

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 21st November 2018**, at Jubilee Court Community Room, Kingsbury.

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

Apologies: Apologies were received and agreed from Councillor I Thomas.

Clerk: S Humphries

One member of the public

379 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss, H Phillips, A Jenns 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.
- 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, M Moss, C Ayasamy and H Phillips declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to HS2.
- Councillor J Thomas declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall Committee and Piccadilly Community Centre.
- 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.

380 Public Questions

There were concerns raised by a resident about the clearing of trees and bushes running alongside our recreation ground. No notice was given and debris was falling onto resident's property. Also numerous fires were being lit by the steps into the Water Park creating a lot of smoke.

381 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 17th October 2018 are approved as a true record.

382 HS2 (365)

HS2 Ltd has published their working draft Environmental Statement and Equality Impact Assessment for its Birmingham to Leeds route, known as Phase 2b. This consultation runs until 21/12/18. This route will run through North Warwickshire, affecting communities at Bodymoor Heath, Kingsbury, Birchmoor, Polesworth, Warton and Austrey. To read the documents in full and respond to the consultation please visit:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-working-draft-environmental-statement

Councillor J Thomas is compiling a document to send in from the parish council with concerns which are mainly based around traffic problems that will be caused in the parish area. Bodymoor Heath are

having a meeting to put forward their concerns which will be taken into account. Councillor J Thomas also updated Councillors on some of the items for concern and some suggestions to be put forward in the document. The document will be forwarded to all Councillors for approval before submission by 21/12/18.

The bid has been started to apply for funding from HS2 for outdoor play equipment for the recreation ground. One of the criteria is that some consultation needs to be carried out. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to put the information on social media and to hand deliver to the properties backing onto the recreation ground. Some of the responses received so far were read out to Councillors. These will be put together in a document when all received.

383 Overgrown trees Kingsbury (366)

Trees at back of Rowan Close/Willow Close need cutting back and Maple Drive– Persimmon Homes have now established that they are responsible for the trees and have obtained quotes from their tree surgeon contractors to fell the trees as soon as possible. This was acted on following the site meeting with Councillors, Clerk, a resident and Persimmon Homes representative. The residents have thanked us for the perseverance to get this matter finally sorted out.

384 War Memorial for Parish (367)

Councillors I and J Thomas provided photographs of ideas for a memorial bench and possible brickwork surrounding it. The Clerk has obtained prices for the bench and delivery which would be in the region of £850 (exc VAT). A bench is suggested for Kingsbury, Wood End, Hurley, Piccadilly and Bodymoor Heath. A suitable place would be decided in each village and ways of obtaining funding will be looked into. Prices will need to be obtained if brickwork is to be included.

385 Fencing around recreation ground (368)

The owner of the old taxi rank/public conveniences has met with the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to discuss the boundary fence location, before we meet with the contractor to arrange the fitting of the fence. It would appear that the land registry document he holds has a different boundary to the one on our records. This will be followed up with land registry and the fence fitting will be put on hold until we have established the correct boundaries.

The Parish Council had also made the owner aware of the loose tiles on the roof as they are becoming a safety hazard and these have now been repaired.

386 Kingsbury Sports Hall (369)

A letter received by the Clerk from the Trustees Solicitor said a meeting had taken place and they have some interested parties who wish to become trustees. They are asking for a member of the Parish Council to put their name forward also. As none of the requests for further information have been acknowledged, it is not felt that this is possible at the present time.

This was further discussed at length and it was suggested that contact be made with the Area Manager of CISWO for more information.

387 Planning Applications/Information

The following new planning applications were brought to Councillors attention.

- **PAP/2018/0664** – Tib Hall Farm, Hurley – Erection of agricultural building.
- **PAP/2018/0616** – Royal Oak, Kingsbury Retrospective replacement of wooden staircase and balcony.
- **PAP/2018/0647** – Grassyard Farm, Hurley – Planning and listed building consent for new two storey extension and internal alterations.

388 Budget and proposed expenditure for 2018/2019 (372)

The fitting of the fence around the recreation ground may need to be reviewed due to the boundary issue, and until this is clarified other orders will be on hold until we can verify exact costs.

Once this is resolved and the Clerk has confirmed the sites for the litter bins etc and got permission from whose land it is, they will be ordered as funds are available.

389 Councillors Parish Matters raised May-October 2018 (374/376)

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

- **Disabled parking Kingsbury needs remarking after damage by lorries and work vehicles are taking up parking spaces by new houses in Kingsbury** – NWBC have confirmed it is their land. This will be done once the building work has finished.
- **Can we chase up Royal Mail pouch box by Jubilee Court shops** – Enquiry followed up but still no response.
- **Any decision yet on garages resurfacing by Sycamore Road?** – NWBC Housing have been informed that the cost for this would be in the region of £10,000. It will need to be considered when all garage sites are reviewed.
- **New sign put in different place** – NWBC have checked the sign and are happy with it.
- **Overhanging trees by letterbox Mill Crescent need trimming back** – WCC have requested Forestry to make safe. The lowest branches have now been trimmed to give more clearance for the path.
- **Cars reported skidding around the Mill island turning into Kingsbury** – WCC are aware of this and have treated the road surface with an oil lift.
- **Drains blocked Jubilee Court** – Reported to NWBC
- **Bushes overhanging from property in Oak Tree, Kingsbury** – WCC have written to the resident.
- **Lamp out bottom of Johnson Street** – Reported to WCC lighting
- **Path T67 Tamworth Road/Boulters Lane needs cutting back** – Logged as issue number A05721.
- **Concerns re cars parked on the pavement by Wood End Garage causing pedestrians to walk on forecourt or road to get past** – The police have spoken to the owner but the problem is still there. To be followed up further.

390 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):-

- LCR Magazine of NALC Autumn issue
- Clerks and Councils Direct – November issue
- WCC Warwickshire Minerals Plan Publication Consultation 2018
- NWBC Northtalk
- Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall thank you and report on skittles evening and next event is Christmas afternoon tea on 5/12/18.
- Play Area Inspection Report to be looked into in case any areas of concern have been identified that require attention.
- Free event for members of the public who wish to consider being a parish councillor
- Chair of WCC invite to Festive Open Evening and reception 1/12/18 6.30pm Warwick
- Birmingham Airport Airspace change proposal – decision delayed and will now be the end of the year.
- Community Heritage Grant Scheme
- WALC Briefing on election costs
- CSW Resilience Team Sand bags
- Annual mid-year population estimates by Boroughs.

390 Correspondence continued

- Suicide bereavement support service to start in Coleshill
- WALC report on this year's external audit
- WCC Library Services in parish
- Thank you letter from Piccadilly Community Association for the grant to help with the annual bonfire and fireworks display
- Birmingham airports Airspace Change Proposal – decision delayed, now likely to be the end of the year
- WCC Temporary closure of A4097 Kingsbury Road from 26.11.18 for urgent carriageway patching and associated works
- A letter of request for funding for a craft group in Kingsbury was received. The Clerk replied explaining the process, but no further information was given to present to Councillors by the time of the meeting.
- Charity Commission returns are due in at the latest by 31/1/19. Recreation Ground and Hurley Village Hall.

391 Councillors Parish Matters raised November 2018

The following have been reported to the relevant authorities:

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392 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at Wood End Village Hall, Wood End. A list of proposed dates for 2019 was given to Councillors. These will be finalised at the next meeting.

393 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 – November	£1,084.46
NWBC – Play area Inspection charge	£65.70

Bank Balances **31st December 2018**

Current A/c	£1,481.81
Reserve Account	£30,392.38

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Dated _____