



# Kingshurst Parish Council

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## Minutes of Kingshurst Parish Council Full Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.15pm In The Pavilions Sporting Club, Meriden Drive, Kingshurst. B37 6BA

Cllrs. present: D. Cole (Chair)  
B. Mulready (Vice Chair)  
L. Cole  
A. Follows  
D. Woolley  
P. Cooper-Hinsley  
D. Hinsley  
J. Kimberley  
S. Daly  
M. Dawson  
T. Williams  
B. Follows

In Attendance: Borough Cllrs. R. Hall, D. Evans and F. Nash  
Mr. David Wheeler – RFO and J Aske – Clerk  
2 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies:** – All present.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.
3. **Guest Speakers:** Alison Lush - Neighbourhood Manager, North Solihull Kingshurst Art Space.

Chair Cole introduced Alison Lush and Alison stood to address the Council and the members of the public. A handout of a summary of how the community art shop services the local residents and surrounding area. This will be attached in the minutes. Alison reported that the last five years they had successfully pulled together with groups and residents to come together to make a difference in the community. Local partners attend meetings and report news on items in the area such as Regeneration and environment services and transport issues. The aim is to hopefully have all the community groups self sufficient in running and providing the wellbeing and care to local community involvement. She mentioned the North Solihull Partnership that has a pot of money for projects. This money has now run out and the Arts Council has provided finance for the welfare group sessions such as Stitch and Knit, Arts Group, Childrens Group, Environmental Project, Other creative activities, Artists in residence and many more projects supporting the elderly and young people. Most groups make items to sell, which where proceeds go back into the projects.

After Alison had finished her talk the Chair asked if the Councillors had any questions. Cllr. J. Kimberley asked about the funding. It was established that Money was provided by Public Health Funds. Cllr. A. Follows thanked Alison for providing funding for the Christmas Tree. Cllr. Tina Williams asked Alison if the Arts Space would like to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival hopefully the Parish Council will run next Christmas in the Church of St. Barnabas. She said that would be wonderful and offered a contact for a Christmas tree provider. Chair Cole finished in thanking Alison and said how much of a good job they do and provide so much for the community.

Cllr. Dawson asked about the event to take place on the 11<sup>th</sup>. It would be traders putting a table outside their shops.

Borough Cllr. F. Nash thanked Alison for the support over the years to the residents in Red Wood House and everyone clapped her.

Alison ended on a note regarding hampers for the elderly and if anyone is interested she would send the details of donation points to the Clerk. Any names of vulnerable people can be given to Joy at DIAL.

She thanked everyone.

Chair thanked Alison and went on to the next part of the agenda.

- 4. To receive reports from the Borough Councillors.** Chair asked B. Cllr. Robert Hall to give his report. His report was also from Borough Cllr. Debbie Evans. He reported that at the full council last meeting re the West Midlands joint authority. He voted against it. He mentioned the funding. Future generations will be affected by what he believes is a loan from the EU that will need to be paid back eventually. He said Sarah Evans made a presentation to the Full Council regarding Yorkswood School. Either for a re-build or a re-furbished. In between this happening a email was received he said from a Cabinet Member, loosely stating that if we give up the fight on Babb's Mill they would concede in building a new school, even to the point of trading places and putting a new school on Babb's Mill and Housing on the present Yorkswood School site. He said he would be polite in saying what the real answer was. Borough Cllr. Debbie Evans said the answer was the lady is not for turning.

Robert went on to discuss a meeting with John Henry Newman. Inconsiderate parking is an issue. He has asked for changes to the facilities of the parking system.

A problem with Red wood house is being looked into regarding the self clean windows, also the high rise cleaning contractor is changed and although costs are the same the cleaning is being cut down. The bus stop is still causing problems and a lay-by has been requested to be put in to make this safer.

