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**Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council
Full Council Meeting held on the 11th October 2016 at 6.30pm
At the Pavilions Sporting Club
Meriden Drive, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

Cllrs. present:

- D.Cole (Chair)
- B. Mulready (Vice Chair)
- L. Cole
- P. Cooper-Hinsley
- D. Hinsley
- T. Williams
- D. Woolley
- A. Follows
- B. Follows
- S. Daly
- J. Kimberley

Apologies Received From: Borough Cllrs Apologies received from Borough
Cllrs. D. Evans, R. Hall and Jean Hamilton.

In Attendance; J Aske – Clerk

Two Guest Speakers: John Halton and David Mackins. Four members of the Public attended.

1. Welcome and Housekeeping.

2. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Louise Baudet – Responsible Finance Officer – working.

Cllr. M Dawson did not send in any apologies and did not attend the meeting.

3. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the Full Council and Private and Confidential Minutes and the held on 13th September, and the Private and Confidential minutes held on the 12th July 2016. All agreed as a true record, passed and signed.

4. **Guest Speakers. The Kingshurst Parish Council welcomes representatives of SMBC's Regeneration Programme.** SMBC have recently appointed an in house project manager to lead on a number of NSP projects, with the Parade being a priority.

Chair introduced John Halton and David Mackins from SMBC Regeneration Programme. He welcomed them to the meeting.

Mr. John Halton of North Solihull Partnership took the floor and introduced Mr. Mackins as working for SMBC not for the NSP.

Mr. Halton wanted to talk about the village centres that had been completed. Originally six were planned.

Commercial development was part of the partnership. But this had not been the success that had been hoped for the Partnership. It became clear that after two village centres out of the three proposed, SMBC stepped in to take on the development and deliver where commercial development could not.

Sigma the Commercial development had been working over the last two years on the plans for Kingshurst. But this turned out for them a commercially undeliverable project. So they decided to step away from it.

This resulted in SMBC stepping in to resource the Kingshurst Village Centre with the North Solihull Partnership. To deliver this commitment they have recruited David Mackin.

He will lead on a number of projects within the Borough, but Kingshurst is the priority. Other activities like the Schools programmes are coming to an end as with the housing projects getting fewer. Mr. Halton said he would like to sit down with the Chair and go through a review as to what the partnership has done and what priorities need to be addressed for the future.

He asked if there were any questions from the Councillors.

Cllr. John Kimberley asked about the original six Villages. He asked how a partner can walk away from delivering the project.

Mr. Halton replied that the Partnership was set up to deliver 4000 new homes, ten schools and six village centres. With the economic climate in recent years is massively altered the plans. He went on to say that they did deliver 2000 homes and the six schools, and the village centres had to be curtailed. Any developers were not paid to do the village centres they were do them at their own risk. They came on board to fund the projects by themselves. Once they had firm proposals by commercial enterprises that is when the regeneration development says they will transfer the land to deliver the project. So if they couldn't get commercial involvement they would need to step away from the project.

Chair Cole asked Mr. Halton about the schools. He mentioned that Kingshurst School is still building new classrooms for the extra numbers of children coming into the area.

Mr. Halton replied that not delivering on the original plans of ten schools and 4000 new homes meant the numbers have gone down. He added as with all forecasts and projections they can move up and down. He also mentioned that to his understanding there will be a seventh new school subject to funding. All school places are regularly reviewed. He went on to say that with new housing developments, families move in and unless the children are the first intake age, problems can occur where there are no places for other year groups. This is because schools can take students from outside the catchment area to take up the places. In the future we will keep places for them.

Chair Cole said that the first class standard of the schools are blighted by building and adding on more classrooms.

Mr. Halton said that Kingshurst had the first school. The idea of the programme was to try and deliver the regeneration across the whole of the area.

Cllr. Bev Follows asked how many properties have been built in the North of the Borough, the South and how many new schools were built and where.

Mr. Halton replied there have been no new schools built in the South. He will find out the information for her. He went on to say one of the key assets of the re-generation project from day one was education.

Cllr. Bev Follows said she would be interested to know.

John Halton said he would get the statistics and give them to the Clerk.

