



Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of Full Council Meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council
held on the 12th September 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 and D. Cole

In attendance: Guest speaker Peter Sharples of Wildlife Ways, three members of the public and J Aske – Clerk

Apologies were received from Borough Cllrs. Flo Nash and Jean Hamilton. Cllr. David Cole announced that Marcus Brain would arrive later.

64/19. Chair A. Follows welcomed everyone and informed those present of Fire regulations and Housekeeping etc.

65/19 Apologies: Cllr B. Follows – Unwell.

66/19 Guest Speaker

66.1 Chair introduced Guest Speak Mr. Peter Sharples SMBC's engagement officer for Wildlife Ways. Peter thanked everyone for the invite. He reported that the project run by SMBC to transform a series of green spaces across the borough to create an improved wildlife sites. The project encourages bio-diversity and protects local environments. It improves natural habitats and creates a much nicer Borough to live in. Future projects will be focused on Babbs Mill Park from Cooks Lane to Yorkswood. The paths through the park will be similar to the project currently being carried out in Meriden Park. Trees have already been planted and many bulbs. More work will proceed in Spring 2020. Opportunities will be there for peter to visit the Parish Council again and the Parish Council can speak into the project. The Parish Council may have more knowledge of issues that can be shared, so opportunities will be there for Councillors to meet project officers and look at the proposals. He hopes the project will be the best one for Fordbridge and Kingshurst. Peter thanked the councillors. The Clerk has his contact details.

Cllr. David Cole asked Peter a question regarding the new crossing on Cooks Lane. He asked if the crossing will be finished off with a Pelican Crossing. Peter will take this question back to the Highways department of the council.

Vice Chair David Hinsley spoke here on the wildflower seeding. In adjacent Parish there has been a lot of adverse reaction to it. The people in the area are totally against it. Peter replied that he was aware of the situation. David asked if there had been any problems with Kingshurst residents from the Chester Road area. Only those from Water Orton and Castle Bromwich have complained. Peter went on to say that over one hundred thousand bulbs will be planted as well as wild flowers.

Cllr. David Cole asked a question regarding the width of the paths in the park. David explained about the soil on the embankments from the clearing of the lagoon. The soil is now producing wild trifid type plants. Residents thought they were coming from the wild flowers. Peter replied he was not aware of this situation. He said contractors will move any spoil off site that is produced.

Cllr. Williams asked what the blue colour was that was placed on the big Island on the Birmingham Road. This was placed on before the Wild Flowers. The explanation came from Cllr. Sultana, he was told that the mulch of seeds was mulched in recycled denim cotton.

Chair Follows thanked peter for his report.

66.2 An apologetic email had been received from the Pavilions management regarding their invite to speak at the Full Council. At the time they were unaware that the meeting was not private. They asked for a private and confidential meeting to be arranged with the KPC. Chair went on to the next part of the Agenda.

67/19 To approve and pass the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th July 2019. The minutes were proposed by Cllr. David Cole and seconded by Cllr. Williams. **Resolved:** that the Full Council minutes of the meetings held on 11th July 2019 be passed as a true record.

68/19 To receive reports: Chair asked Cllr. David Cole for his Borough Councillor report. Cllr. Cole spoke on how thrilled he was to see the new bus service start on the 1st September. He gave the Councillors the new timetable for their perusal. David mentioned the parking around John Henry Newman and Kingshurst Primary. Pavements and green spaces are being used to park. The way forward is getting the children on public transport to free up the roads. Cllr. Cole intends to put this to SMBC to look into the problems. He suggested maybe double yellow line the roads and ban parking on curbs.

Cllr. Cole continued with his report and spoke on the opening of the old youth centre near the Parade. This he said will help keep the youth of the streets for at least 18 months. The building will be open from Monday to Friday for us as a community centre. The condition of the building is very good.

Chair asked why SMBC shut it in the first place if it is in a good condition.

Cllr. Cole thought this would of been down to lack of cash, but added that SMBC are willing to pay costs for it to be used by the community. David also said the cafe will be open again as a community cafe again with no charges.

Cllr. Cole reported than in the holidays, some Cllrs and Borough Councillors help to organise feeding the young children of Kingshurst.

Cllr. Daly offered the use of her catering equipment to help with the community projects.

Cllr. David Cole said this would be fantastic as there is nothing in the cafe at the moment.

Chair Follows thanked David Cole and then read out a report from Borough Cllr. Jean Hamilton.

Chair Follows declared an interest in DIAL as Jean had mentioned in her report that that Kingshurst has lost the service that DIAL gave this community. She applause the Litter Pickers for all the hard work in their communing.

Vice Chair Hinsley briefly spoke on the GP surgery. The current providers that pulled out left an invitation for a new service provider. This will go out on the 16th September. Bids will have to be in with four weeks. It is then hoped a new provider will be in place for the last week of December.

Chair thanked Cllr. Hinsley.

69/19. 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.

Member of the public spoke on the parks missing equipment and the blanket weed on the lake plus the footpath around the lake is so overgrown that it is impassable. He said people are taking secuters with them to cut a way through.

Cllr David Cole answered the member of the public that regular meetings with the parks management take place. The member of the public spoke on the blanket weed and Cllrs Sultana and David Cole will look further into the problem.

Mr. Colin Smart Community engagement Officer spoke here regarding the community Youth centre opening. He said it is for any groups and activities to use the premises with no charge.

Cllr. Paul Sultana said this is a good point because we don't want to lose the space for the community so groups must use it.

Chair closed the public participation and went on to the next part of the agenda.

