



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council**  
**Full Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.15pm**  
**At the Pavilions Sporting Club**  
**Meriden Road, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

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

In Attendance: Borough Cllrs. Apologies received from Borough Cllrs D. Evans  
R. Hall and F. Nash  
J Aske – Clerk  
One member of the public attended and the new RFO sat with  
the member of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** – Cllr. B Follows – unwell.
- 2. Minutes:** Cllr. A. Follows had been missed off the attendance list but had attended. The Clerk also mentioned that an error had been rectified on the minute 3, after they had been posted out. *This means that 91% do not go to university.* The word *not* was added in to make the record correct with was altered within the week.

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> March were both approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

**3. Risk Assessment:** To approve and sign Risk Management 2015 see document attached. Cllr. Hinsley referred to the recent Fire Risk assessment that had been received and was in the correspondence list. This Risk assessment to be signed is for the previous year 2015/2016 and is for the management of the office. Chair Cole read out the Fire Risk assessment to the Council. The requirements outlined in the assessment need to be done before May 6<sup>th</sup>. The stairwell must be sterile so all combustible items need to be removed. Chair asked for a plan to bring everything up stairs and placed into the office. Cllr. A. Follows mentioned a shelving system to place the items for the events in boxes and shelved. The Chair needs to be removed. Clerk will sort this. Mention of the stairs and disability access was discussed but according to SMBC nothing can be done with this because of the building's design. The door is very stiff and requires a carpenter, also to put a lock on the cupboard. All approved to get a carpenter in to do these jobs. Chair went back to the disabled access which needs to be looked at and discussed at length after the stairwell has been cleared. Chair said we must do something even if it is another hand rail. Cllr. A. Follows will ask D I A L to see if they can help with any information. (*DIAL is a charity that gives disability help and advice*). A working party will be organised. The risk assessment for the management of the office was signed and dated for the minute book.

**4. To receive reports from the Borough Councillors.**

All Borough Cllrs had sent in their reports. A joint report from Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Hall was read out first then Chair Cole read out a report from B. Cllr. Nash also. Reports attached to these minutes for the minute book.

In the report of Cllr. Nash it was reported that the doctors Surgery on Kingshurst was a big concern for patients as they are unable to get appointments and with the closure of the PPG (Patients Participation Group) folding there is no one to complain to.

Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley mentioned that the doctors are all locums and there is no lady doctor. Cllr. A. Follows said that it seems to be in all GP practices. Locums can decide their own hours he reported. Cllr. Hinsley also reported that if you log into the system you can get an appointment but if you go in person they tell you to wait 3 weeks. It was also mentioned that non attendance to appointments are advertised and these patients should be struck off as they are preventing genuine patients from getting appointments. Chair asked if we could move on at this point.

**5 Finance Committee:**

5.1 Chair of Finance Alvin Follows asked the Council to agree to the figure of £2659.96 for cheques to be paid up to today's date. All agreed and passed.

## 6. Events Committee

Chair of Events Cllr. Tina Williams had reported that the Clerk and she have put together a letter to give out to the groups that may be interested in participating in the Christmas Tree Festival. She will confirm actual dates with the REV Jo Johnson before the letter is printed. The quotation for the trees seemed very expensive so it was decided that the groups will need to supply their own trees, lights and stands. Chair asked if anyone had any questions for Tina. There were no questions so Chair went onto the next part of the agenda.

## 7. Allotments:

Chair of Allotments Cllr Mulready mentioned he had a quote for £500 to cut the hedge but the company has not turned up. He did get two other quotes but they were too expensive. He said it will be left now for this year. Chair of allotments went on to report that a fence post was missing into the allotments by the bus stop. This will be needed to be replaced as soon as possible. An enquiry into the office for an allotment holder to bring nursery children onto the allotments for educational purposes was declined as it was thought to be a health and safety risk. The holder was asked to put it in writing but to date this has not being received. Cllr. Mulready and the council agreed it would be too dangerous to allow this due to the age of the children.

Cllr. Mulready went then referred to an email that was written by Cllr. David Hinsley regarding the allotments. Cllr. Hinsley had been told that the Clerk had stopped taking names for future allotments on the waiting list. Cllr. Mulready said this was not true. Cllr. David Hinsley's email also referred to him having concerns about a piece of scrub land that had been given to a young person to work on for a year free of charge. Cllr. Hinsley had written in his email that decisions had been made by individuals referring to Chair of Allotments Cllr. Mulready and the Clerk without referring to the full Council. He also mentioned that this type of unilateral action leaves the council open to allegations of nepotism.

Cllr. Mulready explained to the Council that he reported this in last month's full Council. Nothing was opposed then. Cllr. Mulready thought the email was ridiculous and asked why Cllr. Hinsley had not mentioned it before to him.

Cllr. Hinsley replied he had been told by an allotment holder that the waiting list had been closed and secondly because the action had already taken place to let the young man take on the scrub of land to work.

