

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 12th October 2016**, at Wood End Village Hall, Wood End.

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

Clerk: S Humphries

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor A Lewis and H Phillips

51 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss and A Jenns declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.
- 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, I Thomas, A Jenns, I Thomas, M Moss, and C Ayasamy 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 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.

52 Public Questions (34)

Residents of Bodymoor Heath raised concerns over the dangers of traffic coming through Bodymoor Heath Lane and wanted to know why there are no speed restrictions/signs etc as there are in neighbouring villages. The police have responded that there is nothing that can be done from a police point of view as far as control of the speed limit is concerned. They can only use enforcement which they will continue to do. WCC traffic and safety have acknowledged the request to look into the problems, but this may take some time due to high volume of contacts and reduction in resources.

53 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr A Jenns and seconded by Cllr J Thomas and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 21st September 2016 are approved as a true record.

54 HS2 (36)

We have still had nothing from the House of Lords Select Committee following the hearings.

Councillor I Thomas reported that it has been stated in parliament that the London to Birmingham route is going ahead and the 1st train will run in 10 years.

HS2 are giving a presentation to the next planning meeting at NWBC regarding J4 M6 – Coleshill area. Borough Councillors were asked to find out if this was a public presentation or not.

55 Tree planted in each village for 1st World War memorial (37)

Councillor J Thomas reported at the September meeting that the Piccadilly tree had been uprooted and taken and now I have reports that the Kingsbury tree has been removed. The Clerk has priced up new trees and they are available, but permission for new places to locate them would need to be gained. This will be looked into and reported back at the next meeting.

56 Councillors Parish Matters Outstanding 2015 (38)

The following are either updated or still awaiting a response/information from the relevant authorities:

- **Height of trees Persimmon Estate, Kingsbury (Rowan Close/Fircroft etc)** – Reported to Persimmon homes as they own the site. Confirmation received that this will be looked into but they are struggling to identify the site from their records. It has already been passed around the various areas of Persimmon Homes and now we have now received a response telling us to try North West area!
- **Back of Sports Hall and by numbers 1-5 Pear Tree there are tree roots and branches overhanging houses and breaking up tarmac and area generally overgrown** - The Clerk has not been able to gain any information from land registry so have asked NWBC to look into cutting back and tidying up the area. We are waiting for a response back on a price or the way forward.
- **Kingsbury Link** – A meeting with DSV/TNT to be arranged later in the year. Some dates will be forwarded to the Clerk to arrange a mutually convenient time with all.

57 Councillors Parish Matters raised 2016 (39)

The following have been reported to the relevant authorities and any feedback reported below:

- **Ornamental trees Hazelcroft to Aspens drop fruit (slip hazard) – can they be removed?** – Details have been sent to WCC and a response is awaited.
- **Broken fence Trinity Road bridge by EMR. Network Rail property** – No response yet but this has been chased.
- **Lilac tree hiding signs/timetables by bus stop corner of Linear Park** – Reported to WCC and resident asked to prune, but only a small amount has been attempted, and there is still a problem. Councillors to report back to the Clerk if anything changes.
- **Hedge needs pruning by bungalow corner of Church Road** – WCC have now written to the residents concerned where vegetation is blocking the view of the highway.
- **Old sign bottom of Pit Hill is flattened** – This was repaired by WCC but Councillor I Thomas says it is down again.

58 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were brought to Councillors attention and discussed:

PAP/2016/0542 – 5-7 High Street Hurley, alteration to shop to form additional flat at first floor. Ground floor front entrance and lobby extension.

CTIL 206074 – Parish Council pre-application consultation. Proposed radio base station installation at Camp Farm, Hurley. Vodafone and Telefonica are in the process of identifying a suitable site to install a lattice tower with equipment cabinets, dishes and ancillary development within a 7 x7 metre fenced compound. This was discussed and Councillors had no objections to the planned site.

59 Arriva Bus Services (42)

Councillor J Thomas to copy Councillors into an e-mail received from Arriva.

Councillor J McNally reported from the drivers of Central buses that the new service which replaces some of the 116 trips is being well used.

60 Play area Annual report (43)

The Annual parish play area report was discussed. There are areas that require minor repairs. The Clerk has asked NWBC to action any minor repairs and is waiting for a quote for wet pour repairs.

61 Dog waste bins (44)

It was decided to leave this for further discussion when land ownership for one of the sites is established.