70/19 Finance:

70.1 The Full Council agreed to the report of the RFO and the approval of payments for August and September 2019. Chair of finance suggested that in the future, Committees and working parties meet on a separate night. Then all the agreements can be brought to the Full Council Meeting. This can be put on the next agenda.

70.2 After the Chair of Finance read the reports. The Internal Auditor report was approved for Annual Governance Statement and was signed by Chair Alvin Follows.

71/19 Events To receive and approve reports from KPC Events working party and make decisions as appropriate.

71.1 The Minutes of the Event meeting were passed at the end of the meeting and signed by Chair Follows. No approval was necessary as the Committee was dissolved and a working party was put in place.

71.2 Cllr. Linda Cole gave her report on behalf of the working party of event. The three schools will be given an opportunity to interact with exotic animals and learn about the species and their habitats.

A fancy dress at Easter along with an egg hunt in the community centre is in the pipeline.

Remembrance Service Bugler and buffet will be booked. Chocolates from Cadburys for the elderly of the Parish will be given at Christmas along with a card. Linda asked John Kimberley for help with the ordering of chocolates from Cadbury's. Clerk may have a contact from previous years.

72/19 Allotments: To receive and approve reports from KPC Allotments Committee and make decisions as appropriate.

Cllr. David Hinsley spoke here on the refurbishment of the play area costs. HS2 grant may come in for the Jubilee Gardens. David spoke on the previous meeting with the representative from the National allotment association. He said the meeting didn't go as well as expected. David said he is still in favour of starting an Allotment Association. He has received more information and he spoke on setting up a Charitable incorporate organisation. It is hoped that setting up one of these organisations means just three trustees could apply for the funding to run the association without involving all the allotment holders. The decision can be from the KPC. Further information can be discussed with the working party and bring the information back in a written report to the full council. All accounts are submitted each year by law.

Cllr. Williams spoke here about the children's area and the past help that was necessary in opening it for the community.

Cllr. Daly spoke also of the Jubilee Gardens from the past and how it used to look to now and how badly neglected it is. Cllr. Frampton and Cllr. Daly spoke to each other on this matter.

Cllr. Sultana spoke on the discussions being historic and are not necessarily applying to the now. He sees the space as a fantastic community area that needs utilising with free labour and help from SMBC. The opportunity Paul said is the challenge to do something with it and to maintain it. Chair said the maintaining has always been the problem as the allotment holders rent doesn't cover the costs.

Cllr. Sultana spoke again on the opportunity that the gardens give the community. A decision he made two years ago to litter pick and how SMBC said it had never taken off in the past. At the same time Marcus Brain had the same idea to clean up litter in the area. This is how projects get started.

Cllr. Frampton asked if HS2 would pay for the bark and any costs. This was uncertain. Mark queried the supervision of members of the public and community groups in the gardens. Discussions took place regarding the space and how it should be used for the benefit of the community.

Cllr. Hinsley commented here and asked the members of the working party to meet up and he will suggest a venue and time to meet up and come back to the Full Council with a report.

73/19 Transport and Environmental: Cllr. David Cole spoke on the Air Transport. He mentioned the new system for booking in on the departures area where you deposit the bags yourself on the scales. Another introduction of more body scanners. Each airport has got to supply the scanners for more security. Noise action plan is being discussed. Disability help will be pre bookable by all airports. Pre booking is necessary. World health is looking on the air quality which will take two years to complete. David also spoke on the percentages of the aircraft movements.

Cllr. Paul Sultana spoke on the pollution in Babbs Mill recently and this is currently under investigation by the environmental agency and Severn Trent along with SMBC.

Foul sewage mains is probably the problem from development work and is being investigated as to why it has happened.

Paul listed items he has reported to SMBC from his walk around Babbs Mill. The list included the blanket weed problem along with the swings and play equipment not all being replaced. Paul took the opportunity here to thanks Mark Frampton David Cole and Flo Nash for their help in the litter picking along with Marcus brain and Sheila Daly. He asked for others to support them.

Paul will look into the growth on the other side of the lake and that he will look into it.

Cllr. Kimberley spoke on the long term solution of clearing the blanket weed. Paul said that SMBC have promised it will be dealt with annually. Increased water flow does prevent it from stagnating with the growth of blanket weed. John spoke on the fact that it doesn't appear on other lakes.

Chair thanked Paul for the report.

74/19 KPC Documents/legislations to be discussed and make decisions as appropriate.

Nothing discussed here.

75/19 Information items: To receive and discuss items for information and comment/action if appropriate.

75/1 Correspondence and emails. All councillors receive a list of emails and post before the meeting. Nothing was discussed here.

75.2 The Clerk read out two planning applications industrial units and further classrooms at Kingshurst Primary for information only. No objections.

75.3 Advertising Signage - Cooks Lane in private homes and the school. Cllr. Paul Sultana had raised this as he said in the space of 100 metres along the road there are eight different signs on private property advertising builder's roofers and bouncy castles. He thinks they are illegal and should be stamped on now before it gets worse.

Chair spoke here and said it is nothing the Parish Council can do it would be an SMBC issue.

76/19 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.**

A suggestion of buying small laptop computers for the Councillors to use. This would use a document systems of downloads of the Council paperwork. Saving distribution and printing costs. Street Watch DC. Separate night for Committee and working party meetings. JK. Parking on Meriden Drive on Sundays. Clerk asked to pass the 13th June Events minutes. Item 8.1

77/19 Date of next meeting –10th October 2019 at the Seeds of Hope Parish Room St. Barnabas Church, Overgreen drive B37 6EY at 7pm.

78/19 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 8.32pm Signed Date