Mr. David Mackins remained seated as he felt more comfortable, he hadn't prepared anything more formal he wanted to introduce himself and said hopefully over the time he will get to know everyone.

He said as John said we have been held back because of SIPS involvement and now they have formally given up their interest in Kingshurst Village Centre. This meant that Solihull Council can take on the project.

David wanted to explain how they would approach the project; we would set high level parameters. He referred to Chelmund's Cross. He said that Kingshurst Village Centre is different because it has the residential housing. He said we need to work where we can with what exists at the moment. He said hopefully we can build on the strengths and build a quality place. He said the Parade has been there for fifty years and hopefully what they build will be there for another fifty years. He continued to say that they won't bulldoze everything as the upheaval to the residents and shops and business would not justify the outcome. He went on to say they would work with what is there. Some units and structures that are in a poor state will go. The Master plan process is starting at information gathering. Three aspects, the build form of what is there, the working with business's and their involvement and the opportunity of how Solihull Council provides public services. David went on to mention the library; they are working with this service of how to go forward. The building he said was not very nice and is getting to the end of its useful life. This he said would go and have the advantage of opening up the Parade. Over and above this it is how we will provide the public services. He also mentioned the GP clinic. They will look into how they can provide better public services. David mentioned that key issues will be consulted with members of the public as we are going into the winter months. Business occupiers need to be looked after. Any input from the public and property and development are important as a way forward. He hopes the Master plan will be drawn up by January February time. It will be a cost led project that needs to stack up in terms of durability but with quality and support for everyone. David said funding has been applied for from a number of external sources. He mentioned here the Government Autumn Statement and funding that is directly linked to this will be sought after. He is aware of the need to develop Kingshurst and funding for Kingshurst Village Centre fits into the criteria for grants available. David said he would come back to us in a couple of months to let us know how things are going.

Cllr. Daly wanted to ask a question. She referred to the issue of the regeneration was now ten years. She wanted to know why it has taken so long to be looked at.

David Mackins replied that the funding from commercial schemes was not there.

Cllr. Daly mentioned the repairs and maintenance of the buildings. She spoke of the dilapidated state the KPC office was in and the empty shops. She mentioned the Clerk working from home. She asked Mr. Mackins should the Parish Council despond and no one was interested in Kingshurst.

David Mackins replied that there were a lot of strands there. The master plan would be designed with a community hub style facility. He would certainly approach the Parish Council to see if they would like office space in the new facility.

Chair Cole said this was always envisaged.

David Mackins said in terms of the programme the master plan should be finalised in April or May of next year. Once this is in place they will have a better idea of what and where things will be going and some elements of the plan can be brought forward. He envisages the main start would be about 18 months. He did say it is impossible to envisage what is around the corner.

Cllr Daly said she wanted firm words on what is going to happen as in her opinion she has listened to waffle for ten years now.

Mr. John Halton said he understood where Cllr. Daly is coming from. He said we can tell you what we want to deliver but there are no guarantees.

He understands that people have been promised schemes for years. But he went on the plans are reliant on commercial interest outside. Opportunities can be made to outside interests by us but we cannot make them come in. He referred to Burtons Way and Chelmunds' cross and a private company buying land to operate a dementia care home.

The Council have got commitment to the library and services. He referred to the Clerk regarding leaving the office in the Parade. She mentioned that she works in the Library two days a week.

Chair Cole mentioned that SMBC are going to keep them up to date on the master plan and he also mentioned that in a recent meeting with Nick Page Chief Exec of SMBC he was told that the Library will be part of the new hub.

David Mackins said that we do not really call them Libraries any more as they are multi functional providing services within them. He added he cannot give us cast iron answers but Kingshurst is his priority. He added the LGF Funding applied for is part of the LEP area and they said they want schemes that are part of the Autumn Statement, certainty and durability. Kingshurst out of the 22 schemes applied for was the only one which had that level of certainty to go ahead.

He asked if there were any questions.

Cllr. A. Follows referred to the enterprise Community and the new facilities on Chelmunds cross and funding projects. Would they be interested in Kingshurst when it is just a few miles down the road?

David answered that the master plan for Kingshurst is likely to be some new retail facilities and refurbishments which will encourage commercial involvement. He said housing will also be considered.

Cllr. A. Follows asked what the budget SMBC would grant for this project.

