

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 18th January 2017**, at Jubilee Court Community Centre, Kingsbury.

Present: Councillors: Chair J Whitby, C Ayasamy, I Thomas, J Thomas, A Lewis, B Moss, J McNally, A Jenns and A Simpson.

Clerk: S Humphries

Members of Public: Two

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillors M Moss and H Phillip.

80 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss, A Jenns and A Lewis declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.
- Councillors A Lewis declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Warwickshire CAVA Local Management Committee.
- Councillor A Lewis declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Piccadilly Community Association.
- Councillor A Simpson declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Hurley Community Association.
- Councillor J Whitby declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Wood End Working Men's Club.
- Councillors A Jenns, A Lewis, I Thomas, J Thomas, M Moss, J McNally and C Ayasamy declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to HS2.
- Councillor J Thomas declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall Committee and Piccadilly Community Centre.
- Councillor I Thomas declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning the Oil Depots and Piccadilly Community Association.

81 Public Questions

There were no public questions raised but a representative from Savills came to speak about future proposals for Kingsbury Hall on behalf of his client, and wanting to keep the community involved with any plans. He asked Councillors to think about any community items that could be incorporated in any future construction work, such as a boardwalk, bird hide, or work to improve the steps into the Water Park.

82 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr A Jenns and seconded by Cllr C Ayasamy and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 16th November 2016 are approved as a true record.

83 HS2 (70)

An information event was held on 17/1/17 in Kingsbury by members of the HS2 team. Visit www.gov.uk/hs2 for more information or e-mail HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

There will be another information event organised by the MPs office and local Action Groups to help the public to fill in any compensation forms or for further information. This will be advertised locally. There is also an Action Group meeting on 26/1/17 at Piccadilly Community Centre.

Royal Assent is expected in the next couple of months. Currently HS2 expect work to commence on the Kingsbury Road early 2018 and railhead main works from late 2018 to early 2019.

84 Councillors Parish Matters Outstanding 2015 (72)

The following are either updated or still awaiting a response/information from the relevant authorities:

- **Height of trees Persimmon Estate, Kingsbury (Rowan Close/Fircroft etc)** – Reported to Persimmon homes as they own the site. Confirmation received that this will be looked into but they are struggling to identify the site from their records. Councillors have had some reports that some work may have been attempted but we still need to get a full inspection carried out and some guarantee that the trees will be attended to on the estate. All details sent to another section of Persimmon after speaking to them.
- **Back of Sports Hall and by numbers 1-5 Pear Tree there are tree roots and branches overhanging houses and breaking up tarmac and area generally overgrown** – Following a meeting on site with the Clerk, local Councillors and NWBC, the Clerk has written to CISWO to update them on the state of the building and attempted to contact the Trustees.
- **Kingsbury Link** – It was agreed to send a letter to Head Office of DSV to see if any measures could be taken to help alleviate the ongoing problems with lorries and the low bridge. We are awaiting a response.

85 Councillors Parish Matters raised 2016 (73/77)

The following have been reported to the relevant authorities and any feedback reported below:

- **Ornamental trees Hazelcroft to Aspens drop fruit (slip hazard) – can they be removed?** – WCC carried out a complete inspection February 2015, so the area is not due for surveying or tree surgery for some time. However, WCC will add a note for the tree inspector to the file. WCC added that a crown lift and prune back would reduce the fruit fall onto the path. Councillor J McNally was still of the opinion that they need to come out altogether but there is nothing further we can do following the response from County.
- **Broken fence Trinity Road bridge by EMR. Network Rail property** – Network Rail have now closed this service request (ref 160719-000469) saying that a local person from the depot will contact us directly. This has not happened so we will have to follow this up.
- **Narrow lower path from church steps, Water Park is slippery and dangerous** – Reported to Paths, WCC as per instruction from the Water Park. This has now been allocated a job number for the work to be done.
- **Bench broken on corner of Trinity Road** – This is not a NWBC bench according to their records, so it may fall to the parish council to repair or replace. This will be looked into while budgeting for works for next financial year.
- **The Trinity Road at Piccadilly has been marked out for repair from the bridge to Planters and Councillors would like to know if this work is imminent** – WCC have informed us that the work is to take place on 23rd and 24th February.
- **Footpath by embankment Trinity Road to bridge (Tam end) is slippery** – Moss on the footpath will be inspected again in the Spring and sprayed. Councillor J McNally pointed out that the embankment itself has slipped, not just a slippery footpath. WCC will be updated.
- **Land by TNT/DSV being used as a toilet** – This has been reported to Environmental Health.
- **Land behind Redwood Close overgrown** – WCC have confirmed that the land is not owned by them and suggest the owner contact Land Registry or it may belong to Network Rail.

86 Clerk's Appraisal Update

The Chair and Vice Chair met with the Clerk in December to discuss the six monthly appraisal review. It was agreed that the main appraisal would take place in April/May each year and a general discussion in November/December to address any issues or concerns on both sides. Only a brief minute would be taken at this stage, not the whole appraisal form as is completed in April. It was felt this was not needed more than once a year.

87 Dates for 2017 meetings

The dates were discussed for 2017 and agreed. These will be put on the website. There will not be a meeting in February this year but the contact e-mail address for the parish will continue to be manned.

