

## **Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes**

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015**, at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

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

**Clerk:** S Humphries

**Apologies:** Councillor M Moss

**Members of the Public:** None

### **861 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

- Councillors B Moss, H Phillips, A Lewis and A Jenns 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 as she is a committee member.
- Councillors J Thomas, A Lewis, H Phillips, I Thomas, A Jenns and C Ayasamy declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to HS2.
- Councillor B Moss declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning the Community and Youth Centre, Kingsbury as he is a Trustee and items relating to WCC as he is a County Councillor.
- 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 Kingsbury Water Park.

### **862 Presentation by Warwickshire Rural Watch**

A presentation was given by the Co-ordinator for Crime in Rural Communities on the work of the Rural Watch team. They are funded by the Police and Crime commissioner and work with schools/churches/communities to raise awareness of crime. They can organise events to mark items of property etc to help deter criminals. The website contains lots of information and can be accessed at [www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk](http://www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk)

### **863 Public Questions (844)**

The following item was brought to the Parish Council's attention in June:

- A concerned resident asked what could be done to stop the travellers returning to the piece of land in Kingsbury by Pear Tree Avenue. NWBC have been contacted and ideas put forward but at the moment no action is to be taken. It would cost too much to act so quickly so we need to see if they come back. There are so many pockets of land across the borough that they could not all be made safe to prevent access to travellers. An official response would be requested to keep on record.

#### **864 Minutes to be Approved**

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

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 are approved as a true record.**

#### **865 HS2 (846)**

Additional provisions to the HS2 Bill have now been deposited in Parliament (13<sup>th</sup> July 2015) and these have been delivered to the Clerk in electronic format. There is a short timescale to petition against these changes. This will be looked into by members of the Railhead Group which has members from the Parish Council and Action Groups and other local Parishes. No objections to this were raised. A further petition will be submitted if necessary.

Councillors discussed options for projects for the community in advance of an HS2 Community Benefit Fund being made available. Initial suggestions have been sent to WCC, but the deadline has now been extended to 21<sup>st</sup> August. Nothing further was raised.

#### **866 Church Lane play area (847)**

Quotes have been received to replace the log runs and the Clerk explained these and what was covered in the quotes. The company that put them in for us, HAGS-SMP, have stated that the lifespan of natural products is dependent on a number of items such as weather, usage and ground condition and they would have been pre-treated, but should be retreated regularly. The Clerk was asked to write further with Councillors comments, that we expected the items to last longer than this and were not advised to re-treat the logs. The quotes were discussed and it was proposed by Councillor B Moss and seconded by Councillor A Lewis and agreed that:

**RESOLVED: The Sovereign play equipment quote for £3,384 be accepted due to the preferred materials and the guarantees given.**

#### **867 AEDS (848)**

The public meeting of the Hurley Community Association to see if they could get further members to help, or there would be a possibility that they would not be able to continue to run the village hall, is due to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> July. A decision could not be made until this meeting has taken place as to whether the AED cabinet can go on the village hall. Other possible sites in Hurley are unsuitable. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and place the order for the cabinet so it was ready when the location has been agreed. If Hurley is not suitable then Piccadilly would be the next choice. The Clerk was asked to contact NWBC to see if the cabinet could go on the community centre if needed.

#### **868 Flashing vehicle height sign, Piccadilly (849)**

WCC have now let us know that works have started at Trinity Road and Piccadilly Way, to relocate column 16 for the over-height sensor and the vehicle activated sign, replacement of the traffic bollards and the replacement of the lanterns at the corners of the junction with LED units. Councillor B Moss to find out the expected completion date.

