

## **Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes**

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**, at Jubilee Court Community Room, Kingsbury.

**Present: Councillors:** Chair K Carr, A Simpson, I Thomas, B Moss, M Moss, J Thomas, A Jenns, A Lewis and C Ayasamy

**Clerk:** S Humphries

**Apologies:** Councillors J Whitby and H Phillips

**Members of the Public:** 1

**Visitor:** D Reilly, Community Safety Ambassador North Warwickshire West

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

- Councillors M Moss, B Moss and A Lewis declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.
- Councillors 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 Centre.
- 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.

### **786 Community Safety Ambassador North Warwickshire West**

Newly appointed Community Safety Ambassador for North Warwickshire West, Dave Reilly, attended the meeting to introduce himself and explain a bit about his role. It is a voluntary role to ensure that the Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Ron Ball is kept informed of local crime and disorder and any community safety concerns and developments in the area. He asked for volunteers from the parish council to exchange information with. The Clerk will pass their contact details on.

### **787 Public Questions (769)**

The following items were brought to the Parish Council's attention and responses are as follows:

- **Footpath needs resurfacing in service road off Tamworth Road, Kingsbury** – This has been put forward for assessment for footway resurfacing scheme 5 year programme.
- **Pathway from Bromage Avenue to Church is being used as a cycle way. Should there be a no cycling sign up? This is in a bad state of repair** – Highways are looking into the tarmac path. WCC Rights of Way team only have small plastic signs that show who can legally use the path and when next in that area will see if there is something to hammer them onto.
- **Parking on paths at night opposite Co-op, Kingsbury** – This has been reported to the Police.
- **Stagecoach bus timetable needed in bus shelter by Ralph Crescent** – This has been requested and is being dealt with.

### **787 Public Questions continued (769)**

- Items brought up at the March meeting included the Community Infrastructure Levy, clarification regarding Bins and the proposed planning application for the wind turbine at Weinerberger. These were discussed and Councillors answered the queries at the meeting.

### **788 Minutes to be Approved**

It was proposed by Cllr B Moss and seconded by Cllr I Thomas and agreed:

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 are approved as a true record.**

### **789 Piccadilly Issues (771)**

NWBC have said that there are two self-closing pedestrian gates into the play area that are designed to be easy for children to push open but to close gently behind them, thereby keeping dogs out. The reports have been checked since June 2014 and there is no indication that they are not working properly. The gates are checked each week and any further problems should be reported to NWBC. Councillor I Thomas said that the gate nearest to the houses of Colonel Dibley Close needs looking at.

### **790 HS2 (772)**

Councillor J Thomas reported that the HS2 drop in meeting organised by the Action Group in February was attended by approximately 150 residents. Representatives from the Action Group, Parish Council, NWBC and WCC were invited and discussed a lot of information and answered questions from residents.

HS2 have arranged a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March to discuss proposals for Additional Provision 2, to include the mitigation they have offered to implement around the railhead, among other assurances that have been given to neighbouring communities, individuals and businesses which required the successful promotion of an Additional Provision. Councillors I and J Thomas and the Clerk will attend.

### **791 Church Lane play area (773)**

Councillor B Moss will arrange to trim the back board of the football wall.

Quotes will be obtained in due course for the replacement of any rotten logs.

### **792 AEDS (774)**

The Manager of the Tamworth Co-op has now arranged the fitting of the cabinets to the front of the stores in Kingsbury and Wood End.

It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting the purchasing of other units for other villages in the parish, if suitable sites could be identified.

### **793 Councillors Parish Matters Outstanding from April to November 2014 (775/777)**

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

- **Bodymoor Heath Lane off the A4091, signs missing/damaged** – Councillor J Thomas has been in contact with highways to establish the location of the sign. Highways have issued defects for the re-erection of the leaning signs.
- **A tree at Pit Hill is rotten and needs removing** – The location has now been established and reported to WCC who are liaising with NWBC to see whose responsibility it is.
- **Overhanging vegetation from garden in Church Lane and restricted vision** – WCC have said that the homeowner will trim back the vegetation but WCC do not have the powers to ask the homeowner to remove the shrubs/trees completely. Councillor M Moss has met with Highways on site and there is an area of land between the boundary railings and Highway land which is not Highways responsibility.
- **BT junction box by bottom of Church Lane is obstructing vision** – Councillors feel that they should have been notified in order to comment. We are awaiting an answer.

### **793 Councillors Parish Matters Outstanding April to Nov 2014 continued (775/777)**

- **Flashing vehicle height sign not working, Piccadilly** – WCC have no date yet for the work to be carried out. Cables have failed and it is likely that nearly 70 metres of new cable will need to be laid which will be a large job. Councillor B Moss to find out a date for the work. Councillor I Thomas says that the amount of lorries driving towards the low bridge has increased since the sign stopped working.
- **30mph signs put up for around Piccadilly village when it is not possible to do that speed** – WCC have stated that as the village turning comes from a 40mph speed limit (by virtue of street lighting) they need to sign this to advise motorists of the 30mph speed.

### **794 Planning Applications**

The following scoping request was discussed:-

- WCC as Mineral Planning Authority have received a scoping request made by Weinerberger at Kingsbury Quarry East, Rush Lane, B77 1TL. This is seen as a pre-cursor to the submission of a full planning application with an environmental impact assessment (EIA). The Clerk was asked to clarify what this involved and to ask that all local properties were informed if a planning application was to be submitted.

