

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 19th November 2014**, at Hurley Village Hall.

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

Clerk: S Humphries

Apologies: Councillor M Moss

Members of the Public: One

732 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 and Beeline Community Transport.
- 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.
- 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 Jenns, A Lewis, I Thomas, C Ayasamy and H Phillips 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 K'bury Water Park.

733 Public Questions

There were no public questions raised.

734 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th October 2014 are approved as a true record.

735 Piccadilly Issues (714)

Concerns about the gate around the play area (used for access for mowing) not being regularly locked was reported to NWBC. This was due to a new lock being ordered.

The formal statutory consultation has now closed for changes to the speed limits in the Piccadilly area. Councillors were pleased to see the work carried out very promptly after the consultation ended.

Councillor I Thomas asked that the children's gate access to the play area should be spring loaded for safety reasons. This will be passed onto NWBC.

736 HS2 (715)

The date to appear before the Government Select Committee to give our evidence is now confirmed as 15th December 2014. Councillor J Thomas explained to Councillors that she would need a letter giving her the power to agree/disagree any assurances made at Westminster on behalf of the Parish Council, just in case it was needed. ~She also asked that two Councillors attend to be representatives to discuss options with HS2 if required. This was discussed and agreed that:

RESOLVED: Councillors J Thomas, I Thomas, A Jenns and the Clerk, S Humphries would attend the Select Committee and the transport costs would be covered by the Council.

Councillor B Moss stated that he intended to be at the Select Committee hearing also. Certain members from Kingsbury Parish Council and Kingsbury and District Stop HS2 Action Group have many meetings scheduled to work on the evidence to get ready to send to the Select Committee. The petitions for each local group/individuals would remain separate but the groups would work together to produce the evidence so that we are getting the best outcome for the local area. The Parish Council were thanked for the letter of support given to the Action Group.

737 Councillors Parish Matters Raised July 2013 (716)

- **Hedges/trees/paths need trimming Rutlands, Whateley** – WCC have passed the outstanding issue of weeding the paths onto the Community Payback section for action.

738 Church Lane play area (717)

One concern raised on the inspection report was the football wall back board needed looking at. This has been referred back to the company who fitted the item. The price received for a new board and fixings was £202.00 but they wanted £450.00 in labour and travel costs. This was felt to be extremely high and further quotes and solutions would be looked into. Options to replace the logs on the natural play area were also requested and a single quote for a small set was received of £400, which again seemed high, and did not address what we asked for. This will be further researched in the New Year.

739 Councillors Parish Matters Raised February 2014 (718)

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

- **The grass verges by Kingsbury Primary School are badly damaged by cars** – This has been passed onto NWBC who have inspected the site but have not agreed that bollards would be the answer due to mowing issues.
The police have made this school and Hurley Primary School an area forum priority and they are issuing fixed penalty notices to anyone obstructing the areas around the schools. A letter from Warwickshire Police was given to all children at Kingsbury Primary School regarding safety and parking around the school. Police Officers and PCSOs are now able to prosecute without physically placing a ticket on a vehicle if it is illegally parked.
- **It was suggested at the Area Forum that the parish council could liaise with PCSOs and EMR** – A meeting took place on 19th November at 4pm at Piccadilly Community Centre. This proved to be productive with issues raised by all parties being discussed and taken away to be looked into. Any traffic problems with the site should be noted including dates and times and reported to the Clerk who could pass them onto EMR who would be able to check the CCTV and inform the relevant company.

740 Two AEDS for Wood End and Kingsbury Co-ops (719)

Two cabinets have been ordered for the outside of the Kingsbury and Wood End Co-op stores. The Clerk is in contact with the Manager of the Tamworth Co-op to arrange the fitting of these.

A Training session on how to use the AED units took place on Wednesday 5th November, for staff at each Co-op, Councillors and other interested parties. A matter that was raised was pads for children and the Clerk was asked to look into these.

A further training session can be organised if required.

