

## **Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes**

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015**, at Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall, Bodymoor Heath.

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

**Clerk:** S Humphries

**Apologies:** Councillor A Jenns

**Members of the Public:** 5

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

- Councillors B Moss, H Phillips 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 and the item on the agenda relating to Hurley Church.
- Councillor A Simpson declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Hurley Community Centre.
- 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, 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 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.

### **844 Public Questions**

The following items were brought to the Parish Council's attention:

- A concerned resident asked what could be done to stop the travellers returning to the piece of land in Kingsbury by Pear Tree Avenue. Various ideas were discussed. It is NWBC land and Councillor A Jenns has been liaising with the borough on this. The Clerk will report the suggestions to NWBC.

### **845 Minutes to be Approved**

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

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 are approved as a true record with the amendment that Minute 824 should read Tame Bank not Bromage Avenue.**

### **846 HS2 (827)**

Additional provisions to the HS2 Bill will be deposited in Parliament on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and these will be delivered to the Clerk in electronic format a few days later. There is a short timescale to petition against these changes if it is necessary. This will be looked into by members of the Railhead Group which has members from the Parish Council and Action Groups and local Parishes.

#### **846 HS2 continued (827)**

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. Councillor H Phillips suggested better traffic calming measures to deter large lorries coming through the villages and funding a professional person to look at local areas. Councillor J Thomas reported that HS2 have employed a liaison person for the whole of the line.

#### **847 Church Lane play area (828)**

The Clerk is looking to obtain quotes for the replacement of any rotten logs on the play area. A meeting has been arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> June with a company to get a further quote. Councillors also asked the Clerk to contact the company that put them in for us as they have not lasted very long and the previous request for a quote was not provided.

#### **848 AEDS (829)**

Councillors discussed the site for a unit for Hurley. The village hall or the Doctors were suggested. Councillor A Simpson reported back that there was a 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. Therefore a decision could not be made until this meeting has taken place. The Doctors have said that they do not want one on the front of the surgery. The ambulance service has only the one unit for us, and cannot provide one for Piccadilly at this time. 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.

#### **849 Flashing vehicle height sign, Piccadilly (830)**

WCC have now been contacted by both oil pipeline operators. One is sufficiently far enough away from their apparatus not to cause any problems. The other has confirmed they are happy for the work to progress but need to supervise all the street lighting and bollard replacement works. Work is anticipated in July. Once the work is done the vehicle activated sign manufacturer can be asked to come in and refit and calibrate the detector.

#### **850 Councillors Parish Matters Raised January-April 2015 (834/836)**

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 will be chased.
- **Water leak in path Mill Crescent** – WCC have reported that any resident or the parish council can report leaks by calling 0800 783 4444. WCC could not locate the leak. Councillors reported it is worse in the mornings and believe it is down to water pressure.
- **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 where to put them. It is not the best time for planting at the moment.
- **Damaged bench opposite Post Office, Hurley** – This has been ordered and NWBC will fit for us.
- **Overgrown vegetation Chestnut Close to Oak Tree Close needs cutting back** – WCC have checked this area and it is all clear. We are asked to check to ensure it is the correct area reported. Councillor C Ayasamy described the location and this will be forwarded to WCC.

#### **851 Kingsbury Parish Recreation Ground (835)**

Land Registry documents were sent for to confirm boundaries and covenants on the play area site. This has been sent to WALC legal team for clarification and a detailed response has been received which needs to be read through carefully and a reply sent to the Country Club. The Clerk will e-mail Councillors the response.

### **852 Kingsbury WI celebrate 100 years (837)**

Kingsbury WI are to decorate trees along Tamworth Road Kingsbury for a couple of weeks in August/September. WCC have granted permission to do this 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.

### **853 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications that required a response from the Council.

### **854 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):-

- WALC Training events for Cllrs and Chairs
- LCR magazine Summer 2015
- Community Fundraiser for Marie Curie – request to publicise
- Letter of Support for funding being applied for by the Water Park. This was agreed and sent off by the deadline, but it was later reported to us by the Water Park that the application for funding had been withdrawn at this time.