David mentioned here that surplus money is made from housing. They would have ideas approximately.

Cllr. A. Follows asked David how certain would it be that this Master Plan would be ready for April 2017.

David said there is already work going on in the background with consultants' now up front. Input and information gathering is taking place now. He will be happy to provide updates as and when needed.

Cllr. B. Follows wished to know what was going to happen to the Mountfort Site.

John Halton said the Site has never been identified as a community hub with Doctors Parish Office etc. He said it was always acquired for housing. Historically there were discussions of asking the Co-op store to move there. It has been left as possibly a site compound for a contractor, and temporary accommodations for facilities. This protects the retailers and services in the area, lessons learned from building Chelmunds Cross where they lost retailers in the regeneration programme. This would make better use of the land, while the regeneration is in the process.

The Cllrs. were unhappy that the prospect of houses will eventually be put on the site of the Mountford area.

Cllr. John Kimberley wanted to ask the guest speakers why they thought it is necessary to open up the Parade by taking the Library and Youth and community Building down. He said this important facility is no more tired than Castle Bromwich.

He summarised that the services that Solihull Council provide will be reduced by knocking down these important facilities to open up the Parade that is only used by Kingshurst residents.

Cllr. David Hinsley offered his opinion that he would like to see the whole of the Parade demolished and replaced. He mentioned an earlier Parade meeting that evening where it had been indicated that those buildings taken away will be replaced. He asked David Mackins if he was correct in that understanding.

David Mackins said after gathering the interest and input from residents and retailers the master plan can be based on those values.

Chair asked to bring this part of the agenda to a finish now.

He asked the Guests to give us an update in December or at the meeting.

They agreed this would happen.

John Halton just wanted to mention here that although he said the Mountfort site had been identified for housing it does not mean that housing will be part of the Master Plan.

Cllr. B. Follows wanted to mention that her home is as old as the Parade and is maintained; she said SMBC should have maintained the building.

Cllr. A. Follows said this was the problem with the Parish Office, and when the Clerk enquired about empty shops to move the office into, she was told that the empty shops were in need of extreme improvement and would cost a fortune to the Parish Council to bring up to a habitable standard.

Cllr. Hinsley mentioned here that the empty shops are part of the master plan to move shop tenants into while their premises are being regenerated. This is logical he said but they have been empty for over five years.

Chair asked to draw this to a close and thanked the guests once again.

David Mackins and John Halton thanked the Councillors and left the meeting.

5. To receive reports from Borough Councillors and West Midlands Police. Chair read out the three reports. All will be attached to the Minutes.

A combined report was received from Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Hall which Chair Cole read to the Councillors and members of the Public.

A telephone report was given to the Clerk by Borough Cllr. Flo Nash. In this report she mentioned that a recent enquiry of damage to the play surface where a see saw had once been had been repaired. Cllr. David Woolley said this is not the case.

West midlands Police Chris Stow also gave a report.

No one had any comments regarding the rest of the reports.

6. Finance: To receive and approve reports from KPC Finance Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

6.1 Report from the RFO Louise Baudet: The Clerk had given each Councillor a copy of her report which will be attached to these minutes in the minute book.

Cllr. A. Follows read out her report.

6.2 **To agree and pass payments for October.** Approval for £3106.09 was agreed and passed.

6.3 **To consider any other items for payment.** Cllr. A. Follows asked if anyone was aware of any other payments to be passed before the next meeting.

The Bugler for the Last Post at the remembrance service of £140 was agreed and passed along with the £250 for the buffet after the Service at St. Barnabas Church.

Cllr. Hinsley mentioned here a reference from the RFO's report regarding the Internal Auditor, and how we need to consider before the end of the year a decision and this would need to go onto the agenda for next month. He continued to mention from the report the Website. He would not be able to take it on before the end of October as indicated in the RFO'S report. He suggested the KPC ask Louise to carry on until changes can be implemented. This was proposed and passed to keep Louise Baudet engaged to do the website for the next 12 months. All agreed.

