



# Kingshurst Parish Council

18 The Parade, Kingshurst Shopping Centre,  
Birmingham, B37 6BA

☎ 0121 770 3017 - FAX: 0121 779 7948

Clerk to the Council: Ms Joanne Aske [kingshurstpc@btconnect.com](mailto:kingshurstpc@btconnect.com)

## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole Chair  
B. Mulready Vice Chair  
T. Williams  
A. Follows  
B. Follows  
M. Dawson  
D. Woolley  
R. Webber  
L. Cole

In Attendance : RFO Mr. David Wheeler and Ms. J. Aske (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: Eight members of the public attended.  
Borough Cllrs No Borough Cllrs attended

Apologies: Borough Cllrs. F. Nash A. Nash and D. Evans

**1. Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:  
Cllr. John Milne – working

Cllr. D Davis - holiday  
E Muluka – Had visitors arrive at home  
Cllr. J. Milne Working

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September were approved by the Council and signed by B. Mulready.

**3. To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** Reports had been received from A and F Nash by email and had added an extra piece by telephone. D. Evans sent in a report via email. (see attached).

Chair Cole read out the reports . No questions were asked regarding the information in the reports.

**4. Guest Speaker Michelle Sadler – Childrens Services Solihull M B C.** Chair Cole introduced Michelle and asked her to take the floor. She thanked the Council for the invite. Michelle gave a brief profile of what her job entails. She recognised there had been concerns in the area regarding school places. She assured the Council and members of the public there were enough actual places

in all the schools for children living in the catchment area. She is kept informed of new housing and also the Health Authority keep her informed of new births in the area. Currently there are approximately 800 children born each year. She mentioned the new build in Smith wood of homes and families moving into the area. All Children will be catered for in the school Catchment area. The problems arise when families want their Children educated in a school outside of the catchment area. The Kingshurst Primary school is seen now to be a very good school and parents would like their children to attend there. In the past children had gone into Castle Bromwich and other areas for schooling. Michelle said again that every child in Kingshurst got a place at a Kingshurst School. Those that did not receive a place were not from the catchment area.

Chair mentioned the Wards and the Parish areas. Michelle said the Wards do not affect the catchment area. Capacity for more children in Yorkswood and Kingshurst primary was addressed. She mentioned that next year Kingshurst School will take on more children and the places will be available. Chair asked about the 400 new homes planning to be built in the area. Michelle went through the areas with plans in process for example the Birmingham Road, Bishop Wilson Lark Meadow and Overgreen Drive. All Children are guaranteed a school place. The Mountfort site was mentioned and nothing has been decided on this site as yet.

Michelle went on to mention she takes into account that families move in and out of the area. Members of the public asked Michelle questions. Two ladies representing Caterpillars Nursery here in Kingshurst were concerned there is not enough nursery places now since the Government are offering free Nursery education for two year old. They added that they have to turn away children. Mr. David Hinsley pointed out that in his road there are a lot of elderly residents and when their houses are vacated new families are moving into the area.

An email had been received from a Governor of St. Anthony's School Kingshurst. He had been unable to attend the meeting. The Chair read out his questions. Michelle began to answer the questions. It was decided to write directly to the Governor as the questions were specific to the school. *See attached questions and answers.*

The Chair thanked Michelle Sadler for her time and said it was very much appreciated. The Council and the members of the public showed their appreciation of her with an applause. Michelle thanked everyone and left the meeting.

Chair went on to agenda item 5.

## **5. Finance: To receive and approve reports from KPC Finance Committee and make decisions as appropriate.**

5.1 Finance: Chair of finance A. Follows addressed the Council and approval for £6018 for the cheque list was given. The Current account stood at £51889.07 the remainder of the precept, had been received and David will transfer £20k into a corporate account to earn a little bit of interest.

## **6. Pavilions: To receive and approve any reports regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club and make decisions as appropriate.**

6.1 Update on current situation regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club. The KPC are still waiting for the inspection report to be completed by Gavin Stevens of Fusion Building Consultancy. Once this has been received the KPC can conduct the necessary arrangements before the property lease is sold on to a new buyer. The Clerk was asked to get in touch the administrators for Calco Limited in Administration and ask for a copy of the electric certificate and their fire certificate.