741 Councillors Parish Matters Raised April/May 2014 (720)

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

- **New grit bin for Bodymoor Heath** - This has been delivered to the County Highways depot and will be filled and put on site for us. (Mill Lane/Bodymoor Heath Lane). It was reported that the old damaged bin had been filled. Highways have now sorted this for us.
- **Bodymoor Heath Lane off the A4091, weight restriction sign is missing and damaged signs** – This will be passed onto WCC.
- **Trees in Elm Tree Close leaning** – WCC have said that it is not rotten but a rare shrub but they are not totally sure what it is. To remove the elder would make it too one sided so no action is necessary.
- **A tree at the top of Pit Hill is rotten and needs removing** – Reported to NWBC/WCC but an exact location has been requested. Councillor I Thomas to give details.
- **Church Lane Weekly Play Inspections** – NWBC are now sending the Clerk weekly reports of their findings. Any issues will be reported to Councillors.

742 Councillors Parish Matters Raised June 2014 (721)

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

- **Overhanging vegetation from garden in Church Lane and restricted vision** – Councillor M Moss reported further concerns as an accident occurred recently. Visibility issues from the overhanging vegetation, vans parked in the layby causing pedestrians to pass on the road, and no consultation with the parish on the BT box site being in driver's vision when trying to pull out of Church Lane. WCC will be informed again and a request for the layby to be closed.
- **Gully overgrown below Anchor Inn, leading to school from Knowle Hill**–Reported to WCC. Footway T52 belongs to Paths and Councillors asked the Clerk to find out how often this is cleared and if this could be added to our grounds maintenance jobs.
- **No timetable in bus shelter Tamworth Road, Kingsbury** – The timetable case has now been fitted.

743 Councillors Parish Matters Raised July 2014 (722)

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

- **Information requested on a week long road closure, Coleshill Heath Lane turning to Lea Marston** – Lack of information was given and this caused massive traffic disruption. Apologies have been received after the Mainline Pipeline repair works. The Health and Safety Executive is currently enforcing these repairs to upkeep the condition of the high pressure multi-fuel pipeline. The lane closure was necessary due to the proximity of the pipeline in relation to the road and the problems arose when the traffic management firm's equipment was tampered with and a total of 9 batteries were stolen.
- **BT junction boxes by bottom of Church Lane and opposite Kingsbury School are obstructing vision** – Prior to a cabinet being stood an information pack is submitted to both highways and the local planning department. 56 days is allowed for them to respond if they are not happy with the location. No comments were received by BT so the cabinet was erected. The project Manager has visited the sites and has confirmed that the cabinet is in the correct place and that vision splays conform to highway standards. (see also minute 742 Pt 1) Councillors feel that they should have been notified in order to comment.

744 Planning Applications (723)

The following planning application was discussed:-

- **PAP/2014/0516 West Midlands Water Ski Centre – Variation of condition no 28 of planning permission relating to restriction use of the site and facilities.** Concerns were submitted to NWBC with regard to public footpaths, the Café/Restaurant, road safety and the bund.

745 Councillors Parish Matters Raised September 2014 (724)

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

- **Advertising poster pinned to lamppost** – Should have been removed by PCSO but Councillors advised it is still there. To follow up.
- **Sycamore Road to Chestnut Close overgrown** – WCC have forwarded query to ‘Paths’ to respond direct as Public right of way T67.
- **Request for a dog bin - walkway from Tame Bank round the back of the school by church** – This has now been delivered to NWBC depot and they will arrange for the fitting so it is put in the agreed place. The Parish will pay the contractor for fitting and NWBC will pay for emptying it for us.

746 Filming and recording of meetings (725)

New legislation has been received on filming and recording of meetings which will require changes to Standing Orders. These were agreed at the November 2014 meeting. A protocol should be agreed and displayed in the meeting venue. A suggested protocol will now be discussed at the January 2015 meeting to give Councillors time to read this.

747 November Requests for Funding

- **St Michaels Church, Wood End** – A letter asking for help with the felling of a huge tree on the site was received. Councillors felt the initial quote was extremely high and the Church was asked to provide further quotes and it would be discussed at the November meeting. A much more acceptable quote was received and it was proposed by Councillor B Moss and seconded by Councillor I Thomas and agreed that:
RESOLVED: A donation of £480.00 would be given to help towards the tree costs.
- A further request was received from a resident representing Girlguiding in Warwickshire. We have received guidance from WALC on this and the Clerk will write to the resident explaining the procedure that Parish Councils have to follow to donate funds.
- **Beeline Community Transport** – A small local charity that relies on donations to be able to get people to appointments who would otherwise struggle, are in danger of having their funding cut which might put the service at risk. This was discussed at length and it was proposed by Councillor I Thomas and seconded by Councillor K Carr and agreed that:
RESOLVED: A donation of £750.00 would be given to help keep the transport service going for the local community. Although we cannot make any long term promises at this time it was also agreed that Beeline should apply each year.

