



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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Clerk to the Council: Denise Milne

**Minutes of the virtual meeting of  
 Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council  
 held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm  
 hosted online using Zoom**

*Council Members: Cllrs D Cole, L Cole, S Daly, A Follows (Chair), B Follows,  
 M Frampton, J Kimberley, P Sultana, R Whiskens, T Williams, D Woolley, M Dawson*

**Council Members Present:** A Follows (Chair), B Follows, D Cole, L Cole, S Daly, M Frampton,  
 J Kimberley, P Sultana, T Williams, D Woolley, M Dawson

**In Attendance:** Borough Councillor Mr M Brain  
 Clerk D Milne  
 Two members of the public Ms J Cole, Mr L Browning

2021.03.1	<b>Welcome and Housekeeping:</b> Chair A Follows welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of Kingshurst Parish Council.	<u>Action</u>
2021.03.2	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr R Whiskens	
2021.03.03	<b>Declarations of disclosable (pecuniary and other) interests:</b> None	
2021.03.04	<b>Dispensation requests:</b> None	
2021.03.05  2021.03.05.1	<b>To Receive reports/proposals:</b>  <b>Borough Councillors:</b> Cllr D Cole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported the Waste and Recycling contractor Amey will end on the evening of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Urbaser will take over the contract.</li> <li>• Advised that following a Governor's meeting with Kingshurst Primary School yesterday most of the school are back except for around 20 pupils. SMBC to follow up with a possibility of fines being issued.</li> <li>• Reported that regarding the Council budget, the leading group has increased the Council Tax by 4.99% over two years.</li> <li>• Following a Council Chamber and Budget meeting advised that Birmingham Airport has requested loans to tide them over as passenger numbers has dropped by 91%. Most key stakeholders in the West Midlands have agreed to support them with a loan, including Solihull.</li> </ul>	

2021.03.05.2	<p><b>West Midlands Police</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been no response from WMP to say they are attending tonight's meeting. Cllr P Sultana sent a reminder late afternoon today. Apologies and a report was received after the meeting. Report attached, see Appendix A.</li> <li>• Cllr D Woolley would like to report that two litter bins have been removed from Babbs Mill near the playground and the bridge and there is nowhere to deposit litter or used dog's waste bags. Cllr D Cole to look into.</li> <li>• Cllr D Woolley has looked at the regeneration plans for Kingshurst and has noticed there are marked yellow lines on the plans, which most people do not adhere to. Cllr D Cole to take up.</li> </ul>	<p>D Cole</p> <p>D Cole</p>
2021.03.05.3	<p><b>SMBC Community representatives, any other statutory bodies and voluntary organisations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr P Sultana fed back on The Kingshurst Rainbow Alliance who have has sent out a number of care packages to people in need and are receiving more and more referrals.</li> <li>• Ms J Cole has advised that the number of care packages sent out has decreased due to the current Covid situation. Due to Covid restrictions people in the community are struggling with depravation and un-met care needs and Foodbanks are receiving a lot less than they used to. Two more projects are hoping to assist.</li> <li>• Cllr P Sultana updated us on the Action for Babbs Mill online subscribers who get involved with regular litter picks in the area, and have contributed to sharing photos of a local sexual offender who has been arrested.</li> <li>• Cllr P Sultana reported on the Clean and Green committee, collecting rubbish and shopping trolleys from our green areas and rivers. Asda has helped by supplying items of food to the Rainbow Alliance.</li> <li>• Cllr D Cole reported back from a Birmingham Airport meeting advising an inquest is being carried out as recently airport maintenance was being carried out on the runway and a ladder fell off a maintenance lorry onto the runway.</li> <li>• Cllr D Cole advised that the contract with The Space has been extended from 31<sup>st</sup> March to December 2021; this will be reviewed at the end of December 2021.</li> </ul>	
2021.03.06	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>Mr L Browning would like to thank Cllr P Sultana and all those involved for their good work removing the trolleys from Babbs Mill lake and river.</p> <p>Ms J Cole reported that there are only two places in Kingshurst Parade that you can get hot food; the Chip shop and Greggs. Greggs is turning into a Second Day Greggs, which will be a shame and she has asked for as much support to use Greggs as possible to engage and support them.</p>	

