



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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 Clerk to the Council: David Hinsley

## Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7pm at the Seeds of Hope, Overgreen Drive B37 6BY

**Council Members Present:** Cllrs: A. Follows(chair), J. Kimberley, M. Frampton, P. Sultana, L. Cole, D. Woolley, R Whiskens, D. Cole

**In attendance:** Borough Cllrs. Flo Nash & Marcus Brain  
 Six members of the public  
 Acting Clerk D. Hinsley,

1912.01	<b>Welcome &amp; Housekeeping</b> Chair A. Follows welcomed everyone and informed those present of Fire regulations and Housekeeping etc.	<b>Action</b>
1912.02	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs: S. Daly, B. Follows, T. Williams	
1912.03	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p>Borough Cllr Cole:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commented that he had had no reply from the police relating to their attendance at council meetings.</li> <li>• SMBC still has to replace 5000 'split' brown refuse bins.</li> <li>• Received complaints from the public that they are unable to park on the 'Basketball' car park due to congestion caused by Endeavour House employees no longer being able to use the Pavilions Club car park.</li> <li>• Bin collections will be suspended in the event of snow.</li> <li>• That following questions raised with SMBC he has been advised that funding for the redevelopment of the Parade is not available and that no date has been set for work to begin.</li> <li>• Kingshurst Parish Council now has storage space in the 'Community Hub'.</li> </ul> <p>Borough Cllr. Nash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commented that it would be at least two years before redevelopment of the Parade takes place.</li> <li>• That funding for repairs to playground equipment is not available.</li> </ul> <p>Borough Cllr. Brain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported that the North Solihull Partnership, originally setup to oversee regeneration in the North of the borough had been wound up early.</li> <li>• That SMBC has secured £3.5 million from the Combined Authority to fund the compulsory purchase of properties needed as part of the Parade redevelopment plan, but that this was not sufficient.</li> <li>• That funding for the 'Community Hub' had been secured from the Prince's Trust to move the 'kitchen' downstairs.</li> <li>• Open days will be held at the 'Hub' to enlist public help and try to secure business rental. Ideas for 'Advice clinics' have already been formulated.</li> <li>• The new 'Read and Feed' sessions which started on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019, regularly attract 35 children.</li> <li>• There is a £5.5 million shortfall in the education budget and plans to 'top slice' 0.5%</li> </ul>	All

	<p>will lead to a loss of staff etc.</p> <p>Cllr. D. Woolley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised further questions relating to compulsory purchase, but no satisfactory answers were available.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. R Whiskens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked the Borough councillors for the work that they had done on behalf of the parish and commented that Kingshurst in now the most 'run down' area in Solihull.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. P. Sultana:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new name for the 'Community Hub / Youth Centre' is 'Kingshurst Space' and is intended for inter generational use. He urged everyone to attend the forthcoming open days.</li> </ul>	All
1912.04	<p><b>Public Participation:</b> Pavilions Club Licensing hours: Sam Frost of Meriden Drive reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not all of their concerns had been addressed at the informal meeting, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December with representatives of the Pavilions Club.</li> <li>• Still issues relating to noise, car park warden, size of the new entrance extension, proposed new changing room terrace, replacement fencing.</li> <li>• Confirmed that the residents would be attending the Licencing Committee hearing on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Cllr. D Hinsley confirmed that he would be attending as a council representative.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. R Whiskens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asked about decibel limits and noise limiters for clubs. Cllr. Hinsley to investigate.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Brayley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked the council for collecting for Birmingham Children's Hospital at the Christmas Tree lighting event (Since confirmed as £101 plus some shrapnel by Borough Cllr. Brain).</li> </ul> <p>Mr John Shakespeare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asked about the slabbed area at the back of the Parade, which had initially been used as a play area with a paddling pool but now appeared to be closed with the gate locked. Borough Cllr. Cole advised that the area was now deemed to be a H&amp;S hazard and that SMBC now thought that they had made a mistake in opening it as a play ground.</li> <li>• Added that if the area is no longer in use why are SMBC painting the picnic table?</li> </ul>	DH  DH
1912.05	<p><b>Minutes:</b> Resolved: "That the Full Council minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be passed as a true record and accordingly be signed by Chair A Follows." Proposed Cllr. D. Cole, Seconded Cllr. A. Follows, All agreed</p>	
1912.06 1912.04 1912.05.1 1912.05.3 1912.05.4	<p><b>Finance:</b> The finance committee meeting being inquorate Full Council: Resolved: "To accept the report of the Acting RFO." Proposed Cllr. D. Cole, Seconded Cllr A. Follows, All agreed</p> <p>Resolved: "To approve the payments to be made for December." Proposed Cllr. D. Cole, Seconded Cllr A. Follows, All agreed</p> <p>The acting clerk/RFO reported that moving the parish council bank account to Unity Trust Bank was in progress but was taking longer than anticipated.</p> <p>The acting clerk/RFO reported that trial to replace the BT cloud phone with cheaper alternative had stalled due to the necessity to set up a standing order / direct debit and the change of bank taking longer than expected.</p>	Clerk/ RFO  Clerk/ RFO
1912.07	<p><b>Events:</b> On behalf of the Events working party Cllr. L Cole reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the 'Christmas Tree Switch On Event' event had been a success and well attended.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for next year's Christmas event(s) needs to start in January 2020.</li> <li>• That the first of the Lucy May animal shows had taken place at St Anthonys and that the shows at Yorkswood and Kingshurst had been arranged for after Christmas.</li> </ul>	EWP
1912.08	<p><b>Allotments:</b> On behalf of the Allotments working party Cllr. Frampton reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notices had been put up to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inform plot holders that they are responsible for the safe disposal of their own rubbish</li> <li>2. Inform the person who is leaving bags of kitchen waste by the gates that it is no longer wanted</li> </ol> </li> <li>• All property belonging to Gro Organic had been returned.</li> <li>• 5 volunteers were helping to clear the overgrown part of Jubilee Gardens.</li> <li>• Discussions had started with the Active Communities initiative to determine whether funding for Jubilee Gardens projects is available.</li> </ul>	MF Clerk/MF
1912.09	<p><b>Transport and Environmental:</b> Cllr. D Cole reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New bus services working well but need to urge people to use them otherwise services may be cut back or withdrawn.</li> <li>• That newly planted trees had been uprooted across the borough not just in Kingshurst.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. A Follows asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If anyone knew why the newly planted trees had not been staked or caged?</li> </ul> <p>Cllr P Sultana reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play areas/Play equipment - The springer installation and witches hat repairs at Babbs Mill Park are due to go in next week. The springer at Kingshurst is also due to be installed next week (w/c 16/12/2019)</li> <li>• Water Quality/Testing - No plans for further testing as these have shown good improvement.</li> <li>• Tree Planting – All uprooted trees have been replanted and when last checked were fine.</li> <li>• Flower Bulbs – A quantity of bulbs left over from the recent Wild Life Ways initiative have been made available and have been planted by volunteers around Kingshurst.</li> <li>• Outdoor Gym for Babbs Mill – Funds are available and quotes are being sourced.</li> <li>• Anti Dog fouling Stencil Kit – Updates will be available at the next Litter Steering group meeting.</li> <li>• Green Flag for Babbs Mill – An order for a new flag / flagpole has been placed and discussions relating to installation dates are in progress.</li> <li>• Overgrown Hedges - Hedge works have had to be temporarily suspended in parks across the borough due to the wet weather and damage being made to grassed areas by the machinery used. Some areas in Babbs Mill have been cut back, by hand.</li> </ul>	DC          PS    PS  PS
1912.10 1912.10.1	<p><b>Documents/legislations:</b> Western Power – Re Substation: No response from Richard Holt. Cllr D. Cole to progress.</p>	Clerk/DC
1912.11 1912.11.1	<p><b>Reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies:</b> <b>Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee:</b> Cllr D Cole reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No recent meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>WALC/SAC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs. A. Follows &amp; D. Hinsley attended a training session on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - 3P's – People, Plans and Precept.</li> </ul> <p><b>School Governors Reports:</b></p>	
1912.11.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yorkswood: Chair Follows: Funding shortage (see 1912.03 Borough Cllr Brain above).</li> </ul>	
1912.11.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kingshurst: Cllr D. Cole: Funding shortage (see 1912.03 Borough Cllr Brain above).</li> <li>• St Anthonys: Borough cllr. Brain: Funding shortage (see 1912.03 Borough Cllr Brain above).</li> </ul>	
1912.12	<b>Progress reports for information/action:</b>	

