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**Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council
Full Council Meeting held on the 8th March 2016 at 7. 15pm
At the Pavilions Sporting Club
Meriden Road, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

Cllrs. present: D.Cole (Chair)
L. Cole
P. Cooper-Hinsley
D. Hinsley
J. Kimberley
S. Daly
T. Williams
D. Woolley
B.Mulready
B. Follows
M. Dawson

In Attendance: Borough Cllrs. Debbie Evans and Robert Hall and F. Nash
RFO David Wheeler and J Aske – Clerk
One member of the public attended.
Guest: Cllr. Joe Tildesley.

- 1. Apologies:**– No Apologies received
- 2. Minutes:** The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th February 2016 and the Private and Confidential Minutes were both approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.
- 3. Guest Speaker Cllr. Joe Tildesley Education.** Chair David Cole introduced Cllr. Tildesley to the Council members and the member of the public. Cllr. Tildesley thanked the KPC for the invite. He said it was a pleasure to be present and to talk about education. You and Kingshurst and the North of the borough should be very proud of the difference you have made over the last few years because the education gap is narrowing but we still have to face up to the gap of those not going on to further education. He said in Smiths wood less than 9 out of 100 children will finish their education and go to a university. This means that 91% do not go to university. He then mentioned that in St. Alphange School over 90% go on to university. He said this cannot be right. He gave comparisons with his own education to say it is still possible to achieve a great deal no matter where you live. Standards are being driven up now and school heads are determined to make

a successful school. Every child get the same amount of money allocated to their education. He referred to the £4200.00 Solihull Children are allocated and the difference of £1000 more for children in Birmingham. He added that those children that are educated in Solihull (7,000) do not bring the extra money with them. This needs to be campaigned for by the Borough Cllrs. Only 200 children from Solihull go across the border to be educated in Birmingham. He did add that Birmingham Council does not keep the money that goes back to the Government. Challenges are there and we must be at the forefront of appealing to the Government to receive our fair share of money for education. He said he would be open to questions, but would be unable to discuss individual case Chair Cole asked the first question. He had been informed that with all the new housing going up in the area that there is not enough school places in the local school, especially in the Primary school. Cllr. Tildesley assured the Chair that we have catchment in Solihull and whatever the houses build there will be a place for each child in the area. He mentioned Anne Pearson the education officer, meetings take place with her on a monthly basis. He mentioned that just today an authorisation will go ahead for a South Solihull school to expand the capacity for one year as a number of children have been born lately. Planning for school places is always kept on top. Chair also asked what the plans are there for Yorkswood School. Cllr. Tildesley said that commitments were made over a ten year period to build new schools or re-build them. He said Yorkswood were allocated money to re-build, but after considerations a new school will be built for £5m. As a cabinet member he has made the decision that this will go ahead. Two other schools need to be re-built.

Cllr. Williams asked how long would this take. Cllr. Tildesley said the tendering is already going in.

Cllr. Hinsley referred to the percentages of the children going to university. He asked what Cllr. Tildesley would consider the main factors to the difference. He said we need inspirational head teachers. Brilliant teachers and committed parents and the children themselves have got to feel they can achieve. We need to sell education to them as a passport to life. He mentioned an example where children in schools in the North of this Borough that have never been taught Maths by a qualified Math teacher. Teachers are not rewarded to work in challenging areas.

Cllr. B. Follows referred to Kingshurst Primary school, the flagship once of this area. She said it is not big enough for the amount of children. Chair Cole said they have to build four new classrooms over the next few years. Cllr. Tildesley said he has not ever had anyone report any complaints from the head or the governors. He added that if she reports back to the school the concerns it can be looked into.

Cllr. John Kimberley enquired about the percentages of the local schools not furthering their education. John also asked about apprenticeships. The new Warwick engineering college was referred to.

Cllr. Tildesley said the engineering college will be opening in September to those that have expressed an interest in engineering and mentioned the unemployment in the area and the percentages are higher than in the South of the Borough, but still insisted that education is there for everybody no matter where they live. He said there is no difference in the intelligence.

Cllr. Follows referred to the university fees and thought that this is a problem.

Cllr. Tildesley agreed with Cllr. Follows as parents in the South of the Borough could probably write off those debts. He did add that the children in the North are not getting the exam results to get them there. It is possible to send Children to Oxford and Cambridge.

Sarah Evans took the floor and spoke to Cllr. Tildesley about her experiences in education. She said in her opinion there is a need for more careers advice in schools. She added children need confidence from their teachers to achieve. Cllr. Tildesley replied to Sarah and said that the Careers Advice was a separate entity run by the Council but funding that was stopped, it is now the responsibility of each individual school. Work placements are not always the way forward. Liaising with Companies is a better way forward.

Cllr. Tildesley said we need to campaign for a larger slice of the cake from the Government.

Borough Cllr. Flo Nash thanked the Cabinet member for attending the meeting and said it is important that children are happy in their own schools in their own area and this needs to be encouraged. She said she didn't think it was because the teachers were not good enough.