<p><b>2021.03.07</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes:</b>  Approval of the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 will be deferred to the next meeting.   Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 will be deferred to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk  Clerk</p>
<p><b>2021.03.08</b></p> <p>2021.03.08.1</p> <p>2021.03.08.2</p>	<p><b>Finance:</b>  AdvantEdge financial reports / bank statement / audited accounts   An RFO has just been appointed.   Approve Payments for March 2021   Resolved: "That all payments to be made in March 2020 (totalling £1096.47 be approved".   Proposed Cllr A Follows, Seconded Cllr B Follows, Unanimous.</p>	
<p><b>2021.03.09</b></p> <p>2021.03.09.1</p> <p>2021.03.09.2</p>	<p><b>Progress reports for information/action and make decisions as appropriate</b>   Kingshurst Post Office  Cllr D Cole advised there was a meeting last week that he wasn't part of regarding the Post Office, Medical Centre and the New Space as it is all running on time.   Allotments and Jubilee Gardens  The clerk has been asked to send out a letters to Allotment holders with payments due.   A suggestion to reduce allotment rent was considered if the allotments were not being used due Covid restrictions. It was deemed unnecessary as the allotments were being used as normal with social distancing in place.   Approximately 13 meters of fencing needs replacing around the allotments, two contractors have been approached who requested photographs, awaiting quotes. Hedge also needs cutting back, to contact Dave English. Gate also needs a padlock.   Cllr A Follows to contact the Manageress of the Pavilions with regards to gaining access to allow access to their side of the fence for repairs.   Two taps to the allotments still need repairing but not deemed as urgent.   A complaint has been received as someone has fallen over some rubble and soil on the drive. This has been arranged to be removed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Cllr M Frampton requested the contact details of the owner of the allotment (in the far plot) to make contact and see if he/she is now okay following the fall.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>MF</p> <p>AF</p> <p>MF</p> <p>AF/MF</p>

	<p>The clerk has been requested to look into providing a circular bench for around the Covid Remembrance Tree with a plaque.</p>	Clerk
2021.03.09.3	<p>Lack of Christmas Arrangements Events Committee to inform The clerk and the Chair to set up a meeting at Cllrs S Daly's house (with Covid safety restrictions in place) to discuss obtaining a Christmas tree and lights.</p>	Events Committee
2021.03.09.4	<p>Enforcement Cllr P Sultana is concerned about the lack of Enforcement from SMBC. Borough Councillor M Brain has raised the issue with Alison Rolf, SMBC who has responded and advised them that SMBC are taking the matter seriously. SMBC's enforcement figures compared to other Council's figures are very poor.</p> <p>Cllr D Cole Has raised an issue with SMBC and requested the number of prosecutions that has taken place and is awaiting a response.</p> <p>There has been issues with fly tipping on the Collector road which has been reported, the rubbish includes an old caravan, full of fly tipped rubbish, mattresses, tyres, household rubbish and an old garage door which has now been removed.</p> <p>Amey were due to collect rubbish from the verges but it hasn't yet occurred.</p> <p>There are old rosettes and tributes covering the bridge over the M6 which are getting out of hand and covering road signs, which has been reported to North Warwickshire BC and Highways England.</p> <p>Cllr P Sultana Borough Councillor M Brain and Cllr P Sultana have requested national figures for enforcement prosecution for fly tippers. BCC have 11,500 actions recorded for fly tippers compared to SMBC's ZERO! Alison Rolf (SMBC) has served 40 fixed penalty notices, £400 each. Borough Cllr M Brain and Cllr P Sultana have met with the Cabinet Minister for Waste to compare facts and BCC are having extra Enforcement Officers, taking videos of perpetrators and naming and shaming them. Cllr P Sultana is concerned that fly tippers from other boroughs such as BCC will come across to our border to fly tip knowing there are no enforcements.</p> <p>Borough Councillor M Brain has a full set of figures for every Council in the country and is awaiting figures from SMBC. When he receives them he will go back to SMBC with the findings and take to SMBC's full Council meeting in April then report back to KPC.</p>	MB
2021.03.09.5	<p>KPC Grant Aid The Girls Brigade has made a grant application for £500.</p> <p>Resolved: subject to verification required after the grant has been issued as to what the grant was for and to provide evidence of expenditure.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr J Kimberley, Seconded Cllr S Daly, Unanimous.</p>	

