



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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To all committee members

You are summoned to attend a  
Environment Committee Meeting on Thursday 15th January 2026,  
at 2.pm,at the Library, Marston Drive, Kingshurst, B37 6EY

*Members: Cllr D.Cole, Cllr M.Frampton,Cllr L Cole,Cllr L Browning, Cllr Brain.*

*Paula Coyle*

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## Agenda

1.	<b>Welcome and Housekeeping</b> General housekeeping. <b>Please note this meeting is for 30 minutes</b>
2.	<b>To receive apologies.</b>
3.	<b>To receive members' declarations of disclosable (pecuniary and other) interests.</b>
4.	<b>To approve the Minutes of the last Environment Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>
5.	<b>Public Participation</b> To adjourn to allow public participation. Residents are requested to give their views and question the Parish Council on items on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman.
6. 6.1 6.2	<b>Finance</b> <b>Finances</b> <b>Budget for 2026/2027</b>
7.	<b>Information Items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment.</b>

<p>7.1.</p> <p>7.2.</p> <p>7.3.</p> <p>7.4.</p> <p>7.5.</p>	<p><b>Kingshurst Park - Completion.</b></p> <p><b>Kingshurst Village Regeneration</b> - <i>Members from the project team held an informal drop in session at Seeds of Hope (St Barnabas Hall) on Thursday 13 November The final costs for current Phase 2 design, which includes the new Community Retail and Health building, six homes, a new vicarage, and all of the surrounding infrastructure. <b>Have been approved.</b></i></p> <p><b>Kingshurst Together funding</b> (Colebridge trust) funding awarded to volunteer led groups in Kingshurst, supporting local residents and young people, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Home Education Group:</b> outdoor activities for home educated children and families.</li> <li>● <b>Old school Youth Club @</b> St Barnabas Church Friday evenings term time</li> <li>● <b>Kingshurst Schools DJ and Media</b> workshops.</li> <li>● <b>Social Project:</b> positive social spaces and activities for young people in the local community.</li> <li>● <b>Gardening equipment and outdoor activities</b></li> </ul> <p>To receive an update from <b>Cllr Browning</b> on matters arising from the quarterly Parish Council <b>Highways meeting</b> with Paul Tovy(SMBC) (<b>Committee Notes</b>)</p> <p>To receive an update from <b>Cllr Browning</b> following the meeting with <b>Solihull College</b> regarding funding opportunities and courses for the community.(<b>Committee Notes</b>)</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Date of the next meeting:</b> T.B.A.2026.</p>
	<p><b>Meeting finished</b></p>

## Committee Notes

Cllr Browning

15/01/26

7.4 Minutes of Joint Meeting

### Solihull MBC with Smithswood & Kingshurst Parish Councils

**Date:** 10 December 2025

**Time:** 2:00–2:30pm

**Venue:** Joint meeting (virtual)

#### Attendees

- Cllr M Phillips – Smithswood Parish Council
- Paul Tovey – Solihull MBC
- Cllr L Browning – Kingshurst Parish Council

#### Apologies:

- Mark Frampton
- Bernadette Donnelly
- No apologies from Smithswood

#### 1. Graffiti and Environmental Crime

- Ongoing issue of graffiti/tagging across Smithswood and Kingshurst, including A45 bridges and local sites.
- **Paul Tovey (SMBC):**
  - Report incidents via the Council's ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) website – shared with police for priority setting.
  - Removal team responds within 3–4 weeks.
  - Police involvement required for enforcement under Environmental Crime Act.
- **Action:** Parish clerks to log graffiti on ASB website; SMBC to coordinate with police and consider social media campaign.

#### 2. Traffic Management & Abandoned Road Signs

- Issue raised about contractors leaving traffic signs/sandbags after works.
- **Paul Tovey:**
  - Report via Council's "Report It" pages.
  - Council can trace contractors via permit system and issue fines.
  - Use wording such as "trip hazard/dangerous" for quicker response.
- **Action:** Parish councils to continue reporting via Council system; SMBC to enforce contractor compliance.