6.2 Inspection/Survey: Report as stated above has been done and the KPC are waiting for the results.

6.3 Pavilions Field Guardianship. The Clerk was asked to place this on the Agenda by Cllr. David Woolley. He had had concerns that the Sporting Field may not be secure in the future and as land is being built on all over Kingshurst he wanted assurance that this could not happen. The KPC own the Sporting Field and are the registered landowners. A couple of years ago the land registry was updated and the sporting field is protected. Cllr. Woolley was happy to hear this.

**7. Events: To receive and approve reports from KPC Events Committee and make decisions as appropriate.**

7.1 Remembrance Service at St. Barnabas Cllr. T Williams would like permission for her son Carl to carry the KPC Flag this year wearing his Grandfathers war medals.

The Cllrs took a vote and agreed that Cllr. Williams son is to hold the KPC Flag at the Remembrance service.

**8. Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.** Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready mentioned they had one break in this year where nothing was taken but windows of sheds had been broken. He reported that Sarah Gill of Gro Organic has been awarded a lottery grant he thinks to the sum of £5k. A meeting will take place with Sarah in the office very shortly to discuss the spending on the lottery in the Jubilee Gardens..

**9. Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:**

9.1 The Regenerations recent publications exhibited locally of housing plans in the area. Chair Cole had visited the consultation at all three sites in the North Solihull Borough and concluded all the plans for the housing looked very good and well thought out. He mentioned that he had met residents that would be affected by the Birmingham Road site and he had been told that they had not been informed from the outset.

9.2 In retrospect: -Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 with Nick Page chief Exec of Solihull Council. The Chair and Cllr. A. Follows attended. Cllr. Bob Sleigh has been invited to KPC full Council meeting in February 2015. The Council voted in retrospect for Chair Cole and Cllr. A. Follows to have attended the meeting. The Meeting went very well and was very positive said Chair Cole. The issues he raised:

- Babb's Mill Nature Reserve, they are listening but will not take out of plan.
- Doctors Surgery. They agree something must be done.
- Mountfort Site. They will consult with K.P.C
- Parade, they agree it is run down and something must be done
- Football pitch and lighting at C.H.N College. They will look again at the lighting issue
- H.G Vs on Cooks Lane. They will look into this.
- Poaching. They are not sure what to do but will look in to this.

Chair said again the opportunity to speak with Bob Sleigh in February must be leafleted in all homes and a show of support is needed.

Cllr. A. Follows added that in January the Cabinet will meet for the discussion of the plans of the Parade and the Mountfort Site. On inspection of the parade Cllr. Sleigh said there was no one in the library when he visited nor in the Parade. It has been noted that it is necessary for refurbishment. The members of the public all said they use the library and it must have been the wrong time he visited

Members of the public started to speak. Chair listens to their concerns but asked to wait until the Public part of the Meeting.

9.3A recent article published in the Solihull News defining Kingshurst as a 'Deprived Area'. Cllr. Woolley put this onto the agenda. A member of the public had a copy of the article. Cllr. A. Follows commented that if an area is up for regeneration it would have to meet a particular criteria. He said the newspaper has freedom of speech and used the statistics available. The Chair asked if he could see a copy of the article. Cllr. Woolley requested that the KPC write and complain about the article. Members of the public again interrupted the meeting regarding this. No actual conclusion was made at this point. Chair would look at the article.

9.4 Friends of Babbs Mill received £200 Grant Aid in December 2011 from the KPC to purchase a park bench. Cllr. D Woolley has received information that the money has not been spent. He considers it should be returned to the KPC. Cllr. A. Follows said he was the treasurer for Friends of Babbs Mill and indeed they were going to buy a park bench but SMBC installed one. Council took a vote to request the £200 to be returned to the KPC. Clerk would write to the treasurer Cllr. A. Follows and make the request.

9.5 Owing to a fatal accident that occurred recently on the Chester Road by the Centurion Public House Chair Cole would like the KPC to request the Road layout to be changed and all traffic use the roundabout instead of cutting across oncoming traffic. All agreed a letter should be written outlining the concerns.

#### **10. To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies**

10.1 Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Mulready attended a very hectic and busy meeting. He mentioned the new runway and the fact that now people can fly directly to China. He added that take off from the south is becoming an issue with the residents in Balsall Common who are complaining the planes are too low.

10.2 WALC/SAC: Cllr. A. Follows said a meeting will be held on the 23th of this month.

10.3 School Governors Reports: Cllr. A. Follows said a meeting will take place next Wednesday. He then went on to mention that he had attended a Governors meeting on Saturday. He informed the Council that static's have emerged where as Children attending Birmingham Schools are allocated a sum of money per child. He said something like £5400 and Solihull Schools are allocated something like £4300. It was mentioned that when Children attend schools out of their area this money does not follow them. The Governors are looking into it. Chair Cole had nothing to report on Kingshurst Primary School.

