



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of Full Council Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council  
held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm  
At the Seeds of Hope Parish Room  
Kingshurst B37 6BY**

Cllrs. present: Cllrs. Chair. J. Kimberley, L. Cole, S. Daly, D. Woolley, T Williams, A. Follows.

## **In attendance**

Borough Councillor Ben Groome, (Cllr. Cole will be arriving later).

Police PCSO's Deborah Roberts and Michelle Collins.

J Aske – Clerk and 5 members of the public.

Apologies Received from Borough Cllrs. Flo Nash, Jean Hamilton and Mark Wilson.

**169/19.** Chair welcomed everyone and informed those present of Fire regulations etc.

**170/19** Apologies: Came in from Text Message lat 7.30pm into the meeting to A Follows that Cllrs. B. Follows - Illness and M. Dawson – stuck in traffic in Wolverhampton.

Louise Baudet RFO – Holiday. Cllr. David Cole will arrive shortly.

Before the minutes were passed the councillors and members of the public spoke on the recent crime of the Childrens' swings stolen from the Park.

Before the minutes were signed chair spoke on the commitment asked by the KPC for 'Surf for Sewage' as paperwork was unclear. Cllr. Groome spoke briefly on the fact that it wants to council to stop the use of single use plastics by 2020. Cllr. T Williams had reservations on the contents of the paperwork that is to be signed. This would wait until Cllr. David Cole arrived to explain the contents of the paperwork.

*The Minutes were signed at the end of this meeting.*

**171/19** To approve and pass the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14<sup>h</sup> February 2019

**Resolved:** that the Full Council minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 that having been circulated and read were signed as a true record and passed at the end of the meeting.

**172/19 To receive reports:** Chair asked Borough Councillor Ben Groome for Smiths Wood to take the floor. He advised his report was the same as those received by email. For the benefit of the public, Cllr. Groome read the report. He spoke on the significant new plans for the Parade. D I A L may have to leave the Parade as they will be joining one Social Care Service in Solihull. A protest on the 9<sup>th</sup> April at the Solihull Council House will take place to put pressure on the Councillors regarding the decisions to take D I A L out of the area.

Laburnum Avenue has started to have their improvement with the grasscrete work. This has resulted in less parking spaces but it does look much better.

Kingshurst Litter picking on the 25<sup>th</sup> February resulted in 90 bags in 90 minutes.

Chair spoke on the DIAL situation and the reason for all the care services being in one place. Money is obviously the issue.

Cllr. Groome said that DIAL is a specialised Service and he hoped the decision to merge with the other services like Age UK and CAB will be changed.

Chair spoke of the total funding and wondered if the same sum of money is available for the whole services, is the same as last year.

Cllr. Groom was not certain but Cllr. Hamilton may know the answer. He said it would have gone out to tender.

Chair asked if the information could be passed to the Clerk if Cllr. Hamilton has the answer. Member of the public former Cllr. David Hinsley said that SDMBC had totally changed the ground rules this time round in as much as DIAL could previously bid to do work in one particular area and the same applied with the CAB bid. But this time anyone that was going to bid had to bid for the whole of the services. A bid was put forward with other care services but it appears that there were two groups bidding for the same tender.

Borough Cllr. Groome very strongly suspected this.

Chair spoke again of the demonstration before Solihull Council Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April.

SMBC have said there will be no reduction in the Services they provide Cllr. Groome noted. But he hoped that there will be a change of mind regarding DIAL. The funding for DIAL finishes on April 1<sup>st</sup> he concluded.

Cllr. S Daly spoke here on Age UK and was not happy with the service they provided to her personally as a member of the public. She hopes that DIAL will be kept.

A member of the public spoke on how DIAL's care and understanding was amazing and helped her family enormously. She is very sad the service will no longer be a local care service here in Kingshurst.

A written report had been received from Cllr. Wilson and Cllr. Jean Hamilton.

At 7.20pm two PCSO's arrived. Chair Kimberley asked them to take the floor. They didn't have a report as such. She spoke of her sergeant that is on long term sick leave.

Chair went into the next part of the agenda so members of the public can ask questions to the two PCSO's

**173/19. 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 the public if there was anything they wanted to raise.

David Hinsley revisited DIAL's problems again. He suggested contact info go out to people to report on the care services as a way of monitoring complaints. Social Media was suggested.

Chair said it is worthwhile lobbying the Council. It will indicate strength of feeling.

Member of the public spoke to the PCSO's referencing recent incidents of a white van with the occupants trying front doors and cars in peoples properties. PCSO Roberts spoke on investigations and the evidence needed. She can look at the log for the member of the public.

Cllr. Williams spoke on nuisance callers scamming on mobile phones. The PCSO' spoke and gave the advice to victims asking for their information to be removed from the data base.

