



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Full Council Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7pm At the Seeds of Hope Parish Room Kingshurst B37 6BY

Cllrs. present: Chair A. Follows, Vice Chair D. Hinsley, Cllrs: J. Kimberley, M. Frampton, P. Sultana, L. Cole, S. Daly, D. Woolley, T. Williams, R Whiskens, B. Follows and D. Cole

**In attendance:** Two members of the Public and J Aske – Clerk  
Apologies were received from Borough Cllrs. Marcus Brain and Jean Hamilton.  
Cllr. Flo Nash and A. Nash arrived at 7.15pm

The KPC Councillors took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for her ten year's plus Service as their Clerk and congratulated her on her retirement.

**79/19.** Chair A. Follows welcomed everyone and informed those present of Fire regulations and Housekeeping etc.

**80/19** Apologies: All Present

**81/19** To approve and pass the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The minutes were proposed by Cllr. David Cole and seconded by Cllr. Sultana. **Resolved:** that the Full Council minutes of the meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be passed as a true record.

**82/19 To receive reports:** Each member of the council had been given a written report from Cllr. Hamilton. Chair asked if all were happy with this and did not read the report out as members had no questions regarding the information. Cllr. David Cole for his Borough Councillor report. Cllr. David Cole reported on the Wildlife ways and the planting of spring bulbs in their hundreds in Kingshurst. He also mentioned trees such as fruit trees are to be planted in Babbs Mills park to replace the trees that were cut down for the new development which is now called Swan Drive. David spoke on the SMBC's approval of a climate change bill to be posted on the Councils website. He spoke further on this regarding zero omissions by 2041 with the West Midlands Authority, protecting the environment, protecting jobs and communities are all part of the bill. A New adjusted Code of Conduct which has been approved and will be sent out to all Borough Councillors.

Cllr. Cole referred to Jean Hamilton's report regarding the Parade.

Cllr. Cole concluded his report with acknowledging the World Mental Health Day.

Kingshurst Primary School have plans for the new extension of classrooms which will be put before planning on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Hopefully when approved work should start in November.

Cllr. Woolley asked David Cole to report that pieces of sharp broken glass have not been cleared after vandalism took place at the old community centre. Cllr. Cole will look into this.

The Parade was discussed here. Cllr. Whiskens spoke on Jeans report regarding the Social space for the Parade. He thinks this is very important as a safe social space has been sadly lacking for the community of Kingshurst.

Cllr. David Cole said to everyone to state your case and make sure its exactly what you want before it goes for the final hearing and draw up the plans.

Cllr. Kimberley spoke on the fact that the plans seem to be pushed back further and further. Another final review he said will probably be another two years. He mentioned here that the Community/Youth Building will be available for 18 months. So it is expected that the regeneration will not take place until after this period. John spoke on the importance of social space. He gave examples of the shops being used at Shard End and does not agree the Kingshurst residents do not shop locally. He spoke further on a Health facility and shops that the elderly will use like a post office and a general store. He said an attractive facility would attract more people to use. As a Parish Councillor we should strongly recommended the kind of facilities we want and for the KPC to use an office and hall, as well as ourselves as residents.

Cllr. Frampton referred an Environmental issue here towards Cllr. David Cole stating that it is important that local residents do not have to travel to shops that everything be here in the vicinity.

Cllr. Sultana echoed the opinions of Cllr. Kimberley and Whiskens and said it is vitally important that the KPC put in a formal representation into the planning of the Parade.

Cllr. Daly had concerns on SMBC spending money on the disused community centre and worried that if money was spent on refurbishment they may not be inclined to knock it down.

Cllr Sultana said he doesn't think there is any question that the building wont be raised to the ground as part of the development.

Cllr. B. Follows said that the regeneration programme has been going for years since she became a councillor it has been talked about.

Cllr. Cole said he is fed up with SMBC and how they have treated Kingshurst and asked the councillors to agree for him to put in writing their concerns and present it at the December Borough Council meeting of Solihull Council.

Chair thanked David for his report.

**83/19. 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.

A member of the public spoke on the consultations of the plans of the Parade that were presented some months ago. She said feedback has come to light so it's her understanding that those plans were the given plans. She didn't realise that they had changed again and the shops have been reduced from 9 or 10 to 3 or 4.