Cllr. Mulready said he had been chairman of the allotments for over 15 years and it was the first time anyone had ever written a letter like this. Conversations took place between Cllr. Mulready and Cllr. Hinsley that started to get personal and were not relevant to the issues.

Cllr. Mulready said through the Chair he thought that Cllr. Hinsleys email was a disgrace and to use the word nepotism was insulting. Cllr. M. Dawson agreed it was very insulting. Cllr. A. Follows suggested to the Chair that this be stopped he said it needs to be a separate agenda item.

Further discussions were mentioned here and Cllr. Hinsley wanted to discuss this further in correspondence, as he wanted to speak about the standing orders.

Chair Cole said he was going to stop this part of the meeting and wanted to move on. He said the issues can be an agenda item at another meeting.

Chair went on to the next part of the agenda.

## **8. Progress reports:**

- 8.1 Bus Shelter on the Chester Road. Chair Cole has written to Centro to ask if they can work with the Parish Council to gain a happy outcome regarding the shelter.
- 8.2 Fire Risk Assessment: This was read out in agenda item 3 and discussed.
- 8.3 Gro Organic would like the KPC to apply for a Grant to help towards the Jubilee Gardens within the allotments for community use. Cllr. A. Follows asked for this to be deferred. Chair deferred the agenda item.

## **9. Reports from Parish Council Members on outside bodies**

- 9.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: No Meeting.
- 9.2 WALC/SAC – Cllr. Hinsley reported that the next meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> April.
- 9.3 School Governor Reports – Nothing to report from Yorkswood School. Chair said we are all aware that Yorkswood is going to be re-built.  
Kingshurst Primary School Governors – Chair Cole reported that a new classroom is being built in the summer one floor up.
- 9.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum – Cllr. D. Hinsley had nothing to report.
- 9.5 Regeneration – Nothing to report

- 10. **44ft Lorries using Cooks Lane:** Chair reported that he keeps writing to them so he will pass it onto the police. He said a police van tonight was following a 44 ft Lorry. He took the details and will report it to the Crime Commissioner in the morning.

- 11. **Planning:** There were no consultations to respond to.

## **12. Planning applications**

- 12.1: Local Development Plan:
- 12.2: Mountfort Public House site – no updates to report.
- 12.3 In retrospect to approve the request from Berkswell Parish Council: It was approved retrospectively that the KPC supported option G of the Local Development Plan to build a settlement of four thousand homes in the area from Cornets Lane, Berkswell towards Meriden.

## **13. Information items**

- 14.1 Correspondence and emails: All Councillors received a list of recent post and emails. All members of the Kingshurst Parish Council had received itemised reports of all post and emails.  
A letter had been received inviting the Chairman to the Fordbridge Towns Councils Charity Event. As he was unable to attend Cllr. Williams had agreed to go to represent the KPC.  
WALC are having a Code of Conduct workshop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Lapworth Village Hall. Also on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July a day for 'Being a good Councillor' was announced. No one wanted to attend.  
An Email had been received from Cllr. David Hinsley with his concerns regarding the Annual Parish Meeting. He was concerned that a Borough Councillor who

doesn't actually live in the area had put forward her opinion as a preferred speaker as a guest at the APM. In his opinion he thought this was wrong as she may use the meeting for political gain. He thought residents should actually set the agenda. Cllr. Mulready said the Borough Cllr only suggested this.

The discussion became heated and personal opinions of incidents from the past were highlighted and at this point and was stopped by the Chair.

Cllr. A. Follows proposed that a notice be put in the notice board, stating that any residents that wish to put forward items for the resident meeting should do so as soon as possible. This was passed.

13.2 WALC Workshop: Concerns regarding the lack of adequate disability access to the building to attend the workshop for March 12<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Cllr. Hinsley had previously asked by email if there was any disabled parking. When he arrived the facilities were not sufficient for Cllr. Hinsley to get into the building. A letter will be written to inform WALC of our concerns that their disabled access was not at all suitable for disabled people. The cheque of £100 was not going to be cashed by WALC according to Alison Gregory who had spoken to the Clerk.

**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. Chair Cole asked the member of the public if he would like to say or ask any questions. The gentlemen asked if he could have an update on the Pavilions. The Clerk said there is an offer on the table. All we know is that he is looking into the cost of having the dilapidations done.

The member of the Public asked which bus shelter the Chair was referring to in agenda item 8. Chair explained where it is and that the KPC are hoping to work together with Centro to sort something out as it is in a terrible state of repair. Nothing else was spoken about to Chair went on to the next part of the agenda.

**15. Councillors reports and Items for Future Agenda:** Annual Parish Meeting will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Pavilions with Guest Speaker Superintendent Allan Green. Chair reminded everyone on the APM.

**16. Date of Next Meeting** 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

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