

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 18th September 2019**, at Jubilee Court Community Room, Kingsbury.

Present: Councillors: Chair A Jenns, B Moss, J Thomas, V Barker, A Lewis, H Phillips, J Whitby and I Thomas.

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillors C Ayasamy, M Moss and A Simpson.

Clerk: S Humphries

Public: 3 members of the public

Police and Crime Commissioner's Office - Mr Seccombe and H Earp, SNT

Inspector - A Wiggin

495 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss, H Phillips and A Jenns declared a personal interest in NWBC issues.
- Councillors A Lewis and H Phillips declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Warwickshire CAVA Local Management Committee.
- Councillor J Whitby declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Wood End Working Men's Club.
- Councillors J Thomas, A Jenns and A Lewis declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to HS2.
- Councillors I Thomas and J 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 H Phillips declared an interest in any minute relating to Woodlands Community Centre.

496 Police and Crime Commissioner visit/Public Questions

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr P Seccombe spoke about his role and issues affecting the police in our area. Councillors had already itemised some questions that raised concerns or needed answers, such as parking enforcement, community speed-watch, extra police officers for the area, role of PCs/PCSOs in villages and lack of presence. These were answered by Mr Seccombe and Inspector Wiggin but also some other suggestions as to how to tackle issues such as persistent parking when it is not an offence but inconsiderate to other pavement/road users.

A member of the public spoke about plans for their local business and how they hoped to move it forward.

497 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr M Moss and seconded by Cllr H Phillips and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th July 2019 are approved as a true record.

498 HS2 (484)

The design refinement consultation opened on 6th June and closed on 6th September 2019. Comments on the changes have been submitted. These were mainly based on the realignment of the route at J10 M42 and concerns around traffic on the A51.

498 HS2 continued (484)

Councillor J Thomas updated Councillors and said that the latest meeting of the Special Management Zone expressed concerns over deforestation and the HS2 Construction Manager agreed with the heavy traffic on the A4097.

We are now happy to announce that we have been successful in obtaining a grant from HS2's Community Environment Fund (CEF) for the outdoor gym equipment in our recreation ground. The CEF fund has been created by HS2 to add benefit to communities along the route that are demonstrably disrupted by the construction of Phase One of HS2 from London to West Midlands. This was announced to Councillors in a private session during the last meeting, as we were not allowed to publically announce it until we had met certain criteria. We are now waiting for a despatch date for the equipment and then an installation date can be arranged.

499 War Memorials for Parish (485)

The memorial benches are still not all in place as the meetings with the contractor and NWBC have had to be re-arranged. Permission to fit the Hurley bench on the chosen site has now been received from Waterloo Housing.

500 Planning Applications/Information

The following Applications were brought to Councillors attention and discussed.

- **PAP/2019/0485** – Planters Garden Centre proposed extension to the sales area. Concerns raised to look at the safety of the access to and from the garden centre with an increased sales area.
- **PAP/2019/0329** – Planters Garden Centre change of use of land to car parking for use in association with Planters Garden Centre, formation of surfaced car park, roadways and associated structures and erection of two covered walkways.
- **PAP/2019/0490** – Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm, Dexter Lane, Hurley – erection of permanent rural workers dwelling revised submission. Although Councillors have concerns over green belt land it was noted that objecting to this would possibly have a detrimental effect on the welfare of the business. It was agreed to forward this to the Councillors for Hurley to get their views as they were unable to attend the meeting.
- **PAP/2019/0420** – 71 Knowle Hill, Hurley – Erection of detached dwelling
- **NWB/19CC010** – WCC Kingsbury Water Park Outdoor Education Centre - alterations to outdoor pursuits centre including extension of existing tower, new house training simulator, new openings to existing tower, road traffic collision simulator, confined spaces simulator to provide new fire and rescue training centre.
- **NCB/19CC012** – WCC Existing Water weir located on land at Kingsbury junction, Coventry Road – Alterations to existing water weir, new boat launch area, new parking and turning area, loose surface pathways, new portals, and surfacing to existing area for Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service. Concerns were raised for the access near a sharp bend, green belt, may encourage homelessness and the area is prone to flooding further down the river.
- **PAP/2019/0427** – Amended plans for land adjacent Orchard House, Cliff for change of use of land to equestrian land and use as a single pitch gypsy site with day room, installation of septic tank and relocation of the access. Concerns have already been raised on the initial application and further comments will be sent to NWBC.
- **PAP/2018/0435** – Notification of Appeal - Land adjacent Orchard House, Cliff for change of use of land to equestrian use and use as a gypsy site comprising of 5 pitches with dayrooms including relocation of access, a stable block, menage and installation of treatment plant. Our original concerns will be confirmed to the Inspectorate of use of green belt land and highway concerns.

