

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 16th September 2015**, at Wood End Village Hall, Wood End.

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

Clerk: S Humphries

Apologies: Councillors A Simpson and J Whitby

Members of the Public: None

881 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss, H Phillips, A Lewis and A Jenns 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.
- Councillors J Thomas, A Lewis, H Phillips, I Thomas, A Jenns and C Ayasamy 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 and items relating to WCC as he is a County Councillor.
- 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.

882 Public Questions

None were raised.

883 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd July 2015 are approved as a true record.

884 HS2 (865)

Additional provisions to the HS2 Bill have now been deposited in Parliament and a further petition has been submitted on the AP2 due to none of the items that we raised on traffic having been addressed.

AP3 will focus on Euston and we believe AP4 due out on 12th October, will discuss the roadworks around the railhead.

WCC are holding their regular liaison meeting with communities affected by HS2 at Shire Hall on 6th October.

HS2 are holding an event in Solihull which we believed was for the whole of Warwickshire, yet the local Action Group and the Parish Council had not been informed. A letter was sent from the Chair on behalf of Councillors, expressing concerns on the lack of communication with us, and that a more local event was needed to be put on as we are so hugely affected by both Phase 1 and Phase 2.

885 Church Lane play area (866)

We raised concerns with the company that fitted the play area in 2011, that the stepping logs are rotten after such a short time. They have responded that they cannot comment as this was carried out by the former Hags delivery team who are no longer part of their organisation. After supplying their current guarantee information and a quote to replace the rotten logs, it was decided at the last meeting to accept the quote from another play company, as when compared they came out better on guarantee and materials. The work will be carried out for us on 5th October 2015.

886 AEDS (867)

It now looks likely that a new committee will be formed at the next meeting of the Hurley Community Association on 17th September, as a number of people have expressed an interest. As they will need time to settle in and discuss the possible site for a unit, it was proposed by Councillor A Lewis and seconded by Councillor J McNally and agreed that the unit should be go to Piccadilly as the cabinet was already delivered and waiting to be fitted. A further one can be ordered for Hurley at a later date. The Clerk has already obtained permission from NWBC to put it on the Community Centre and they have agreed to pay for the installation.

RESOLVED: The cabinet will be fitted on the Piccadilly Community Centre building and the necessary paperwork will be completed with the Ambulance service.

887 Flashing vehicle height sign, Piccadilly (868)

WCC have informed us that works are now complete and the vehicle activated sign is working again.

888 Councillors Parish Matters Raised January-April 2015 (869/855)

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

- **Vibrating Trains in Kingsbury** – Network Rail’s Track engineer has investigated and no further information has been received. The situation has improved so no further action.
- **Plant a tree in each village for 1st World War memorial** – Which type of tree and location for each village is now needed as we should be ordering soon as we are now coming up to the best time to plant. The Clerk has enquired about types of plaque and is awaiting a response. Each village to think about the type of tree and location for the next meeting.
- **Overgrown vegetation Chestnut Close to Oak Tree Close needs cutting back** – WCC have been given further information on the area to be cut back, but have confirmed that it is not adopted and the vegetation is not obstructing the highway so no further action can be taken.
- **Lamp post in Redwood light out** – Councillor J McNally has supplied the information and WCC will action the replacing of the lamp.

889 Kingsbury Parish Recreation Ground (870)

The work needed to clear the pathway at the back of the Working Men’s club has been carried out together with the pruning of the trees overhanging the play area and ivy growing up the wall of the club. Further work will be carried out in the Autumn as agreed at the last meeting.

WCC forestry will remove the dead tree in the recreation ground on 17th September 2015 as also agreed at the previous meeting.

The fence running alongside the tarmac road by the recreation ground is parish responsibility. Part of this seems to have been hit by a vehicle and some of the poles/posts are damaged. It does not seem to be dangerous but we have asked WCC for their opinion as to whether a section can be repaired or the whole fence would need attention as this would be very expensive. They are looking into this for us.

The Annual play area assessment has been received and the Clerk has asked NWBC to look at the items of concern and action for us. They will report back if any need further attention.

890 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications that required a response from the Council, but the following were discussed:-

- **PAP/2015/0100** – Variation of condition No 2 Creation of an overflow car park, increase height of boundary fence and amend the location of the pit head winding wheel at Recreation ground, Hurley.
- **PAP/2015/0481** – Recreational field, Hurley Common. Variation of condition No 2 (PAP/2015/0100) As above in respect of Development of erection of new changing room pavilion, junior football pitch, improved access and car park.
- **PAP/2015/0415** – Demolition of garage and store and replacement in accordance with purchase condition imposed by WCC. Bodymoor Heath Lane property.
- **PAP/2015/0564** – Dexter Lane, Hurley, certificate of lawfulness for change of use from agricultural land to garden land.
- **PAP/2015/0515** – Wood End Leisure Park, variation of condition following appeal relating to the park becoming a 52 week leisure park.
- **PAP/2015/0495** –Recreation ground, Wood End. Work to trees covered by preservation order.

