

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 17th October 2018**, at Wood End Village Hall, Wood End.

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

Apologies: Apologies were received and agreed from Councillors M Moss, A Lewis, H Phillips.

Clerk: S Humphries

HS2: 2 Representatives

362 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, A Jenns, I Thomas, C Ayasamy declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to HS2.
- Councillor I Thomas declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to the Special Management Zone in North Warwickshire.
- 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 WCC.
- Councillor C Ayasamy declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to Kingsbury and Cliff residents group.

363 Public Questions

There were no public questions raised.

364 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th September 2018 are approved as a true record.

365 HS2 (348)

Councillor J Thomas updated Councillors on the latest information from the SMZ meeting. Consultation documents will be deposited in Tamworth, Polesworth and Glascote libraries and NWBC offices in Atherstone.

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. Construction for this phase is planned to start in 2026 and the railway operational by 2033. 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

365 HS2 continued (348)

Two representatives from HS2 Ltd attended the parish meeting and handed out booklets on the Working Draft Environmental Statement and Equality Impact Assessment which they explained to Councillors. Questions were invited to clarify any points. There was a contact number/e-mail to order copies of the reports/map books to make responding to the consultation easier. The Clerk was asked to request 4 copies of the LA01 Lea Marston to Tamworth and LA02 Birchmoor to Austrey reports/map books. Councillor B Moss asked HS2 how much green belt land was being taken for this phase and was told they would have to find out and report back.

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 to hopefully get some feedback, and to hand deliver to the properties backing onto the recreation ground.

366 Overgrown trees Kingsbury (349)

Trees at back of Rowan Close/Willow Close need cutting back and Maple Drive– A letter has been received from the Head Office of Persimmon Homes apologising for the lack of communication in the past, and they have promised to establish which group office has responsibility for the area.

367 War Memorial for Parish (350)

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). Councillor Thomas suggested a bench 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.

368 Fencing around recreation ground (351)

The owner of the old taxi rank/public conveniences has agreed to meet 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 is possible to ensure some removable panels to enable access for any work on the old taxi rank should it be required.

The Parish Council had also made the owner aware of the loose tiles on the roof as they are becoming a safety hazard. He has agreed to get his contractors to look into this when next on site.

369 Kingsbury Sports Hall (353)

No further paperwork or any contact from the Trustees has been received. Also no further contact from CISWO after the Clerk contacted them for an update and a possible meeting.

A letter has been received by the Clerk from the Trustees Solicitor saying a meeting has taken place and they have some interested parties who wish to become trustees, and they are asking for a member of the Parish Council to put their name forward also.

This was discussed at length and a response will be sent to the solicitor to say we are still discussing this and contact will be made with CISWO for more information.

370 Planning Applications/Information

The following new planning applications were brought to Councillors attention.

- **PAP/2018/0595** – Seven Acres, Bodymoor Heath Lane-Erection of 12 boarding kennels.
- **PAP/2018/0589** – Swan Gardens, Pear Tree Avenue – Variation of condition no 3 of planning permission PAP/2017/0465 relating to replacement render panel to brickwork; in respect of ground floor space for two commercial units covering the following uses; shops and financial and professional services and two one bed first floor apartments.
- **PAP/2018/0577** – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Works to trees in conservation area.
- **Consultation re field by Kingsbury Hall, proposed retirement and care village** – drop in session on Saturday 6th October at Kingsbury Methodist Welcome Hall.

371 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):-

- Warwickshire History Journal, Bulletin and calendar
- Primary Gritting Routes in Warwickshire Winter 2018-2019
- WALC Annual General Meeting Saturday 17th November at Shire Hall
- Community Engagement events in Coleshill 23rd October/Atherstone 25th October –on website
- Chair to attend TDCS Armistice Day service and lay a wreath on behalf of the parish council
- Kingsbury and Cliff Residents' Group & Kingsbury and Baxterley Group of Churches are organising a Community Centenary Concert on 9/11/18 at 7pm at Kingsbury Church.

372 Budget and proposed expenditure for 2018/2019 (355)

A few changes have occurred which affects the list of proposed expenditure. NWBC are now favouring joint litter and dog bins as they all go to the same place when emptied. Therefore any dog bin requests have now been changed to litter bins which can also be used for dog waste. The request for a grit bin at Whateley has been denied by WCC as it does not meet the criteria of a steep slope and enough properties. A request for a larger grit bin in Mill Crescent was discussed and the outcome was to ask to move the larger bin to the shop end of Mill Crescent as it is needed more due to the slope and put the smaller one at the other entrance.

