

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 17th July 2019**, at Wood End Village Hall, Wood End.

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

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor V Barker

Clerk: S Humphries

Public: 2 members of the public

480 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss, H Phillips 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 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, and C Ayasamy declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to HS2.
- Councillors I Thomas and J 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.

481 Confidential Business

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, in view of the special nature of business to be transacted, any public were temporarily excluded from the meeting as there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under para 1 and 11 of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the said Act. That being information provided by a Government department on terms that forbid disclosure to the public.

482 Public Questions

It was reported that a large number of residents felt that the memorial bench for Wood End should not be put in the recreation ground, as it would not be seen by people passing through the village and they were worried about vandalism. Councillors discussed this and agreed to change the location and that the best place was to replace the bench on the corner of Wood Street with the WW1 bench and move the other bench to the recreation ground. The Clerk would arrange for permission from the land owner and liaise with the contractor and NWBC to get this implemented.

483 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr C Ayasamy and seconded by Cllr B Moss and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th June 2019 are approved as a true record.

484 HS2 (468)

The design refinement consultation opened on 6th June and closes on 6th September 2019. Councillors J and I Thomas attended a Phase 2b meeting today and WCC will be publishing their response document on 16/8/19. This will enable us to read this prior to submitting our response statement.

Councillor J Thomas reported that the railhead would be put back to green belt land after use.

485 War Memorials for Parish (469)

The memorial benches have now been delivered to the NWBC depot. They are for Kingsbury, Wood End, Hurley, Piccadilly and Bodymoor Heath. The contractor has requested a visit to each site for exact locations. NWBC are happy to meet with him as some of the benches are on their land. We are still waiting for permission to fit the Hurley bench on the chosen site, as it belongs to Waterloo Housing. The bench for Bodymoor Heath has already been fitted to coincide with their opening event for work carried out to the hall.

486 Planning Applications/Information

The following Application was brought to Councillors attention.

- **PAP/2019/0386** – 65 Knowle Hill, erection of 2 bedroom bungalow to rear with side access road.
- **PAP/2019/0324** – Valero Logistics UK Ltd, hazard substance consent to increase diesel and Kerosene consent and continuation of existing consent.
- **PAP/2019/0337** – Bodymoor Heath Farm, Re-siting of existing agricultural building.
- **PAP/2019/0116** – Achray, Coventry Road – Amended plans for erection of 3 no. 4 bed, 3 storey detached houses.
- **PAP/2019/0369** – Dog and Doublet Inn, display of illuminated and non illuminated signage.

487 Budget and proposed expenditure for 2018/2019 (471)

Items need to be looked at on the recreation ground from the latest report, especially the wooden stepping stones and balance beams which are starting to rot. The Clerk is getting quotes for the removal/replacement to report back to the next meeting.

The area needs to be cleared by the new fence in our recreation ground so that some planting can take place. The Clerk has had a quote from WCC to clear the area and grind out the shrub stumps to allow for planting. Councillors requested further quotes to compare the price.

Various areas around the recreation ground are becoming overgrown and quotes are being requested to get them cut back. There is also a dip in the ground that needs filling in.

Councillors A Jenns and B Moss have enquired if we can apply to a Community fund from NWBC for a joint notice board to be put by Jubilee Court shops for use by NWBC, Parish Council and Residents Group.

488 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 magazine July 2019
- Warwickshire Heritage Environment Record.
- North Warwickshire Volunteer Awards – Congratulations to Councillor J Thomas who won the individual prize for Creativity and Heritage category for her part in the Kingsbury Parish at War Centenary project.
- West Midlands Ambulance Service – Need to register defibrillators onto a new system called ‘The Circuit’. Also AED pads needed for Kingsbury defibrillator.

