

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 15th October 2014**, at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

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

Clerk: S Humphries

Apologies: None

711 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors M Moss, 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.
- 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, M Moss, 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.

712 Public Questions previously raised

- **Site Allocations plan** – The Clerk provided the documents at the meeting as requested, but as the consultation events have now passed, Councillors felt there was little point in discussing them further.
- **30mph sign, Tamworth Road, Kingsbury** – This has been investigated by WCC who follow DFT guidelines for setting speed limits. The 30mph sign should be as close to a built up area as possible and near to a junction. If anything the sign is further away than it should be so we are advised not to continue challenging this as it may end up coming closer not further away.

713 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th September 2014 are approved as a true record.

714 Piccadilly Issues (692)

Concerns about the gate around the play area (used for access for mowing) not being regularly locked and had the keys left in was reported to NWBC. We are awaiting feedback.

A formal statutory consultation is now under way for changes to the speed limits in the Piccadilly area. As part of the advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order, copies were posted along the road (three on site), advertised in the local paper and copies sent to statutory consultees. This is all WCC are required to send.

715 HS2 (693)

The response to our petition has been received from HS2. A local meeting with HS2 is being arranged prior to attending the Select Committee in London and various public bodies have been contacted for any information that may be of use to us. Councillor J Thomas and the Clerk together with other local groups will be visiting London on 16th October for a meeting with the Clerk of the Select Committee, to go through the procedure. We are still trying to clarify the date for us to appear before the Government Select Committee to give our evidence, but it is hoped this will not be until December 2014.

Kingsbury and District Stop HS2 Action Group have requested a letter of support from the Parish Council. This was discussed and agreed that the Clerk write a letter for them.

It was also agreed after discussion that the petitions for each local group/individuals would remain separate but that the groups would work together to produce our evidence so that we are getting the best outcome for the local area.

716 Councillors Parish Matters Raised July 2013 (694)

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

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

717 Church Lane play area (696)

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 and a meeting on site has been arranged to discuss. At the same time we will be asking what options are available to replace the logs on the natural play area as they are starting to rot away.

718 Councillors Parish Matters Raised February 2014 (696)

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 arranged a site visit for 19th September to look at the area to see if anything can be done. We are still awaiting a response. 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.
Councillor K Carr shared with Councillors a letter from Warwickshire Police, that 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** – The Clerk has spoken to the Manager at EMR again and confirmed dates available with him and PCSO P Beale. A meeting is now being arranged for 19th November at 4pm at Piccadilly Community Centre.

719 Two AEDS for Wood End and Kingsbury Co-ops (697)

The two units donated by the charity Heartbeat UK, have now been handed over to Kingsbury and Wood End Co-op stores. A thank you letter to the charity has now been sent. A Training session for 12 people on how to use the AED units has also been organised for Wednesday 5th November, for staff at each Co-op, Councillors and other interested parties.

The proposal to purchase cabinets for the AEDs to enable them to be available 24 hours a day for the public was discussed. The Co-ops have already agreed to have them wired to the front of the stores as they use a very minimal use of electricity (approx. 7p per month) It was proposed by Councillor K Carr and seconded by Councillor A Jenns and agreed:

RESOLVED: That 2 cabinets would be purchased for Kingsbury and Wood End Co-ops at a cost of £670 per cabinet plus VAT. The cost of wiring them would be on top of this and will be arranged with the Co-op staff.

720 Councillors Parish Matters Raised April/May 2014 (698/699)

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.
- **Bodymoor Heath Lane off the A4091, weight restriction sign is missing** – This is being dealt with by WCC/NWBC but more information will be given as they have not identified the area and sign correctly.
- **Trees in Elm Tree Close leaning** – Reported to WCC and photographs now sent.
- **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 still finalising the system documentation for this and they will be sent to us when finalised.