1912.12.1	<b>New Clerk position to be advertised:</b> See 1912.23 below. Investigate changing address to c/o The Library.	Clerk/ AF
1912.12.2	<b>Storage: Location / Transport:</b> All KPC property has been moved to secure storage in the Kingshurst Space.	Clerk
1912.12.3	<b>New computer software:</b> Accounting software - clerk to arrange demonstrations of AdvantEDGE & Scribe packages	Clerk
1912.12.4	<b>Scanner for archiving KPC documents:</b> Council's existing printer/scanner is suitable - archiving to commence shortly.	Clerk
1912.12.5	<b>Cloud phone:</b> Trial stalled waiting completion of bank account move to Unity Trust Bank.	Clerk
1912.12.6	<b>Christmas tree / Lights / Banner:</b> Tree and lights installed & switched on on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2019. Banner has been put up by Steve England (Raerose Company).	
1912.12.7	<b>Chair's chain of Office:</b> Requires cleaning and new name tags need to be added for previous chairs. Cllrs. A. Follows & D. Cole to obtain quotes.	DC/AF
1912.12.8	<b>Woodside Industrial Unit:</b> A small industrial estate comprising 10 units in the Yorkswood area of the parish currently designated as 'First time startup'. SMBC wish to change the use to 'storage'. Cllr. D. Cole would like to retain 'First time startup' designation and advertise the units. Clerk & Cllr. D Cole to investigate.	Clerk/ DC
1912.13	<b>Actions Arising From Previous Minutes Not Included Elsewhere On The Agenda</b>	
1912.13.1	<b>Pavilions Club Licensing Hours:</b> Cllr. D. Hinsley to attend Licencing Committee hearing (see 19.12.04 above)	
1912.13.2	<b>Playground Equipment Repairs:</b> (see 19.12.09 above)	
1912.13.3	<b>Tree Stumps In Holliers Drive:</b> Cllr. D. Cole to contact SMBC	
1912.13.4	<b>Bugler 2020 Remembrance Day Parade:</b> Booked	
1912.13.5	<b>Food waste from Co-Op:</b> Co-Op to improve security and fit new locks to their waste food bin(s)	
1912.14	<b>Planning:</b> To consider and comment on any planning applications received: None	
1912.15	<b>Planning:</b> To consider, comment and act on any planning proposed for the future: None	
1912.16	<b>Information items:</b>	
1912.16.1	<b>Correspondence and emails:</b>	
1912.17	<b>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:</b> Cllr. D. Cole requested that the Parade regeneration be included on the January 2020 agenda under Private & Confidential.	Clerk/ DC
1912.18	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020, Seeds of Hope, 7pm.	
	<b>Confidential Items to be discussed in private:</b> Under section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 members of the public and press were asked to withdraw.	

Public meeting finished at 8.20pm

Signed .....

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