



Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council
Full Council Meeting held on the 11th April 2017 at 6.30pm
At the Pavilions Sporting Club
Meriden Drive, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

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

Apologies Received from Borough Councillors: Cllr. F Nash, Cllr. Debbie Evans, Mark Wilson and Cllr. R. Hall

In Attendance: Borough Cllr. Jean Hamilton, J Aske - Clerk
And 9 members of the Public attended by the end of the meeting.

1/17. Welcome and Housekeeping.

2/17. An Apology for absence was received from Cllr. T Williams due to a family Birthday. Cllr. B Mulready did not arrive.

Resolved that the apology for absence be accepted for Cllr. Williams

3/17. Minutes of the previous Full Council.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2017, that having been circulated and read were not signed as they were deemed inaccurate by Cllr. David Hinsley. These minutes will be presented at the May meeting after the inaccuracies have been corrected.

4/17 To receive reports from Borough Councillors, West Midlands Police and SMBC's Regeneration Department.

Borough Councillors D. Evans, R Hall sent in a combined report and F. Nash telephoned her report to the Clerk in the day. Chair read the reports to Councillors and members of the public. Copies of these reports are attached to the minutes in the minute book. No Report had been received from W M Police or the Regeneration team.

5/17 Finance:

5.1 Accounts for payment

Resolved: that the accounts for payment (Appendix A) be approved.

5.2 Report from RFO Mrs. Baudet. Cllr. A. Follows read out the Report attached to these minutes for the minute book.

5.3 To consider any other items for payment.

Resolved: One banner to be purchased for the Flower Festival at a cost of £47.

5.4 Invoice from former RFO. A letter indicating the circumstances of the costs had been received by the Chair and read out to the Council.

Cllr. A. Follows would take the letter home and study the facts before a decision is made.

5.5 Notice Box at the Allotments.

Resolved: that Mr. Talbot allotment holder will fit a new lock supplied by the KPC.

5.6 Before the meeting a representative from Optelec had demonstrated a piece of equipment to assist Councillor Daly to read council documents as part of her duty as a Parish Councillor.

Resolved: the Parish Council will purchase the equipment that was demonstrated to best suit Cllr. Daly's disability.

5.7 To consider under Section 137 financial help towards Meriden Park for up keep as SMBC is cutting funding.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley will report back when she attends a crisis meeting for MAPA.

A decision at this stage is to write to SMBC to oppose the cuts and request information on what funding is still available to Meriden Adventure Park was proposed by Cllr. Kimberley. Agreed.

6/17 Events

6.1 A report from Cllr. Tina Williams was given to the Councillors regarding the previous Christmas Tree Festival and the Flower Festival will go ahead. Clerk is contacting those that participated in the Christmas Tree Event.

Cllr. B. Follows offered to help put on a Christmas Event in the Parade after recent criticism from residents not doing enough for the children. Discussions here took place from various councillors. At the AGM it will be proposed to have the committees back. Report attached to these minutes for the minute book.

7/17 Allotments

7.1 It was agreed that two members of the Allotment holders will set up a committee to help run the allotments.

Resolved: To set up a committee involving the Allotment holders subject to terms of references. Cllr. Hinsley will help with information and advice. A point of reference will still be the Clerk.

The Jubilee Gardens was mentioned by three Councillors how disappointed they are in its appearance and expense.

Chair read out a update from Gro Organic.

Mr. Mark Frampton has been employed by Gro Organic to take care of the Jubilee Gardens. He reported certain little problems including rubbish which will be cleared soon. A report from Cllr. Hinsley regarding a recent visit to the Gardens that subsequently involved a complaint from a plot holder in connection with people going onto the allotments.

The perimeter hedge is still the responsibility of the KPC.

8/17 Pavilions: This item will be discussed in the private and Confidential.

9/17 M.E.B Lease. This agreement is still in the hand of the Solicitors. A cheque was received under the old lease for £50.

Resolved; send the cheque back with a letter.