748 Councillors Parish Matters Raised October 2014 (729)

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

- **Flashing vehicle height sign not working, Piccadilly** – WCC are in the process of checking this. Councillor I Thomas asked the Clerk to check if it should register when tankers go past.
- **Large rut in the middle of the road between the two bridges, Piccadilly** – This has been marked for repair by WCC.
- **Trees obscuring visibility opposite the memorial wall, Piccadilly** – This is with the contractor to cut back on the next programme.
- **Trees/bushes need trimming by garages, Piccadilly** – This is on the NWBC winter work schedule. The crown of all trees will be lifted and the shrubs pruned to improve the sight line.
- **Lights out top of Wood End, corner Baxterley Lane/Tamworth Rd** – Reported to WCC Lighting.
- **Mud on the road (A4097)** – This was inspected by County Highways and found to be clear at the time of inspection.
- **Newspaper story re “Firm in court after major petrol escape at Staffordshire fuel site”** – BPA have carried out an earnest and systematic review of what went on and its response has the approval of the HSE. They do take Health and Safety seriously.

749 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):-

- Atherstone Town Council – Letter re Decriminalisation of Parking in North Warks. Councillors asked for more information. No response was received.
- WALC – notes from Financial Briefing October 2014 to be forwarded to all.
- Clerks and Councils Direct November issue
- WCC Winter Service in Warwickshire 2014/15
- Kingsbury Brickworks Liaison Committee proposed meeting date of 22nd January 2015. Councillors asked that this meeting be put back to the middle of next year as we are very busy with the HS2 petition hearing.
- 2015 meeting dates for Parish Council. It was requested that the May 2015 meeting after the election be moved to Monday 11th May as more than one person is unable to attend the scheduled meeting date. This was discussed and a timetable will be produced for approval at the January meeting.
- NWBC Growing your Business talk
- NWBC Annual meeting with Town and Parish Councils 29th January 2014
- The Happy Plaice mobile fish and chip service. Forwarded to Hurley Community Association.
- Daw Mill Public meeting at Nether Whitacre Village Hall on 27/11/14 re planning application.
- NWBC - request from Kingsbury 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.

750 Councillors Parish Matters Raised November 2014

The following matters will be raised with the relevant authorities:

- 30mph signs put up for around Piccadilly village when it is not possible to do that speed, common sense should drop the limit – Councillor I Thomas
- Water problems bottom of Pit Hill again – Councillor I Thomas
- Gate access for children's play area should be spring loaded? – Councillor I Thomas
- Councillor J Thomas reported from a PPG meeting. Phoenix group at Wood End Club not being funded by National Health Service. Councillor Pickard working on this. Government is making Dementia a priority matter and screening is to be cut for prostate cancer.
- Ditch opposite Wood End Primary School needs clearing – Councillor A Lewis
- Path down by Edge Hill footpath needs leaves sweeping – Councillor A Lewis
- Speeding issues Trinity Road junction with Overwoods Road – Councillor A Lewis. Councillor H Phillips reported that there are plans to put industrial units both sides of M42 being looked into and speeding is part of this.
- Dog Mess in the Water Park – Councillor C Ayasamy to let Clerk know whereabouts.
- Residents' concerns about speeding Edge Hill to pass onto WCC traffic – Councillor A Lewis

751 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 21st January at Piccadilly Community Centre.

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

It was proposed by Councillor K Carr 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 November/December	£1,676.79
Piccadilly Community Centre – hire of room for EMR meeting	£8.00
Hurley Village Hall – Hire of room for parish meeting	£15.00
Tranter Training Solution (AED cabinets for K'bury and Wood End co-ops)	£1,608.00
Glasdon UK – Grit bin for Bodymoor Heath	£193.44

752 Accounts for payment continued

NWBC Interim Grounds Maintenance payment	£1,231.86
H Johnson and Son Ltd – Engraving of Chain of Office	£18.50
Reimbursement of travelling costs to London to see Clerk of HS2 Select Committee	£104.00
St Michaels Church, Wood End – tree work	£480.00
Beeline Community Transport	£750.00

Bank Balances

31st December 2014

Current A/c	£3,811.23
Business Reserve A/c	£37,908.62

Signed _____

Dated _____