Cllr. Sheila Daly also reported that she has nuisance calls. The PCSO advised that equipment can be purchased that intervene the call. She said again that she needs to say that her number needs to be taken from the data base. Discussions further on this subject. Cllr. A. Follows explained what Cllr. Daly can do with her land line from Sky to stop nuisance calls.

Chair asked the councillors to stop talking across. Chair asked if anyone had anything burning to speak personally through the PCSO's so the meeting of the agenda could continue.

Cllr. Woolley asked through the chair he wanted all to hear his concerns. He asked the PCSO's if they had a recent problem with moped muggers. He had witnessed recently a young man on a moped that seemed to be riffling through a ladies handbag and then threw the bag in the hedge. PCSO Roberts asked what Cllr. Woolley did. Cllr. Woolley had walked past the man. He did not report police. PCSO asked Cllr. Woolley why he didn't report it. Cllr. Woolley commented that the police couldn't protect him and it wasn't his job to report it. An argument ensued.

The PCSO's, members of the public and Councillors became outraged with Cllr. Woolley's comments. A member of the public said she was disgusted with the Parish Council. She had lived all her life in Kingshurst and said the Parish Council had acted disgracefully. The member of the public continued to speak and directed her comments to Councillor Woolley and his behaviour.

Cllr. Woolley spoke directly to the member of public regarding the differences of private opinions.

Chair called for Order and went on to the next part of the agenda. The member of the public said the action (to go onto the next part of the agenda) was rude. She said if that is the way this Parish Council runs she is totally disgusted.

Further arguing continued. PSCO Collins clarified she did not want members of the public get involved with someone at the time. But it needs to be reported after the event by calling 101. Chair asked for order as the meeting was becoming out of control with all people speaking at once.

Chair went onto Finance on the agenda.

**174/19 Finance:** Chair of Finance Cllr. Alvin Follows reported as follows:

174.1 The Full Council agreed to pass the April 2019's cheque list at £2237.38. The balance in the bank is £48,498.89. The addition of £12 for Website Provider's Initial payment. The confirmation of KPC's attempt to open a HSBC Treasurers' account was never opened. A commemorative gift for former Councillor B. Mulready will be looked into in more detail on the future agenda. Chair Kimberley spoke on the consideration for donation towards D.I.A.L under section 137 as Chair of Finance A. Follows declared a conflict of Interest as Chair of DIAL. Chair Kimberley spoke on the points and issues concerning DIAL. The Charity is closing on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. He is not certain that any sum of money will now benefit as the service will be under Age UK as one whole concern. He asked if the Councillors had any other thoughts. No other Councillors spoke. Chair invited Cllr. A. Follows to give any further information. Cllr. Follows has a confirmation that the premises of DIAL can be kept for a further 12 months with no rent at the moment. He knew that DIAL were looking into other funding streams. He spoke on the staff and two members have already taken redundancy and two are left. He said they were trying desperately to get it to survive but with too much uncertainty he cannot give any further details. He finished the Finance part of the agenda.

PSCO Roberts asked here if there was anything else as they were off duty at 8pm.

Chair thanked the PSCO's for their contribution and said if anyone needs to speak with them to do it personally.

Chair asked if we could revisit the issues with DIAL next month.

The Finance report was approved.

Before Chair Kimberley went on with the agenda, Cllr. Daly asked the chair to make a point that Cllr. Woolley has brought this council in to distribute and she wanted this noted. She does not want to get tarred with the same brush she said.

Cllr. Woolley said it was his personal opinion.

Chair Kimberley commented here that Cllr. Woolley responded as a Councillor. Chair continued that commenting from the position you sit at the table misleads the public.

Cllr. Woolley apologised to the lady in the public and the Police but said he will not change his opinion. He referred again to the incident he witnessed, he said at the time he didn't see it a suspicious it just appeared to be a ladies handbag he was rummaging in. He said he didn't take that much notice at the time. But a bag was in the hedge.

The member of the public spoke again on Cllr. Woolley comments to the Police and how disappointed she is with a Councillor's behaviour.

Chair wanted to bring order again. He hoped that the apologies were accepted. He noted here it is not the way the Council conducts itself usually. He appreciated Cllr. Daly's comments. He hopes a line can be drawn under it and we can all move on.

**175/19 Events To receive and approve reports from KPC Events working party and make decisions as appropriate.** Nothing to report here.

**176/19 Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.**

The Committee of the allotments had taken place earlier in the evening. Chair Kimberley spoke on the clearing of the area and the improvement. An Allotment association is being pursued and an Invite to the National Allotments Association Midlands Member has been emailed as a guest to the next allotment meeting to talk about forming an Association.

**177/19 Transport and Environmental.**

**178/19 KPC Documents/legislations to be discussed and make decisions as appropriate**

178.1 Western Power- Re substation. It was noted here that Western Power are contributing £200 plus VAT towards the Solicitors Fees of the new contract.

