



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council  
Full Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 6.30pm  
At the Pavilions Sporting Club  
Meriden Drive, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

Cllrs. present: D.Cole (Chair)  
B. Mulready (Vice Chair)  
L. Cole  
P. Cooper-Hinsley  
D. Hinsley  
T. Williams  
D. Woolley  
A. Follows  
M. Dawson

Apologies Received From: Borough Cllrs Apologies received from Borough  
Cllrs. D. Evans, R. Hall and Jean Hamilton.

In Attendance: Borough Councillor Flo Nash, Louise Baudet – Responsible Finance Officer  
and J Aske – Clerk

Two members of the Public attended. This included an artist Jayne Murray from the Arts  
Space in Kingshurst on a project regarding the Parade. Before the meeting started she  
collected the views of the Councillors.

1. Welcome and Housekeeping.

2. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Cllr. J. Kimberley –  
on a course, Cllr. S. Daly – on holiday and Cllr. B. Follows – unwell.

3. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the Full Council Minutes held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016. All  
agreed as a true record, passed and signed. The Private and confidential minutes from  
July the 12<sup>th</sup> had not been circulated so will be passed at the next meeting.

4. **To receive reports from Borough Councillors.** A combined report was received from  
Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Hall which Chair Cole read to the Councillors and members of the  
Public. It had been noted when the report was circulated days before that B Cllr. Hall had  
referred to an incident which had taken place on the car park of the Punchbowl. A  
anonymous letter had been sent to the Borough Cllrs of the area to complain about  
thuggish behaviour. The unsigned letter had been circulated by the owner of the  
Punchbowl and a reply letter to B. Cllr. Hall. This was discussed briefly. But the conclusion  
was that as the letter was not signed and sent anonymously to SMBC it had no credit and

could not be dealt with. The Parish Councillors views were that it was probably a vendetta towards the owners of the Punchbowl, as no other problems have been reported recently from any residents living in the immediate area.

Chair asked Cllr. Flo Nash to give her report.

Cllr. Nash took the floor and started her report with the same issue as mentioned above regarding the anonymous letter to the Borough Council.

She mentioned an incident that the police had been called too regarding three lads that had broken into a car one 15 years old the other two 16 years old. They were arrested but eventually given a warning and let go. The damage has been recorded. This incident took place by the Parade.

Her second part of her report regarded the Travellers that had recently been moved on from the Babb's Mill Park. She said she would like to thank the residents that reported the travellers' arrival so swiftly to SMBC. She also mentioned how SMBC worked quickly to issue the paperwork and get them moved on.

She said Police cars and Police helicopters set up surveillance in the area around the park.

B Councillor Nash noted that a cleanup of the Parade is planned. The future plans for the Regen are still un heard of. She said we must stand up to the SMBC and fight for our corner in North Solihull.

Many arrests took place recently in the area; herself and Cllr. Hamilton went along with the police and witnessed the apprehension of criminals related to drugs and fire arms. Quad bikes were ceased and will be crushed. She said the Police are working very hard for us.

Chair thanked Cllr. Nash and asked if there were any questions for her.

Cllr. Woolley mentioned the Travellers that had got on to the Babb's Mill Park. Recently SMBC had put embankments of soil and Tree trunks to stop vehicles from entering. Cllr. Woolley asked Borough Councillor Nash who at SMBC had thought this was a good idea, and now it seems it was a waste of tax payers money. Many gave their views on this, not through the Chair. Cllr. Woolley said they came through the car park.

Cllr. Nash said that issues should be raised with Endeavour house or SMBC directly if a Borough Councillor is not available. Please use your authority as a Parish Councillor she said.

Cllr. Woolley also mentioned a concern that the See Saw in the park has been removed and the hole left is dangerous as it's full of shale and stones. The Clerk has reported this. This is a health and safety issue.

Cllr. Woolley lastly wanted to mention a lamp post outside his house although replaced in July it has never had any electric in it. She said she would sort out why this has not been done.

