



Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council
Full Council Meeting held on the 9th January 2018 at 7pm
At the Pavilions Sporting Club
Meriden Drive, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

Cllrs. present:

- D. Cole - Chair
- L. Cole
- P. Cooper-Hinsley
- D. Hinsley
- D. Woolley
- A. Follows
- J. Kimberley
- T. Williams
- B. Mulready

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

In Attendance: Borough Councillor Jean Hamilton, Clerk to the Council J Aske and 3 members of the public attended.

141/18 Chair Cole opened the meeting with the Welcome and Housekeeping.

142/18 Apologies: Cllr. S. Daly - unwell, Cllr. B. Follows – was going to attend but No heating on in the Pavilions and M. Dawson - DNA

143/18 Minutes of the previous Full Council.

Just before the minutes were signed Vice Chair Kimberley stood to discuss an issue regarding an apology to the members of the public by Cllr. David Hinsley. This is an agenda item 14.2. Chair asked that this wait until then.

Resolved: that the minutes of the Full Council and the Private and Confidential meeting held on 14th November 2017 that having been circulated and read were signed as a true record. Decembers Meeting did not take place owing to the venue closed because of an electrical power cut due to water getting into the power supply

144/18 To receive reports from Borough Councillors, West Midlands Police and SMBC's Regeneration Department. All written reports will be attached to the minutes for the minute book.

A report from Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Hall combined and Cllr Mark Wilson from December and a request by Cllr. D Evans to use her report with an addition for the January meeting. A further verbal report from Cllr. Nash was given to Chair Cole before the evening. David Mackins SMBC regen and the Police Officer Alan Cameron.

Chair read the reports. Cllr. Nash's report referred to the Doctors surgery building is in discussion but nothing substantial to report on. Cllr. Woolley responded to the report from P C Cameron and mentioned that drug dealers had been noted once again in the area. Chair would email Alan. A report from David Mackin of Regen referred to a link with new updates. Chair then invited Borough Councillor Jean Hamilton for her report.

Jean reported the December meeting with Crime Disorder Scrutiny and HS2 was cancelled. She mentioned the Youth Club in Castle Bromwich and the attendance by Kingshurst and Smithwood youngsters. Mark Wilson via Terri Knibb asked for details to be reported to Parish Councils. Times open Tuesdays and Wednesday from 6.30 – 8pm for 10 to 13 year olds and that they can just turn up.

The recent cabinet meeting basically reported that the area is now being widened on the draft plan for the Parade to incorporate a better chance of getting the plans passed. Any feedback they receive she will keep us updated on. The area now incorporates the possibility of obtaining the Vicarage. But no further knowledge is available. Jean spoke about putting forward the very best case to secure the funding for the regeneration.

Cllr. Jean Hamilton went on to mention the plans at Yorkswood School and that a meeting the next evening will be held to discuss the tender to approve the start on the new school. The work will include the new 2 form entry primary school with a 30 FTE place School nursery including the retention and refurbishment of the established Brambles Neighbourhood Nursery. The provision of a community hub in the adjacent Capitol House to replace the existing adult learning centre. The external areas are to be improved with sports pitches and a MUGA -a Multi Use Games Area- to serve as replacement facilities to enable greater access and usage by the community. She went onto mentioned the Meriden Constituency to discuss Crime and safety among other subjects where it allows the community to ask questions directly to the MP Caroline Spelman and Police Commander Tony Sadico. She said all wards will be covered, the Solihull meeting will be held in Arden School in Knowle.

One last item she wanted to mention was the awareness of the A452 now being a single lane and the impact it has on infrastructure and will get worse in the future. A reply, she said to this from Cllr. Ted Richards said that it was on his radar.

Chair thanked Cllr. Hamilton for her input.

145/18 Finance:

145.1 Chair of Finance did not read out the RFO's report as all members of the Council had been present in the Finance Committee meeting. All members of the Council received a copy of the report.

145.2 The finance committee approved cheques this evening to the value of £ 5148.38 for January payments. All approved and passed by the full council.