The request for a dog bin on NWBC recreation ground in Hurley has resulted in a dual purpose sticker being put on the litter bin and dog stencils will be asked to be remarked.

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

373 Requests to hire the parish recreation ground, Kingsbury (356)

As we have had a few requests recently to use the recreation ground we have now produced an application form for those asking to use the recreation ground. This will be forwarded to any groups who have already requested use, and will be put on the website for people to access.

- Kingsbury and Cliff May Day 2019 fun day, request to use the parish recreation ground. Granted subject to new application form and documents.
- Request for 3 fireworks to be let off as a memorial on 6th December. Forms submitted.
- Kingsbury and Cliff have asked to use the recreation ground for Carols at Christmas on 18th December. Granted subject to completion of application form.

374 Councillors Parish Matters raised May-September 2018 (357)

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 NWBC land. To be followed up.
- **Aircraft not following flight path over Junction 9 M42** – A detailed response was received from the Aviation Airspace regulator. Councillor J McNally clarified his original point.
- **Crack in pavement at side of bridge Bodymoor Heath** – Reported to bridge maintenance again. They have chased up e-mail request and put a request through the website.
- **Can we chase up Royal Mail pouch box by Jubilee Court shops** – Enquiry followed up and we are waiting for a response.
- **Any decision yet on garages resurfacing by Sycamore Road?** – NWBC Housing department still to respond. To be followed up.
- **Kingsbury island is overgrown in the middle and an eyesore. Can we find out who owns this?** – NWBC mow the outside of the island but no one is responsible for the middle now. Highways have suggested that anyone wishing to maintain the inner section should be trained as it is a busy island and there would be safety issues. They suggest contacting the Borough Council to investigate sponsorship which could be used to cover the costs of maintenance.

374 Councillors Parish Matters raised May-September 2018 continued (357)

- **Can we follow up when the path leading to Hurley Primary School will be cut back** – NWBC have now confirmed that they will clear.
- **Signs for Birch Close and Mill Crescent need repair/replacement** – Reported to NWBC
- **New sign put in different place** – Reported to NWBC
- **Hurley Common footpaths are in need of repair** – Reported to WCC highways.
- **Hedgerow needs trimming past Anchor public house** – Reported to WCC highways.
- **Paths over the M42 bridge at Bodymoor Heath need repair** – Reported to WCC highways.
- **Cars speeding in Bodymoor Heath Lane** – Reported to the police to keep an eye on.
- **Old car seat discarded entrance to Water Park by Mill Crescent** – Streetscape to remove.
- **Refuge by Mill Crescent has the bollards knocked over** – WCC to attend to.
- **Overhanging trees by letterbox Mill Crescent need trimming back** – WCC have requested Forestry to make safe.

375 External Audit 2017/2018

The signed audit forms have been received back from the External Auditors and have been published on our website as instructed. www.kingsburyparishcouncil.co.uk

376 Councillors Parish Matters raised October 2018

The following have been reported to the relevant authorities:

- Cars reported skidding around the Mill island turning into Kingsbury – Councillor A Jenns
- Drains blocked Jubilee Court – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Bushes overhanging from property in Oak Tree, Kingsbury – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Terminology ie Chairman in Standing Orders – Councillor J McNally. This was discussed and agreed to leave as it is, based on the WALC guidelines.
- Lamp out bottom of Johnson Street – Councillor A Lewis via e-mail
- Path T67 Tamworth Road/Boulters Lane needs cutting back – Councillor A Lewis
- Concerns re cars parked on the pavement by Wood End Garage causing pedestrians to walk on forecourt or road to get past – Councillor A Lewis
- Permission requested to attach poppies to our fence on the recreation ground – Councillor C Ayasamy. Granted as long as not attached with any sharp objects.

377 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st November 2018 at Jubilee Court Community Room, Kingsbury.

378 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.

Administration Costs – October	£1,027.03
North Warwickshire BC – Grounds maintenance	£1,464.88
Wood End Village Hall – Hire of room	£20.00
Piccadilly Community Centre (minute 358 Sept 2018)	£600.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Auditors	£240.00

Bank Balances

31st October 2018

Current A/c	£1,448.41
Reserve Account	£34,381.77

Signed _____

Dated _____