721 Councillors Parish Matters Raised June 2014 (701)

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

- **Overhanging vegetation from garden in Church Lane and restricted vision** – Councillor M Moss is concerned about visibility from the vegetation, vans parked in the layby causing pedestrians to pass on the road and the BT box when trying to pull out of Church Lane. WCC will be informed again.
- **Gully overgrown below Anchor Inn, leading to school from Knowle Hill**–Reported to WCC. To chase response.
- **No timetable in bus shelter Tamworth Road, Kingsbury** – Arriva have agreed to install a timetable case but have asked for permission to drill the bus shelter. Councillors agreed and the Clerk will inform them.

722 Councillors Parish Matters Raised July 2014 (702)

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. A letter will be sent for more information.
- **BT junction boxes by bottom of Church Lane and opposite Kingsbury School are obstructing vision** – WCC will be meeting with BT to discuss this on site. We are awaiting the outcome.

723 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:-

- PAP/2014/0523 9 High Street, Hurley – Erection of 1 no detached 3 bed dwelling and 5 no 2 bed dwellings, associated parking and altered access.
- 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. **Councillors asked for a holding objection with regard to footpaths.**
- PAP/2014/0511 Islington Farm, Wood End – Erection of 4 bed dwellings and garages.
- PAP/2014/0514 The Old Vicarage, Kingsbury – Work to trees in conservation area.
- PAP/2014/0476 Bodymoor Heath Farm, Bodymoor Heath – Change of use of four existing buildings from agriculture to storage and distribution.

724 Councillors Parish Matters Raised September 2014 (706)

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

- **Following the completion of a recent problem with surface water on a driveway in Hurley, the pavement needs to be repaired** – WCC have issued defect for next patching programme.
- **Advertising poster pinned to lamppost** – Should have been removed by PCSO but Councillors advised it is still there. To follow up.

724 Councillors Parish Matters Raised September 2014 continued (706)

- **Approach to Mill Island there are now two signs for Planters and the Whitacre Garden Centre sign is still up despite this being reported a while ago** – Defect issued to remove duplicate sign. WCC sent e-mail to Traffic Dept to remove Whitacre garden centre sign.
- **Sycamore Road Football parking issues** – Reported to Police and NWBC. Police are already monitoring the situation on a Sunday and have not yet come across any significant obstructions, but have spoken to one driver.
- **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** – NWBC have agreed a site for the bin and spoken to local resident who welcomed the idea. It was proposed by Councillor C Ayasamy and seconded by Councillor K Carr and agreed:
RESOLVED: The Clerk will order a dog bin for the position agreed with NWBC and they will then empty it for us. The cost is £312.00 inc VAT plus fitting.
- **Cleanliness concerns raised regarding Kingsbury Church Lane play area** – Reported to NWBC.
- **Concerns raised regarding a property in Kingsbury** – Reported to the Police who will monitor.
- **Hole in pavement Wood Street** – This has been inspected and made safe and a defect issued for a new manhole cover.
- **Flooding issues Wood Street** – WCC met with Councillor A Lewis and advised drainage is connected to STWL system in the road not the highway drainage. Defect issued for jetting.

725 Filming and recording of meetings (707)

New legislation has been received on filming and recording of meetings which will require changes to Standing Orders. This was discussed and concerns raised, which were forwarded to WALC. This is now law and the council has no choice but to allow this, however there are ways to ensure that this is carried out for the protection of the council and individuals. A suggested protocol can be agreed and displayed in the meeting venue. This will be brought to the November meeting.

The Standing Orders are to be amended to take this into account and section 1(m) will be changed accordingly. This was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor B Moss and agreed in line with the Council’s policy on changes to Standing Orders:

RESOLVED: Standing Order 1(m) will be amended in line with the new law on filming of meetings, by deleting the wording and replacing with “Deleted following the implementation of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.”

726 Request for funding (708)

A 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.

