

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 17th January 2018**, at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

Present: Councillors: Chair C Ayasamy, A Lewis, M Moss, A Simpson, J Thomas, J McNally, H Phillips, I Thomas and A Jenns.

Clerk: S Humphries

Apologies: Councillors J Whitby and B Moss

Public: 1 member of the public

211 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss, H Phillips, A Jenns and A Lewis declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.
- Councillors A Lewis and H Phillips 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 J Thomas, A Jenns, A Lewis, I Thomas, M Moss, C Ayasamy and H Phillips declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to HS2.
- Councillor I Thomas declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to the Special Management Zone in North Warwickshire.
- 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.
- Councillor A Jenns declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning WCC.
- Councillor C Ayasamy declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to Kingsbury and Cliff residents group.
- Councillor H Phillips declared an interest in any minute relating to Woodlands Community Centre.

212 Public Questions Raised

The following points were raised:-

- **Concerns over the withdrawal of the 115 by Arriva and whether Central buses can commit to a permanent replacement service** – Councillors and the Clerk updated the meeting with the latest information given to them from Central buses and WCC. Piccadilly route is changing with an hourly service provided and Kingsbury will have a 20 minute service from 3rd February 2018. Some changes have been made to the Hurley to Kingsbury route. The Clerk handed out the new timetables from Central and these should be published on their website week commencing 22/1/18. Central run a commercial service and therefore cannot guarantee to continue the services if they are not being used, but they have tried to cater for the concerns raised by residents.
- **With the inconvenience HS2 will cause locally can HS2 be asked to fund Kingsbury railway station?** – This would be a huge expense but the question could be asked. There would need to be extra parking available and apparently there is a problem with access to Kingsbury sidings. Kingsbury station remains in the transport programme for the future.

213 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr J Thomas and seconded by Cllr A Jenns and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th November 2017 are approved as a true record.

214 HS2 (198)

HS2 have now confirmed the date of Thursday 8th February to update Parish Councillors. Councillor J Thomas and the Clerk will arrange to meet to look at an application on behalf of the parish council to the Community and Environment Fund and Business and Local Economy Fund. This fund is available to apply for help towards community projects from those disrupted by the construction of HS2.

215 Broken fence Trinity Road bridge by EMR. Network Rail property (199)

The area is still overgrown and the fence not repaired. Network Rail are now saying they have closed the log. More information has been requested as to why, but the Clerk has been told it will be opened up again and someone will contact us to explain.

216 Councillors Parish Matters raised September/October 2017 (200)

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

- **Trees at back of Rowan Close/Willow Close need cutting back** – We believe these are the responsibility of Persimmon Homes and previous contact has not resulted in any action. All details have again been sent to a previous contact and the general helpdesk at Persimmon Homes. A response is awaited.
- **New street nameplate needed for houses 2a, b and c Sycamore Road** – NWBC will inspect and if approved will put on their next order. This will take a few months from order to installation.
- **Light needed by the houses on Trinity Road near to A51 junction** – There is no power supply so NWBC are looking into a solar light option.
- **Check public path on Arden Trail Kingsbury Parish loop** – WCC public rights of way confirm that the path does not go through the recreation ground and they will check the position of the markers.

217 Request for a new dog bin opposite Doctors surgery, Kingsbury (202)

The bin is due to be delivered at the end of January. The Clerk managed to amend the order to include a parish logo on the bin. Fitting will be arranged once the order is delivered.

218 No waiting cones for Barlow Court (204)

Concerns were raised by Councillors that the no waiting cones recently put out by the entrance to Barlow Court to encourage safe parking had disappeared. Some work was being carried out close by and the contractors picked the cones up by mistake. These have now been returned.

219 Cleaning of Parish Bus Shelters (205)

The cleaning of the parish shelters was at last carried out today. Councillors were asked to check in daylight that they are happy with the work. The Clerk has asked for reports of any damage to the shelters that was noted by the workmen, so that they can be addressed if necessary.

220 WCC Home to School Transport Policy Consultation (206)

Councillors had major concerns about the proposed changes that would see a number of routes previously classed as unsafe, being declared safe to walk. The Parish Council sent a response to WCC detailing our concerns and asking for a WCC representative to come and walk the routes, prior to a decision being made. This did not happen but Local County Councillors, Councillor J Thomas and a resident all spoke at the Scrutiny Committee meeting yesterday. A decision will be taken at the Cabinet on 25th January.

221 Request for funding from Kingsbury and Cliff Residents Group (207)

The request for items to enable villagers to carry out gardening, planting and cleaning in the village was discussed. Councillors were not against giving a grant, but a bank account was still in the process of being set up and some concerns were raised as to where the items would be stored. A detailed response was received from the group addressing our concerns and a bank account has now been set up. It was suggested that this be left until the March meeting as further information would be available from the group by then.

222 Planning Applications/Information

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

Councillor A Jenns declared an interest and took no part in the discussions on the following.

PAP/2018/0010 – Former Coach House, Cliff Hall Lane – refurbishment and extension of an existing coach house and attached barn to create one dwelling with attached annexe, the demolition of outbuildings and a replacement storage building.

PAP/2018/0019 – Flat 1, 161 Tamworth Road, Kingsbury – Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of two no 2 bedroom semi-detached bungalows.

PAP/2017/0686 – Manor Farm House, Kingsbury – Conversion of existing barns into two dwelling units with associated external works and drainage. Taking down of existing steel frame barns.

PAP/2017/0465 – Further Amended Plans/Description for Clinic and Welfare Centre site, Kingsbury – Ground floor space for commercial units and two one bed first floor apartments. This came before the Planning board and was deferred for a site visit. There are concerns that there are no designated parking spaces for the apartments. The Parish Council has previously raised concerns.

