



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Full Council Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 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, A. Follows, M. Dawson, B Follows and D. Cole

**In attendance** Police PCSO's Cameron and Collins attended at 7.17pm. J Aske – Clerk and 9 members of the public. No Apologies Received from Borough Cllrs.

Before the meeting started Chair Kimberley read out a notice from Seeds of Hope. A free Defibrillator demo session is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm all welcome.

**1/19.** Chair welcomed everyone and informed those present of Fire regulations etc.

**2/19** Apologies: Cllr T Williams – Holiday and Louise Baudet RFO –Working.

**3/19** To approve and pass the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14<sup>h</sup> March 2019  
**Resolved:** that the Full Council minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 that having been circulated and read were signed as a true record and passed at the end of the meeting.

**4/19 To receive reports:** Chair asked Cllr. David Cole for his Borough Councillor report. The economic development of SMBC on the 5<sup>th</sup> March passed the objective plans for the new centre here in Kingshurst. Further negotiations with residents and Parish councillors will be progressed to see how the development will proceed in the second stage.

He referred to the West Midlands Police and that discussion with David Jamieson regarding the bikes and moped in the park. A reply has been received but not read from the Chief Constable.

David has a meeting with the managing director of National Express on the 10<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the busses in the area. He hopes something positive will come from this meeting.

Chair thanked David for his report.

Chair asked Cllr. Maxine Dawson if she had anything to report from the Airport Committee. Maxine reported that the next meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. She then added that a large part of the next meeting will be regarding the air pollution. Birmingham as a whole has a bad problem with air pollution.

**5/19. 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 members of the public to participate. He asked that the members say their name before asking questions.

Mr. Shakespeare asked why Marston Green and the retail park trees had been covered in netting. Cllr. David Cole said that this subject was discussed in the SMBC's Full Council and that the netting will be removed.

Cllr. B. Follows wanted to know why the trees near the NEC had been cut down.

Cllr. D. Cole said it was connected with the HS2 before the birds start nesting.

Chair reminded the committee that this is for the public participation.

Chair gave Miss Sarah Evans of HYPE to have the opportunity to address the Council

Sarah spoke in her capacity of running the local organisation known as HYPE. Helping Young People Excel she explained that it came about when it was clear the authorities were not prepared to do anything regarding activities with young people in the area. Herself and others decided to create the small Youth organisation. She explained the humble beginnings and how it has progressed to running a rented hall for the youth club at Capitol House. She said it is well attended. She spoke on the children attending and the partnership with Greggs where left over food is given to the young people so they are fed and safe.

Various activities are organised to give the youth fun and learning. She gave an example of having a DJ workshop.

She said a donation for the rent would be appreciated from the KPC. This is £25 per week.

She finished by saying whatever donation the KPC can spare will go to the right people here.

Invest in the young people is their motto as they are the future. Sarah thanked the Council for their time.

Chair Kimberley said we will pick up on this request in the Finance part of the agenda.

Chair asked if any other members of the public would like to participate.

Paul Sultana resident from Cooks Lane wanted to announce that this Saturday as part of the keep Britain Tidy campaign, a number of North Solihull community groups will be coming together to arrange a large litter pick. This will be based around the area of Babbs Mill to meet at 10.30am at the basket ball courts.

He went on to explain they will be covering all parts of Kingshurst as they have a minimum of about 20 arriving. Equipment will be provided. He asked for the support of those present.

Fordbridge and Smiths Wood litter pickers will be among the group.

Cllr. David Cole spoke here on the hope that next year SMBC may get a team of litter pickers to come out and accompany our groups and let them see for themselves what is being done locally.

A member of the public, Sally. She told the council that in October last year she created a small community interest in tree art. Delivery bush craft to younger children in the area on Saturday mornings and in school holidays for a small charge. The charge is necessary as they rent a small area in Yorkswood. The Scouts hut has been adapted as necessary to the projects the children enjoy. Creative and craft orientated. She went on to say that she is looking for help with manpower for space with growing vegetables for the children to learn to grow and cook with. She asked the council for support with advertising and putting policies in place for a safe environment for children with working parents.

Chair of Finance A. Follows spoke here regarding Sally's request. He said with individuals wanting to help that is down to themselves, but regards the Allotment site this is not under the Kingshurst Parish Council. It was thought it may belong to the Birmingham Council or Solihull M B Council.

Chair asked the public for any other comments

The swings in the park were enquired about and that they had been stolen sometime ago. The conclusion from Cllr. David Cole is that the apparatus's need to be made by specialised manufacture's.

Chair closed the public participation.

