

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 21st September 2016**, at Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall, Bodymoor Heath.

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

Clerk: S Humphries

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor A Simpson and I Thomas

Members of the Public: 3

Police: PCSO Beale

33 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.
- Councillor 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 J Whitby declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Wood End Working Men's Club.
- Councillors J Thomas, A Jenns, A Lewis, H Phillips, 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 A Jenns declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Kingsbury Water Park.

34 Public Questions

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. PCSO Beale stayed for the public questions and noted the concerns. He would take these back to see if anything can be done from a police point of view. The Clerk will contact traffic at WCC and report any findings back to the residents and Councillors. Councillors also urged the residents to attend the Area Forum next week.

35 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr J Thomas and seconded by Cllr M Moss and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 20th July 2016 are approved as a true record.

36 HS2 (19)

We are waiting for the report from the House of Lords Select Committee following the hearings. Posters from HS2 re property schemes that directly affected people may be eligible to, were made available and are on our website. More information can be found on www.gov.uk/hs2 Kingsbury and District HS2 Action Group have produced an Autumn newsletter and a copy can be found on our website.

An independent HS2 construction commissioner has been appointed, Gareth Epps. He can be contacted by e-mail at complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk or see the website <http://www.hs2-cc.org.uk>

37 Tree planted in each village for 1st World War memorial (20)

Councillor J Thomas reported that the Piccadilly tree had been uprooted and taken. The Kingsbury tree has been vandalised but still has two healthy shoots. A new tree was discussed. The Clerk would see if they still had any trees left at Planters as we are presently in the season to plant.

38 Councillors Parish Matters Outstanding 2015 (21)

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 and which area it comes under. Photographs have been sent and we await a response.
- **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 - CISWO** have now said that they do not own the land. 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.
- **Kingsbury Link** – A meeting with DSV/TNT to be arranged later in the year.

39 Councillors Parish Matters raised 2016 (22)

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. Councillor J McNally also reported the footpath needs attention and the road appears to have sunk Piccadilly side of bridge.
- **Tree needs heavy pruning at The Aspens as it is over the footpath** – WCC have now sent a letter to the resident concerned.
- **Weeds on grass verge at the top of Wood Street are over the pavement** – Reported to WCC
- **Lilac tree hiding signs/timetables by bus stop corner of Linear Park** – Reported to WCC
- **Hedge needs pruning by bungalow corner of Church Lane** – WCC have written to the resident. Councillor M Moss says that there are still problems with visibility when pulling out of the road. To be reported to WCC.

40 Planning Applications

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

PAP/2016/0438 – The Homestead Farm, Bodymoor Heath Lane, residential development of No 2 storey houses, no 1 detached bungalow with detached double garage, demolition of existing farm buildings.

PAP/2016/0509 – Poplars Farm, Wood End, erection of steel portal framed building.

PAP/2016/0515 – 1 Smith Street, Wood End, retain window.

PAP/2016/0346 – 33 Hurley Common, Demolish workshop and change of use from builders yard to bungalow.

PAP/2016/0471 – Wild Rose Stables, Dexter Lane. Retain timber storage shed and canopy – retrospective.

PAP/2016/0534 – Rockingham Fields, Knowle Hill. Erect tractor/plant equipment and machinery shed/unit.

PAP/2016/0487 - 1 Tamworth Road, Kingsbury. Demolish house and replace with 3 houses. Outline application for the demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of 3 no: dwellings and new vehicular access, with access details being provided and all other matters being reserved. Councillors shared concerns about the increase in vehicles in this area.

41 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):-

- Meeting with MP for Cliff residents on 29/7/16. Councillor J McNally reported back to Councillors what was discussed.
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- LCR Autumn 2016 issue
- NWBC – Consultation Coleshill and Austrey Neighbourhood plan
- WALC – Information to reconsider Neighbourhood plans. This was again discussed and due to the scope of work and the number of separate villages in the Kingsbury parish it was decided not to take this any further at this time.
- Pensions Regulator Automatic Enrolment duties – acknowledgment of declaration of compliance.
- Nat West Bank interest rate changes from November 2016. This was discussed but the rates are falling in general. To keep an eye out if more favourable rates can be found elsewhere.
- WALC confirmation of renewal of subscription
- NWBC Planning Applications affecting HS2 works
- Thank you letter from Kingbury Church for the grant for graveyard maintenance
- WALC Warwickshire Local Councils' Charter
- Kingsbury and District HS2 Action Group Autumn newsletter (see KPC website)
- WALC Neighbourhood Plans
- Pear Tree Patients Participation Group AGM 26/9/16 7pm at Kingsbury Methodist Church
- WCC Summer 2016 Flood Risk Management Newsletter (on website)
- Piccadilly Macmillan Coffee Morning on 1st October 2016 11.30-1.00pm
- Wood End Post Office closing for service refurbishment from 21/9/16 to 14/10/16
- Area Forum West 29/9/16 at Hurley at 6.30pm
- WCC Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted at Cabinet on 8/9/16
- WCC Community Buildings Funding
- WALC Government Consultation that may affect parish precepts – e-mailed to Cllrs
- WCC Road Closure Bridge St for renewal of water main from 19/9/16
- WCC Temporary closure of Queensway, Hurley for renewal of water main from 3/10/16
- WCC – Warwickshire Local Councils' Charter
- Memorial plaque request to put on bench in Kingsbury. As this is a parish bench and in need of repair/replacement it would not be appropriate to have a memorial plaque on it at this time. Options were discussed and will be forwarded to the resident.

