

**Minutes of the meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
Environmental Committee held on 12th September 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: Councillors were also present, along with a guest and Clerk Joanne Aske.

10/19 Chair of the meeting asked the Clerk if there were any apologies.

No Apologies. All present

11/19. The minutes of the 13th June and the 11th July 2019: Cllr. David Cole approved the minutes and it was seconded by Cllr. Mark Frampton. Resolved that both Minutes of the 13th June and 11th July 2019 that having been circulated and read were signed as a true record.

Cllr. Frampton moved seats as he is unable to hear presently with a hearing problem.

12/19 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. David Cole gave a brief report on wildlife ways planting of the areas around the Cooks Lane new pelican crossing and also extended width of paths in the park.

Guest Speaker Peter Shaples from Wildlife Ways will be presenting a talk later in the FC Meeting. Questions can be directed at him.

Chair asked Mark if he had anything to report. He had not. Chair of the Environmental Committee continued. In Chris Barr absence of a proposed meeting other representatives from SMBC's Environmental met with Paul and David and Cllr. Marcus Brain to discuss issues on Babbs Mill.

Issues: current state of the play area with missing equipment which can only be replaced after the missing parts are sourced. Two other pieces of equipment missing will be chased up. Assurances have been given that the play equipment is on order. Discussions on the blanket weed. Amey contractors had done a drench of the weed and kept the sluices clear. Paul was assured they would keep on top of this now.

Colin Smart from SMBC's Community Development Team spoke here on encouraging group activities to get involved with this issue of the blanket weed.

At this point the Clerk asked the Committee to be aware of the time.

Cllr Sultana spoke on the trees and the development of Babb's Mill and a contribution of tree planting. This will be followed up and reported back by SMBC's representative.

Cllr. Sultana continued with his report on ASB, stolen motorcycles are a problem. Residents issues of the wild flower planting and weed nuisances.

Paul would like further time in future meetings as ten minutes is not enough time for his to complete his report.

Litter picking was discussed and the bags of rubbish within Chelmsley Wood, Kingshurst and Smiths Wood. SMBC are really pleased with the achievements of the groups.

Paul mentioned concerns of locking the car park by the basket ball are. Evidence of drug taking and the sex trade industry have been noted on Social Media of the nuisance.

A summary on behalf of the UK government is available to read. Paul asked that councillors read it.

Chair of the KPC asked Paul to close the meeting as a guest was waiting to demonstrate equipment to aid Cllr. Daly with her Council work before the 6.30pm Finance meeting.

13 /19 Public Participation – No time for participation.

14/19 Next meeting is scheduled for October 10th 2019 at 6pm in the Seeds of Hope Parish Room.

Meeting finished at 6.22pm

Signed Date