727 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):-

- NWBC re-naming of a property – Former The Rectory, Dexter Lane, Hurley to Dexter New House, Dexter Lane, Hurley.
- WCC Introduction of the West and Shires Permit Scheme.
- Annual Returns to the Charity Commission for Recreation Ground and Hurley Village Hall have been submitted on-line.
- Pension Fund Policy Statements – The Parish Council needs to complete a policy. WCC will forward a draft in November for us to use.
- Accounts have been passed by the External Auditor and the relevant documentation displayed.

727 Correspondence continued

- Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal programme – This was discussed but the scheme is for local residents who could apply to the Parish Council for their support.
- NWBC New Development at 15 Tamworth Road, Wood End. New properties to be named 15, 15A and 15B Tamworth Road, Wood End, Atherstone CV9 2QH.
- Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall Committee thanked us for the donation towards their skittles evening.
- Area Forum West 27/11/14 change of venue to Kingsbury Church Hall, Barlow Court
- Atherstone Town Council – Letter re Decriminalisation of Parking in North Warks. Councillors asked for more information in order to comment on this.
- Kingsbury History Society – new book called Kingsbury in the News 1983 to 2013 (see website for more details).
- WALC Planning Practice Guidance – Housing Assessment.
- NWBC adopted the Local Plan Core Strategy on 9th October 2014.
- NWBC Keep Britain Tidy Campaign in 60th Year.

728 October Requests for Funding

- **Piccadilly Bonfire and Fireworks Display** – A request for help with the funding for the annual bonfire and fireworks display was read out to Councillors. Those Councillors with an interest in the Piccadilly Community Centre left the room and /or took no part in the discussion or vote. It was proposed by Councillor K Carr and seconded by Councillor C Ayasamy and agreed by all present to give the sum of £550.00:
RESOLVED:- That a donation of £550.00 would be given to Piccadilly Community Centre to help pay towards the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display in Piccadilly.
- **St Michaels Church, Wood End** – A letter asking for help with the felling of a huge tree on the site was requested. Councillors felt the quote was extremely high and the Church would be asked to provide further quotes and it would be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Wood End Sports FC** – A letter and running costs were provided, and a grant was asked for to help run the club. Unfortunately all the costs itemised were fees and insurance etc and Councillors asked that a letter be sent to explain that we could only consider specific projects.

729 Councillors Parish Matters Raised October 2014

The following matters will be raised with the relevant authorities and further matters would be sent to the police:

- Flashing vehicle height sign not working, Piccadilly – Councillor I Thomas
- Residents can have flu jab at the chemist in Kingsbury – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Proposed changes to location of Kingsbury Post Office is progressing – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Where are the Parish agendas displayed? – Councillor A Jenns. These are put in the Kingsbury doctors surgery and Kingsbury swimming pool and sent out to Hurley, Piccadilly and Wood End. Information on meetings etc is also on the parish website.
- Large rut in the middle of the road between the two bridges, Piccadilly – Councillor I Thomas
- Trees obscuring visibility opposite the memorial wall, Piccadilly – Councillor I Thomas
- Trees/bushes need trimming by garages, Piccadilly as pedestrians are unable to walk past – Councillor I Thomas
- Lights out top of Wood End corner Baxterley Lane/Tamworth Road – Councillor A Lewis
- Mud on the road (A4097) – Councillor I Thomas
- Newspaper story re “Firm in court after major petrol escape at Staffordshire fuel site” Councillors have had local residents enquiring about this incident after the story broke and the Clerk was asked to write to the Oil depot to ask for assurances that this could not happen again. – Councillor B Moss

730 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 19th November at Hurley Village Hall.

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

It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor B 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 October	£733.36
Piccadilly Community Centre (Bonfire & Fireworks)	£550.00
Piccadilly Community Centre – hire of room	£16.00
Grant Thornton UK LLP (External Audit)	£240.00

Bank Balances **31st October 2014**

Current A/c	£1,187.19
Business Reserve A/c	£47,905.22

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Dated _____