The PSCO's arrived and gave an update. Fires in Babbs Mill are being started. Groups of youths on bikes are causing anti social behaviour. A meeting of the police and the Council has been arranged to discuss ASB. The next meeting they will update the KPC.

Street watch by local residents discussed and incident here that had happened earlier.

PSCO said members of the public are hesitant in giving reports and information but this can be done anonymously. If members of the public came forward they would have more of a case to prosecute.

Discussion took place here between members of the public.

Cllr. D. Cole spoke here regarding children riding bikes playing chicken in oncoming traffic.

Chair thanked the PSCO's and went on to the next part of the agenda.

**6/19 Finance:** Chair of Finance Cllr. Alvin Follows briefly gave notes on the RFO report and the cheques for approval were passed but the actual figure was deferred. The balance in the bank account at 31<sup>st</sup> march is £44632.00.

6.1 The Full Council agreed to pass the April 2019's cheque list. The Finance report was approved.

Chair of Finance referred to Section 137 for donations that have requested by HYPE. Cllr. A. Follows quoted the legislation that section 137 adheres too. He expressed that he would write to the RFO to see if there is another way of giving a local community a donation. Another consideration for a donation was for DIAL. Cllr. A. Follows declared an interest in DIAL. Chair Kimberly spoke here generally on the donation process. He said he didn't think the Parish Council would consider donation requests if they were not in the forms of a written application. Chair was interrupted here by Sarah Evans regarding emails sent to the Clerk. Chair said he was not talking specifically about the HYPE request. He went on to say it's a general point he is making. Chair spoke of information required like the financial reports of the organisation. He pointed out that if the organisation had just been set up finance reports would not exist. He continued and said that never the less the Parish Council would normally look for some kind of financial report. Organisation being registered as a charity he said would have a better chance of donations from Parish Councils.

He reiterated all requests must be made in writing.

It was noted that DIAL had not put in a formal request to the Parish Council.

Chair asked Alvin to give an update to the current situation with DIAL.

Cllr. A. Follows- DIAL is in a similar situation as CAB. He referred to Marcus Brain sitting in the members of the public. Both bodies funding had been withdrawn. SMBC have offered to extend the lease on the premises for DIAL for 12 months rent free. With no money, new clients are referred to the hub where Age UK are offering the service. Feedback had been noted that there were many complaints. Cllr. A. Follows asked Marcus Brain to add anything else to the report. Marcus said that he has regularly met with Alice and he confirmed the feedback in terms of the Age UK is shocking and that Age UK have no idea what DIAL does. Complaints are many. He mentioned the recent protest outside the Council House last Tuesday which strengthened their cause. Marcus said it was clear that the Council is embarrassed about what has happened. The proposal of extended free rent on the DIAL premises will not help. Marcus has a meeting booked with the Councils CEO, as findings are, that clients from DIAL are being sent around in one big loop achieving nothing. He said how shocking this is. Age UK do not have the specialist expertise to deal with DIAL clientele. An appeal has been dismissed for both CAB and DIAL. In conclusion Alvin will contact the office and ask DIAL to put in an official application to the KPC for a donation request. Section 137 was discussed as DIAL do help a huge percentage of people in Kingshurst.

Cllr. David Cole spoke here on HYPE and asked the council to consider a donation owing to the lack of places the Youth of Kingshurst can go. He spoke on the concerns of the youth falling in to gangs, crime and drugs. David spoke on the thefts in the shops affecting everyone in the area. He spoke on the police time being taken up with youth gangs. He said SMBC will not do anything. He said to the Committee, the KPC can help towards the voluntary groups in the area and right across the Parishes. David said he would like to support the HYPE for a donation as it affects everyone in the area. Further discussions took place regarding the financial commitment and the way ahead for KPC to give donations.

Miss Sarah Evans replied to Cllr. Dawson regarding the small number of youths attending. Sarah spoke on the positive highlights of individual's achievements that attend their HYPE organisation. The space at the moment can only provide help for up to 25 youths, but working with other organisations in the community will help. Time, for progress is needed in the organisation and numbers of teenagers it can help.

Cllr. David Cole said once again lets support this opportunity.

Chair of Finance A. Follows proposed the KPC donate a sum of money to HYPE.

Chair Kimberley stopped the proposal and spoke that in principal he is in favour of the donation but legally it is required that a formal application be received. An off the cuff decision cannot be made.

Discussion took place regarding the emails and letters that either party had not received going back to September last year. The Clerk never received the original emails from Mrs. Debbie Evans requesting a donation for rent.

Chair said here the Council has to cover its self and a letter setting out a case for the money is required formally. This is for every application. The KPC need to justify using tax payers money for public good.

Miss Sarah Evans understood and said a letter would be written to the Clerk.