501 Budget and proposed expenditure for 2018/2019 (487)

The wooden balance beams on the recreation ground have rotted and some have been removed by NWBC for us. Also damage to a wooden step and some of the stepping stones were reported. The Clerk explained the 3 quotes that had been received and it was decided to replace with composite material as this is much longer lasting. It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor I Thomas and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the quote of £1,125.00 be accepted to replace the rotting wooden items on the parish recreation ground. The Clerk to confirm with the company exactly what is to be replaced and confirm price.

The area needs to be cleared by the new fence in our recreation ground so that some planting can take place. It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor B Moss and agreed to accept the quote from WCC to clear the area and grind out the shrub stumps to allow for planting.

RESOLVED: That the quote of £325.00 be accepted to clear the area and grind out the shrub stumps so that bulb planting can take place.

The Clerk has spoken to NWBC about the various areas around the recreation ground that are becoming overgrown and quotes are being requested to get them cut back. Now the grass cutting season is coming to an end this type of work can be carried out.

We have sent a request to apply to a Community fund from NWBC for a joint notice board to be put by Jubilee Court shops for use by NWBC, Parish Council and Residents Group. There was no update available at the time of the meeting.

502 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):-

- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine September 2019.
- Thank you from Kingsbury Parochial Church for churchyard maintenance grant.
- Polling station review from October 2019 to January 2020.
- LCR magazine Summer 2019.
- Notice of application for an order stopping up part of the public highway at land adjacent to former clinic, Pear Tree Avenue, Kingsbury.
- Alterations to Kingsbury Surgery. A blood pressure machine to be put in foyer. Parish notice board may need moving.
- Local plan – Green Spaces comments asked for by 19th August on whether they are still important and need to be maintained. Kingsbury Station site is safeguarded.
- Annual Play area Inspection carried out in July 2019. NWBC to deal with any minor issues raised.
- Model Financial Regulations have had minor changes and will be forwarded to Councillors for approval at the October meeting.
- Birmingham and Midlands Velo event for 2020 will be 21/6/20 as this years was a success.
- Google search gives wrong address for Kingsbury Parish Council, to be looked into how to change this.
- Fence at bottom of resident's garden backing onto the Welcome Hall – ownership requested.
- WCC Temporary closure of Glenville Avenue, Wood End from 14/10/19-29/10/19 for footway reconstruction and associated works.
- WCC Temporary closure of A4097 Kingsbury Road, Curdworth on 25/10/19 -26/10/19 for carriageway patching and associated works overnight.
- Government consultation regarding 5G telephone masts until 5/11/19. Changes in planning regulations to allow new masts for 5G networks.
- External Auditor Report – The Clerk needs to publish the end of audit on the website but no matters of concern were brought to Councillors attention.