42 Arriva Bus Services (26)

The public meeting called by MP Craig Tracey on 2nd September at Kingsbury Methodist Church was well attended and the church was packed to capacity. Representatives from Arriva and Central buses were present and local residents put their concerns forward. We have had no further feedback following the meeting.

Councillor J Thomas also pointed out the 115 bus stop has been moved from Corporation Street and put right on the end of Victoria Road with no shelter and no hardstanding. Some buses are not turning up and an inspector has told some passengers that the 115 is at risk also. This has been reported to Arriva.

43 Play area Annual report (27)

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

44 Dog waste bins (28)

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

45 Councillors Parish Matters raised July 2016 (29)

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

- **Lamp on permanently Piccadilly by memorial wall** – Reported to WCC
- **Ditch opposite Wood End School needs clearing** – WCC have requested land ownership from Land Registry to enable a letter to be sent to the land owner to clear.
- **Road by WE School damaged by grass verge as parked cars cause issues for buses** – WCC have raised defect 262792 for next available patching programme.
- **Drain opposite WE School needs cleaning out** – Defect 262793 issued to jet drainage
- **Lamp No 9 Smith Street on continually following work done** – Reported to WCC
- **Lamp out Church Close (nearest gateway into St Michaels Close)** – Reported to WCC
- **Resident asked for more information re lamp post in driveway** – Further information was requested from WCC and passed onto the resident.
- **Kingsbury meadow overgrown** – Reported to WCC and awaiting a response.
- **Tarmac breaking up again behind Kingsbury High School** – T27 public right of way defect 262794 raised for next footway patching programme.
- **Path from Ralph Crescent to old library site Kingsbury has tree roots breaking up path** – WCC have applied to Highway searches to find out who has responsibility for this.
- **Shrubs etc from 5 Church Lane over pavement** – Letter sent to resident by WCC
- **Pothole outside Shell Piccadilly Way** – Defect issued for structural patching programme.
- **Old sign bottom of Pit Hill is flattened** – This has now been repaired by WCC

46 Requests for funding

- **Bodmoor Heath Victory Hall** committee are holding another skittles evening on 22nd October at 7.30pm, and have asked for any help with the cost of hiring the skittles alley. Councillor J Thomas had declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote. It was proposed by Councillor B Moss and seconded by Councillor C Ayasamy and agreed that:
RESOLVED: A cheque for £100 would be given towards the Skittles evening.
- **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 took no part in the discussion or vote. It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor B Moss and agreed 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.

47 Conclusion of Audit 2016

The Clerk reported that the accounts had been received from the external auditor with no areas of concern raised. One recommendation for future years on the order of signing the Annual Governance statement and Accounting statements is that they should be recorded as two separate minutes.

48 Councillors Parish Matters raised September 2016

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

- Narrow lower path from church steps, Water Park is slippery and dangerous–Councillor A Jenns
- For information the Doctors surgery are now starting Flu jabs – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Repair work needed on roads and pavements Fircroft, Aspens and Sycamore Road junction - Councillor J McNally
- Bench broken on corner of Trinity Road - Councillor J McNally
- Kingsbury damage to bus shelters - Councillor J McNally

48 Councillors Parish Matters raised September 2016 continued

- 30mph sign Trinity Road turned round, as have weight restriction signs from Pear Tree onto Trinity Road - Councillor J McNally
- Weight restriction signs by EMR are damaged and covered in moss and are unreadable - Councillor J McNally
- Remains of a bench outside sports hall, Kingsbury – who owns it? - Councillor J McNally
- Street lights between former health centre and doctors surgery, Kingsbury are obscured by trees - Councillor J McNally
- 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 - Councillor J McNally
- Street light number 15 surrounded by tree in residents garden - Councillor J McNally
- Hazelcroft side of hedge needs trimming - Councillor J McNally

49 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th October at Wood End Village Hall, Wood End.

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

It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips 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. This includes payments made in August as there was no meeting.

Administration Costs – August/September	£2,826.88
Bodmoor Heath Victory Hall – Hire of room	£20.00
NWBC Hire of Room May 16	£20.00
Grant Thornton – External Audit	£240.00
WALC Subscription for 2016/17	£1,017.00
Councillor J Thomas expenses/travel to London for HS2 hearing	£110.15
Information Commissioner annual renewal	£35.00
Heath Victory Hall – Skittles hire (Minute 46 Sept 2016)	£100.00
Piccadilly Community Association – Bonfire/fireworks evening (Minute 46 Sept 2016)	£600.00

Bank Balances

30th September 2016

Current A/c	£6,094.10
Business Reserve A/c	£22,995.14

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Dated _____