891 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):-

- WCC Closure of Cliff Hall Lane 20th 21st August 2015. This was postponed due to the weather forecast. A new date will be requested.
- Lorries in Wood End – Letter sent to police and WCC Traffic.
- National Association of Local Councils LCR magazine Autumn 2015.
- Kingsbury Oil Terminal update letters.
- Changes to Hurley Post Office – should re-open on 25th September at 1pm following refurbishment.
- WALC Annual General Meeting 4th November at Shire Hall at 7.30pm.
- Tamworth Civic Society relaunch on Tuesday 22nd September at Central Methodist Church in Aldergate, Tamworth.
- Clerks and Councils Direct September issue.
- NWBC – Nether Whitacre Neighbourhood Plan consultation– designation of Neighbourhood area. Closes 17th September 2015.
- WCC – Chair of WCC Invite to County Church service to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as the longest serving British monarch – 20th Sept at 10.30am at Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick.
- Warwickshire History Society Journal Summer 2015 and programme cards.
- Charity Commission returns completed for Recreation Ground and Hurley Village Hall.
- Chain of Office quote for extra links. To be discussed further.
- WALC – Social Media Policy required. A suggested example was sent out and the Clerk will produce this for all Councillors to agree at the next meeting.
- NWBC – new address, Primrose Cottage, 17A Tamworth Rd, Wood End, CV9 2QY
- WCC – Flood risk consultation
- Parish meeting dates for 2016. The Clerk requested that 2 dates for next year be amended and a copy of the proposed dates will be forwarded to Councillors.
- West Midlands Local Politics Conference 20/1/16
- Hurley Village Hall
- Conclusion of Audit
- Healthwatch Newsletter Issue 9
- Coleshill Town Council Grants Scheme 2015/16
- Area Forum West 22nd September at Hurley Village Hall

892 Councillors Parish Matters Raised June/July 2015 (876)

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

- **Sign knocked over Tamworth Road, Wood End** – WCC have issued defect to re-erect sign.
- **Footpath from Church to Tame Bank repair to make safe before patching programme is breaking up already** – reported to WCC.
- **Path on service road and by garages, Tamworth Road, Kingsbury needs attention** – WCC have referred us to NWBC.
- **Bank subsided by footpath on Trinity Road by railway bridge** – WCC - Defect issued to make safe cracks in the footway adjacent to the railway bridge, Trinity Road and the damaged fencing reported to Network Rail (ref 698478 Tel 03308542560).
- **Parish Bus shelters need cleaning** – Balfour Beatty clean for WCC but they are unable to take on any more and have suggested a contact to try.
- **Rotting litter bins path from Tamworth Road towards Kingsbury Primary School** – Reported to NWBC who will inspect.
- **Hazelcroft sign needs to say ‘no through road’** – NWBC to inspect and action.
- **Bus Service cuts from Wood End to Hurley mean no direct bus route to doctors and other problems for users getting to Piccadilly** – Arriva are aware of this and are looking into.
- **Bus times on timetables and rolling times in Birmingham different** – Councillor J McNally reported some of these have been rectified.
- **Cliff. Lamp 1 out and no timetable on post as bushes overgrown. Lamp 3 out bus timetable case missing** – Lamps reported and timetables will be requested.
- **Tree needs cutting at back of 72 Sycamore Road, Kingsbury** – This is not on land belonging to WCC or NWBC so they are not responsible for maintenance of the tree.
- **Could we ask NWBC for a quote to tend to Wood End Village Hall garden area as the gardening club has ceased?** – The quote has been chased.
- **Hedge top of Edge Hill opposite Swan Village needs attention and Edge Hill path still overgrown** – Councillor A Lewis is very pleased with the work and has asked Highways to thank the workmen.

893 Councillors Parish Matters Raised August 2015

The following matters were reported to the Clerk during the summer break:

- Parking on the filled in layby Coventry Road – Councillor M Moss. Reported to police to speak to those involved.
- Height of trees rear of Rowan Close – Councillor M Moss. Reported to Persimmon homes as they own the site. Confirmation received of request and response awaited.
- Car boot causing traffic congestion on A4097 – Councillor B Moss. Reported to police who will inspect as they are on site on 13/9/15.
- Parking area seems to be locked at Sycamore Road playing field causing traffic problems – Councillor J McNally. Advised to contact NWBC.
- Problems with noisy motorbikes on Sycamore Road – Councillor J McNally.
- Post box outside Kingsbury post office needs repainting – Councillor J McNally. Reported to Royal Mail who have said all post boxes are to be inspected this year and any in a poor condition will be prioritised for repainting early 2016.
- Increase in dog fouling on footpaths service road, Sycamore, Fircroft, Aspens and Hazelcroft – Councillor J McNally. Reported to dog warden.
- Overgrown bushes Tamworth end of Sycamore Road – Councillor C Ayasamy. WCC have inspected and issued defect to cut back.
- Post box by Ralph Crescent is very rusty on top – Councillor C Ayasamy. See response above which covers this box also.