Borough Cllr. Evans mentioned a concert she attended at Symphony Hall where she enjoyed a musical evening with 220 Children from local Solihull schools. She said we must make sure that funding is always available for these talented children.

Cllr. Tildesley said he hopes the Council appreciates his openness and frankness and thanked everyone for his invite.

Chair Cole went on to the next party of the meeting after thanking Cllr. Tidesley.

4. To receive reports from the Borough Councillors.

Borough Cllr. Robert Hall referred to the Babb's Mill Planning and the building on the Nature Reserve. He mentioned that they will build on a Nature Reserve but not touch Green Belt with stables on it. He said it was a disgrace.

Off Road Bikes is again in the forefront. The number has not worked that was given out to report the bikes and the nuisance they cause.

The Bus shelter is now established that it was presented by the Kingshurst Parish Council. He said he thought Centro should provide the bus shelter. The Parish Council will write a letter to Centro.

Cllr. Woolley said that the KPC does not have any paper work to say we are responsible.

B. Cllr. Flo Nash mentioned the Nature Reserve and the Planning that was passed. She praised everyone for attending the planning committee and said the Chair of Kingshurst Parish Council gave a very good report. It is such a shame to build on this site just for 52 executive homes. We must be careful that they do not carry on building. These homes are not going to be for the people of Kingshurst.

B. Cllr. Evans said we must be careful that the Birmingham Council that own the other part of Babb's Mill do not build on their part. Land at the back of Sheldon Hall has been acquired already.

Chair Cole thanked everyone and went on to the next part of the agenda.

- 5. Finance Committee:** Chair of Finance Alvin Follows asked the Council to agree to the figure of £1963.70 plus an additional sum of £500 for the allotment hedge. All agreed and passed. The Balances in the Current account stands at £16845.47 and £20k in the deposit account. He went on to explain that a working party will go ahead with an informal meeting to establish what way forward is best for the new position of the Responsible Finance Officer.

6. Events Committee

Chair of Events Cllr. Tina Williams had reported in the Events meeting earlier in the evening that she asked Councillors to report back on any associations and business they believe may take part in our Christmas tree festival. Costing for the stands and extension leads will be looked into.

7. Allotments Committee

Chair of Allotments Cllr Mulready reported that nothing has started so far this year because of the weather. We have two allotments vacant and one has been allocated and the other is being allocated very soon to the next on the list. He reported that an allotment holder Mr. Frampton had made enquiries regarding a young person that was keen to have an allotment. The young man had made enquiries with the Clerk. He was placed on the allotment waiting list. After many phone calls from the young man in question and a visit from Mr. Frampton a plot holder, enquiring about a strip of land that is not an allotment and hasn't been worked for 20 years. Chair of Allotments said he offered it to him for one year to encourage him. Cllr. Pauline Coop-Hinsley asked if Mark Frampton was going to look after him. Chair of Allotments said we will all keep an eye on him. His age was questioned and he was over 18 years old. Chair Cole asked if he would be insured and he would be. No other questions were asked and Chair Cole went onto the next part of the agenda.

8. Progress reports:

8.1 Bus Shelter on the Chester Road. Quotes had been received regarding the re-building of the roof. It is now established that the Bus Shelter was presented to the Residents from the Kingshurst Parish Council. Chair Cole will write a letter to Centro.

9. Reports from Parish Council Members on outside bodies

9.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr. Mulready was unable to attend. His apologies were received as he was unwell.

9.2 WALC/SAC – Cllr. Hinsley reported that there has been no meeting since the January Meeting.

9.3 School Governor Reports – No report for Yorkswood School, as no meeting as yet. Kingshurst School Governors – Chair Cole missed the first part of the meeting as he was attending another meeting. But he did say he will report the information from Cllr. Tildesley regarding the numbers in the school.

9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum – Cllr. D. Hinsley reported there was a meeting last week on the 2nd March but unfortunately he attended another meeting. He believed the main topic was the Local Solihull Plan

9.5 Regeneration – Nothing to report

- 10. 44ft Lorries using Cooks Lane:** Chair reported that he keeps writing to them so he will pass it onto the police. A letter had been received from Paul Tovey Principal Engineer Traffic Management. Chair began to read the letter. Chair said we are on number 8 now of the letters.
- 11. Planning:** There were no consultations to respond to.
- 12. Planning applications**
 - 13.1: Local Development Plan:
 - 13.2: Mountfort Public House site – no updates to report.
- 13. Information items**
 - 14.1 Correspondence and emails: All Councillors received a list of recent post and emails. All members of the Kingshurst Parish Council had received itemised reports of all post and emails. Nothing was commented on here.
- 14. 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. Chair Cole said that this had been addressed earlier in the meeting.
- 15. Councillors reports and Items for Future Agenda:** The Annual Parish Meeting was decided to be scheduled for the 26th April. It was suggested by Borough Cllr. Evans to invite Superintendent Alex Murray to be a guest speaker. The Clerk said she will arrange this. Cllr. David Hinsley put in his and Cllr. Cooper-Hinsleys apologies.
- 16. Date of Next Meeting** 12th April 2016 at 7.15pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

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