

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 20th July 2016**, at Wood End Community Centre, Wood End.

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

Clerk: S Humphries

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor H Phillips

Visitor: M Dewhurst

16 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss, A Jenns and A Lewis declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.
- Councillor 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 J Thomas, A Jenns, A Lewis, I Thomas, M Moss 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.
- 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.

17 Public Questions/Visiting Speaker

There were no public questions raised.

Mr M Dewhurst attended the meeting to discuss the Water Park. He is conducting an impact survey to find out what we value today and what we want to save and protect with the proposed HS2 work due in the area. He will be talking to all users of the park as part of the survey. Councillors raised many questions and concerns which were all noted by Mr Dewhurst.

18 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 15th June 2016 are approved as a true record.

19 HS2 (4)

Councillor J Thomas attended the House of Lords Select Committee to give evidence on behalf of the Parish Council. She called J Cerone from the Action Group to give evidence at the hearing. This had been agreed by Councillors prior to the appearance. Action Groups had been denied the chance to appear in their own right. We now await the report from the Committee.

20 Tree planted in each village for 1st World War memorial (5)

NWBC have been asked to check the Kingsbury tree for us again following reports of branch and stake damage. They do not feel that tree stakes and mesh would deter vandals and suggest researching heavy duty metal tree surround guards if we think it is necessary.

21 Councillors Parish Matters Outstanding 2015 (6)

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

- **Height of trees rear of Rowan Close** – 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 and which area it comes under. Photographs have been sent and we await a response.
- **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 - CISWO** have now said that they do not own the land. The Clerk has not been able to gain any information from land registry so have asked NWBC to look into.
- **Kingsbury Link** – A meeting with DSV/TNT to be arranged later in the year.
- **Work off Tamworth Road, Kingsbury behind Hazelcroft is causing concern with times of lorry movements and state of slip road** – WCC are being kept up to date by residents who are keeping a log of lorry movements, which are exceeding the daily amount allowed on a regular basis.

22 Councillors Parish Matters raised 2016 (7/12)

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 have asked for confirmation of which trees and will then look into.
- **Broken fence Trinity Road bridge by EMR. Network Rail property** – Reported and awaiting a response.
- **Tree needs heavy pruning at The Aspens as it is over the footpath** – Reported to WCC
- **T64 path from Wood Street, opposite the school is very overgrown and narrows** – Reported to WCC Paths.
- **Trees overgrown covering weight sign by bridge** – ref 419377.
- **Weeds on grass verge at the top of Wood Street are over the pavement** – Reported to WCC
- **Brambles in and around bus shelter by Water Park** – These have been cleared
- **Lilac tree hiding signs/timetables by bus stop corner of Linear Park** –
- **Hedge needs pruning by bungalow corner of Church Road** –

23 Planning Applications

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

PAP/2016/0385 – Kingsbury Oil Terminal, Horizontal fuel additive tank with associated pumps and pipes.

PAP/2016/0346 – 33 Hurley Common, demolish existing outbuilding and construct 2 bed bungalow with access.

PAP/2015/0759 – 206 Hurley Common, proposed structure for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house. Appeal lodged which has been refused.

PAP/2016/0341 – Vehicle access from Boulders Lane onto agricultural land, Highways Authority has objected.

PAP/2016/0368 – Clinic and Welfare Centre, Kingsbury, proposed demolition. Councillors raised concerns over this proposal re public paths and the demolition of trees on the site. Observations were sent to NWBC which were followed up.