Chair Follows spoke to her regarding the recent plans. Retail was written on the plans but nothing to indicate what retail. The only consultation he said probably two years ago now was regarding where the road would be positioned. He said it is still all up in the air.

David Cole spoke on the cabinet decision from that evening that details of the development will be given at the end of the year. He will draft a letter and read it out at the December meeting of SMBC's Borough Council meeting. He has the full support of the other Councillors and David will present it as the KPC November meeting.

Cllr. Hinsley reported here from information he received in another role regarding the local GP surgery. The invitation for a new tender to run the practice has a stipulation that they must be willing to move premises in 2021. So he concludes that NHS England believes there will be a new Doctors surgery in 2021.

Member of the public spoke here on the park missing equipment, David Cole asked if Cllr. Sultana can come back to him on this subject. The member of the public agreed and then went on to discuss in and around the Babbs mill lake an car park. His main concern was the new trees and the tether holding them still has been broken on all the saplings. In his Grove where he lives a line of trees recently have been cut down and the stumps left a metre high have re grown to form a large bushes. These obstruct the path now and pedestrians walk into the road to get around them. He asked if something could be done.

Cllr. Sultana spoke here on the playground equipment. He read an email out and explained as to why the equipment had not been repaired yet. Financial processes will probably take at least 12 weeks to supply and fit. Cllr. Sultana will get back in touch tomorrow and chase up. Discussions furthered about the park equipment and the possibility of adult health equipment to combat obesity. Chair closed the public participation and went on to the next part of the agenda.

**84/19 Finance:**

84.1 Chair of Finance spoke here on the couple of figures that will need adjusting but the RFO report and the approval of payments was passed and agreed along with the amendment.

84.2 To discuss and approve the Finance Committee meeting dates for the future. This item will be deferred until the next meeting. John reported that the reason for this is that other issues are more important at the present.

**85/19 Events To receive and approve reports from KPC Events working party and make decisions as appropriate.**

85.1 Cllr. Linda Cole gave her report on behalf of the working party. Linda spoke on the Lucy Mays Animal Days and the exotic animals presentations. It was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. B. Follows and all approved by the Council to engage Lucy for the three Infant and Primary Schools in Kingshurst. Clerk to action this and work with the schools to secure the dates leading up to Christmas.

**86/19 Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.**

Cllr. David Hinsley reported that a meeting has not been arranged as yet.

**87/19 Transport and Environmental:** Cllr. David Cole made a point on the bus services and reported they are working fine. More encouragement is needed for their use. He is horrified of the numbers of children on the Cooks lane Road that are transported by parents to school. There is no Airport meeting until 14<sup>th</sup> November David added here.

Cllr. Sultana spoke on the Kingshurst Litter Pickers and Clean and Green have been carrying out a number organised picks around the areas over the past month and between them they have collected 80 black bags of litter from the streets and the parks. He spoke on an organised Litter pick for the coming Saturday and gave details.

Bulb planting will take place around Kingshurst Park and the Parade area.

Fruit Trees along with Native Species will be planted by Wildlife Ways in Babbs Mill.

New bins are being provided in Babbs Mill and a cigarette ballot box will be installed by the Parade for use of voting for projects with the amount of nubs placed into the box under the chosen community project. Paul continued to say that the children from Tudor Grange and Kingshurst Academy are being encouraged to get involved with litter picking and equipment has been donated by Love Solihull. As from next week the pupils will be carrying out a regular Friday afternoon litter pick in the community. It is hoped that the pupils will get involved with the residents of Redwood House on their litter picks integrating intergeneration.

Paul mentioned finally the Kingshurst Community space where the SMBC is providing the old Community Centre for use before the regeneration takes place. He hopes that this is used as it will be a couple of years before the regeneration.

**88/19 KPC Documents/legislations to be discussed and make decisions as appropriate.**

88.1 Western Power – Re Substation paperwork and income to be received. The Clerk informed the Council that as she is leaving she put it back onto the agenda as a reminder that the paperwork has not be completed and no income has been received. Richard Holt is aware the item will be put on the agenda in the future.

**89/19 To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies**

**89.1** Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: No meeting until 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**89.2** WALC/SAC. Chair Follows is unable to make the next meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. He hopes David Hinsley can come back with a report.