Cllr. Maxine Dawson mentioned here to Cllr. Nash that the illegal parking of the travellers that took place on the park could be clamped, but only if signs are presentable stating the fact. Cllr. Nash would put this forward.

Cllr. Hinsley had read recently that police have the right to take the vehicles and crush them, and using this method the travellers move on swiftly. This was reported in the paper, he is not sure how true that is.

Chair thinks this would be counterproductive as the Travellers would become homeless and then the responsibility would be to Solihull Council. He also mentioned the official sites for Travellers that don't appear to be used.

Cllr. Hinsley wanted to mention to Cllr. Nash that a recent high court injunction had been passed regarding bikes speeding and car cruising. He wanted to know how this will be policed.

She does not really know she answered but said that the Police should keep you as a Parish Council informed.

Cllr. Tina Williams mentioned that the yellow signs referred to by David Hinsley are difficult to read in the middle of the collector road. This was considered a waste of money.

Cllr. Nash said the problem with the so called shrine on the Collector road is being sorted now by the camera.

Cllr. Hinsley lastly wanted to mention that average speed checks are now in operation instead of the speeding camera.

Chair said we need to move on.

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

5.1 Report from the RFO Louise Baudet: Louise had given each Councillor a copy of her report which will be attached to these minutes in the minute book. She read out her report. The Office allowance was proposed and passed of £4 per week for the use of electricity and office space in the Clerks home. Mileage of 45p a mile will also be adopted to pay the Clerk. This was considered and passed.

A letter had been written requesting the return of £800 from Arden Associates. This was discussed and indications look as though it will be returned by the end of the week and any money the KPC may owe Arden Associates will be invoiced to the Council for payment.

Louise Baudet asked if there were any questions regarding the report.

Cllr. David Hinsley asked if there was any progress on the direct payments of their members' allowances. Louise answered it is linked into the internet banking. But the card reader has still not arrived.

The question of giving Pay Role the job of paying in the cheques by BACs was spoken about but it was decided the better option was for the KPC to control the payments.

**5.2 To agree and pass payments for September.** The cheque list has been circulated but a change of £90 for the WALC training which makes the total to be passed £9871.12  
Cllr. Hinsley wanted to query a cheque to Gro Organic. He wanted to know if the money had been received from the Grant. Yes this had been received.

Cllr. A. Follows asked if everyone agreed with the sum to be passed. All in favour and passed the sum of cheques of £9871.12

**5.3 To consider any other items for payment.** The Clerk requested that the KPC pay for the clearing of the green waste that has been left in her garden. Cllr. Williams asked the Clerk to get a quotation. The quotation was £81 and a receipt will be issued to say the greenery is disposed off at the correct tip.

All passed this.

Cllr. A. Follows jumped to **5.55. To approve the purchase of a laptop for Clerk to use in the Library.** This was passed at a cost of £230 from Argos after discussions of the facility the clerk needs and the price.

**5.4 To provide Grant Aid for school Milk under section 137 for local schools.** The School Milk Cheques needed to be raised. This was St. Anthony's - £500 Yorkswood - £800 and Kingshurst School - £1000. This was approved and passed.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper Hinsley queried the length of time the KPC having been paying for the milk. Cllr. A. Follows said it was back in the late 80's.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley questioned the schools that received it and why the forth school was left out.

Chair advised it was only the schools in the Parish of Kingshurst that the KPC paid towards their milk.

**5.6 To approve WALC membership and £90 for WALC workshop for two Councillors.**  
All approved that Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley and Cllr. David Hinsley attend the WALC workshop.

It was noted that the last cheque written to WALC was not returned but was not cashed as the workshop could not be attended owing to the disabled facilities not being in place.

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

6.1 Update on Christmas tree Festival. Cllr. T. Williams and the Clerk had a meeting with Rev. Johnson and the St. Barnabas Church Council. Posters will be available soon. Printing will be done shortly. A rota was explained that two people will be on duty one from the KPC and the other from St. Barnabas parish. Cllr. Williams explained that this would be a vital part of bringing together the community. The new flag will be sorted out very shortly for Remembrance Sunday service. The flag was passed in previous minutes. The price will be cheaper. Cllr. Pauline cooper-hinsley enquired that refreshments will be available at the end of the festival of trees service. She wanted to know who was providing them. Was it the Church or the KPC. This will be confirmed in the next meeting with the Reverend.

