

Kingshurst Parish Council

Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 14th November 2019 at 7pm at the Seeds of Hope, Overgreen Drive B37 6BY

Council Members Present: Chair A. Follows, Vice Chair & Acting Clerk D. Hinsley,

Cllrs: J. Kimberley, M. Frampton, P. Sultana, L. Cole, S. Daly, D. Woolley,

T. Williams, R Whiskens, B. Follows, D. Cole

In attendance: Borough Cllr. Flo Nash

Seven members of the Public

1911.01	Welcome & Housekeeping Chair A. Follows welcomed everyone and informed those present of Fire regulations and Housekeeping etc. Chair sought the permission of the council that two members of the public be allowed to sit with and assist councillor Daly in the use of her new Humanware computer. All agreed.	Action
1911.02	Apologies: None received	
1911.03	Minutes: Resolved: "That the Full Council minutes of the meetings held on 10 th October 2019 be passed as a true record and accordingly be signed by Chair A Follows." Proposed Cllr. Williams, Seconded Cllr. Frampton, All agreed	
1911.04	Reports: Borough Cllr Cole: Community Tree Planting on 20th November to plant fruit trees in 3 locations in Babbs Mill. Bellway to plant 12 fruit trees to replace trees removed in recent developments. That the 'Community Hub' formerly the Youth Centre was awaiting a Health and Safety inspection before officially opening. New 'Read and Feed' sessions on Saturday mornings at Kingshurst Library in an attempt to increase footfall in order to maintain the library's long term viability. Work to commence on the three new classrooms for Kingshurst Primary School in March 2020 to be completed by September 2020 in time for the start of the 2020/21 school year. Borough Cllr. Flo Nash Stressed the importance of the library and the community hub to the parish and urged everyone to lend their support to both venues. Reported that the water quality in Babbs Mill was improving but that pollution in the lake still needed to be monitored. That the 'new' bus services through Kingshurst were running well and urged everyone to use them so that the services are maintained. Cllr. R Whiskens: Thanked the Borough councillors for the work that they had done on behalf of the parish. Suggested that the parish council adopt Lady Leisure (a former Kingshurst resident whose family still live in the area and TV celebrity with her own show on ITV2 and 1.8 million followers on social media) as a champion for Kingshurst. It was stated that she is already keen to work with both the borough and parish councils on behalf of Kingshurst.	

1911.05	Public Participation: Pavilions Club Licensing hours: Sam Frost of Meriden Drive asked for the council's support in opposing the proposed changes in the licensing hours at the Pavilions Club citing that they would result in based on previous evidence under the existing licence of: Noise problems to even later into the night / early morning. Parking congestion in Meriden Drive Broken glass and empty bottles in Meriden Drive and neighbouring gardens. The inability to use her garden in summer due to the level of noise from from the club. She added that several neighbours had registered complaints but that only hers had been accepted. Borough Cllr. Flo Nash advised that she and two or three others attend the Licensing Board meeting to submit their objections in person on 20 th November. Following further discussion it was resolved that 'Kingshurst Parish Council write to to the SMBC Licensing Board in support of the residents opposition to the proposed changes in the licensing hours at the Pavilions Club." Proposed Cllr Kimberley, Seconded Cllr Sultana, All in Favour Play equipment in the parks and tree stumps in Holliers Drive John Shakespeare: 1. raised the issue broken / missing play equipment which he has regularly spoken	Clerk
	about 2. asked whether it is SMBC policy to leave one metre tall stumps when trees are removed as he considers those left in Holliers Drive to be dangerous and unsightly	
	Cllr. Sultana responded: 1. That he his in constant contact about this issue and that there are problems in obtaining spare parts and that even when equipment has been repaired it is	PS
	subsequently vandalised. He added that SMBC plans to install additional play equipment and that he will monitor developments. 2. Stated that he and borough Cllr. Cole would investigate.	PS/DC
	Cllr Whiskens asked whether it would be better to re-site the play areas?	
1911.06 1911.06.1	Finance: Resolved: "To accept the report of the RFO and approve the payments to be made for November as recommended by the Finance Committee"	
1911.06.2	Resolved: "To move the parish council bank account to Unity Trust Bank recommended by the Finance Committee"	Clerk/ RFO
1911.07	 Events: On behalf of the Events working party Cllr. L Cole reported: The bugler needs to be booked for the 2020 Remembrance Day Parade Seeds of Hope are unwilling to undertake the catering for the 2020 parade and that an alternative caterer will have to be found. Lucy May is consulting the local primary schools to arrange dates for her animal shows. Yorkswood and St Anthonys before Christmas, Kingshurst after 	Clerk EWP
1911.08	Allotments: On behalf of the Allotments working party Cllr. Frampton reported: • An Allotment Holders Association would be set up in 2020 following the re-assignment of plots in order to try to remove or reduce from the parish council and remove the involvement of Gro Organic in administering the site.	AWP
	 Food grown on Jubilee Gardens had been donated St Barnabas and Kingshurst Evangelical churches. Most of the burnable rubbish had been incinerated and that he would take the metal and plastic items to local recycling site. Notices where to be displayed to: 	MF
	 Notices where to be displayed to: inform plot holders that they are responsible for the safe disposal of their own rubbish inform the person who is leaving bags of kitchen waste by the gates that it is no longer wanted 	Clerk/ MF