**89.3** School Governors Reports. Chair Follows reported on the Yorkswood Primary now being in the new school these past five weeks. Staff and Pupils alike love the school. A couple of minor problems have surfaced which includes parking. Asbestos in the old school is inhibiting the old building being demolished so the new car park cannot be built as yet. This make take six months to complete

Cllr David Cole spoke on the Kingshurst Primary and reported the school will have an extra three classrooms. David held up the plans. It is hoped the build will take place the first week in November. The next Governors meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr. Bev Follows noted here of the space for recreation and the square footage for each pupils. Chair Follows reported that this was considered and taken into account. He is under the impression that the playing facilities are still within the guidelines.

Cllr. David Cole will ask the question and report back.

**90/19. Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate.**

**90.1** Cllr. David Cole explained the formalities to become a street watcher. Being registered is a priority. Members are asked to go out as many nights as possible especially within the school holidays and also the Halloween period.

**90.2** Meriden Drive Parking. The Clerk thought that Cllr. Frampton wanting to discuss the parking in Meriden Road at weekend but this was to be taken to the Private and Confidential part of the meeting.

**90.3** With the Clerks retirement it was proposed for Vice Chair Hinsley to take over the duties for an interim period. Chair asked for an agreement. Cllr Kimberley spoke on the information that Chair and Vice Chair have been looking into. John spoke on the advice from WALC and NALC and said they would prefer it to be temporary for a Cllr. to take on the Clerks position. It would be hoped that it would only be one or possible two meetings. It would be an interim period while the council try to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. Discussions regarding the position of a councillor doing the clerks job being voluntary took place.

It was proposed by Chair Follows and seconded by Cllr. Bev Follows for Cllr. David Hinsley to voluntary work as the clerk for an interim period. All agreed.

**90.4** Cllr. Regarding advertising the position. Cllr. David Hinsley has already been on the WALC website. He has downloaded the current Clerks vacancies that are being advertised for information purposes. Agreement with this will be okayed by via email once a job description has been outlined. Cllr. Kimberley advised the way forward is to be formal and efficient in the job description and specification that can be amended to suit the requirements for the KPC.

B Cllr. Flow Nash spoke here on WALC being able to recommend a Clerk and give advice.

**90.5** Cllr. Hinsley is looking into the idea of changing the Bank account with Unity Banking. Further investigation will be sort.

**90.6** New computer software will be looked into by Cllr. Hinsley and Chair Follows. Financial software would be necessary for a new Clerk to do the RFO work. There on three kinds of software that maybe appropriate. David Hinsley recommends a cloud based software. Alvin and David will look further into the types available. Costs were around £283 a year. All agreed for Chair and Vice Chair to look into Parish and Town Council software for finance records.

**91/19 Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received:** The KPC received from SMBC the TPO information regarding the tree in the car park of the Pavilions which

included the method statement of working around the tree produced by David Bailey of Old Oak Tree Company. Chair noted here that we are all well aware of this.

**92/19 Planning: To consider, comment and take action if appropriate on any planning that is being proposed for the future:**

The Clerk had heard nothing on the Regeneration of the Parade. She mentioned the name of the new officer in charge Alex Heath. It is hoped that he will come along to the KPC meetings to give us details. The Clerk has given him an open invite and dates of the meetings.

**93/19 Information items:** To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

**93/1** Correspondence and emails. All councillors receive a list of emails and post before the meeting.

WALC AGM – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Vice Chair Hinsley will attend.

Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in Solihull Invite – Cllrs. Cole’s will represent the Parish Council.

Cllr. Sultana mentioned here that he is not available to help at the KPC Remembrance Service in assisting Tina Williams with the Standard.

**95/19 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. T Williams mentioned here that Auckland Hall in Smiths Wood are holding a diabetes talk on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November between 3pm to 4.30 pm

Cllr Mark Frampton spoke here about the audio system not been used in the meeting. He went on to say he didn’t hear an item which he wanted to speak on.

Cllr. Sultana asked if the police representative could be invited again as haven’t been for a couple of months.

Chair said they have an open invitation.

**96/19 Date of next meeting** –14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Seeds of Hope Parish Room St. Barnabas Church, Overgreen drive B37 6EY at 7pm.

**97/19 Private and Confidential Meeting** to continue after this meeting

To consider the exclusion of the public and press under section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Meeting finished at 8.15 pm Signed ..... Date .....