



Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
Environmental Committee held on 10th October 2019
At The Seeds of Hope Parish Room, Kingshurst B37 6BY
Time: 6pm**

Committee Cllrs present: David Cole and Paul Sultana and Mark Frampton.

In attendance: Other Councillors were also present and Clerk Joanne Aske.

15/19 Chair Sultana asked the Clerk if there were any apologies.

No Apologies. All present. He asked if everyone had read the minutes.

16/19 The minutes of the September 12th 2019: Cllr. David Cole approved the minutes and it was seconded by Cllr. Mark Frampton. Resolved that the Minutes of the 12th September 2019 that having been circulated and read were signed as a true record.

17/19 Reports: Note all reports are given in the Full Council meeting briefly for the opportunity of other councillors and members of the public to hear.

Cllr. Frampton was asked if he had anything to report. He reported on the state of the River. He said there was a black smelly part of the lake. Days later the Brook that feeds into the lake was black. He considered there may be contamination in that part of the Brook.

Cllr. Sultana said he would get a water quality check on this.

Discussion took place here on the pollution. The Borough Council will be contacted by Paul and he asked Mark for Photos as evidence.

Mark spoke on the burned out car in the car park. Paul will action this with Connect.

Cllr. David Cole gave a brief report on the 100's of bulbs planted in Kingshurst and in Babbs Mill Park. Seeds will come up next year of wild flowers. On the 23rd November members of the public are invited to take part in the planting of fruit trees. As we have another Parish Council meeting before this he will have more details.

Paul gave his comments on this report from David. A discussion on native trees took place.

John Kimberley mentioned the wild flowers recently blooming and said some residents were not wildly enthusiastic about them. He asked the environmental committee if it was just the North of the Borough participated in.

David Cole spoke on the pollination species and the planting is in the South of Solihull and all over England. The funding comes from a Grant from the European Union.

Oaks Poplars and Ash will be among the trees planted in the programme.

Chair of the committee Cllr. Sultana reported a meeting at SMBC last week in connection with the bulb planting. They will generously donate 500 mixed bulbs to Clean Green. He would like to work with the Parish Council to designate where we or the community would like them planted. There are 250 Daffodil bulbs and 250 Crocus. With a further meeting at the library with Love Solihull suggestions were to plant them around the perimeter fencing of playground and park areas. He is open to other suggestions.

Cllr. Daly asked if the Islands in the area could be cut and made neater.

Cllr. Cole said they are being left wild for the wildlife and pollination.

Everyone agreed for Clean and Green to plant the bulbs around the park area. All agreed.

Chair Sultana spoke on a email regarding the possibility of having Electrical Vehicle Points on the premises of the Pavilions car park. This was after a conversation with Cllr. Marcus Brain. Discussion on this item took place. Further information was necessary before any decisions can be made by the tenant.

Chair of the KPC Cllr. Follows spoke here and said another power line is to be put into the premises of the Pavilions and additional power could be placed in and looked at for the purpose of Car points for charging electrical vehicles.

Cllr. Sultana spoke on the litter picking and the groups that volunteer in the area. 80 black bags recently were filled by the groups. He gave details of a litter picks for a future date.

Paul spoke on a quiet period of ASB in and around the park of Babb's Mill.

Paul reported he did a two hour teaching session at a local school with year 7 and year 8 students. A Communitie's Champion Class is visualised and litter picking equipment was donated for weekly community letter picking in and around the community weekly in Kingshurst. He asked if the KPC had any particular areas they would consider for the Academy. He hopes the young will engage with the elderly in the community.

Discussion of litter took place here on the education of getting people not to drop litter.

Paul and Marcus are engaged with the schools to educate the problems of dropping litter.

Paul said they have got 25 students from the academy that will weekly do a litter pick in the community for at least one hour. Its hoped these pupils will help one another see the difference it makes.

John Kimberley asked if an obvious area in the Parade and Redwood house could be considered. This would help with the elderly residents.

Paul mentioned here regarding cigarette butts. He showed a picture to those present of a ballot type box placed on a lamp post, where cigarette nubs can be placed to show which of the two options for example a play ground or a community garden. The amount of nubs would determine which project the residents would prefer. It is hoped North Solihull will place one of these boxes just outside the Parade opposite the Park. The KPC agreed this would be a good location along within the Parade.

Fines of £100 were spoken here from the enforcement officers.

Paul mentioned next, the Youth and Community centre, a meeting at 2.30pm tomorrow.

An offer to the KPC members to attend the meeting would be helpful as its in the final stages of completion to use. He said its important the space is used.

Chair Follows said that Marcus Brain had offered the upstairs for the Parish Council to use as storage. He did say it is not secure for the records and items owned by the KPC. Alvin will go along to look at the space.

Cllr. Hinsley spoke here on the discussion he has had regarding the ground floor area being suitable for an office of the KPC.

David Cole said it best that everyone comes along and has a look at the space.

Paul spoke on the use for residents having a community centre before it's developed.

Discussions took place on the decoration and general cosmetic appearance of the centre and also why it was abandoned in the first place.

At this point John Kimberley asked that the committee close their report as it had gone over by 40 minutes. The finance committee meeting should have started at 6.30pm. One member of the public had arrived.

David Cole thanked everyone present for the help towards the impact the council has had on the input it feeds back to the public and SMBC.

Chair of Environment apologised for over running the committee reports and closed the meeting.

18 /19 Public Participation – No time for participation.

19/19 Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th 2019 at 6pm in the Seeds of Hope Parish Room.

Meeting finished at 6.42pm

Signed Date