145.3 Precept Re working party meeting and report, to finalise and pass Precept for 2018/19

Resolution: The Precept of £47,393.00 was presented and agreed by all present. £1607 is a support Grant from SMBC which makes the total precept £49,000.00 over 11 percent decrease.

145.4 Purchase of microphone: Cllr. A. Follows will look into the two links and will finalise at the next meeting.

145.5 Repairs to fencing by plot 3 on the allotments. Mark Frampton allotment holder was asked if he could mend the chain linked fence by lifting the links back up with added metal work and give a costing to the Council. Mark offered to consider this.

145.6 VAT from Awards for all purchase of white picket fencing to be supplied by Gro Organic was agreed and passed.

Resolution to agree to pay the £1200 to Gro Organic for a fence around the phase two of the Jubilee Gardens. Majority agreed.

A second **Resolution** was then taken after discussion that a replacement gate or fencing leading out onto the public footpath be replaced by the KPC to a higher version to stop any perpetrators' from getting into the Gardens and allotment. Majority agreed. The Clerk will get in quotations.

145.7 Financial Regulation will be re written and updated.

145.8 To discuss back date to April 2017 the full amount of Members allowance owing to the precept being over £50k. **Resolution** All agreed to backdate the allowance.

145.9 To raise the allotment annual fee from £25 per plot to £35. **Resolution** to raise the allotment plot to £35 per year. All agreed

146/18 Events

146.1 Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley reported on the Christmas event and thanked all those that helped to make it an excellent success. The event was self funded. Cllr. A. Follows thanked Pauline and Linda for the hard work in organising the day. A letter received from Landrover Jaguar congratulating us on the event was read out by Chair Cole. A donation of £500 made the event self funded and left over money will be ring fenced for events this year.

Chair went on to report the Remembrance Service and thanked those for attending and Vice Chair Kimberley was thanked for carrying the KPC standard and participated in the procession.

Cllr A. Follows mentioned here the Christmas Tree lighting and reported that after the vandalising of the lights a couple of years ago Borough Cllr. Evans has secured that SMBC will possible supply new ones free of charge via Belway.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley reported that the working party would like to meet again regarding a summer event for families.

Chair mentioned here regarding the 1918 Armistice. Cllr. Woolley would like some effort made to commemorate this day. Ideas were discussed. All agreed that the KPC would contribute towards the commemoration.

147/18 Allotments

147.1 and 147.2 Vice Chair Kimberly reported that he and Cllr. Daly met with two members from Gro Organic. The meeting involved a lot of discussion and Cllr. Kimberley asked for a report to be emailed for the meeting. Unfortunately a report had not been received.

Vice Chair Kimberley said that tonight wasn't the evening to make any decisions and he is hoping further discussions will take place before the next full council meeting. Chair agreed.

Chair informed the Council that Sarah of Gro Organic is inviting dignitaries' to the gardens and it is hoped that the councillors will also be invited.

Vice chair carried on with his report and mentioned that Sarah reported how many different communities have used the facilities already at the Jubilee Gardens.

Cllr. Linda Cole noted that she had asked Sarah sometime ago for a breakdown of the two invoices. Nothing was received.

147.3 Chair Cole has asked for a quotation for the repair of the metal blue shed by an electric welder. A discussion took place regarding the keeping of it. It concluded that is used by allotment holders to shelter from rain and is a very useful for putting in tools etc.

Chair is hoping that it will only cost £200 to weld the patch that is leaking.

Cllr. Hinsley will amend the allotment rules with updates for new allotment holders regarding the upkeep of their plots.

148/18 Transport and Environmental.

148.1 Chair Cole has nothing to report here.

148.2 Chair had a report regarding the School Crossing at Overgreen Drive. He had been told that a motorbike did not stop for the lollipop person and weaved in and around the children crossing the road. He looked towards Borough Cllr Jean Hamilton who was aware of the situation. Chair has reported the incident to the School governors.