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

Cllr. Mulready mentioned here that many allotments have not been attended properly and letters need to be written. Worrying health and safety issues were discussed. Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley will put a list together of questions to ask Gro Organic.

Clerk informed the Council that the out of service plot has been allocated and another will soon be ready for a new tenant.

Cllr Pauline cooper-Hinsley mentioned here she knew of a way to get rid of the weed known as Mares tail organically.

Cllr. Hinsley has a lot of questions regarding Gro-organic. He said he would like to make a statement. It appears over the period of time the jubilee gardens has had £50k spent on it. He wondered what that money had been spent on.

Cllr. A. Follows mentioned here the SMBC had control over the original grant. Cllrs were unsure exactly how much at this point. SMBC spent the money on the gardens. It was not in the Parish Councils hands.

Cllr. Hinsley went on to say ignoring that money for from January 2014 £15k was spent on it and he wanted to say that in his opinion there is nothing to show for the money. It was minuted in January 2014 the Gro organic got a grant. The KPC gave them grant aid for a fence donated to be erected.

Cllr. A. Follows did say that they organised the grants and it wasn't KPC money.

Clerk mentioned that Gro-organic did itemise their accounts of what they spend their grants on.

It was discussed that gro organic was given the jubilee gardens for 5years.

The playground was discussed and Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley wanted to know when it would be finished and who will organise the communities to use the areas.

A meeting will be sorted out. Chair wanted a list of Councillors questions.

Cllr. David Hinsley said that we should be represented by more than the Clerk at the meetings with Gro-Organic. Cllrs should be available to go along. Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley will attend the meetings with Gro-Organic.

Clerk explained that we have to be patient with Gro-Organic as it is used to train and qualify people in husbandry to give them a help getting a job and looking after themselves. An example given when the JCB was hired a young man passed his qualification there on the jubilee gardens. Many more have achieved qualifications, which are helping the community.

Chair went on to the next part of the Agenda. At this point Jayne Murray gave apologies and left the public seating. She thanked the Councillors for their input and support to her 'Parade' project.

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

8.1 Update on current situation regarding the Pavilions Sporting Club. Every Councillor had a copy of the re-assignment notes from Flurets estate agents. Listing the transaction and finance.

Cllr. A. Follows pointed out a problem with the notes. It had stated on page three that each party shall bear their own legal fees in respect of this transaction. This is not the case. As in the lease it states the tenant bears the cost. Clerk said that Colin Palmer is aware of this. The Clerk was instructed to have the correspondence changed before they can approve it.

Chair Cole asked when the exchange of contracts would take place.

Cllr. A. Follows pointed out that it says 28 days after receipt of completion.

Chair asked if everyone okay with this.

Cllr. P. Cooper-Hinsley said she was not happy with the outcome.

Cllr. David Hinsley said he had some questions, but would wait until the private and confidential part of the meeting to discuss.

Cllr. Tina Williams asked if the KPC would still have the use of the room.

The Clerk confirmed the room will still be available for the KPC meetings as she had spoken to Mr. Palmer regarding this.

8.2 To Approve correspondence from Fleurets Estate agents re Sale of the Lease. The correspondence was not approved owing to the error in the paperwork from Fleurets.

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

**9.1** Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Dawson reported that no meeting is scheduled at the moment.

**9.2** WALC/SAC. Cllr. Hinsley reported a meeting took place during the August recess. The Local Plan was the topic. The list of local sites was mentioned but not the main focus of the meeting. Mr. Gary Palmer discussed how they consider each site. For example how they consider a green space over housing. He reported that a Mr. Danny Gouviea who is responsible for roads and access into new building developments. He mentioned recent road structures that he was responsible for. David mentioned we should bear him in mind when we study the plans for access into Babb's Mill from Cooks lane in the future planning.