### **855 Councillors Parish Matters Raised May 2015 (840)**

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.
- **Water Park traffic parking in Mill Crescent estate during weekends and bank holidays** – This is being monitored by the police and some leaflets have been distributed on car windscreens, but it is difficult to issue tickets to vehicles within the estate unless they are obstructing drives or footpaths.
- **Rumour that it is cards only to pay for parking in Water Park** – This is not correct. Drivers need the correct change at the barrier. If they want to pay by card or need change then they need to go to the visitor centre. There is a problem with annual passes at the moment but this is being addressed and 6 month ones are being sold at no extra cost.
- **Parking issues around the Kingsbury Primary School estate** – These have again been reported to the police. Councillor C Ayasamy reported there has been some progress on this.
- **Sign at the bottom of Pit Hill has been uprooted** – Reported to WCC for repair.
- **Lamp post in Redwood light out** – An exact location has been requested by WCC.

### **856 Kingsbury Parish Council Accounts for 2014/2015**

The internally audited accounts for 2014/2015 were discussed together with the internal auditors report which did not raise any concerns. It was proposed by Councillor A Lewis and seconded by Councillor B Moss and agreed by all:

**RESOLVED:-That the accounts for 2014/2015 be approved subject to external audit, and the Statement of Assurance in the Annual Return was agreed.**

Following the acceptance of the accounts, the Chair signed the Statement of Assurance and the Annual Return. These documents would be sent to the external auditor by the set deadline.

### **857 Kingsbury and Hurley request for help with graveyard expenses**

Applications for help towards the maintenance of the graveyards at Kingsbury and Hurley Churches were received and discussed. It was agreed that a grant of £750.00 would be given to each Church as the previous year. This was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor B Moss and agreed.

**RESOLVED: That a grant of £750 each be given to Kingsbury and Hurley Churches for graveyard maintenance.**

### **858 Councillors Parish Matters Raised June 2015**

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

- The Wood End bus shelter has now been renewed by WCC – Councillor A Lewis
- Trees are blocking signs along Trinity Road – Councillor A Lewis
- Sign knocked over Tamworth Road, Wood End – Councillor A Lewis
- Edge Hill path still overgrown – Councillor A Lewis
- Footpath from Church to Tame Bank repair to make safe before patching programme is breaking up already – Councillor J McNally and C Ayasamy
- Path on service road and by garages, Tamworth Road, Kingsbury needs attention – Councillor J McNally
- Bank subsided by footpath on Trinity Road by railway bridge - Councillor J McNally
- Parish Bus shelters need cleaning - Councillor J McNally. The Clerk to get a quote.
- Rotting litter bins path from Tamworth Road towards Kingsbury Primary School - Councillor J McNally
- Hazelcroft sign needs to say 'no through road' - Councillor J McNally
- Traffic jams at J9 and J10 M42, cars jumping lights. Can the timing be looked into or cameras - Councillor I Thomas
- Fencing round recreation ground on Kingsbury Hall Drive is damaged – Councillor M Moss
- The Co-ordinator for Crime in Rural Communities is to be asked to come and give a short talk to Councillors at the July meeting – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Community Centre sign is now fitted and we are awaiting the invoice – Councillor J Thomas
- Speeding Wakefield Close need some form of traffic calming – Councillor A Lewis

### **859 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

### **860 Accounts for payment (where accounts include VAT this will be claimed back)**

It was proposed by Councillor A Lewis and seconded by Councillor M Moss 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 - June	£1002.96
Internal Auditor fees	£150.00
Hire of Room Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall	£16.00
Kingsbury Church (Minute 857 June 2015)	£750.00
Hurley Church (Minute 857 June 2015)	£750.00
Inland Revenue quarterly charges	£822.04

<b>Bank Balances</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2015</b>
Current A/c	£4,493.28
Business Reserve A/c	£38,683.13

Original signed by:

Chair – Councillor J Thomas

Dated

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015