149/18 KPC Documents:

149.1 Website management. Following the unsuccessful attempts to engage a website manager it was decided that Cllr. David Hinsley is happy to manage it himself. All agreed. The Clerk can send electronic agendas and minutes to Cllr. Hinsley and he can maintain the site. Pages to be re written was discussed and all voted for Cllr. Hinsley to control it. He asked that he be covered by other councillors to check his work.

149.2 Review of Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council in 2012 – Cllr Cooper-Hinsley would like this to go onto the next agenda as she has never seen a copy and didn't know we even had one. Chair agreed for it to go onto the next agenda.

149.3 Pavilions sporting Club – nothing discussed here as it was work was clearly being done to those present.

150/18 To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies

150.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: No report.

150.2 WALC/SAC. Cllr. Hinsley reported the next meeting is the 25th January 2018.

150.3 School Governors Reports. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned a Governors meeting will be in a week's time.

Chair Cole said that Kingshurst Primary Governors meeting is also in a week's time.

150.4 Solihull Partnership Forum: nothing discussed here

151/18 Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:

151.1 The Publication scheme required by law, information is being sorted by the RFO and will need to make decisions and adopted in the next meeting. All councillors have a copy of the documentation.

151.2 The Parade Gates. Cllr. Woolley reported that the opening and closing of the gates is totally inconsistent once again. He will monitor the times and report to the next Parish council meeting. This then can be reported to SMBC who pay the contractors. Fear that some locking times of the gates are too late in the night or open all night.

152 /18 Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: Nothing received. Nothing received.

153/18 Planning: proposed for the future

153.1 Local Development Plan: Nothing discussed here.

153.2 Mountford Public House Site: Nothing discussed here.

153.3 Schedule of Call for sites submissions. Nothing discussed here.

154/18 Information items

154.1 Correspondence and emails: All members of the council had a log of emails and post. The General Data protection emails to have a Data Protection officer have been ongoing and Clerks are unsure at this time. Further information will come from NALC and Central government as smaller bodies are going to be included in this. Cllr. Hinsley said he thought we should hang fire and wait for the publications.

154.2 Chair asked Cllr. David Hinsley if he would like to address the KPC Councillors and members of the public regarding an apology for a breach of Kingshurst Parish Councils Code of Conduct. Cllr. Hinsley said he had written a letter of apology to the gentlemen concerned and he apologised to all members at the November meeting. He said he stands by everything he said in the original meeting with Gro Organic. He considered that the Council owes him a vote of thanks as now Gro Organic is communicating with the KPC regarding our concerns of the standard of the work in Phase Two. Cllr. Williams and Cllr. Hinsley spoke to each other here regarding the situation that occurred. Other councillors were all talking at the same time. Cllr. Kimberley spoke also about the tone of Cllr. Hinsleys behaviour. Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley said that he has apologised and Deborah Merry was happy with what David had done and what he had said. Chair asked to draw a line under this now.

155/18 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.

Chair asked for members of the public to speak. The lady spoke of the congestion on the A452. Problems at peak times and just one lane instead of the original dual carriageway. She went on to explain that it is less than a mile long and has three sets of traffic lights. She cannot understand why Solihull Council do not use an underpass. It runs parallel to the M6 so if problems occur on the M6 it affects the A452. The amount of new homes and more commuters have resulted in utter chaos and she considers it really needs to be looked at as getting to work is becoming a problem. She wanted to know where the infrastructure is. Chair and Cllr. Hinsley spoke here regarding the infrastructure. It was the government's decision to get people out of cars and on public transport and bikes. This is clearly not working as the buses are now been cut. More new properties to be built will add to the complete breakdown of the infrastructure in her opinion. Other members of the public agreed with her and spoke about the development on Hurst Lane and how ridiculous that design was. Chair will speak with the lady after the meeting.

156/18 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas: Nothing reported here for a Parish Council issues.

157/18 To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for **Tuesday 13th February 2018** is likely to be cancelled as premises will be under re-furb.

A gentlemen in the public thanked the council for the Christmas event and that he made £2k for the Childrens Birmingham Hospital on his stall.

Meeting Closed at 20.30

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