24 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
- LCR Summer 2016
- Business Bank Account changes
- Northtalk July/August Issue
- Meeting with MP for Cliff residents on 29/7/16 at 7.00pm at Owl public house re speed of vehicles using Cliff and lack of footpath on A51
- Police and Crime Panel Consultation. Details on website and sent to Councillors
- Biomass Gasification Plant – Hams Hall
- Flying a flag for Commonwealth Day 2017
- Secure a field Ltd has featured our new fence at the Play area on their June 2016 newsletter
- Annual Service of commemoration on 11/11/16 in Tamworth. Chair to attend.
- NWBC Land rear of 1-9 High Street to be known as Crown Close.
- NWBC ‘I’m in to Win’ Green wheeled bin competition – put on website
- WCC Public consultation on the revised statement of community involvement
- Thank you letter from Hurley church for help towards graveyard maintenance.

25 Chain of Office

Various options were reviewed and discussed to make more room on the chain for future names to be engraved, without increasing the size or removing links. A quote was received for creating a new piece to sit within the existing chain and have room for many more names. It was proposed by Councillor A Lewis and seconded by Councillor A Jenns and agreed:

RESOLVED: That a new triangular piece be inserted into the chain which will last for 20 years + and will cost no more than £200 plus VAT.

26 Arriva Bus Services

Arriva have plans to axe the 116 service from Tamworth to Birmingham which has caused uproar for users. A statement received from Arriva says they are looking into the 115 and 116 services and that changes will be advised in a timely manner ahead of September.

WCC have been in discussions with Arriva and have managed to retain the hourly 115 service from Hurley to Wood End, Piccadilly, Kingsbury and Tamworth, although there will be some minor timing changes. They are talking to other bus operators to see if they are prepared to operate a replacement service.

There will be a public meeting called by MP Craig Tracey on 2nd September at Kingsbury Methodist Church and representatives from Arriva and Central buses will be present.

27 Play area Annual report

The Annual parish play area report was discussed. There are some areas that require minor repairs. The Clerk has asked for a price from NWBC for any repairs that they are able to carry out for us. Due to holidays and knowing what materials were required, they were unable to give us an accurate price in time for the meeting. The wet pour repair would have to be assessed. It was agreed that the Clerk would action any urgent jobs and prices would be obtained for any other work.

28 Dog waste bins

Various sites were discussed as being beneficial to have a dog waste bin. One site by the sports centre is waiting for some feedback as to who owns the land. A dog bin would be useful Laburnum Close at the entrance to Sycamore Play area and also by the post box Mill Crescent. It is not possible to purchase numerous bins as the cost of having to pay NWBC to empty them needs to be taken into consideration, and permission to place on land not owned by the parish council. It was decided to leave this for further discussion.

29 Councillors Parish Matters raised July 2016

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

- Lamp on permanently Piccadilly by memorial wall – Councillor I Thomas
- Ditch opposite Wood End School needs clearing – Councillor A Lewis
- Road by WE School damaged by grass verge as parked cars cause issues for buses – Councillor A Lewis
- Drain opposite WE School needs cleaning out – Councillor A Lewis
- Lamp No 9 Smith Street on continually following work done – Councillor A Lewis
- Lamp out Church Close (nearest gateway into St Michaels Close) – Councillor A Lewis
- Resident asked for more information re lamp post in driveway – Councillor A Lewis
- Kingsbury meadow overgrown – Councillor A Jenns
- Tarmac breaking up again behind Kingsbury High School – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Path from Ralph Crescent to old library site Kingsbury has tree roots breaking up path – Councillor M Moss
- Shrubs etc from 5 Church Lane over pavement – Councillor M Moss
- Pothole outside Shell Piccadilly Way – Councillor J Thomas
- Old sign bottom of Pit Hill flat – Councillor I Thomas

30 Clerk's Appraisal and Salary Review (13)

This was further discussed due to additional information following the June meeting.

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.

31 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st September at Victory Hall, Bodymoor Heath.

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

It was proposed by Councillor A Lewis and seconded by Councillor I Thomas 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 – July | £870.77 |
| Wood End Village Hall – Hire of room | £16.00 |

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| <u>Bank Balances</u> | <u>31st August 2016</u> |
| Current A/c | £4,639.18 |
| Business Reserve A/c | £10,229.75 |

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