10/17 Assets to benefit the Community

10.1 Over Green Hall was discussed regarding the possibility of benefiting the community under the localism act. A registration with SMBC would need to be completed.

Resolved: A committee will be set up to take charge of registering assets for the Parish Council to list and hopefully protect by bidding to save buildings.

11/17 Parade Shops

11.1 It was discussed here the closing of shops. Leases are not being renewed by Traders because there is not enough footfall in the Parade to justify shops staying open.

12/17 To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies

12.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Dawson reported the next meeting is in May.

12.2 WALC/SAC. Cllr. Hinsley said the next meeting will be in June

12.3 School Governors Reports. Yorkswood had a full Governors meeting to accept and approve Health and Safety regulations. Kingshurst Primary has recently had an offsted but nothing to report as yet.

12.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Cllr. Hinsley reported at a recent meeting the Topic was Transport within Solihull. Relevant to the North of the Borough was discussions on improvements to transport to the Hub and the Airport. Discussion on this has been ongoing for a couple of years. It would appear that certain Bus services are becoming reduced in the area.

12.5 Regen: The Clerk reported she had heard that SMBC's Planning officer Gary Palmer has left the Council.

13/17 Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:

13.1 Publication scheme and website. Cllr. David Hinsley reported ongoing problems with BT. KPC's new Website should be up and running soon.

13.2 Annual Resident Meeting will be held 25.4.17 at 7pm in the Pavilions. Topic is the Regeneration of the Parade. Posters advertising this will be distributed by Councillors.

13.3 A letter from West Midlands Combined Authority had been received and read out by Chair Cole.

To summarise the letter it says that there are adequate bus stops nearby within 400 metres. Network West Midlands have told Chair Cole they may reconsider the permanent removal of the Bus stop off Cooks Lane for the provision of building housing on Babb's Mill.

14/17 Planning: Nothing had been received.

15/17 Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:

15.1 Local Development Plan: Babb's Mill site – waiting for the Bus stop to be removed for access.

15.2 Mountfort Public House Site: Nothing discussed here.

15.3 Schedule of Call for sites submissions. Cllr. Hinsley reported a meeting of the local plan review has taken place. But as yet no minutes published.

16/17 Information items

16.1 Correspondence and emails

Fordbridge Town Council invitation to their Chairman’s Charity Event.

The letter was circulated.

Cllr. Tina Williams had previously said she would attend on behalf of the KPC if no other Councillor wanted to attend.

Resolved: Cllr. Tina will attend on behalf of the Chair.

16.2 Being aware that the law permits members of the public to record meetings. It was decided that the Clerk will write a notice asking members of the public to notify her of their intention to record.

Resolved: Each Agenda will have a notification printed so that members of the public will be aware that recording can take place within the meetings.

17/17 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.

It was noted by a member of the public there has been a spate of vandalism in the area regarding damage to cars.

Another member of the public said she was very interested in Cllr. Hinsleys comments regarding the Assets of local buildings. She asked if we could register the entire Parade. Chair asked her to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting for the residents on the 25th April to hear exactly what is going to happen to the Parade by SMBC.

The Car Park opposite the Allotments seems to be full of youths on bikes, and it is becoming intimidating. It was advised by Cllr. B. Follows to contact the Police and report them.

No cars are allowed within the area of the allotments.

Fly tipping was mentioned by Cllr. Hinsley in the area of the car park.

Yorkswold old allotments was reported to have a lot of rubbish in the area. The KPC will report this to SMBC.

Cllr. Hinsley informed the members of the public of how to report fly tipping on email to SMBC.

18/17 Councillors’ reports and items: Proposed by Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley that the Clerk only work on Mondays in the library and have Tuesdays for appointments only.

Resolved: A notice will be placed up to inform members of the public that the Clerk will only be available for drop in visits on Mondays and appointments of Tuesdays in the Library.

Bench under the stair well on the parade needs removing.

19/17 To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for **Tuesday May 9th** at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 6.30 pm. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 2nd May

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

Signed Date.....

Chair said there will be a break before the Private and Confidential part of the meeting.