88 Council Taxbase and Precept requirements for 2017/2018

Councillors considered a report provided by the Clerk, based on current expenditure and estimated out-turn for 2016/2017. Councillors discussed this at length and after careful consideration decided that with the expenditure required for the forthcoming year and the reducing grant from NWBC, that it should be raised. It was proposed by Councillor I Thomas and seconded by Councillor J Whitby and agreed unanimously:-

RESOLVED: That an expenditure budget of £33,530 be approved for the year 2017/2018, and that the precept levy on North Warwickshire Borough Council would be £31,702 with the additional grant from NWBC of £1,828, making the total income of £33,530.

89 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were brought to Councillors attention and discussed:

PAP/2016/0695 – The Smallholding, Bodymoor Heath, retrospective application for siting of a mobile log cabin.

PAP/2016/0572 – Amended plans, Clinic Site, Kingsbury, erection of 7 dwellings. These have again been objected to by Highways and we await further amended plans.

PAP/2016/0730 – Allens of Kingsbury, change of use from A1 shop to B1 business use.

90 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following item of correspondence at the meeting. If any further information is required please contact the Clerk (details on the website):-

- Clerks and Councils direct magazine
- Stop unwanted junk mail visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/junkmail
- NWHF Heritage Awards help requested– After agreeing at the last meeting to support this we are waiting for confirmation of what contributions have already been promised and what is outstanding before making a decision.
- Dementia Friends support community meeting at Mancetter Memorial Hall on Tuesday 31/1/17 from 10.00am to 2.45pm.
- NWBC Consultation on Mancetter Neighbourhood Plan. This has been submitted for formal consultation with a closing date of 23rd February 2017.
- Bodymoor Heath Lane, traffic and speeding concerns. A response has stated that a request should be made to the Police Safer Neighbourhood team via the community forum, where priorities are agreed with local Councillors and the Police.
- Concerns by residents that vehicles are not stopping at the crossing by the Co-op in Kingsbury have been reported to WCC Traffic Safety and the Police. Any incidents should be reported as they happen, and a request should be made to the Police Safer Neighbourhood team via the community forum, where priorities are agreed with local Councillors and the Police.
- Further correspondence received from residents regarding the landfill site and movement of soil has been shared with Councillors and WCC as this work should have ceased. Councillors asked the Clerk to inform the MPs office to advise what residents can do next as WCC do not seem to be able to give any assurances that the lorry movements will stop.
- Craig Tracey MP – Letter to all parish councils to highlight the importance of local communities to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. This has been discussed on numerous occasions by Councillors and with the large amount of individual villages that make up Kingsbury Parish it has been decided, amongst other reasons, that it is not a practical task to complete, as each village would need a separate plan.
- Kingsbury Church damage caused by an individual. Much damage was caused to artifacts and windows after he smashed his way into the church after Christmas. Residents have voiced their concerns for safety following the incident. A general donation was discussed and the Clerk will write to the Reverend to see if there is anything particular that needs replacing.
- NALC - LCR winter magazine

90 Correspondence continued

- WCC next stage Consultation on Warwickshire Minerals Plan (2017-2032). This runs until 3rd February and then will be submitted to the Secretary of State.
- WALC - Nominations for attendance at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 16th May 2017.
- WCC Temporary closure of Whateley Lane for tree trimming works on 26/1/17.
- WALC - further clarification on filming and reporting of meetings.
- WALC – SAAA Ltd has awarded contracts for the supply of limited assurance audit reviews for smaller authorities. This followed a collective effort by local councils working together and has saved a lot of money with the scale of fees being set for the next 5 years.
- NWBC have nominated Cllr D Reilly as their Champion for the Local Councils Charter.
- Annual meeting between Borough Council and Town and Parish Councils is 26/1/17 at 7.00pm at Kingsbury Church Welcome Hall.
- Some changes to public bus services in our area from 1/1/17. Service 41, 48,766/767. Councillors are also hearing rumours that the 115 service is being taken off, which will cut off Piccadilly, Hurley and Wood End. The Clerk will try and find out if there is any truth in this.

91 Councillors Parish Matters raised January 2017

The following are for information or will be reported to the relevant authorities:

- Dog mess around Sycamore play area and generally bad at the moment – Councillor A Jenns
- Rush Lane sign pointing towards Dosthill – Councillor J McNally
- Weight limit sign pointing wrong way in Pear Tree Avenue – Councillor J McNally
- Floods under low bridge Piccadilly – Councillor I Thomas
- 3 Lights out in Piccadilly – Councillor I Thomas
- Request for dog stencils as fouling is bad in Smith St and Wood St – Councillor Lewis
- Lamp on all day and night in Church Close – Councillor A Lewis
- Bent sign opposite Trinity Road junction with Overwoods Road – Councillor A Lewis

92 Next Meeting

The meeting in February has had to be cancelled, therefore, the next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th March at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

93 Accounts for payment (where accounts include VAT this will be claimed back)

It was proposed by Councillor A Lewis and seconded by Councillor B Moss and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed below be approved for payment and the relevant contribution to the pension scheme would be paid by bank transfer.

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| Administration Costs – December | £1,021.12 |
| HMRC – Quarterly payment | £337.96 |
| Administration Costs – January | £1,068.15 |
| Administration Costs – February | £970.13 |

| <u>Bank Balances</u> | <u>28th February 2017</u> |
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| Current A/c | £3,024.02 |
| Business Reserve A/c | £17,996.87 |

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