### **795 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):-

- Post Office proposed move to Mr News Newsagents, 2 Jubilee Court, Kingsbury, B78 2LL, The move has been confirmed by the Post Office. Regrettably the current branch closed temporarily for operational reasons on 25<sup>th</sup> February but the Post Office says it is working hard to restore the services to the village as soon as possible and apologise for the delay.
- Kingsbury WI celebrate 100 years – permission asked for decorating trees. Waiting for clarification from WCC. Councillors support this.
- Wood End bus shelter damage to panel and leaking roof – WCC are repairing the shelter.
- LCR Spring magazine
- NALC Legal Briefing re Freedom of Information Act – Datasets
- WCC Temporary Closure of Trinity Road Piccadilly from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 for carriageway resurfacing on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- NWBC – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Extension to consultation period by a further 6 weeks until 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- WCC Temporary closure of Foul End Lane Hurley from 23/3/15-27/3/15 or until completion.
- Clerks and Councils direct March issue
- The Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Warwickshire: Final Recommendations. E-mailed to all Councillors
- NWBC Mancetter Neighbourhood Plan application
- NWBC Northtalk March/April 2015
- Public Payphone Piccadilly Crescent proposal to remove
- NWBC Notification that Hutchinson are upgrading their equipment at Planters Mast.

### **796 Bus stop by Mill Crescent roof leaking etc (765)**

We have had a quote to improve the bus shelter with new panels and repair the roof at a cost of £1,625 plus VAT. This is considerably cheaper than a new shelter and is guaranteed for two years whatever the problem. A sample panel and drawings were shown to Councillors and this was discussed at length and proposed by Councillor K Carr and seconded by Councillor M Moss and agreed:

**RESOLVED: That the repairs and new panels for the bus shelter by Mill Crescent are agreed at a cost of £1,625.00.**

### **797 Requests for funding (781)**

- **Sign for Community Centre, Piccadilly** – WCC requested confirmation, which has been *given*, that we would pay for the sign so that they could order and get it fitted and would then forward the invoice to us.
- **Hurley Kings FC** – The Clerk had explained to the football club that parish councils are bound by legislation and that we could not help with their original request. A second request for new goal posts at a cost of £1,269 a set (ideally two sets) was received but Councillors agreed this was outside our budget at this time and wished them well for the future development of the club, and if the council could help in further projects to apply again.
- **Methodist Church** – A request to help with specialist cleaning of the floors at the church was received. This was required twice a year at a cost of £300 per time. It was proposed by B Moss and seconded by I Thomas and agreed to pay for the first clean initially, but a quote needed to be obtained and accounts information before a donation could be given. This will be requested for the next meeting.

### **798 Councillors Parish Matters Raised January/February 2015 (765/782)**

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

- **Bus route 16 turns round at Doctors corner Kingsbury – can it turn by Mill Crescent?** – A request has been sent to the Company and also the drivers have been asked and they do not seem to think it would be a problem, but we are still awaiting a formal answer.
- **Vibrating Trains in Kingsbury** – Councillors have received complaints from residents that there are increased vibrations from trains where they cross over the Coventry Road. Network Rail are looking into the complaints for us and will report back with their findings.
- **Dangerous manhole cover Knowle Hill/Holly Drive** – A defect has been raised to renew.
- **Resurfacing needed Bridge Street and Knowle Hill/Brick Kiln Lane pavements need attention** – WCC have put these forward for assessment for five year resurfacing programme.
- **Central reservation post needs replacing by Mill Crescent** – A new solar bollard top has been ordered and will be fitted when it arrives.
- **Water leak in path Mill Crescent** – WCC could not locate so further information to be sent.
- **Litter bin corroded by Mill Crescent** – NWBC have ordered a new bin to replace this.
- **Loss of Broadband service by junction box, Tamworth Road, Kingsbury** – This has been looked into and is an issue for the householder and their broadband provider.

### **799 Kingsbury Parish Recreation Ground**

NWBC sent us a request from the Club to cut back bushes covering the fire doors. This was looked into but more information was asked for as the doors exit onto the parish play area and our paperwork suggests that the first metre and a half from the boundary wall is the club's responsibility. The Clerk was asked to send this to WALC legal team for clarification as there have been problems in the past. They have e-mailed back suggesting we contact Land Registry so that they can give the best advice.

### **800 Councillors Parish Matters Raised March 2015**

The following matters will be raised with the relevant authorities:

- Numerous Pot holes etc in the parish were reported – Councillors M Moss, A Jenns
- Water leak down from the Anchor Pub Hurley – Councillor A Lewis
- Wood Street Trees some not trimmed/taken down – Councillor A Lewis
- Bodymoor Heath have been awarded money from Biffa for the Victory Hall – Cllr J Thomas
- Information on mole problem at Kingsbury church – Councillor C Ayasamy updated
- Could we perhaps plant a tree in each village for 1<sup>st</sup> World War memorial using Planters vouchers? – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Dog mess again in the alley from Ralph Crescent to Nursery – Councillor K Carr
- Speed bumps opposite Grange Farm need repainting – Councillor A Simpson
- Damaged bench opposite Post Office, Hurley – Councillor A Simpson

**801 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

**802 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 - March	£925.43
HM Revenue and Customs	£792.68
Broker Network Ltd (Insurance)	£806.92
NWBC Final payment for Grounds Maintenance	£399.78
P and J Collins – Fit dog bin	£144.00

**Bank Balances** **31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

Current A/c	£2,292.77
Business Reserve A/c	£33,913.23

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