62 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following item of correspondence at the meeting. If any further information is required please contact the Clerk (details on the website):-

- Warwickshire Local History Society Journal and information
- Confirmation that Kingsbury Parish Council is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office for a further 12 months until October 2017
- WALC's Annual General meeting 9th November 7.30pm at Shire Hall, Warwick
- Hams Hall Renewable Energy Centre – September Newsletter
- NWBC Proposed removal of payphones. A consultation is under way to remove pay phones that have had 4 or less calls in a 12 month period. These are at Cliff, Post Office Wood End, shops on Coventry Road Kingsbury, Bracebridge Road and Hurley Common. These are not the traditional red "heritage" call boxes and Councillors had no problems with their removal due to the lack of use and vandalism.
- WCC report on street lighting columns that have failed structural testing and have had to be cut down to stump level for safety. These are lamp 4 Princes Road Hurley, lamp 1 St Edmonds Road Hurley, lamp 26 and 29 Knowle Hill Hurley. Lamp 18 Edge Hill Wood End (formally lamp 28 Tamworth Road Wood End), and currently lamp 21 Tamworth Road Wood End to be renumbered. The columns will be replaced as soon as possible.

63 Councillors Parish Matters raised September 2016 (48)

The following responses have been received from the relevant authorities:

- **Narrow lower path from church steps, Water Park is slippery and dangerous** – Reported to Paths WCC as per instruction from the Water Park.
- **Repair work needed on roads and pavements Fircroft, Aspens and Sycamore Road junction** – Estate roads in Kingsbury and North Warwickshire are inspected by Safety Team and defects recorded that are within WCC criteria. Any issues should be reported to customer services centre on 01926 412515 if they require attention.
- **Bench broken on corner of Trinity Road** – This is to be discussed further when more information is gained as to whose it may be.
- **Kingsbury damage to bus shelters (Tamworth Road)** – To be discussed further after an inspection. The panes have been scratched and damaged but not to become a safety issue. Some photographs will be taken. Also weeds growing at site of old wooden shelter base.
- **30mph sign Trinity Road turned round, as have weight restriction signs from Pear Tree onto Trinity Road** – A defect has been issued to re-erect 30mph and weight restriction signs.
- **Weight restriction signs by EMR are damaged and covered in moss and are unreadable** – A defect has been issued to wash signs and re-erect from EMR to railway bridge, Trinity Road.
- **Remains of a bench outside sports hall, Kingsbury** – Ownership needs to be clarified.
- **Street lights between former health centre and doctors surgery, Kingsbury are obscured by trees** – Reported to WCC lighting.
- **Street lights Coventry Road numbers 11 and 12 are surrounded by trees and interfering with BT telephone lines and the cover is missing from the junction box** – WCC highways have referred this onto WCC lighting to action.
- **Street light number 15 surrounded by tree in residents garden** – WCC have written to resident.
- **Hazelcroft side of hedge needs trimming** – WCC have sent a letter to the landowner.
- **Hurley path in need of cutting back top of Knowle Hill** – This is on the parish grounds maintenance programme and is due to be done in the next few weeks.

64 Councillors Parish Matters raised October 2016 (48)

The following are for information or will be reported to the relevant authorities:

- The Trinity Road at Piccadilly has been marked out for repair from the bridge to Planters and Councillors would like to know if this work is imminent – Councillor I Thomas
- 50mph sign between Piccadilly and the entrance to the oil depot is down (on the left as you go towards Kingsbury) – Councillor B Moss
- Tree in garden of Service Road Tamworth Road, Kingsbury is blocking a street light – Councillor J McNally
- HGV signs for Rush Lane have been turned round - Councillor J McNally
- Drains at Cliff are overgrown and blocked - Councillor J McNally
- Hedge A51 Kingsbury needs trimming as brambles are at face height - Councillor J McNally
- Grass verge/trees by Hemlingford are overgrown – Resident reported to Clerk

65 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th November at Piccadilly Community Centre.

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

It was proposed by Councillor J Thomas and seconded by Councillor A Jenns 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. This includes payments made in August as there was no meeting.

Administration Costs – October	£1,011.96
Wood End Village Hall - hire of room	£16.00

<u>Bank Balances</u>	<u>31st October 2016</u>
Current A/c	£8,329.03
Business Reserve A/c	£20,996.06

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Dated _____