Cllr. Hinsley also mentioned that he thought Louise Baudet RFO was incorrect on stating that we could only bring in (adopt) the Power of Competence at the AGM. The Clerk has been asked to take the qualification connected with the WALC CiLCA for the Power of Competence. It is his understanding it can be adopted at any Council Meeting. He said we need to discuss it and make a decision and get the Clerk to do the training or leave it to later in the year. He continued that it has implications for us to be able to raise the precept.

Cllr. A. Follows proposed to get the Clerk to clarify that with WALC if it can only be adopted and the AGM. If it can be done at anytime then we will have an answer by November Meeting and we can make a decision at that point to either go for the Power of Competence or stop as we are.

David Hinsley also referred to the Internal Audit and that it does have to be given to an independent body.

Cllr. A. Follows agreed that Louise Best up until last year had always been engaged to internally audit the KPC accounts. He proposed that the Clerk get in touch with Louise Best for a quote this year as the accounts are computerised.

6. 4 To consider the Invoice received from former RFO and the recovery of money.

Arden Associates had sent in an invoice **for work carried out to March 2016**, preparation for year ending accounts, finalisation of the PAYE scheme to the 5th April, along with the finalisation of the pension scheme to the 5th April and general correspondence, his fee had come in at £765. Cllr. A. Follows went on to explain that Arden Associates had already received two standing orders of £400 for the months of April and May. Arden Associates have sent a cheque with the invoice for £35.

The dispute that had been pointed out by the current RFO was that he had not cancelled his standing order and he had been asked in a written letter that any other services he provide for the KPC after the 31st March should be invoiced separately.

It was the opinion of the Councillors that most of the work should have been carried out to the 31st March. The Clerk was asked to request that a letter be written by Louise Baudet to Arden Associates to clarify what was involved in this invoiced work after the 31st March 2016.

Cllr. A. Follows went on to say that the preparation of the accounts should have been done up to the 31st March, even if he was still engaged by the KPC. So he felt that the KPC was being charged after the event. All agreed that the RFO write to the former RFO to clarify and be more specific in regards to the work invoiced for £765.

Cllr. John Kimberley wanted to ask Cllr. Follows a question regarding why the payments went out. He asked how that was possible.

Cllr. A. Follows explained it was assumed Arden Associates would cancel the Standing Order as they had been formerly advised in November 2015 that their services would come to an end at the 31st March 2016. The Clerk wrote to the bank to cancel the standing order of £400 a month after a second payment had been taken out.

Cllr. Kimberley said that although he is unhappy with the invoice he said there would have been some work that would have had to be prepared after the end of 31st March.

It was explained that Arden Associates had been given a letter by email and also handed to him requesting any further work after the 31st March should be invoiced to the KPC. It had also been requested by the RFO twice for the monies to be returned.

Cllr. A Follows appreciated what Cllr. Kimberley was saying that the accounts could not be completely finalised by the 31st March but the invoice seemed excessive to have £765 worth of work in April and May.

Chair asked for this to be concluded and said it has been passed that the RFO write to Arden Associates to clarify the work that had been invoiced.

7. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

7.1 Update on Christmas tree Festival. Cllr. T. Williams and the Clerk had a meeting with Rev. Johnson and the St. Barnabas Church Council. 38 Christmas trees can be fitted into the Church. All lights are to be battery driven. Posters are available now with the application form to be returned to the vicarage or the Clerk at the Library. A couple of people have already replied. Cllr. Williams asked again about the rota for duties when the

festival is taking place in the Church. She asked that the councillors give their times of when they can help out to the Clerk.

7.2 Remembrance Service Buffet has been agreed that the KPC will provide the Buffet after the service.

7.3 Magician for the three Kingshurst Schools Christmas Parties. All agreed that the KPC provide the magician to entertain the three schools for the children's end of term parties. Cllr. Linda Cole asked that we make sure the Magician entertaining will have a different routine and trick from last year as the children will remember them. Clerk would make sure the Magician confirmed this.

Cllr. A. Follows mentioned here that any Councillors not attending the remembrance service should let the Clerk know as Jean Johnson reserves seats in the Church for them. Cllr. Sheila Day said that residents have complained to her that they miss the Christmas event in the Parade. She wondered if we would be able to do this again another year.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley mentioned here that the Parade Group are not doing anything this year so the KPC can put the tree up at anytime. Hopefully they will do something next year. She also confirmed that the Chemist will give her lolly-pops which she can give to the children in the Church hall at the Christmas tree festival.