488 Correspondence continued

- Warwickshire based WPH Charitable Trust – financial assistance for Coventry and Warwickshire residents living with sickness or injury.
<http://www.warwickshirehealthcharity.org.uk>
- Housing Needs Survey in Hurley to be carried out by Midlands Rural Housing
- WCC Temporary Closure of Atherstone Lane from a point near Hurley Hall on 17th July for approx. 2 days for utility works by Severn Trent Water.
- Warwickshire educators, businesses and local residents are to have their say on shaping a new Careers Strategy for the county. WCC is undertaking a public consultation from **19 June – 26 July**, to allow a wide variety of voices to give feedback on the Council's draft Careers Strategy. **To take part in the online consultation:** <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask>
- Grounds Maintenance message re land at rear of Hurley Village Hall - Forwarded to HCA.
- Ownership of trees behind Elm Tree Close, Kingsbury. These belong to NWBC but the budget constraints mean that only urgent work can be carried out.
- Stagecoach Service changes from 20th July 2019.
- Street Naming – The Old Post Office, 49 Tamworth Road, Wood End.
- Litter very high on recreation ground and bin full of dead flowers from church yard.
- External Auditor has confirmed that papers have been logged for audit.
- Thank you letter from Hurley Church for the grant to help with graveyard maintenance.
- Clerk's Appraisal arranged for late July with the Chair and Vice Chair.

489 Councillors Parish Matters raised January to May 2019 (479/481)

The following responses/updates have been received from the relevant authorities:

- **Grass on pavement Wood Street near entrance to car park** – This has now been tidied up.
- **Letter requesting Police Commissioner to attend Parish meeting** – Mr Seccombe and a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team will attend our September meeting. Councillors are requested to send questions that they wish to raise to the Clerk.
- **Is the spinney behind Tame Bank leading to the river a right of way?** – A right of way map for the area was shown to Councillors and the query marked up to get clarified by WCC.

490 Bus Shelters (481)

The agreed cleaning and removal of graffiti from our bus shelters has been delayed but the Clerk has been contacted by the company who have said that the work should be done this week.

491 Councillors Parish Matters raised June 2019 (477)

The following responses/updates have been received from the relevant authorities:

- **Sign surface peeling off Kingsbury** – WCC to look into
- **Street sign for Bromage Avenue needs replacing** – Reported to NWBC
- **Sign damaged out of Kingsbury before bridge** – WCC to look into
- **Pear Tree Avenue request for signs showing numbers of houses** - Reported to NWBC
- **Excessive noise reported at night from TNT area** – TNT have reported that nothing has changed operationally and if anything they are handling less vehicles and finishing earlier.
- **Excessive rubbish left out on footpaths near Cliff** – Reported to NWBC
- **Pot holes Sycamore Road** – Reported to WCC Highways
- **Post box and pouch box need painting by Mill Crescent** – Update requested
- **Trees/foliage blocking view of traffic from village end of Sycamore Road** – WCC Highways have inspected and there appears to be clear visibility no action needed.
- **Unsafe parking by Co-op by Hermes vehicle** – Company contacted and they have dealt with.
- **Request for letter to be sent re the amount of traffic lights on Coventry Road recently** – A letter of explanation has been received from the contractor explaining the problems encountered when trying to connect services to the new shops/apartments. Some occasions were beyond his control and to do with the service company.

492 Councillors Parish Matters raised July 2019

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

- Parking by Sycamore Recreation area by footballers – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close – Councillor C Ayasamy/A Jenns
- WCC transport report suggests extensions to Coleshill Parkway – Are bus connections going to be improved also? – Councillor J Thomas
- Path T67 Tamworth Road Wood End overgrown – Councillor A Lewis
- Vegetation encroaching path Edge Hill – Councillor A Lewis
- Police Community Van times requested – Councillor A Lewis
- Ditch opposite school Wood Street needs clearing out – Councillor A Lewis
- Sign by Overwoods Road blocking vision – Councillor A Lewis
- Overgrown by EMR so people having a problem walking past – Councillor I Thomas
- Branches blocking vision and signs damaged Piccadilly – Councillor I Thomas
- Can speed limit be reduced in Piccadilly? – Councillor I Thomas
- Cycle abandoned behind Mill Crescent Bus stop – Councillor M Moss
- Car parked dangerously Church Lane – Councillor M Moss
- Tamworth Road parking on double yellow lines – Councillor A Jenns
- No 16 bus no longer does returns, now more expensive day saver – Councillor A Jenns
- Shunting noises heard by Rowan Close residents evening times – Councillor A Jenns

493 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th September 2019 – Jubilee Court Community Room, Kingsbury.

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

It was proposed by Councillor A Lewis and seconded by Councillor J 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.

Administration Costs – July	£1,090.00
Wood End Village Hall – Hire of room	£20.00
NWBC Grounds Maintenance April to June	£1,488.98

Bank Balances	31st July 2019
Current A/c	£1,594.67
Reserve Account	£19,574.19

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Dated _____