#### **869 Councillors Parish Matters Raised January-April 2015 (850)**

The following response/information has been received from the relevant authorities:

- **Vibrating Trains in Kingsbury** – Network Rail's Track engineer is investigating. A further response has been chased.
- **Plant a tree in each village for 1<sup>st</sup> World War memorial** – This is being looked into further, with regard to what type of tree/plaque and site. It is not the best time for planting at the moment. Each village to think about the type of tree and location for the next meeting.
- **Damaged bench opposite Post Office, Hurley** – NWBC have arranged to fit for us.
- **Overgrown vegetation Chestnut Close to Oak Tree Close needs cutting back** – WCC have been given further information on the area to be cut back.

### **870 Kingsbury Parish Recreation Ground (851)**

The WALC legal team has sent a detailed response regarding the areas of responsibility in connection with the boundary of the Country Club and the Council recreation ground. A reply will be sent to the Country Club explaining the situation.

The Chair and Clerk met on site with NWBC to access the overgrown trees and bushes on the recreation ground and around the Country Club. Costs were brought to the meeting detailing the urgent work and long term work, with some alternative options. These were discussed. It was proposed by Councillor B Moss and seconded by Councillor I Thomas and agreed:

**RESOLVED: That the work detailed by NWBC as urgent be carried out at a cost of £265.50 and that option 2 to cut the overgrown shrubs/trees down to approx. 5ft, from the side of the County Club be completed in the Autumn at a further cost of £552.00.**

It was also noted that there was a dead tree in the recreation ground and WCC Forestry have looked at this and said it does need to be removed. It was proposed by Councillor A Lewis and seconded by Councillor C Ayasamy and agreed:

**RESOLVED: That WCC be asked to remove this for us at a cost of £550.00 plus VAT.**

The fence running alongside the tarmac road by the recreation ground is parish responsibility. Part of this seems to have been hit by a vehicle and some of the poles/posts are damaged, this was also looked at. It does not seem to be dangerous but we have asked WCC for their opinion as to whether a section can be repaired or the whole fence would need attention as this would be very expensive.

### **871 Kingsbury WI celebrate 100 years (852)**

Kingsbury WI are to decorate trees along Tamworth Road Kingsbury for a couple of weeks in August/September. WCC have granted permission and the Clerk needs to write a risk assessment for insurance purposes. The Councillors/Parish Council will need to be involved with the arrangements and keep an eye on the decorations when put up. A letter of thanks has been received from the WI for the donation to help with the decorations.

Councillor C Ayasamy passed on an invite to Councillors to an open afternoon at the Methodist Church, Kingsbury on 14/9/15 between 2-4pm.

### **872 Councillors Parish Matters Raised May 2015 (855)**

The following responses/information has been received from the relevant authorities:

- **Tree cut down on bank on Coventry Road** – WCC have removed the tree and will be replacing in the new planting season. The stump has been ground down to provide mulch to prevent the weeds growing. The tree was removed because it was identified as having a ‘split fork union’ which can weaken the tree and make it unsafe.
- **Lamp post in Redwood light out** – An exact location has been requested by WCC. Councillor J McNally will report back to the Clerk.

### **873 Hurley request for help with graveyard expenses (857)**

Thank you letter received from Hurley Church for donation for Graveyard expenses.

### **874 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications that required a response from the Council, but the following were discussed:-

- **APP/R3705/A/14/2221091** - A response from the Planning Inspectorate re the appeal for the Wind Turbine at Rush Lane Dosthill. The appeal has been dismissed.
- **PAP/2015/0329** Retrospective application for installation of an ATM at 8 Jubilee Court was discussed and an issue raised which will be followed up.