#### 3. School Parking Issues – St John the Baptist School (Arran Way)

- Persistent problems with vehicles parking on double yellows, grass verges, and zigzags during drop-off/pick-up.
- **Discussion:**
  - Wardens currently give 5-minute observation before issuing PCNs.
  - £35 fine not seen as deterrent; DfT reviewing fine levels nationally.
  - Photos/videos of offending vehicles to be shared with SMBC.
  - Consideration of double yellow lines and white box markings near junctions/apartment blocks.
- **Actions:**
  - Cllr Phillips to send photos to SMBC.
  - SMBC wardens to increase patrols before and after Christmas.
  - Meeting with Cllr Donnelly to review restrictions and potential new double yellows/white box markings. Next Wednesday
  - Schools to continue engaging parents via road safety team.

#### 4. Flooding – Chester Road & Collector Road

- Ongoing flooding issues after heavy rain.
- **Paul Tovey:**
  - Cause is hydraulic pressure in Severn Trent mains; highway gullies not at fault.
  - Long-term solution requires Severn Trent investment (larger mains or underground reservoirs).
  - Collector Road flooding linked to HS2 pumping failures – now resolved with backup pumps.
- **Actions:**
  - Parish councils to raise issue with MP Liam Byrne in upcoming meeting.
  - Explore petition re: Chester Road flooding near BP garage.
  - SMBC to share findings with Severn Trent; escalate if property flooding occurs.

#### 5. Community Events

- Positive feedback on Smithswood Christmas lights switch-on.
- **Acknowledgement:** Darr0n Allen (electrician) praised for excellent work.
- **Action:** Formal compliment to be submitted to SMBC.

#### 6. Planned/Upcoming Works

- New humped zebra crossing at Overgreen Drive (boundary of Smithswood/Kingshurst) – operational by February half-term.
- Resurfacing programme for 2025/26 to be approved at committee in February.
- Bridge joint maintenance planned for Chester Road and Moorlane bridges (short closures expected).
- LED street lighting programme completed in North Solihull.
- Grass verge parking proposals withdrawn due to objections; SCH exploring repurposing garage blocks into parking spaces.
- Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs): Parish councils reviewing low coverage compared to neighbouring areas.
- **Actions:**
  - SMBC to circulate resurfacing programme post-committee approval.
  - Parish councils to continue TPO review and raise gaps with SMBC.

## 7. Any Other Business

- Conversation regards the doctors surgery and felled trees, Paul to forward email to relevant planning department to see if can resolve. Arrange Meetings for next 12 months.

### ITEM 7.7 Kingshurst Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 30 July 2025

**Time:** 13:30

**Location:** Kingshurst Library

**Attendees:** Alison Mcgrory; Cllr Lee Browning; Cllr Bernie Donnelley; Cllr David Cole; Clerk Paula Coyle.

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#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

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#### 2. Role of SMBC in Relation to Local Parishes

- SMBC representatives clarified escalation pathways and roles via Connect.
  - Emphasis placed on SAM (Solihull Area Meeting) for unresolved parish-level issues.
  - SMBC aims to foster clearer working relationships and improve responsiveness.
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#### 3. Kingshurst Community Fund Effectiveness

- Originally established for youth-related micro-grants post-Babs Mill tragedy.
  - Shift from Heart of England to Colebridge Trust highlighted due to accessibility and transparency concerns.
  - Call for improved communication and community involvement in grant decisions.
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#### 4. Exploration of Additional Funding Sources

- Mention of CAVA as a potential avenue for funding opportunities.
  - Interest expressed in how other parishes access resources through Heart of England and SMBC infrastructure partners.
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#### 5. Role and Engagement of Colebridge Trust

- Current fund administrators, tasked with distributing micro-grants locally.
- Feedback from attendees raised concerns about limited community visibility.
- Suggestions included setting up a community panel for better governance and inclusivity.

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## **6. Community Hub Developments**

- Outline of proposed facilities: library, café, shared meeting rooms.
- Discussion on making the space feel community-owned and avoiding past mistakes.
- Issues raised around library staffing and provision for parish council office.