<p><b>2021.03.10</b></p>	<p><b>Councillors reports and items for future agenda:</b></p> <p>KPC discussed changing the dates of future meetings to the second Tuesday of each month. It was agreed to stay as it is on the second Thursday of every month. Proposed D Woolley, B Follows seconded, Unanimous vote.</p> <p>WALC to be contacted with a view to amending the Standing Orders.</p> <p>Cllr J Kimberley advised that the policy documents need updating on the KPC website, including Grant Aid Application forms, to report at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr S Daly would like the Events Committee to look into celebrating May Day/St. Georges day. To report back.</p> <p>As in item 2021.02.05.02 above Cllr Woolley has reported two bins which have been removed by Contractors following work to footpaths on Babs Mill, causing a problem with litter and dogs mess disposal.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Mr M Brain reported that he had recently completed a walk around with John Shakespeare from SMBC and he has noted the missing bins and hopes they will soon be replaced.</p> <p>Cllr M Dawson has reported Denise Milne will need a Risk Assessment completed for working from home.</p> <p>Cllr A Follows reported that he has contacted the West Midlands Pension Fund regarding the Clerks Superannuation to confirm that KPC had an acting, unpaid clerk since October 2019 and the new Clerk employed from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. There's a possibility of taking the pension scheme up with WALC.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>JK</p> <p>Events Committee</p> <p>D Cole</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>2021.03.11</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Zoom virtual meeting</p>	

## **APPENDIX A**

Item 2021.03.05.02 Report From West Midlands Police

### Report for parish councillors

During the past month:

\*anti-social behaviour around the shops

As usual we are aware of ongoing issues in the parade from local youths causing asb, we have been making referrals for the youths spoken to try and direct them away from this pattern.

If you are aware of any children from 13-25 that may benefit from a referral please let us know.

\*school patrols

School patrols have resumed due to the children returning to school, as of yet no issues have risen and all seem to be abiding and no concerns have been risen by teachers.

\*fly tipping

We have noticed an increase in fly tipping, unfortunately I feel this is because of everybody having to stay at home everybody is renovation and using empty space to dump what they don't want.

We will continue to report these issues to fix my street.

\*off road bikes

Off road bikes continue to be a problem for us but we are managing to make some progress due to Intel we are receiving from the public. 4 off roaders have been seized already thanks to the community.



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## Minutes held in Private & Confidential 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 after full council meeting held by Zoom

**Council Members Present:** A Follows (Chair), B Follows, D Cole, L Cole, S Daly, M Frampton, J Kimberley, P Sultana, T Williams, D Woolley, M Dawson

Clerk D Milne  
Apologies carried forward Cllr R Whiskens

### Confidential Items for Full Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 To discuss, approve and make decisions as appropriate:

<b>2021.03.01</b>	To discuss if the Pavilions rent payments are being made.  It was confirmed by Cllr A Follows that the Pavilions are paying by standing order; their first payment was received last month. Clerk to check bank statements that the payments are received monthly.
<b>2021.03.02</b>	To discuss and make a decision on an Invoice received from SMBC for an Audit that has been completed.  It was proposed by Cllr D Wooley not to make the payment and write it off, seconded by Cllr M Dawson. In total four voted against paying. Six Councillors voted to make the payment.
	Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed .....(Chairman)

Date: .....