Chair asked that Christmas 2017 need s to go onto the Agenda.

Cllr. Follows said it will have to be part of the up and coming Precept.

8. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

8.1 Discuss arrangements to terminate tenants that are not attending their allotments. Cllr. Mulready said there are quite a few allotments that are very untidy and he asked the Clerk to write to every allotment holder to request immediate attention to those that are un-kept and a date for them to abide to as they are not adhering to the tenant agreement.

The skip was mentioned and this will be put on next month's agenda.

Cllr Hinsley mentioned that he and Pauline had also inspected the allotments and agreed something must be done. He passed round photos to the councillors.

8.2 Jubilee Gardens updates. The Clerk has been asked to get in touch with Gro Organic to point out the health and safety hazards of the holes that have been dug for fence posts. Chains and lock to the orchard were mentioned. A member of the public agreed that it is locked.

9. Pavilions: To receive and approve any reports regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club and make decisions as appropriate.

9.1 Update on current situation regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club. Every Councillor had a copy of the re-assignment notes from Flurets estate agents. Listing the transaction and finance. No confirmed updates had been received. The Clerk had heard that the Fleurets Solicitors were holding it up but not confirmed officially. KPC Solicitor has not come back with any updates as yet.

9.2 To Approve correspondence from Fleurets Estate agents re Sale of the Lease. The correspondence was not approved owing to the error in the paperwork from Fleurets. Nothing received.

Cllr. Daly wanted to know if the person buying the lease is buying the building. This was not the case, it is only the lease that they are buying and KPC still own the building.

10. To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies

10.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Dawson reported that no meeting is scheduled at the moment. Nothing to report as Cllr. Dawson was not present.

10.2 WALC/SAC. Cllr. Hinsley said the next meeting is due on the 20th October with Guest speakers from West Midlands Transport.

10.3 School Governors Reports. Nothing to report. Chair Cole stated that the Kingshurst School meeting takes place next Tuesday. Cllr. A. Follows said Yorkswoods meeting took place last week but nothing really to report. The re-modelling of the school is still in the pipeline and he has a meeting regarding the draft plans in the morning. The start of the building is hoping for spring next year.

10.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Nothing furthermore to add here.

10.5 Regen: As above. See agenda items 4 regarding the plans for regenerating Kingshurst.

10.6 To form a new committee for action against SMBC schedule for site submissions 2026 With Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors, as part of Action for Babb's Mill. Chair said in view of what has just happened in losing the fight to stop building on Babb's Mill he thinks that this can be discussed next month when things have calmed down as there is a lot of upset and anger at the moment with residents and groups.

11. Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:

11.1 Publication scheme and website. Cllr. David Hinsley mentioned the inaccuracies on the website and the updates not being done. He suggested a working party be set up to discuss and consider taking on the website. It had been voted that the current host carry on for another 12 months, but opinions to change earlier were voiced. Cllr. Hinsley was asked to take it over next year.

Cllr. John Kimberley said he was uneasy about a Councillor taking it over as this would be viewed as inappropriate and a conflict of interest. He appreciated it needed to be updated. He thinks the Clerk should update it, if she is unable to do this then it should be serviced by an outside source. He said the website needs to be as updated as possible maintained to the end of the current financial year and in the meantime look at another service to host it. He said again it should not be done by a councillor.

Cllr. David Hinsley said he agreed with Cllr. Kimberley. But the setting up can be done by us and the administration can be done by the Clerk as it is simple to do. He suggests pay the Clerk an extra hour a week to do this. He mentioned that the Clerk's son writes websites and maybe he should be considered. The Clerk asked that would that be a conflict of interest if her son was paid to host the website.

Further discussion took place. Forward thinking should take place.

A working party will be formed to take this further. Cllr. Hinsley, Cllr. A Follows and the Clerk will form the working party.

Cllr. Hinsley said immense changes regarding information for the public will be taking place.

11.2 Lease for M E B Renting at the Pavilions. Contract to be revised. See Email received. An email had been received regarding their considered costs. They suggested an annual rent of £100 subject to review every fifth year.

Cllr. Hinsley said £100 is not enough he considers £150 which covers inflation and review it in five years time.