	 Two taps are leaking but that repairs would be deferred until the new year as the water supply has been turned off at the mains for the winter months Asked in volunteers were covered by the council's liability insurance – answer Yes 	
	Resolved: "Two volunteers to be issued with keys to the allotment lock and that they will report to the Allotments working party" Proposed Cllr. Kimberley, Seconded Cllr. Williams, All in favour	Clerk/ MF
1911.09	Transport and Environmental: Cllr. D Cole reported: Bus services working well especially the X12 services Complaints that 55 service not running to time table but that it is the individual's responsibility to complain. The number is on the West Midlands Travel website	
	 Cllr. S Daly reported: Someone was roaming the area in the early hours and breaking into cars and that trying to report it using the 101 number was virtually impossible. Cllr. D Cole advised using the West Midlands Police website is quick and easy. Cllr D Cole to contact police to ascertain if a sergeant could attend the next meeting. 	DC
	 Cllr P Sultana reported: Complaints about play areas / equipment – issues being progressed (see also 1911.05 above) Water quality in Babbs Mill is improving and that the new reed beds are working well. That severe cases of 'dog fouling' can be treated with a spray. He has requested a Solar compacting bin for the North of the borough but that some of those installed in the South are not working very well That volunteers had finished repainting the 'Community Hub' and that it was waiting for a Health and Safety inspection before reopening to the public Babbs Mill had regained it's Green Flag status and that SMBC were to install a flagpole. (It was commented that one already exists close to the junction of Cookes Lane and Fordbridge Road 	PS
1911.10 1911.10.1	That the litter picking group had recently planted 500+ bulbs across the parish Documents/legislations: Western Power – Re Substation: Clerk to contact Richard Holt for progress report	Clerk
1911.11 1911.11.1 1911.11.2 1911.11.3	Reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies: Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr D Cole reported: • Project Sampson the new baggage handling system for the North terminal is operational • Electric buses sourced from Poland are operational • All ex Thomas Cook planes, services and slots have been taken up by other airlines • Many new services have been introduced which will result in an extra 10000 passengers using the airport WALC/SAC: • Clerk to forward the minutes of the meeting of 23 rd October 2019 when available School Governors Reports: • Yorkswood: Chair Follows: Demolition of old buildings to start in near future which could cause traffic congestion • Kingshurst: Cllr D. Cole:	Clerk
1911.12 1911.12.1 1911.12.2 1911.12.3 1911.12.4	Progress reports for information/action: New Clerk position to be advertised: Job description, Person specification, Advert and Recruitment pack under development. Job to be advertised when ready. Storage: Location / Transport: Awaiting quote from Steve England of Raerose Limited New computer software: Windows 10 upgrade has been done (free of charge) / accounting software - clerk to arrange demonstrations of AdvantEDGE & Scribe packages Scanner for archiving KPC documents: Council's existing printer/scanner may suffice -	Clerk/ AF Clerk Clerk
1911.12.4	clerk to investigate Cloud phone: Resolved "To replace cloud phone with a sim at £9.95 per month which if successful will save approximately £50 per month." as recommended by the Finance	Clerk Clerk

1911.12.6 1911.12.7	Committee Christmas tree / Lights / Banner: Clerk to contact SMBC to determine if tree and lights still available and cost: Clerk to obtain quote from Steve England for putting up the banners Humanware training: Following the success of the training that Cllr. Daly received from her grandson and his friend it was agreed to continue with this arrangement.	Clerk
1911.13	Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: None	
1911.14	Planning: To consider, comment and act on any planning proposed for the future: None	
1911.15 1911.15.1	Information items: Correspondence and emails: Email re: Proposal to move the polling station for districts KF05 & SM05 from Kingshurst Primary School to Seeds of Hope	
1911.16	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Cllr. Williams proffered her apologies for the next meeting. Cllr. Woolley raised the issue of food waste from the Co-Op being removed from the bins by foxes(?) and left in Gilson Way – Cllr. Cole to consult with Co-Op. Cllr. Woolley advised that he had be approached by a resident about a split brown recycling bin, adding that he had been able to resolve the situation.	Clerk
1911.17	Date of next meeting: 12 th December 2019, Seeds of Hope, 6pm.	
1911.18	Confidential Items to be discussed in private: Under section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 members of the public and press were asked to withdraw.	

Note: Cllr. B Follows left the meeting at 7.30pm due to illness

Meeting finished at 8.32pm