



Kingshurst Parish Council

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**Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council
Full Council Meeting held on the 14th November 2017 at 7pm
At the Pavilions Sporting Club
Meriden Drive, Kingshurst B37 6BX**

Cllrs. present:

- D. Cole - Chair
- L. Cole
- P. Cooper-Hinsley
- D. Hinsley
- D. Woolley
- A. Follows
- J. Kimberley
- S. Daly

Apologies Received from Borough Councillors: Cllr. D Evans, Cllr. R. Hall and Cllr. F Nash

In Attendance: Borough Councillors Mark Wilson and Jean Hamilton
RFO Mrs. Baudet and Clerk to the Council J Aske.
3 members of the public attended.

124/17 Chair Cole opened the meeting with the Welcome and Housekeeping.

125/17 Apologies: Cllr. T. Williams – Holiday, B. Follows – family commitment and M. Dawson - DNA

126/17 Minutes of the previous Full Council.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2017 that having been circulated and read were signed as a true record.

127/17 To receive reports from Borough Councillors, West Midlands Police and SMBC's Regeneration Department. All written reports will be attached to the minutes for the minute book. Borough Cllr.

A report had been received from Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Hall. A further report from Cllr. Nash was given to Chair Cole before the evening.

Chair read out their reports. No further questions. He then invited Borough Councillors Mark Wilson and Jean Hamilton for any reports.

Borough Councillor Mark Wilson mentioned the follow on from the August Meeting where Caroline Spellman was present, there are follow-on committees to which he has joined, regarding rising crime across the Borough. He mentioned the national concern of the lack of money and the pressures on the police. He referred to the Parade and the plans. No feedback from Regen but the plans are going to Cabinet in December. All views regarding Social housing were aired here. The term 'socially affordable' and 'social housing' needs to be clarified. Mark would like to push for like to like accommodation. No information on specific homes is available. He would like to hear from residents if they are happy with the new plans for their new homes. Cllr. Hamilton came in here and said she will push for Social Homes.

No reports were received from Regeneration but Chair had received a West Midlands Police report from Jane Turner. She reported numerous Carjackings and robbery offences were reported in the last few months. Two perpetrators have been caught and are awaiting court and are remanded in custody with seven of these offences against them.

128/17 Finance:

128.1 Chair of Finance did not read out the RFO's report as all members of the Council had been present in the Finance Committee meeting. All members of the Council received a copy of the report.

128.2 The finance committee approved cheques this evening to the value of £ 4454.52. All approved and passed by the full council.

128.3 Purchase of microphone: Cllr. A. Follows had sent information regarding quotes to all those on email. Chair had looked at them all and he was happy. Cllr. David Hinsley pointed out problems with a microphone that can be passed around. In his opinion he said a more sophisticated one. Cllr. Daly asked if it could be sooner than later as she said she cannot hear anything going on in the meeting. It was noted by RFO Louise Baudet that the tables should be positioned in a closed table as in all other meetings of Parish Councils. Clerk had put the tables so the councillors can face the members of the public. A hearing loop was considered part of the refurbishment of the Pavilions.

128.4 Chairman's allowance. Chair requires his full Members allowance. Mostly his expenses are on printing, ink and travelling. Cllr. Follows proposed that as from today Chair will be allowed his allowance. Cllr. Woolley proposed that it be backdated. All passed and the Chairman's allowance will be back dated to April 1st 2017

128.5 Section 137 for Primary school Milk payments. Cllr. Follows proposed that the milk payments are made. All accepted and passed.

129/17 Events

129.1 A report from the Events working Party was sent out with each Agenda to save time in the meeting. The donation from JLR came after the report was produced. Cllr. Linda Cole explained that a representative will be presenting the cheque as the actual event on the 9th December. Chair thanked Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley for getting the donations for the Christmas event. The event is self funding and any monies left over will be ear marked for Christmas 2018. Invoices will be needed for cheques to be raised. Chair asked the rest of the council to help out on the day.

It was established here that Cllr. Hinsley, Cllr. Cooper Hinsley and Chair held current DBS certificates (Disclosure and Barring Service) so that they can work with Children.

It was noted here that these copies need to be presented with the risk assessment that Chair Cole will do on Monday 20th November.

The Christmas tree will be erected on 30th November and the lights will be switched on 1st December.

130/17 Allotments

130.1 A report was circulated to all councillors with the agenda to save time at the meeting. Cllr. David Hinsley stood and proceeded to give details of a meeting that took place in August concerning a member of Gro Organic and a few Councillors. Recently it had been pointed out to him that he was in breach of the Code of Conduct. Two complaints had been raised to the democratic services of SMBC one was from Michael of Gro Organic and the other was from a councillor that was present and witnessed his behaviour. After a discussion with Deborah Merry of Democratic services she advised Cllr. Hinsley to apologise for his behaviour. Cllr Hinsley has

written to Michael and apologised and mentioned in the letter as to why he was so angry. He also apologised to the councillor that witnessed his angry behaviour.

Cllr. Daly wanted it known that she is not happy with Gro organic. Cllr. Hinsley and Cllr. Cooper-Hinsley pointed out the present work on phase two of the Jubilee Gardens.

Vice Chair Kimberley referred to the day when Cllr. Hinsley lost his temper with the member of Gro-Organic. He said he witnessed Cllr. David's Hinsley's behaviour and it was an utter disgrace. He welcomed the apology that Cllr. David Hinsley has made to Gro organic and the Councillor that had reported his behaviour to SMBC. Cllr. Kimberley also felt that Cllr. Hinsley should apologise to this Council and indirectly to its residents of Kingshurst for his behaviour.