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## **7. Youth Engagement and HAF Program Effectiveness**

- SMBC referenced youth bus and partnership-based delivery models.
- Parish representatives highlighted underrepresentation in funding and engagement compared to neighbouring areas.
- Concerns around perception vs reality of youth-related issues.

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## **8. Community Gardens & Local Projects**

- Kingshurst Community Garden Association now formalised as a CIO.
- Funding successes include National Lottery, Birmingham Airport, and Galliford Try.
- Future plans include installing electricity and an outdoor kitchen.
- Interest in collaborating with other garden associations for shared learning.

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## **9. Any Other Business**

- Suggestions to improve clarity in service escalation using SMBC's service guide.
- Recognition of community development lead Becky Pink as a key contact.

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## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

- 3 months time.

**agreed follow up actions from meeting with Kingshurst Parish Councillors**

ITEM 7.8 Date:08 September 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Kingshurst Library

Attendees: Cllr D Cole, Cllr L Browning, Charly Slater (Youth Offer Development Lead)

Sub Note – More of an information sharing session rather than actual actions from it. Apart from the Youth bus not a lot of options for the area. Need to see what Colebridge Trust have as an offer. Lee.

### **1. How Kingshurst Parish is Community Governance & Council Structure**

- Kingshurst Parish Council has undergone cultural and structural changes over the past three years.
- Council now operates through devolved committees/budgets: Finance, HR, Environment, and Allotments/Community Gardens.
- Emphasis on depoliticizing council operations and fostering collaboration across party lines.
- Parish Council operates with one of the smallest precepts in North Solihull (~£65,000/year), with most funds allocated to admin and clerk salary.

### **2. Community Assets & Funding**

- Pavilion Club land is owned by the Parish Council; rent (~£8,000/year) is reinvested into community initiatives.
- Small grants provided to local groups including churches and youth clubs.
- DJ Media workshops and youth events on Community fields (e.g., Thursday sessions, football tournaments) have been successful in engaging young people.
- Halloween and Jubilee events have drawn strong family participation.
- Community Gardens

### **3. Youth Engagement & Provision**

- Strong desire to expand youth services, particularly for ages 11–18 and SEN groups.
- Youth bus (managed by Fit Cap) is available for community use with proper insurance and staffing.
- Challenges include lack of qualified youth workers, limited safe spaces, and underutilized assets.
- Emphasis on hybrid engagement models (online/offline) and trusted adult relationships.

There is lack of funds available and applying for funding appears only viable option. Only thing commissioned services are doing is HAF.

### **4. Parks & Outdoor Spaces**

- Babbs Mill Park and surrounding areas identified as key assets for youth and family engagement.
- Ideas floated for:
  - Rebuilding youth sailing facilities at the lake
  - Creating an SEN-friendly playground
  - Reviving bat walks and nature-based activities

- Historical importance of the park as a communal space for families without gardens was noted.

### **5. Schools & Local Demographics**

- Kingshurst has a high concentration of young families and children (25% of residents).
- Several primary and secondary schools in the area, but transport and accessibility remain issues.
- Historical context: Kingshurst was developed as overflow housing from Birmingham in the 1960s.

### **6.Challenges & Opportunities**

- Funding constraints due to Solihull's overall affluence skewing eligibility for national grants.
- Need for grassroots-led initiatives and partnerships with voluntary sector groups.
- Potential collaboration with organisations like YO (Young Opportunities Solihull) and dormant funding bodies.
- Interest in attracting more youth-focused organisations to the area.

### **7. Future Plans & Developments**

- Planned rebuild of a medical hub and community centre that may house library and activity spaces.
- Park redevelopment to include teen-focused areas (e.g.graffiti wall).
- Boundary changes: Kingshurst North rejoining Kingshurst Parish, merging with Smith's Wood for ward representation.

### **8. Closing Reflections**

- Shared commitment to reinvigorating youth engagement and community cohesion.
- Recognition of the need for safe, inclusive spaces and creative programming.
- Encouragement for continued collaboration and proactive planning.