

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 16th January 2019**, at Wood End Village Hall, Wood End.

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

Apologies: Apologies were received and agreed from Councillors J Whitby and I Thomas.

Clerk: S Humphries

One member of the public

394 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.
- Councillors J Thomas, A Jenns, A Lewis, M Moss, C Ayasamy and H Phillips 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 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.
- Councillor H Phillips declared an interest in Minute 401 concerning planning applications and took no part in the discussions.

395 Public Questions

There were concerns raised by a resident about street lights in Kingsbury being turned back off after a two week period over Christmas. The lights were put back on at night due to the rise in crime in the area and the police had requested this via WCC as an operational need. The system to put them off has saved a lot of money and it is only severe situations that can over-ride this, but only for a limited period.

396 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr C Ayasamy and seconded by Cllr J Thomas and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st November 2018 are approved as a true record.

397 HS2 (382)

HS2 Ltd has published their working draft Environmental Statement and Equality Impact Assessment for its Birmingham to Leeds route, known as Phase 2b. This consultation ended on 21/12/18. The Parish Council has responded to the consultation with concerns for our area, which mainly centre around traffic disruption.

397 HS2 continued (382)

The Clerk read out an excerpt from WCC's latest newsletter which states that they feel that plans remain fundamentally lacking in sufficient mitigation for affected communities. To read the whole document please visit their website at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hs2

Councillor J Thomas updated Councillors from latest meetings she attended. Kingsbury and Polesworth are working together with ideas for a tunnel under Junction 10 in the hope it may save the services. Bodymoor Heath are proposing 2 islands. Issues have been raised over the transfer from Phase 1 to Phase 2. She suggested that we invite HS2 back to a parish meeting once the results of the consultation have been published.

The bid is still ongoing to apply for funding from HS2 for outdoor play equipment for the recreation ground. Councillor J Thomas will meet with the Clerk to finalise this.

398 War Memorials for Parish (384)

A bench is suggested for Kingsbury, Wood End, Hurley, Piccadilly and Bodymoor Heath. A suitable place would be decided in each village. It was agreed that the Clerk will apply to the Community Heritage Grant Scheme which is aimed at heritage related projects in North Warwickshire. Further prices will need to be obtained if brickwork is to be included.

399 Fencing around recreation ground (385)

Land Registry have now confirmed that when we registered the recreation ground with them they made a mistake and did not take into account the land that belonged to the owner of the old taxi rank/public conveniences. This came to light following a meeting with the owner, Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to discuss the boundary fence location.

The contractor has been good enough to wait while we clarified the situation, although the fence was ordered. The Clerk will meet with the contractor to re-measure the area for the fencing. It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor A Lewis and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the fence boundary area be re-measured and that the contractor contacted to go ahead with the job.

400 Kingsbury Sports Hall (386)

The Trustees Solicitor has suggested in a letter that a member of the Parish Council put their name forward as a Trustee. As none of the requests for further information have been acknowledged, it is not felt that this is possible at the present time. No answer has been received from CISWO either asking for an update.

401 Planning Applications/Information

The following new planning applications were brought to Councillors attention.

- **PAP/2018/0762 – Land east of Islington Farm, Wood End** – outline application for residential development (class C3) with associated access, landscaping, open space and drainage infrastructure, with all matters reserved save for access.
- **PAP/2018/0760 – Timber yard – Bythe Cottage Hurley** – Demolition of existing workshops and kennels and erection of 3 new dwellings..
- **PAP/2018/0686 – Kingsbury Hall, Coventry Road Kingsbury** - Hybrid planning application comprising 1) Full planning application for the restoration and conversion of Kingsbury Hall and outbuildings to A3, C1 and D2 use classes; 2) Outline planning application (all matters reserved except access) for a high-dependency care centre of up to 4,565 mtrs (use class C2) and 81 dwellings for over 55s (use class C3).

This was discussed at length and the parish council has submitted an objection on the grounds of green belt use, impact to local residents and facilities and concerns over the increased traffic and whether the road can cope with the proposed changes.

402 Budget and proposed expenditure for 2018/2019 (388)

The fitting of the fence (minute 399) around the recreation ground need to be reviewed due to the boundary issue, and until this is clarified other orders will be on hold until we can verify exact costs. Once this is resolved and the Clerk has confirmed the sites for the litter bins etc and got permission from whose land it is, they will be ordered as funds are available.

A grit bin audit by WCC has identified damaged bins on Kingsbury Link and Knowle Hill. It was felt that Kingsbury Link companies would ensure they grit the road so that their lorries can access their sites. Councillors agreed to replace the Knowle Hill grit bin and WCC would then fill for us. It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor A Jenns and agreed:

RESOLVED: That a new grit bin be ordered to replace the damaged one at Knowle Hill at a cost of £118.17 plus VAT. Councillors asked for our logo to be put on this.