Chair spoke on the responsibility of SMBC for Youth and Community services and how their services have been run down for sometime but it is still their legal responsibility. He noted the local facility that was left to go to ruin over a good many years.

Chair asked to consider that whatever the KPC support we must at the same time point the finger at those responsible for the decline in youth and community services.

Chair of finance said in principle the donation of £300 has been approved but the paperwork needs to come in as soon as possible. In the agenda for May it can be voted on for approval.

A commemorative gift for a former councillor will be finalised on the May agenda.

He thanked everyone.

**7/19 Events To receive and approve reports from KPC Events working party and make decisions as appropriate.** Nothing to report. A working party needs to be organised.

**8/19 Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** In the Committee meeting earlier the main item was discussing the idea of the holders running an allotment association. Further meetings will take place and an invite to a member of the National Allotment Society is hoped to give us more information so a decision can be made.

**9/19 Transport and Environmental:** Cllr. Cole spoke of the meeting he has arranged with National Express on the 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**10/19 KPC Documents/legislations to be discussed and make decisions as appropriate**

10.1 Western Power- Re substation. Cllr. Cole has had a verbal message from Richard Holt re the paperwork and it will be sorted shortly.

**11/19 To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies**

11/1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Dawson had earlier briefed the council on the air pollution and the next meeting is the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

11/2 WALC/SAC – The next meeting is on the 18<sup>th</sup> April at the Civic Suite of the Council House.

11/3 School Governors Reports. Cllr. Follows spoke on the new school is being built rapidly. A site visit proved positive and it is hoped the new school will be up and running by the whitsun break.

Cllr. David Cole spoke on a new head being sourced for the Kingshurst Primary, the School is going into three form entry in a couple of years time. Disruptions look likely over the time period of the adjustments.

Chair spoke on the numbers of both schools and asked Alvin and David for more information. Both schools are full to capacity. The three form entry is necessary because of numbers in Kingshurst Primary. The same went for the Yorkwood school some years ago and now a new school is having to be built to accommodate the pupils. Further discussions on the square metre per child, the housing and the infrastructure.

**12/19 Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:**

12.1 Parish and Town Councils and Solihull M B Council Charter – Cllr. Cole deferred this item.  
12.2 Romanian Orthodox Church Easter Services: The service will be held outside of Kingshurst this year. Cllr. David Cole said he would like to publically thank the people that persuaded SMBC and the Romanian Church themselves for getting the venue changed for this Easter.  
Chair Kimberley spoke here on an email communication from last year in connection with the Easter Service and briefly readout the reply from the Bishop. The reply indicated that the Easter Services new venue will be found not just for this year but for future years. This email was dated the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Chair concluded that the intension was to try and find an alternative venue.  
Cllr. B. Follows asked about other events in the year.  
Chair spoke here on the residents will need to inform us. He hopes that it will be honoured.  
12.3 Velo Road Race – Cllr. Cole spoke on the Cycle race that is coming through Kingshurst Cooks Lane. A 100 mile road race will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. Flyers are available. Road closures will be necessary. Cllr. Cole listed all of the roads which will be affected.  
12.4 Paperwork for Surfers against Sewage (Environmental charity tackling plastic pollution) Cllr. Cole deferred this to next month.

**13/19 Planning:** To consider and comment on any planning applications received: None received.

**14/19 Planning: proposed for the future.** Nothing received.

**15/19 Information items:** To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

15/1 Correspondence and emails. All councillors receive a list of emails and post before the meeting. A letter to the Chairman inviting him to a charity Ball from Fordbridge Town Council had been received. Chair Kimberley will be attending.

15.2 Annual Parish Meeting possible dates (before 1<sup>st</sup> June) and guests. The date for a Annual Parish Council residents meeting is proposed 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Guests were discussed and the thoughts were considered as a representative from Youth Services. David Cole will get a name for the Clerk.

Love Solihull will also be contacted to inform residents about the groups in the area discussing litter picking environmental issues locally. Marcus Brain will get in touch with a representative for the Clerk.

David Jamieson the Police Commissioner was also an action for the Clerk, Cllr. David Cole will ask him as he know him personally.

The Clerk will book the Seeds of Hope room for two hours.

**16/19 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.

**17/19 Date of next meeting** – This was discussed. It concluded that 7<sup>th</sup> May is necessary as four councillors will be away up to the 16<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr. Cole made provisional bookings of the Fordbridge Centre and the Kingshurst Primary School. Discussions on the of swearing in took place.

It was established the School will be more suitable but it would have to be a 7pm start as more acceptable for residents. Chair asked for consideration to switch to Thursday Meetings permanently in the Seeds of Hope.

Chair thanked everyone.

Meeting finished at 8.35pm

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