**179/19 To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies**

179/1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Dawson was not present for a report.

179/2 WALC/SAC – Chair asked former Councillor Hinsley if he had any comments. David spoke that next Tuesday the New Charter between the Parish Councils and the Borough Councils will be introduced. All Parish Councillors are invited at the Studio in the Core for 5pm. Chair thanked David.

179/3 School Governors Reports. Cllr. Followers had nothing to report on Yorkswood School as the meetings will be held next week.

Cllr. Cole reported that the Kingshurst Primary will become a four class intake and SMBC are building a new classroom. This will bring the numbers to 600.

Funding for Caterpillars is hoped to come to fruition from SMBC soon.

The resignation of the Head Mr. Berry was reported and he will be leaving at the end of the year.

**180/19 Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:**

Discussions took place here on the litter picking and the big spring clean on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. Schools will all be involved. Cllr. Cole spoke on the Mayor accepting an invite to come and have a photo opportunity with the litter pickers.

Chair spoke here on the Plastic Sewage Surfer. This is issued to Parish Councils asking for a pledge motion to reduce the amount of plastic used. This was passed at the February meeting but further information was sort.

Chair Kimberley told the council that the paperwork was being considered but not signed. The Council were advised by Marcus Brain that effectively the paperwork had already been approved at put into motion as a Parish Council needed to head the commitment for the rest of the community to be enrolled in the campaign. The filling in of the form was discussed here and concerns of the pledge. The Councillors conduct will be taken into consideration when signing the paperwork. Reservations of the particulars in the paperwork were discussed here.

The Councillors were assured that it was safe to sign.

Cllr. Williams does not want her name on the paperwork. Chair said it will be revisited. He went on to the next part of the agenda.

**181/19 Planning:** To consider and comment on any planning applications received: None received.

**182/19 Planning: proposed for the future.** Nothing received.

**183/19 Information items:** To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

183/1 Correspondence and emails. All councillors receive a list of emails and post before the meeting.

The Clerk asked the councillors to look at the emails relating to HYPE. HYPE has asked for a donation towards the running of the activities for local young people in Kingshurst being run by

Sarah Evans and Debbie Evans. Cllr. Cole spoke on the needs for the Children in Kingshurst. He would like the Parish Council to support it. He said there were 15 youths that are attending the Club and take them away from drug dealers and drinking cans of beer on the streets.

Marcus Brain noted here that funding will help towards the rent of the room etc.

Chair Kimberley asked for further details. It was thought that it runs every Wednesday evening.

It was decided that a formal application should be sought with the details of the charity and its registration etc. Action Clerk to write and ask for an official application with Charity details.

A further notification in the correspondence was an invite to a WALC workshop on the 19<sup>th</sup> March for a lesson in VAT. No response from Councillors to attend.

Event organiser Paul Gooch emailed he has many dates in the Summer available for a KPCV Fun day but wanted to know what the budget is for Fair Ground rides.

A letter had been received from the Dogs Trust where they can send a representative to one of our meetings to discuss K9 care. Noted - Not at this point in the year.

**184/19 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future Agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

Cllr. David Cole spoke here as he was absent at the beginning of the meeting as attended another meeting.

A street watch has been set up. This will be emailed to the councillors. He hoped more residents will apply to be part of the group. It is two hours a month. Insurance is included.

Bus service cuts with Transport West midlands are still being discussed and David will keep us updated.

The Romanian Church put on an open day. The parking situation is being discussed. The borough Council has taken over the organising of the parking etc. Fines will be issued for un authorised parking.

He was encouraged by the numbers appealing to SMBC to keep DIAL in our community.

Planning of the second concepts of the Parade has cleared the scrutiny board. The Third step will be discussing the planning with the public. David said funding is in place now.

Chair spoke to David regarding the Easter Celebration of the Romanian Church. The event may be taken elsewhere.

Chair Kimberley hopes that the residents have been kept informed.

Cllr. David Cole said yes he has assured SMBC of the concerns the residents have.

Chair asked the members of the public if they had any questions for Councillor Cole.

Mr. Mark Frampton spoke on the residents been notified regarding the Easter Services at the Church. Issues were discussed here.

Chair spoke here regarding residents and a meeting with the authorities. He said they need to see members of SMBC personally so they know they are being listened too.

Marcus Brain spoke also on the needs of the residents and how engagements from the Church with local residents are being done, concerns of the Easter Service have been shared and taken seriously. The distrust has now been dissolved as all sides are willing to enter into dialogue.

**185/19 Date of next meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019** at the Seeds of Hope Parish Room of St. Barnabas, Kingshurst B37 6EY Any agenda items are to be notified by the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The minutes of the previous meeting were passed at the end of this meeting.

Meeting concluded at 20.40

Signed ..... Date.....