Fordbridge School and parking is becoming a problem. Charges will be enforced next year. This is causing upset. The Council did not consider the residents when they built the new school. He asked them to put in a 20 mile per hour. The chances of another lollipop lady are nil he said.

He finished his report.

B. Cllr. Debbie Evans added to the report an update on Yorkswood School, a recent meeting of the Cabinet making decisions, concluded that an advert for a tender has gone out with the European Journal, but a Cabinet Member has suggested that nothing be done on the re-furbishment until 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 regarding the refurbishment on the school. She has put in that a re-build is the only option. She said Sarah did a brilliant job presenting to the full council.

Chair Cole asked where does this leave Babb's Mill?

B. Cllr. Evans replied that there were three options on the table regarding Yorkswood School, Babbs Mill was one of them but Head Teacher, Debbie Wilson rejected this as the school would be too far away from where they are. She added they want to stay on the existing site and that this is a matter of urgency and instead of waiting until February the Cabinet Member on board wants the report as soon as possible. She added that she has put her cards on the table and stated that Yorkswood School is a community school and deserves a new school.

Chair Cole asked about the Chelmsley Road parking with school traffic. Robert said he has asked them to re-instate the inside lane to create a natural chicane effort and slow the traffic down. The Road needs to revert back to the way it used to be.

B. Cllr. Flo Nash took the floor and wanted information regarding Yorkswood School. She said she had a conversation with Joe Tildsley. *B Cllr. Joe Tildsley is Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Education, Skills & Culture.* He informed her that discussions had taken place with the Head Teacher, and nothing has been decided yet. She mentioned that the answer she was given was to believe what you read and not what you hear as this maybe gossip. Cllr. Nash agreed that it is important that Yorkswood have a new school. But these issues take time for decisions and as there is no land available it cannot be done over night. They need to consider the costs to either re-build or refurbishment. She added that she had spoken to Michelle from Education at SMBC regarding the circumstances and her answer was that a decision will be made on how many pupils need to be educated in the area. Cllr. Nash concluded and spoke towards B. Cllrs. Robert Hall and Debbie Evans that she would be interested to know who made the offer to give up on Babb's Mill.

B. Cllr. Evans stated Cllr. Joe Tildsley was the Cabinet Member that had indicated to them to give up the fight for protecting Babb's Mill. Cllr. Evans continued to say that an email to herself that indicated that if you give up the fight of building 52 houses on Babb's Mill you can then be assured of a new school for Yorkswood. Her answer was the lady is not for turning. Chair had to interrupt the Borough Councillors as they were speaking to each other and not through the Chair.

Cllr. Nash concluded that we are all upset about the plans for building on Babb's Mill but the decision has been made and it is going forward. All we have to do is be there to oppose them. She went on to mention that a lot of anti social behaviour is being reported in the area. She said lack of police in the area does not help. Rubbish is also an issue in Kingshurst.

Chair thanked the Borough Councillors and suggested that if they want to continue their conversations to move across to the other side of the room.

Chair went on to the next part of the agenda but Cllr. B. Follows became ill and Cllr. A. Follows took her home. So Chair went on to agenda Item 6.

**5. Finance Committee:** NB:This report took place after 13.2

**6. Pavilions:**

6.1 Nothing has been received regarding the sale of the lease for the premises.

**7. Events Committee**

Chair of Events Cllr. Tina Williams reported that in the Events Meeting earlier she had thanked everyone who had attended the remembrance service and Mr. L. Vivian for playing the Last Post. It was a very good turnout. She went on to report she will be visiting the Christmas tree festival in Derbyshire and will report back the ins and outs of organising one for ourselves in the Parish.

**8. Allotments Committee**

Cllr Mulready as chair of the allotments reported that Gro-Organic have done a very good job down in the Allotments Jubilee garden. A skip may be needed near the end of January. The cost of the skip was passed. This would be in the region of £168 from a contact with Cllr. S. Daly.