503 Councillors Parish Matters raised May-July 2019 (489/492)

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

- **Is the spinney behind Tame Bank leading to the river a right of way?** – A right of way map for the area was shown to Councillors and the query marked up to get clarified by WCC.
- **Parking by Sycamore Recreation area by footballers** – NWBC explained who has a key for the car park and that any issues should be reported to them to stop any groups using the pitch without booking first. They will look at marking the spaces out on the car park to maximise use.
- **Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close** – One of the lime trees is going to be felled to the rear of 3 Elm Tree Close including the grinding of the stump but not any removal of roots under the path as this is not owned by NWBC. Councillors B Moss and A Jenns have a meeting planned to gain further information.
- **WCC transport report suggests extensions to Coleshill Parkway – Are bus connections going to be improved also?** – The Draft Warwickshire Rail Strategy 2019-2034 is out for consultation and a response has been sent.
- **Path T67 Tamworth Road Wood End overgrown** – Ticket number A07062 has been issued.
- **Vegetation encroaching path Edge Hill** – This has now been cut back.
- **Ditch opposite school Wood Street needs clearing out** – Reported to WCC highways
- **Sign by Overwoods Road blocking vision** – Request made and sign moved.
- **Overgrown by EMR so people having a problem walking past** – Highways to action.
- **Branches blocking vision and signs damaged Piccadilly** – Highways have been to look at.
- **Can speed limit be reduced in Piccadilly?** – Personal injury collisions have been looked at and they do not suggest there is a problem in this area. WCC regret that they are unable to alter the safety engineering measures at this location.
- **Cycle abandoned behind Mill Crescent Bus stop** – Reported to police.
- **Car parked dangerously Church Lane** – Police dealt with.
- **Tamworth Road parking on double yellow lines** – Reported to police.
- **No 16 bus no longer does returns, now more expensive day saver** – Request sent to company for explanation but no response received.
- **Shunting noises heard by Rowan Close residents evening times** – This matter was forwarded to the maintenance protection co-ordinator who advises that there has not been any changes to the fixed schedule other than the week when the services were running late and the recent engineering works. There is an oil service that arrives at 1.24am and departs at 4.39am which means there should be no movement between the hours of 1.30am and 4am.

504 Request for funding

Piccadilly Community Centre Bonfire and Fireworks Display Saturday 2nd November– A request for help with the funding for the annual bonfire and fireworks display was read out to Councillors. Councillors I and J Thomas expressed an interest in the Piccadilly Community Centre and took no part in the discussion or vote. It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor A Lewis and agreed to give the sum of £700.00:

RESOLVED:- That a donation of £700.00 would be given to Piccadilly Community Centre to help pay towards the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display in Piccadilly, which is a free event for everyone to attend. Cheque to be raised at October meeting.

505 Councillors Parish Matters raised September 2019

The following have been reported to the relevant authorities or are for information:

- Any update on repairs to canal bridge Bodymoor Heath? – Councillor J Thomas
- Watery Lane problems – Councillor J Thomas
- Problems with vision turning right out of Perryman Drive – Councillor I Thomas
- Raised trench in road by oil terminals causing accidents – Councillor I Thomas

505 Councillors Parish Matters raised September 2019 continued

- Councillor J Thomas updated the meeting on changes to the Kingsbury Doctors surgery following a recent PPG meeting. There will be a self-checking in machine installed and a TV screen. A text system for reminding patients about appointments is being looked into. There will be a Macmillan coffee morning outside the surgery on 22/9/19 from 10am to 1pm.
- A4097 Coton island to Mill island needs vegetation cutting back along path – Councillor H Phillips
- Edge Hill to Wood End deep ditch, flooding issue and carriageway is breaking up – Councillor H Phillips
- Hedge Hawthorns/Tamworth Road is overgrown – Councillor A Jenns
- Music Festival posters need removing by Piccadilly bridge – Councillor M Moss
- Lone Worker Policy required – Councillor I Thomas
- Can we look into what help is available for Neighbourhood Plans? – Councillor H Phillips
- Atherstone Lane three warning signs obscured by foliage – Councillor A Simpson via e-mail
- Low bridge sign junction of B4098 Coventry road and Knowle Hill, can it be moved further back? – Councillor A Simpson via e-mail

506 Clerk's Appraisal.

The Clerk's appraisal was carried out in July by the Chair and Vice-Chair. Feedback was reported to Councillors in a private session.

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, in view of the special nature of business to be transacted, any public were temporarily excluded from the meeting as there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under para 1 and 11 of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the said Act.

A discussion of employee conditions and terms of employment.

507 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th October 2019 – Wood End Village Hall. A change of venue was requested for the October meeting, from Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly. Piccadilly will now be the venue for the November meeting instead of Kingsbury.

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

It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor A Lewis 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	£1,050.40
Administration Costs - September	£1,050.20
Tranter Training Solutions – defibrillator pads	£108.00
NWBC Annual play inspection	£65.70
NWBC Hire of Jubilee Court room	£20.00
HM Revenue and Customs	£557.17
Information Commissioner	£40.00
Abbey Offices Park Ltd – clean and repair of bus shelters	£126.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit	£240.00

Bank Balances

30th September 2019

Current A/c	£4,630.88
Reserve Account	£30,233.07

Signed _____

Dated _____