Cllr. David Hinsley reported that at the last WALC/SAC meeting it was requested that Kingshurst PC hold a meeting. The 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 was confirmed by the Clerk that best suited her. She added hopefully we can book the room.

**9.3** School Governors Reports. Nothing to report.

**9.4** North Solihull Partnership Forum. Cllr. Hinsley reported no meeting recently but two meetings will be coming up one on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September for the Solihull Voluntary and Community conference at the Junction on Fordbridge (the old Boys' club). The second meeting is the half yearly forum on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September at the Family centre in Solihull.

**9.5** Regen. Nothing to report here. Future meetings will be set up with key persons regarding the regen programme.

**9.6** To form a new committee for action against SMBC schedule for site submissions 2026 With Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors, as part of Action for Babb's Mill.

Chair explained that the recent documentation listed 245 sites as possible areas for housing by SMBC for homes to be developed in 2026.

The sites in the North are listed as Endeavour House, the Pavilions and the KPC allotments, Smiths wood football pitches and Bluebell Playing Fields to name a few of many in the area.

Chair would like to work with the other communities and groups to prevent the planning of houses in areas that cause concern to residents. He would like all Parish Councillors to be part of this group. Involvement is the key.

Cllr. David Hinsley said he totally agrees with Chair but he would object to the committee being part of the group Action for Babb's Mill. He would like it to be a new name.

Chair said this would be a new group with a new identification name.

All agreed with Chair to form a new committee with the Ward, Councillors and themselves along with the groups like action for Babb's Mill.

Further discussions took place about the 26 thousand homes that the SMBC will push for. Cllr. David Hinsley said this is the right time as in recent times the KPC has not been pro active.

Chair asked could we get the community group up and running as soon as possible. He thanked the Councillors for their support.

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

### **10.1** Chairman's Letter written in the recess period.

In the last Parish Council meeting Chair said he would write regarding all the issues and problems facing Kingshurst.

He wrote to Nick Page and Cllr. Sleigh with a list of problems Kingshurst is faced with. A meeting was held regarding the issues presented. Notes of the meeting were distributed to the Councillors.

Issues itemised including the full the Nature Reserve, the capacity of the doctors and school also full to capacity. Chair had been given key personnel of SMBC to keep the KPC updated on the issues raised.

Cllr. A. Follows mentioned that SMBC have a department that puts in the figures to fill school places.

Chair said they discussed Doctors but not got a commitment. Kingshurst Village was spoken of and Chair Cole and Cllr. David Hinsley said they were told there was no money. The empty shops were mentioned and the Church on Gilson Way has also approached SMBC for a shop to become a Caribbean restaurant. They were told that they could not have a shop.

Various discussion took place not through the chair regarding the shops and the dipping trade in the businesses.

Chair went on with his report. He had asked how close they were to redeveloping the Parade. Reply to him were 'No comment' No reply' and 'No money'.

Cooks Lane was reported also and Chair feels the Police and the Council are just passing back and forth blaming each other. Chair requested Cameras on Cooks Lane to record the 40 foot lorries. But the answer was that there is no money.

Chair was glad the meeting took place.

Cllr. Tina Williams asked where the money has come from to re build and generated the Solihull Town Centre.

This comes from private developers that own the buildings and land. Similar to Chelmsley Wood Town Centre.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley mentioned here that Kingshurst did not have any hanging baskets this year.

Chair replied this is why we have to be pro active and not get trampled on.

Cllr. David Hinsley mentioned that SMBC replaced all the windows at £40k even though the buildings were part of the regen project.

Chair did however get a firm commitment that Kingshurst Library wherever it may be will be maintained.

It was mentioned that the Clerk was now working from home because nowhere suitable had been found was also mentioned in the KPC letter. The reply was that meetings could take place Endeavor House free of charge.

10.2 Lease for M E B Renting at the Pavilions. Contract to be revised. The contract finished some years ago. Clerk was instructed to write to them and ask for £500 a year and to renew the contract.