This application was further discussed in great detail as some parish Councillors were present at the Planning Board meeting which raised further matters of concern. Councillor M Moss would compile the concerns to forward to NWBC and Councillors agreed that the parish council would support her.

223 Correspondence

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

- Damaged white posts in Wright Close, Kingsbury – WCC have now repaired these.
- Annual meeting for Parish and Town Council's on 25th January at 7pm in the Council Chamber NWBC. A question has been submitted to ask about any plans now the Area Forums have been discontinued. Are there any other means of communicating and exchanging information with Parish Council's, Police and residents to be set up?
- NWBC – Draft Submission North Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation. Any representations to be submitted by 31st January 2018.
- LCR Winter 2017 edition.
- Clerks and Council's Direct January 2018.
- Nominations for attendance at a Royal Garden Party on Thursday 31st May 2018.
- NWBC new postal addresses for Kingsbury – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Swan Gardens, Pear Tree Avenue, Kingsbury and 29 Coventry Road, Kingsbury.
- Containers at Bodymoor Heath Farm should have been removed by 8th Dec 2017, but will now be moved by the end of February. If this hasn't happened then NWBC will decide on what action to take.
- WCC – Preventing online grooming: keeping your family safe online. Free session at Mancetter Memorial Hall on 23rd March 2018 9.30am to 11.30am.

224 Councillors Parish Matters raised November 2017 (208)

The following have been reported to the relevant authorities or are for information:

- **Replacement road signs needed for Beech, Fircroft and Sycamore** – NWBC will assess and add to their next order if necessary. This could take some time.
- **Path across the recreation ground needs clearing** – This has now been completed.

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- **Work to clear area by Wood End Hall** – This has also been completed and needs to be put on grounds maintenance programme for an annual tidy up in future. To include the front area as well as the gardens to the side of the hall.
- **Bodymoor Lane path needs widening from houses by Coton Lane past the Water Park** – Reported to WCC highways.
- **Parish notice board in swimming pool area needs a new header printing** – The Clerk had been to rearrange the posters but will print a new banner to put up.
- **Path Edge Hill needs sweeping as leaves are making it slippery** – Completed.
- **Foliage creeping over path again towards the bridge** – Reported to WCC highways.
- **Trees have only been trimmed in Wood Street over the highway and not the path** – Reported to WCC forestry who have detailed the system they use to check all trees and any works are carried out when funds allow. These were crown lifted in November and another inspection is not due until October 2021.
- **Chestnut Close corner onto Oak Tree needs small sycamore trees cutting back** – Reported to WCC.
- **When NWBC Housing take some fencing down we have been asked if we can make use of it for the recreation ground** – This was discussed and would be put on the agenda for future discussion. New fencing which matches our existing fencing was suggested as another option. Boundary lines need to be clarified before this could go ahead.

225 Clerk's follow up Appraisal meeting

The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk met in December as a follow up to the main appraisal meeting earlier in the year. This is to address any issues or concerns on both sides.

Items raised included parish logos being put on any future purchases, pre booking venues for meetings in advance and any projects put on our website with photographs so that the community is aware of what the parish council is doing.

226 Council Taxbase and Precept requirements for 2018/2019

Councillors considered a report provided by the Clerk, based on current expenditure and estimated out-turn for 2017/2018. NWBC will not be passing any grant to parish councils this year. Councillors discussed this at length and after careful consideration decided that with the expenditure required for the forthcoming year and the lack of grant from NWBC, that the precept should be raised slightly, meaning an overall loss of income due to the lack of grant from NWBC. It was proposed by Councillor I Thomas and seconded by Councillor A Jenns and agreed unanimously:-

RESOLVED: That an expenditure budget of £32,336 be approved for the year 2018/2019, and that the precept levy on North Warwickshire Borough Council would be £32,336.

227 Kingsbury Sports Hall

Councillors and residents are growing increasingly concerned about the state of the Sports Hall. Attempts to contact the Trustees, CISWO and the Charity Commission have not resulted in any further information being supplied yet. The Clerk will continue to follow up for the next meeting.

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The following have been reported to the relevant authorities or are for information:

- Grit bins in Bodymoor Heath – Councillor J Thomas
- Concerns over parking/health issues Kingsbury Link – Councillor I Thomas
- Telegraph pole through path causing obstruction Wood End – Councillor I Thomas
- New lights in Piccadilly are dim – Councillor I Thomas
- List of all grit bins in parish requested – Councillor A Jenns
- Uneven path bottom of church steps needs attention – Councillor A Jenns
- Kingsbury Hall Drive pot holes have been repaired – Councillor M Moss

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- Grit bin Woodlands Road needs refilling – Councillor H Phillips
- Parking on grassed area Delves Crescent causing damage – Councillor A Lewis
- Large pot hole opposite 13 Wood Street – Councillor A Lewis
- Gulley/Drain sunk opposite 19 Wood Street – Councillor A Lewis
- No 1 lamp out corner of Wood Street/Tamworth Road – Councillor A Lewis
- Bollard repair or removal by Working Men’s Club Wood End – Councillor A Lewis
- Lighting Trinity Road/Overwoods Road not sufficient – Councillor A Lewis
- Poor lighting by Jubilee Court shops – Councillor J McNally

229 2018 Meeting Dates

The February meeting will be on Wednesday 28th February 2018 at Wood End Village Hall. The meeting dates for 2018 were agreed and venues will be booked in advance where possible.

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

It was proposed by Councillor A Lewis and seconded by Councillor H Phillips 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.

Administration Costs – January	£983.53
Hire of Piccadilly Community Centre for meeting	£20.00

Signed _____

Dated _____