Cllr. A Follows thinks every three years.

Chair proposed we should reply and ask for £150 annually and review the contract every three years. All agreed.

Cllr. A. Follows said we need a quote for the solicitor's charges, and asked the Clerk to ask Richard Holt of Evans Derry.

11.3 Security gates in the Parade. Update. Cllr. Woolley said the closure of the gates is inconsistent. He noticed to his amusement for five nights last week the security firm locked three gates and left the front one open each night. The Clerk will get in touch with SMBC and report the findings.

11.4 Heavy goods Vehicles using Cooks Lane. Chair Cole has written a letter to the Chief Constable of W M Police they responded with a letter asking for the best time for traffic Police to target the heavy goods vehicles.

Chair said he would write back requesting they monitor at peak rush hour times.

12. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received:

Nothing had been received. Clerk mentioned that nothing has been sent to us but we did find the SMBC schedule for site submissions 2026.

13. Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:

13.1 Local Development Plan: Babbs Mill. Unfortunately the battle has been lost to save planning permission being granted to build on the Nature Reserve. Chair attended the final solution meeting on the Thursday evening. He was told that 11k were on the housing list and that these houses to be built on Babb's Mill are required by Kingshurst residents. Chair looked and the councillors and members of the public and said how many people in Kingshurst have 350k to buy one of these houses? It's is sad that it has gone through he said and the work will probably start anytime now.

13.2 Mountfort Public House Site: Any updates that may have been received. No updates to date.

13.3 Schedule of Call for sites submissions. Nothing mentioned here to report.

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

14.1 Correspondence and emails:

The Correspondence had already being acknowledged within the meeting.

15. Standing Orders of the KPC: to discuss approve/amend and adopt from date of this meeting. Cllr. Hinsley had nothing to change and report here. He did want to remind everyone that it is legal for anyone to record meetings. He said at the WALC workshop recently that Councils should consider recording the meeting themselves. This will be an agenda item for next month's meeting.

16. 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.

No members of the public wanted to speak, after encouragement from the Chair. A member of the allotments said he agreed with the letter to go out to tenants of the allotments and the un-safety of the holes in the Jubilee gardens dug ready for the fence posts. He asked the council for permission to pick the fruit for distribution to local charities. This was agreed.

Another member of the public referred to the website for the KPC and offered to help in the production of a free website online. He would give his details to the Clerk afterwards.

17. 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.

Nothing further was suggested for future agendas.

Cllr. Tina Williams wanted to go back to the agenda item 10.6 referring to the new action group regarding the SMBC sites that have been placed into the submission sites for 2026. She mentioned the Smith Wood Safe and Sound in Area 13 and how they would be interested in someone talking to them as they are worried about losing their Auckland

Community Hall which has also been put into the submission sites. Chair said he would try and get something together in December.

Cllr. Woolley mentioned here that the road sweeper truck was meant to go up to Gilson Way and Meriden Drive. It appears that the sweeper is turning around by the doctors and not doing Gilson Way. Rubbish is being left in the gutter. He would like this on the agenda so a letter of complaint can be written to SMBC. He went on to say that the surface area in the park where the see-saw has been removed has not been repaired properly and sand has been put into the hole instead. Cllr. Woolley went on to say that this is still posing as a hazard for any child. He considers the hole dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen. The Clerk will get back to parks and complain.

Cllr. Sheila Daly said she has had a number of residents complaining to her that they would like to speak privately with the Clerk in the library. The Clerk said that no one had actually asked for a private meeting with her as this could be arranged within the library.

Cllr. Daly did not know the persons that had enquired about this problem. Hopefully with a notice this problem can be solved.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley offered a solution to this problem and said that the Clerk could offer appointments on the Tuesdays for private conversations and continue to work in the library on Mondays. The Chair asked the Clerk to put a notice up to members of the public stating that a private appointment can be arranged.

Cllr. A Follows wanted to know if Tina Williams had bought up the problem of the site submission sites regarding Auckland Hall with the Smiths Wood Parish Council. She had not as yet but their Councillors do come to the meetings. Chair offered Tina a copy of the submissions site.

18. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for **Tuesday 15th November** at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 6.30 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 8th November 2016

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed Date.....