10.3 Post from 18 The Parade is re-directed to Clerks home address. A re-direction has been in place now for a couple of months as is working very well.

10.4 Security gates in the Parade. It had been reported by Cllr. Woolley that the gates to the Parade were not being locked on time. It was reported to SMBC and Mr. Stringer came back with the times the gates should be locked. It should be 9pm. Cllr. Woolley will monitor the gate times when the security firm do lock them and we can report this back to SMBC. Cllr. David Hinsley referred back to 10.3 and asked if the Clerk was happy to have address used for correspondence. Clerk replied she was. Most Clerks that work from home do supply their own address for all correspondence.

Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley asked the Clerk here how many members of the public are visiting the library. There are notices up in the Library and the KPC notice board, but as yet no members of the public have used the facility to be able to speak face to face with the Clerk. She mentioned people will get used to it.

10.5 Heavy goods Vehicles using Cooks Lane. A Meeting has been set up with SMBC Paul Tovey for the following evening.

#### **11. Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received:**

Nothing had been received. Clerk mentioned that nothing has been sent to us but we did find the SMBC schedule for site submissions 2026.

#### **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. Cllr. David Hinsley wanted to say here that when the Plans were first published it had stated that 20% of the land was to be used for Social Housing. The decision was made to keep Babs's mill as all private and the Social Housing to be built in Smiths Wood. The location he was unable to find the actual planning that was passed.

It was considered that the site had been put into the Simon Digby site.

Cllr. David Hinsley said that Bell Way had shown different plans, by showing an old Council depot site. Could we raise this and gain more information? Chair said this can be brought up with the meeting with the Borough Councillors, and ask that specific question.

**12.2** Mountfort Public House Site: Any updates that may have been received. Nothing noted here.

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

##### **13.1** Correspondence and emails:

Darron Allan of SMBC would like to know what date we would like the Christ Tree placed up in the Parade. After some discussions it was decided that Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley will come back to the Clerk after speaking with the Art Shop to see if they were putting on a Christmas Event.

The damaged Lights from last year will be charged to us. The KPC are paying for the Christmas tree.

Cllr. Hinsley mentioned here regarding the emails list and referred to a email from Adrian Stringer and a deposit that was paid when the KPC first took over the Office. The Clerk had been in touch and it looks like there will be a refund due to us but as yet not sure how much. Clerk had asked him for dates.

**14.** Standing Orders of the KPC: to discuss approve/amend and adopt from date of this meeting. Cllr. Hinsley had emailed everyone on email on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July the final draft. Asking for anyone to come back with corrections and so on. No one has. Chair asked for another months grace.

It was adopted as is and any amendments can be added in the future.

This was proposed by Cllr. A. Follows and seconded by Chair Cole as all in favour to adopt the Standing Orders compiled by Cllr. Hinsley.

**15.** To discuss and approve the November Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> November to be **15<sup>th</sup> November 2016**. Chair and Clerk are not available on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. All okay with the change

**16. 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 member of the public if he would like to take the floor.

The member of public mentioned the trees on the plan regarding Babb's Mill new homes. He wanted to know if the trees were going to be cut down. Cllr. A. Follows said if they are shown on the plan they will be kept it. Everyone was unsure about this. A final process will take place and this question can be asked then.

The gentleman also wanted to mention the River Cole that comes under the Kingfisher Group. He wondered what had happened to them. The reason he asks is that he had been told that there was a carcass of a dead swan. He himself had seen a carcass of a Canadian Goose. Chair said we will try and find out what happened to them. Park rangers are sometimes available. Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley said that Tracy in the Art shop would know when and where the Park rangers are available.

Chair has reported thefts of fish and wild life have been reported to the Police.

The member of the public also mention the uneven road surface in Gilson Way.

Chair mentioned, re surfacing is due very soon.

Chair thanks the member of the public and went back to the agenda.

**17. 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.

Cllr. David Hinsley wanted to put on Publication Scheme and website

**18. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for **Tuesday October 11th 2016** at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 6.30pm. Items for agenda to be in before Tuesday 4th October 2016.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

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