NWBC Grounds maintenance 2019-2020 – The service agreement with NWBC for grounds maintenance was discussed. It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor J Thomas and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the Grounds Maintenance contract be accepted for a further 12 months.

403 Council Taxbase and Precept requirements for 2019/2020

Councillors considered a report provided by the Clerk, based on current expenditure and estimated out-turn for 2018/2019. Councillors discussed this at length and after careful consideration decided that with the expenditure required for the forthcoming year and the fact that we no longer get a grant from NWBC, that the precept should be raised slightly. It was proposed by Councillor J McNally and seconded by Councillor C Ayasamy and agreed by majority:-

RESOLVED: That the expenditure budget be approved for the year 2019/2020, and that the precept levy on North Warwickshire Borough Council would be £33,306.

404 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):-

- Clerks and Councils Direct – January issue
- WCC Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board letter January 2019
- WALC Newsletter December forwarded to Councillors
- North Works Joint Strategic Needs Assessment information from Public Health
- Warwickshire leaflet re Meals on Wheels service that is served across Warwickshire
- Faster and Superfast Broadband is now available in parts of Redwood Drive and Sorrel Drive, Kingsbury due to the Hurley 10 cabinet being upgraded
- WCC Temporary closure of Brick Kiln Lane and Hurley Common for resurfacing from 8-9/2/19
- WCC Temporary closure of A446 Lichfield Road, Coleshill on 2/2/19 for carriageway repairs overnight from 8pm to 6am
- NWBC – Information on an app/website called AccessAble – put on our website
- Birmingham Airport Airspace consultation – This will now not be called in for determination by the Secretary of State.
- Consultation on the Police Precept - deadline of 24/1/19
- Confirmed address for new development Hurley is Waggoners Barn, Atherstone Lane
- Nominations are invited to the Royal Garden Party on 29th May 2019 – Cllr A Jenns to be nominated.
- NALC Employment Briefing – 2018-2019 National Salary Award

405 Councillors Parish Matters raised up to November 2018

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

- **Royal Mail pouch box by Jubilee Court shops** – Enquiry chased again.
- **Hedge overgrown blocking signs Knowle Hill** – WCC have confirmed that the footway along Hurley Common from Knowle Hill has been put forward for assessment for footway resurfacing schemes and will be assessed with many others in North Warwickshire and undertaken as soon as funds become available. The hedge has been cut along Hurley Common except for a small section adjacent to number 138. WCC need to obtain land registry details to send a letter to the field owners.
- **Footway potholes Bodymoor Heath Lane** – A defect has been raised to make safe footway potholes on M42 over bridge Bodymoor Heath Lane.
- **Sign needed for Laurel Court off Tamworth Road** – NWBC have stated that this is not a street and the development is not officially known as Laurel Court by Royal Mail, it is known as Tamworth Road so they are unable to produce a sign..
- **Hedge/trees need trimming Trinity Road before entrance to Wood End** – Reported WCC.

406 Councillors Parish Matters raised January 2019

The following have been reported to the relevant authorities:

- Tree roots causing problems in Wood Street – Councillor A Lewis
- Alleyway from Knowle Hill to Hurley School overgrown – Councillor A Simpson
- Hurley recreation ground gate missing and one damaged spring – Councillor A Simpson
- Trees in Brook Close both ends are overhanging gardens – Councillor A Jenns
- Gap in fence Trinity Road just before bridge – Councillor A Jenns
- Perryman Drive no lighting and from Piccadilly Crescent to Texaco – Councillor J Thomas
- Sleeping policemen in Hurley need repainting – Councillor J Thomas
- White-lining and speed humps need remarking in Wood End – Councillor A Lewis
- Trinity Road/Overwoods Road needs lighting – Councillor A Lewis
- Road signs need cleaning into Wood End – Councillor A Lewis
- Drains need clearing out Jubilee Court, by chip shop and garage and from Co-op towards centre of village, Kingsbury – Councillor J McNally
- Tarmac needs repair around drain outside 48 Coventry Road, Kingsbury – Councillor M Moss
- Drain in road by post box, Kingsbury needs clearing out – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Noticeboard in Kingsbury Doctors is in dis-repair – Councillor J McNally

407 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th February 2019 - Jubilee Court Community Room, Kingsbury. A list of proposed 2019 dates/venues was agreed and is now on our website.

408 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 December	£1,065.02
HM Revenue and Customs	£443.70
Administration Costs – January	£1,344.74
Wood End Village Hall – hire of room	£20.00
NWBC Grounds maintenance charges for Oct – Dec 2018	£689.02

Bank Balances

31st January 2019

Current A/c	£1,104.19
Reserve Account	£28,397.32

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Dated _____