893 Councillors Parish Matters Raised August 2015 continued

- Dead tree outside 22 Jubilee Court – Councillor C Ayasamy. NWBC are conducting an inspection of all trees belonging to them in the next few weeks so this will be picked up.
- Overgrown weeds behind Jubilee Court shops – Councillor C Ayasamy.
- Road signs demolished by Rush Lane on A51 – Councillor J McNally. WCC inspected and raised defect to re-erect 3 signs onto new posts.
- Trees in Peartree Avenue, Kingsbury both sides at Coventry Road end need drastic pruning as they are hiding road signs/lights - Councillor J McNally
- Road surface pot holes Sycamore Road Tamworth End A51 junction - Councillor J McNally.
- Fircroft deep grooves in centre of road Sycamore Road end - Councillor J McNally.
- Arriva notices causing confusion during road works and HGVs ignoring weight restriction Trinity Road- Councillor J McNally.
- Path between Trinity Road and Elm Tree Close and fence on Trinity Road side in poor state of repair and overgrown with vegetation – Councillor A Jenns.

894 Requests for Funding

- **Bodmoor Heath Victory Hall** committee are holding another skittles evening on 21st November at 7.30pm, and have asked for any help with the cost of hiring the skittles alley. It was proposed by Councillor B Moss and seconded by Councillor H Phillips and agreed that: **RESOLVED: A cheque for £100 would be given towards the Skittles evening. This would be raised at the October meeting.**
- **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 H Phillips and seconded by Councillor B Moss and agreed by all present to give the sum of £600.00:
RESOLVED:- That a donation of £600.00 would be given to Piccadilly Community Centre to help pay towards the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display in Piccadilly.
- **Hurley Kings FC** – Request for help to fund tables and chairs for the new social area as the previous request to help with transport of a winding wheel was funded by a local haulier. Councillors were keen to help but requested a new application with prices so that it could be discussed at a future meeting.

895 Councillors Parish Matters Raised September 2015

The following will be reported to the relevant authorities if necessary:

- Old clinic, Pear Tree Road is up for sale - Councillor C Ayasamy.
- Back of Sports Hall and by numbers 1-5 Pear Tree there are tree roots and branches overhanging houses and breaking up tarmac. CISWO own. – Councillor C Ayasamy.
- Piccadilly play area gate is not closing – Councillor I Thomas.
- Can letter to be sent to DSV re a sign for Kingsbury Link – Councillor I Thomas.
- Brambles etc around/ inside bus stop by Water Park on Coventry Road – Councillor M Moss.
- Pot hole by number 50-52 Wood Street – Councillor A Lewis.
- Bus stop by post box Mill Crescent overgrown branches – Councillor A Jenns.
- Path Elm Tree/Trinity Road opposite Pear Tree the tarmac is breaking up and the fence is in a bad state – Councillor A Jenns.
- Cliff- main road by Owl, No 4 lamp is out and no timetable and overgrown – Cllr J McNally.
- Number 1 lamp main road, Cliff, timetable box there but buried in hedge and needs a new timetable - Councillor J McNally.
- No through road sign buried in residents tree and it is blocking the light on Cliff Hall Lane - Councillor J McNally.
- Cliff Hall Lane, electric pole buried in property foliage and light is out - Councillor J McNally.

895 Councillors Parish Matters Raised September 2015 continued

- Speed limit for Cliff Hall Lane needs reducing - Councillor J McNally.
- Sycamore path to service road is in need of repair and area by garages - Councillor J McNally.
- Work off Tamworth Road, Kingsbury behind Hazelcroft is causing concern with lorry movements and state of slip road - Councillor J McNally.

896 Next Meeting

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

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

It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor I 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 – August/September	£1,775.76
Hire of Room Wood End Village Hall	£14.00
H Johnson and Sons Ltd Engraving Chain of Office	£27.50
NWBC Uncontested Election Charges	£100.00
Sovereign Design Play Systems (Play area repair work Minute 866 July 15)	£3,851.42
HM Revenue and Customs July – September	£865.92
Grant Thornton UK LLP External Audit of Accounts	£240.00
NWBC Grounds Maintenance Interim Payment	£1,442.21
The Information Commissioner	£35.00

<u>Bank Balances</u>	<u>30th September 2015</u>
Current A/c	£5,019.42
Business Reserve A/c	£42,452.56

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Dated _____