



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of

### Full Parish Council

on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 6.00pm,

at the Seeds of Hope, Overgreen Drive, Kingshurst, B37 6EY

**Councillors:** *(Chair) D Cole, (Vice chair) Cllr B Donnelly, Cllr M Frampton, Cllr S Daly, Cllr L Cole, Cllr M Brain, Cllr J Kimberley, Cllr L Browning, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr L Baillie, Cllr M Asante, Cllr S Golby.*

**Council Members Present:** *D Cole (chair), B Donnelly, L Cole, M Frampton, L Browning, L Baillie, M Brain,*

**In Attendance:** 1 Member of the public

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**Minutes**

**Action**

<p>1.</p> <p>1.1.</p>	<p><b>Welcome and Housekeeping.</b></p> <p>General housekeeping &amp; reminder to turn off/silence mobile phones</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><b>To receive and approve apologies.</b>  Cllr Golby, Cllr Asante, Cllr Daly, Cllr Kimberley, Cllr Edwards  <b>Resolved:</b> That all the above absences are approved.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>To receive members' declarations of disclosable (pecuniary and other) interests.</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>To received and consider member's dispensation requests, if any.</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1.</p>	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the last meeting held 9th May 2024.</b>  That the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record. 09/05/24.  <b>Resolved:</b> That minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup>May 2024, were approved, and signed by the Chair as a true record.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Public Participation.</b>  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).  <b>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.</b></p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1.</p> <p>7.2.</p>	<p><b>Finance.</b></p> <p>Finance report and approve payments for April, May and June.  <b>Resolved:</b> The payments for April, May and June have been approved</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Internal Audit Report 23/24 distributed, RFO to bring back a report for next Full Council on summary and actions taken.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> All Councilors have received a copy of the 23/24 Internal audit report</p> <p><b>National grid:</b> This was not an agenda item however, there was a discussion on the power station situated on the land at the Pavilions. The clerk will put this item on the next Full Council agenda</p>	Clerk
<p><b>8.</b></p> <p><b>8.1.</b></p>	<p><b>Local Government Boundary review</b></p> <p>To discuss - All Councillors have been sent all relevant information</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That all Councillors are to remind residents to put any objection individually.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p> <p><b>9.1.</b></p> <p><b>9.2.</b></p> <p><b>9.3.</b></p>	<p><b>Council and Committee Reports</b> Consideration of the recommendations made by the committee.</p> <p>Clerk to give update on the future plan for the community hub placed at the community garden. <i>Discussion was held that the hub will be used on a regular basis for the community, KPC have partnered up with various business to help facilitate this project.</i></p> <p>Events Committee - Cllr D Cole to give an update on the successful community D-Day commemorations on the 6th June 2024</p> <p><i>Kingshurst Parish Council and Rev Mandy Harris invited the community to join us at Seeds of Hope, to commemorate D-Day, KPC expressed gratitude and appreciation to all the resident involved in the amazing community poppy project, over 8,000 poppies were contributed to this project.</i></p> <p><i>The lighting of the Beacon in collaboration with Fordbridge Town Council, 7pm at the Pavilions field. The 80th anniversary of the D Day landings, community lighting of beacon, the light from the beacon represents the light of peace, that emerged from the darkness of war.</i></p> <p><u>Committee minutes to be noted.</u></p> <p>A. Allotment Minutes emailed to all members 1/07/24. B. Events Minutes emailed to all members 1/07/24.</p>	

	<p>C. Finance Minutes emailed to all members. 1/07/24.  D. Environment Committee meeting <b>Canceled</b>.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> All minutes have been received</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of the next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 6pm at the Seeds of Hope.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p> <p><b>11.1.</b></p>	<p><b>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</b></p> <p>Employment tribunal case, 1304632/2023 – ‘Claim 1’ - 1300455/2024 – ‘Claim 2’</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The claimant is not an <u>Employee</u> and therefore these cases have been <b>Dismissed</b>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Claimant Status:</b> The determination that the claimant is not an employee has led to the dismissal of these cases. This clarification should help resolve any confusion regarding the claimant's status.</li> <li>2. <b>The external auditor</b> has been informed of the financial risk associated with this case. We are committed to maintaining transparency and ensuring that all financial risks are communicated and managed appropriately.</li> <li>3. <b>Public Cost:</b> We acknowledge that the cost of this case has been substantial for the public. This situation underscores the need for prudent financial management and accountability within our council.</li> <li>4. The Clerk has been instructed to look into the possibility of counter-suing the Councillor in question. This step is being taken to explore all available options for recouping costs and addressing any potential misconduct.</li> </ol> <p><i>Cllr D Cole (chairman) Please be assured that we are handling this matter with the utmost seriousness and are committed to protecting the interests of the public and the council.</i></p>	<p>Clerk.</p>

<p><b>11.2.</b></p>	<p><u>External Audit report 22/23</u></p> <p><i>A full discussion will be held to go through the objections that were raised and to read out the long-awaited External audit report year 22/23.</i></p> <p><i>Previous Parish Councillors have been invited to attend this meeting to hear the findings firsthand. KPC value open dialogue and transparency, and we hope this meeting will help clear up any misunderstandings and ensure that accurate information is shared with the community.</i></p> <p>Consideration of an objection under section 27 - A formal objection was raised date 13th July 2023 - The auditor decided not to consider the objection</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The findings from the external audit 22/23 report concerning the allegations of overpayment and lack of transparency regarding the parish clerk's remuneration. The external audit has concluded its thorough review and found no evidence of unlawful payments, or any misconduct</p> <p>These findings unequivocally exonerate the parish clerk and the chairman and affirm that all financial practices have been conducted with full transparency and in accordance with the law.</p> <p><i>Despite previous attempts to resolve issues amicably and foster a respectful working environment, certain Cllrs and previous Cllrs, behaviors continued to undermine the integrity and professionalism of our council. Specifically, their actions and statements about the clerk crossed into the territory of defamation and slander.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Meeting Finished 7:45.</b></p>	