holders, we decided to hold allotment meetings separately from the community garden meetings, which has really helped keep things on track.

All in all, it has been a very successful growing year,

The community garden

The community garden has continued to go from strength to strength, entirely thanks to our amazing volunteers. Every seed planted and every plant tended to has been done with dedication and care. This year, the garden is overseen by a volunteer-led group and, with a rolling lease agreement in place, it is now completely independent from the allotment budget.

This independence has allowed the group to take full responsibility for maintaining and caring for the site, and the results have been incredible.

Our community open days have been very successful, with lots of local residents visiting to enjoy the garden and engage with the volunteers.

The produce shared at the garden gate was very well received, with people enjoying fresh vegetables and herbs. Even our bees, which had a shaky start, have thrived under the careful attention of our beekeeper, and we were able to harvest honey later in the year to share with the community.

We also welcomed local businesses for social value days, helping maintain the garden while connecting them to our community, and the harvest this year was exceptional, with everyone able to pick their own produce and take it home.

Seasonal events, like Halloween, were once again a big success, bringing fun and smiles to children and adults alike.

Despite a cold winter and some flooding, the garden continued to thrive. Funding from the National Lottery allowed us to install solar panels on the container, meaning it can now be used every day. In addition, a grant from the Heart of England Community Fund enabled us to run a very successful project providing homemade soup to residents who were lonely or isolated over the winter months.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the year to come. We can't wait to engage more residents, welcome more volunteers, and continue to grow both the garden and the sense of community that makes it so special. Every hour of effort, every seed planted, has strengthened Kingshurst and shown what can be achieved when people work together.

Chairman Cllr John Edwards and the team look forward to another season of growth, connection, and community spirit in 2026.