10.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum: Nothing to report.

10.5 Regen: Cllr. A. Follows said we are hoping more details of projects in the area will be revealed in January 2015

**11. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications Received:** Nothing to report or oppose.

#### **12. Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:**

12.1 Local Development Plan: Babbs Mill: Chair Cole said in the recent meeting with Solihull Borough officials he was told that the Government requested the Council find enough land to build twelve thousand homes by 2025. It was also mentioned that there is no guarantee that all the sites in the LDF plan will be used. It seems to be about figures at this point Chair added.

12.2 Mountford Public House Site: It is hoped that more information will be received early next year.

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

13.1 Correspondence and emails. All Cllrs. had received copies of emails and post.

Clerk read a letter from Jean Johnson, thanking the KPC for their contributions to the WW1 Commemorative Day.

A resident had come into the office to ask if the KPC could find out who owns the garages near her home in Dunton Road. She also required information as to lighting that had been promised. The Council asked the Clerk to tell the Resident to get in touch with SMBC directly.

**14. 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 Cole asked for the members of the public to announce their name and address before relating their concerns. A Resident from Silverbirch Road said she had lived many years in Kingshurst and it used to be a beautiful place to live. She has recently had to pave over her front garden and pay for the kerb to be dropped so she and her daughter can park. The Parking in the road is out of hand and is a growing concern. She added the lighting is terrible. Chair Cole said the homes were built in the 1950's and not many people had cars then,. The roads are too narrow for parking lots of vehicles. Cllr. B. Follows said she thought it was illegal and subjected to a fine if cars are parked on the grass verge.

Mr. David Hinsley resident and associate of the PPG for the local doctors surgery took the floor. He explained the process so far with the ongoing concerns at the Kingshurst Practice. Solihull Council purchased the building and lease it to the NHS. He added that a sum of £80k had been allocated by the NHS to refurbish the original surgery. Nothing seems to be happening with this. He said the NHS England are still processing suitable applicants and eight remain in the bidding.

Chair Cole mentioned that when he was in a recent meeting with the leader of the Council it had been noted that with new housing, the Doctors Surgery needed to be bigger.

Mr. Hinsley did say there are many concerns and has been promised they will be kept informed.

Cllr. A. Follows said the NHS do seem to be dragging their feet with this £80k to refurbish.

Chair mentioned that in the regen the front of the Parade is going to be knocked down in the near future and rebuilding of the library youth centre etc will be required.

Mr. Keith Evans member of the public added that it was typical of the NHS to pour money into upgrading a ward etc only to knock it down soon after. Discussions took place between members of the public at this point. Chair said that the Doctors GP Practices are run by the doctors themselves like a business and they report to the Primary Care Trust. He added the GP's get a fixed amount from the NHS.

Mr. Hinsley said the £80k had been promised sometime ago, in his opinion it would be better to close the premises down and spend the money on new build.

Mr. Hinsley mentioned the Hot Food Takeaways Supplementary Planning Document. He said that it had affected the Cafe in Kingshurst. At this point there was some confusion regarding this statement. The Chair wasn't aware of this. Mr. Hinsley joked and said that he knew more information than the Chair did. It was established that the Cllrs had all received a copy of the Draft for Hot Food Takeaway planning but had not read that it was because of this plan that the Cafe in Kingshurst had to close. The Clerk asked Mr. Hinsley to email her his copy, as there appeared to be differences in the emails.

*The Hot Food Takeaway plan is part of the Health and Wellbeing Policy. It has a consultation period from 6<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> November. It seeks to manage concentrations of Hot Food Takeaways, particularly around schools. The Draft 'Hot Food Takeaways' SPD sets out criteria to guide applicants on more detailed policies regarding vitality and viability of our retail centres and parades, proximity to schools, highway safety and protecting residential amenity and local character.*

Chair thanked the members of the public and then reopend the meeting and went onto agenda item 15.

15. **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.

Chair Cole asked if we can do a two minute silence before the meeting next month.

16. Welcome New Cllr Mrs. Linda Cole. Cllrs can have the opportunity after the meeting to speak and welcome Linda.

17. **Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at **7.15pm**. Items for agenda to be in by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Meeting Closed at 20.35 pm

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