Vice Chair Kimberley read out the first part of the Code of Conduct and the offences that had taken place. He would like an apology to the whole council and its residents.

Cllr Pauline Cooper spoke here not through the chair and asked if the apology can be left until a future meeting with Deborah Merry of SMBC democratic Service.

The Chair acknowledged this and thought this would be wise.

130.2 Chair referred to Sarah Gill as she had reported the letter of apology and her reason for not attending the council meeting is she felt intimidated. A further report from her explained the community run projects which are for training life skills. Examples were given. One example: the poly tunnel was erected badly, it was used as a team building exercise. Cllr. Daly aired her opinion on the gardens and so did Cllr. Hinsley.

Chair carried on with report from Sarah Gill. Top quality bark has now been used. VAT received back from the grant should go back to the Gro Organic project. It was established after many views regarding the polytunnel and the groups that go down to enjoy the gardens. Cllr. Pauline Cooper-Hinsley wants to know when these group are going down to the Gardens so she can interact with them.

The RFO explained about the awards for all and the agreements taken on.

After views and interruptions of each other not going through the chair, Chair asked Councillors their opinion on the Community Gardens staying Gro Organic. All agreed. But it must be supervised by this council.

RFO said that you have signed off the money. She said you need to listen to the Chair and manage the situation from now on.

Mark Frampton is employed by Gro Organic for four hours a week. He explained his role and how he works with those trying to learn life skills that have learning disabilities which is what the community project is all about. He mentioned the poly tunnel. He has burned the burnable rubbish and rubbish that is metal and plastic has been taken off phase two. He will get free compost for the poly tunnel from Packington tip. He will not be doing his hours in the winter months.

Vice Chair Kimberley wanted to establish that we need either have confidence with Gro Organic and get them to do the remaining work and continue with them or have no confidence with them and walk away.

Cllr. Hinsley wanted to know if the council wanted to prolong the agreement as it will take them over the time allocated.

Chair asked the members of the council to vote to keep with the Gro Organic and manage them. A resolution was made to work with Gro Organic and liaise with them. All passed.

Cllr. Daly said she will police them.

Cllr. Hinsley will re-write the rules and regulations of the allotments from January as he said seven empty plots may become available.

130.3 The Metal blue shed is in need of repair. Cllr. Daly got her son to quote for repairs. Chair would like other quotes as well. All agreed

Cllr. Daly also mentioned that she had got quotes for clearing the wasteland at the top of the Jubilee Gardens.

130.4 Quotations for clearing overgrowth and waste on allotment land. It was established that this was the responsibility to Gro-Organic. Chair said as Cllr. Daly is policing the gro organic team she can suggest the clearing.

Cllr. Daly spoke about the rubbish and the weed.

131/17 Transport and Environmental.

131.1 Reports had been given out with the agenda. No further news on the Mountfort Site or the Parade.

132/17 KPC Documents:

132.1 Website management. Chair Cole is looking into this being managed by students. Cllr. Hinsley wanted to confirmation that he could put the Christmas Faye event on to the website. All agreed.

132.2 Resolution for all Councillors to wear an ID badge with a photo on. All agreed. It was noted that Cllr. Woolley does not want his photograph on his.

133/17 To receive reports from members representing KPC on outside bodies

133.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee: No report.

133.2 WALC/SAC. Cllr. Hinsley reported the last meeting involved the subject of pensions and training for Clerks of how to use the system. The Wolverhampton will train for free. The Clerk and RFO will attend a training session.

133.3 School Governors Reports. Cllr. A. Follows reported that the finances were discussed. The new build has been put back to March next year owing to a surveyors report.

Chair Cole said that Kingshurst Primary have similar finance problems. High volume of reception children was reported.

133.4 Solihull Partnership Forum: Nothing to report.

133.5 Regen: Nothing to report here.

134/17 Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate:

134.1 The Publication scheme and website was discussed in agenda earlier.

135 /17 Planning: To consider and comment on any planning applications received: Nothing received. A planning application had been received for Land to the north of 234 – 270 Cooks Lane Kingshurst. All Councillors had a copy but nothing was noted here.

136/17 Planning: proposed for the future

136.1 Local Development Plan: Nothing discussed here.

136.2 Mountford Public House Site: Nothing discussed here.

137/17 Information items

137.1 Correspondence and emails: All members of the council had a log of emails and post. The Clerk had received an invoice for the subscription for Open Spaces. This will be cancelled.

138/17 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 requested that the Parish Council report dumping of balck bags and old metal road signs on the Mountfort Site to SMBC. Clerk will report.

Mark Frampton wanted to establish that the rubbish had been cleared and noticed that someone has dumped rubbish from another place, not from the allotment.

He established that the lottery grant stipulated that groups were doing to be involved in the gardens.

Clerk thought this was after the gardens have been completed and those groups that Mark mentioned were to be invited to enjoy the gardens.

Chair moved on as the residents had finished,

139/17 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas: Nothing reported here for a Parish Council issues.

Cllr. Woolley – Parade Gates.

Cllr. Kimberley – Public apology from Cllr. Hinsley to the Council and its resident.

140/17 To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for **Tuesday 12th December 2017** at The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst at 7 pm

Meeting Closed at 20.22

Signed Date.....