



Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council
Annual Parish Residents Meeting held on the 25th April 2017 at 7pm
At the Pavilions Sporting Club
Meriden Road, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

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

In Attendance: Guest Speakers SMBC's UK Central Project Manager for the Regeneration Programme Kingshurst Parade – David Mackins
J Aske – Clerk

Thirty Two members of the public attended.

Apologies were received from: Cllrs. B. Follows, T. Williams, and John Kimberley.

1. Chair Cole opened the meeting with a welcome and any apologies. He then asked for a proposal to elect a Chair for the meeting.
A proposal took place.
2. To consider the approval of the minutes of the last Annual Residents Meeting held on the 26th April 2016. Approved.
3. Guest Speaker: Chair introduced SMBC'S David Mackins of The Regeneration of the Parade. Mr. Mackins thanked the KPC for inviting him.
The main engagements with the groups locally feed back over 400 responses regarding their likes and dislikes of the Parade. These flagged important issues to consider one being that trade suffers from a low foot-fall. The regeneration team are encouraged by the Traders that will stay in Kingshurst and want to take part in the regeneration programme.
Community housing, the library, the GP surgery and the Chemist are very important facilities to bring people into the Parade. These services could all be put together as a one stop.
Mr. Mackins spoke of negotiations with the NHS to bring more GP's into the centre. As the more services the parade has, will increase the footfall.
This will enhance the overall vibrancy of the centre he explains. He mentioned here that the Library services are undertaking a review at the moment so it is hard for them to commit to anything just yet.
Mr. Mackins went on to say they understand what is needed in the area. Models are being put together with different options and benefits of different costings and layouts.
These Options will be put to Cabinet in June.
When approved is received of the plans he can come back with more information to us.
Chair opened up to questions and answers from members of the public.
Frustration from residents came across with the ever increasing promises related to the time it is all taking.

Reassurances were required by residents on the plans that they would be considered in the design. Anti Social behaviour was mentioned here. Minimising these issues is paramount. Borough Cllr. Flo Nash enquired about the funding and the promises of the regeneration with people unsure of what is actually happening. Answers are needed now after all these years. Mr. Mackins replied by saying they are actively working on the project everyday and plans are being drawn up.

Chair Cole mentioned here that anyone living above the shops on the Parade is caught up in limbo. He said that SMBC told him that the Library would stay as part of the regeneration programme.

The Mountfort site was mentioned here as an important part of the plans. The site can be potentially used to house business on while the Parade is being regenerated. These would be temporary buildings.

Many residents spoke of their concerns and the feeling of no clarification is making everyone uncertain of their future in Kingshurst.

Mr. Mackins was unable to answer some of the questions regarding re-housing individuals and how many members are working on the project of the regeneration of the Parade.

Leasing of the empty shops was mentioned here. Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley said this is nothing to do with SMBC and the group owning the Leases says that the premises are not required.

It was overall felt that Kingshurst has been neglected for too long and the residents are of the opinion that they have been forgotten and termed as a low priority.

Mr. Mackins appreciated that promises and expectations made in the past must be put right. The budget has not been identified but the regeneration funding will come in once the needs and facilities are established, formulated and designed.

Social housing and affordable housing was discussed here.

David Mackin mentioned that the needs of adult social care and assisting living was a possibility for the area.

A resident said that local shops are a necessity for elderly residents and hoped the planners will get on with the regeneration and stop sitting on their hands.

Cllr. Hinsley mentioned the disbanding of the Parade meetings that took place with Alison Lush then Tracy Brand and then SMBC does not want to put effort into the group. He said if there is any support for the group to continue he will try a start a steering group. Anyone interested should contact him. Support was ascertained and he said he would email everyone and start up a group.

Chair asked Mr. Mackins if he would report back the feelings of the residents and how disheartened they are feeling.

Chair thanked Mr. Mackins for attending and listening to the residents of Kingshurst.

4. Nothing discussed under 'Matters arising from the previous minutes'.

5. Chairman's Report: Chair Cole read out his report. No comments were made.

6. Any other Parish Matters. Nothing reported here.

Meeting Closed at 8pm

Signed..... Dated