#### **874 Planning Applications continued**

- **PAP/2015/0393** - Kingsbury Water Park – creation of 6ha of wetland habitats include reedbed, pools, scrapes, channels, a ditch network and a raised visitor platform with seating. Application submitted by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

#### **875 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 July issue
- Beeline - thank you for donation and help requested to spread the word about the services offered.
- HCA Open meeting July 29<sup>th</sup> re possible closure of the association and the village hall
- Northtalk July/August issue
- Warwickshire directory information to be put on website
- WCC Closure of Cliff Hall Lane 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015
- Tame Valley Wetlands – Wild Wednesdays 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 11am-3pm
- Mayor of North Warks Civic Service 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am at St Peter's Church
- People's Orchestra needs players [www.thepeoplesorchestra.co.uk](http://www.thepeoplesorchestra.co.uk)
- NHS Warks North – Urgent Care questionnaire – deadline 31/7/15
- Parish Remuneration Panel information for Councillors
- Jet Ski event proposed for Water Park in 2016 – Councillors comments requested
- Carriageway resurfacing A51 from 3<sup>rd</sup> August
- Update from NWBC re new litter bin for Mill Crescent – this will be fitted soon.
- WCC Notice of temporary closure of Camp Farm Road on 17<sup>th</sup> August for carriageway patching.
- Lorries in Wood End – Letter to be sent to police and WCC Traffic.
- Warwick Ladies Football Club looking for new players – [warwickladiesfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:warwickladiesfc@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **876 Councillors Parish Matters Raised June 2015 (858)**

The following responses/information has been received from the relevant authorities:

- **Trees are blocking signs along Trinity Road** – These have been cut back by WCC
- **Sign knocked over Tamworth Road, Wood End** – WCC to inspect
- **Edge Hill path still overgrown** – Date for work requested
- **Footpath from Church to Tame Bank repair to make safe before patching programme is breaking up already** – reported to WCC
- **Path on service road and by garages, Tamworth Road, Kingsbury needs attention** – WCC have referred us to NWBC.
- **Bank subsided by footpath on Trinity Road by railway bridge** – Awaiting a response
- **Parish Bus shelters need cleaning** – Balfour Beatty clean for WCC and they have been contacted to see if they can quote for ours.
- **Rotting litter bins path from Tamworth Road towards Kingsbury Primary School** – Reported to NWBC who will inspect.
- **Hazelcroft sign needs to say 'no through road'** – NWBC to inspect and action.
- **Traffic jams at J9 and J10 M42, cars jumping lights. Can the timing be looked into or cameras** – Awaiting an answer from EM Highway Services.
- **Speeding Wakefield Close need some form of traffic calming** – Reported, to be monitored.

#### **877 Councillors Parish Matters Raised July 2015**

The following matters, where necessary, will be raised with the relevant authorities:

- Bus Service cuts from Wood End to Hurley mean no direct bus route to doctors and other problems for users getting to Piccadilly – Councillor A Lewis

- Bus times on timetables and rolling times in Birmingham different – Councillor J McNally
- Cliff. Lamp 1 out and no timetable on post as bushes overgrown. Lamp 3 out bus timetable case missing - ~Councillor J McNally
- Are there going to be any temporary bus stops while the resurfacing works takes place on Coventry Road? – Councillor J McNally
- Tree needs cutting at back of 72 Sycamore Road, Kingsbury – Councillor J McNally
- DSV lorry travelling from direction of Kingsbury – Councillor M Moss (raised via B Moss)
- Could we ask NWBC for a quote to tend to Wood End Village Hall garden area as the gardening club has ceased? – Councillor H Phillips
- Large pot hole on A4097 – Councillor J Thomas
- Hedge top of Edge Hill opposite Swan Village needs attention – Councillor A Lewis

### **878 Clerk's Appraisal and Salary Review**

**RESOLVED: That, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that if any public are present that they be temporarily excluded. This will be recorded as a separate confidential minute.**

### **879 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Wood End Village Hall.

### **880 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 - July	£808.17
Hire of Room Piccadilly Community Centre	£24.00
Glasdon UK Ltd – Replacement Bench for Hurley (Minute 836 May 15)	£1074.85
Tranter Training Solutions Ltd – AED ~Cabinet for Defibrillator (Minute 829 May 15)	£804.00

<b><u>Bank Balances</u></b>	<b><u>31<sup>st</sup> August 2015</u></b>
Current A/c	£2,574.97
Business Reserve A/c	£34,686.03

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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