**9. Progress reports:** No progress reports.

**10. Reports from Parish Council Members on outside bodies**

- 10.1 Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr. Mulready attended the meeting at the normal time but as it was the AGM the times had changed so unfortunately there was nothing to report as the meeting was missed. He apologised to the Council. *A report will be sent by post to the Clerk.*
- 10.2 WALC/SAC – The next meeting will be in the new year.
- 10.3 School Governor Reports – Chair said we would leave Yorkswood as Cllr. A. Follows was not back yet.  
Kingshurst School Governors meeting is for the following evening.
- 10.4 North Solihull Partnership Forum – Cllr. D. Hinsley reported there was a special meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup> with a topic of Neighborhood Plans. He will write a brief report. But summarised that the cost of putting one together is expensive and it only lasts for five years. He added it does not seem to be of any benefit in this area.
- 10.5 Regeneration – As above.
- 10.6 Parish Council Environmental Committee – no matters to report; meeting to be arranged.

**11.** 44ft Lorries using Cooks Lane. Chair Cole had previously written to Ted Richards regarding the overweight lorries. He had witnessed a 35 tonne crain using cooks Lane. He will write a fifth letter of complaint.

**12. Planning:** There were no consultations to respond to.

**13. Planning applications**

13.1: Local Development Plan: B. Cllr. Debbie Evans mentioned here that there is a consultation started on the 30<sup>th</sup> November to review the Local Development Plan. She said you need to get onto the website as they plan to build further housing in the North of the Borough. A public consultation will need to be attended. Cllr. David Hinsley said that the Clerk had sent out the information. The Clerk had the paperwork ready to speak about the details in the correspondence part of the agenda.

13.2: Mountford Public House site – no updates to report.

Chair went back to Agenda Item 5 Finance: Cllr A. Follows reported that the Finance Committee approved accounts for payment to the value of £4767.19. The balance in the current account is £54,053.87 as the balance in the savings account was £20,000 has been transferred back into the current account. A new deposit account will be applied for the sum of £20k. The only cheque pre approved is for the Magician of £300 for the three schools. A brief discussion on the precept took place and the finalisation of the figures will need to be signed off at the January meeting.

**14. Information items**

14.1 Correspondence and emails: All Councillors received a list of recent post and emails.

The New briefing plan: Chair will action this. Reference 13.1.

A reminder had been received regarding the Combined Authority Briefing invitation - Tuesday 15 December. Cllrs. Hinsley and Cooper-Hinsley will be attending this.

Cllr. David Hinsley mentioned a previous incident that occurred in the office. The minutes were recorded. But as it involves the Clerk it was advisable for this discussion to be part of a private and confidential part of future agenda.

**15. 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. As the members of the public had an opportunity to speak earlier Chair Cole went on to the next part of the agenda. Sarah Evans was invited to take the floor. She gave a short update on the Action for Babb's Mill. They have had contact from followers requesting draft letters to send to oppose the plans. A public meeting held last week was a low turnout but nevertheless productive. She mentioned the vandalised banners. She thanked the Parish Council for their help and support. She mentioned the residents also how they have supported the campaigned. She added that she will be speaking at the planning meeting to object to the plans as will she hopes the Borough Councillors. The second issue Sarah wanted to report on is Yorkswood School and the recent presentation before the Planning Committee she put forward the needs to the community to have a new school built and not a re-furbished school. Chair thanked Sarah.

**16. Councillors reports and Items for Future Agenda:**

Chair asked if there was anything anyone wanted on the agenda for next month. Cllr. Tina Williams had noticed the brick bus shelter had become more damaged after the high winds at the weekend. A conversation regarding the repairs took place and it was thought that a commercial builder with public liability insurance should do the repairs. The Chair said he knows commercial builders and will arrange for quotes.

The Clerk was asked to invite the local PCSO to the meeting. Chair thanked everyone and went on to close the meeting.

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at The Pavilions Sporting Club commencing at 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 20.24

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date .....