Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 16th September 2020**, via 'Zoom' video media due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Present: Councillors: Chair A Jenns, J Thomas, B Moss, I Thomas, M Moss, V Barker, C Ayasamy, H Phillips, and A Simpson
Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillors A Lewis and J Whitby
Clerk: S Humphries

620 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss, H Phillips and A Jenns declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.
- Councillor H Phillips declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Warwickshire CAVA Local Management Committee.
- Councillor A Simpson declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Hurley Community Association.
- Councillors J Thomas, A Jenns, I Thomas, and C Ayasamy 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 C Ayasamy declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to Kingsbury and Cliff residents group.
- Councillor H Phillips declared an interest in any minute relating to Woodlands Community Centre.

621 Public Questions

The public had been asked to contact the Clerk on how to join the meeting online, but no requests were made.

622 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr B Moss and seconded by Cllr M Moss and agreed:
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held via Zoom on 15th July 2020 are approved as a true record.

623 HS2 (610)

Councillors were invited to an on-line update with HS2 on Wednesday 22nd July at 6.30pm. A power-point presentation was talked through. Kingsbury compound will be started in September 2020 and take approximately eight months to construct. Vehicles will turn left to enter and exit the site. A 2m bund will be constructed around the site to eliminate noise from the compound. A review is in progress for Ph2b eastern leg and more information is expected in early 2021.

Councillors J and I Thomas updated the meeting on the recent Special Management Zone meeting. The committee members were not impressed with HS2's negative comments and have complained to the commissioner and MPs. This included transport items and substandard planting at Middleton.

624 Neighbourhood Plan (611)

This will be looked into further when the corona virus crisis allows.

625 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously (612/617)

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

- **Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close** – Taylor Wimpey North Midlands have asked their adoption manager to check this path out for us and we are waiting for an update.
- **Graveyards are almost full can we find out whose responsibility it is to take over NWBC or Parish?** – On closure of a churchyard a written request by the PCC would be served on the parish council to take over the maintenance of the churchyard. The parish then has 3 months to accept or decline. If they decline then the borough will take over after 3 months if correct procedures have been followed.
- **Solution needed for access by outdoor gym equipment in Kingsbury through muddy gateway** – To be looked into and costs obtained.
- **Why are no parking signs still opposite Mill Crescent when they are unenforceable?** – The No Parking portion of the sign is purely an advisory aspect.' This did not make much sense to Councillors so the Clerk will try and get further clarification.
- **Logo on Kingsbury sign coming into the village is peeling off**. County highways will order and fit a new sign but without a logo. It will say Welcome to North Warwickshire, Kingsbury.
- **Kingsbury Guide was produced in 2002. Should we look at an updated version?** – This will remain on the minutes and will be looked at in the future due to the work needed to update the website.

626 Community Fund Noticeboard for Kingsbury (613)

This has now been delivered to the NWBC depot and we are waiting for a date from the contractor to fit this on the outside wall of the shops at Jubilee Court.

627 Planning Applications/Information

The following Applications were brought to Councillors attention via e-mail between meetings.

- **PAP/2020/0341- Land Adjacent the Lodge, Tamworth Road, Cliff –** Material change of use of land for stationing of caravans for residential use for Gypsy/Traveller family with associated development (relocated access, hard standing and package treatment plant) part retrospective. An objection has been sent as this is still use of green belt land and previous applications were denied on appeal.
- **CMP/2020/00213 – Unit B Swan Court, Coventry Road, Kingsbury** – Investigation of ventilation unit.

628 Parish Council Community Grant Fund (616)

- **Applications from Hurley and Kingsbury Churches** - Legal guidance from NALC has been produced saying it is not clear whether the 1894 Act prevails over the 1972 Act that we were basing our grants on. The Clerk has written to the MP to see if Government could clarify this. We have had acknowledgment that the MPs office are looking into this and will report further if we get any more information.
- **Kingsbury Community and Youth Centre** – The hot water heaters have now been installed and the amount of £480.00 would be paid towards this work as agreed at the last meeting. The Chair of the Management Committee will be invited to attend the October parish meeting to update Councillors on the progress of the Centre. A letter received from the builder who has bought the land at the back of the centre has offered to put the committee in touch with some of his contractors, if it may help them in the future.
- **Piccadilly Community Fireworks and Bonfire Evening** – Councillor I Thomas explained to the meeting that the Community Centre would not be applying for a grant this year for the fireworks event in Piccadilly. After careful thought and consideration in the light of the covid-19 pandemic it would unfortunately not be practical to hold the event this year.

629 Proposed Hurley Bus Shelter

The Clerk has contacted WCC about a new bus shelter for Hurley on Knowle Hill by Dexter Court. They have agreed that one could be put at the site and have confirmed that we would not need planning permission WCC have suggested a type of shelter with a standard bus flag attachment pole so that WCC passenger transport team or Diamond Bus can affix a bus flag. The approximate cost of the suggested shelter is around £6,000.
Public feedback is being gained by placing an article in the local newsletter and on the community Facebook page, before we discuss further.

630 Kingsbury Parish Website

Our website was set up in 2005 and is now very dated. It does not allow us to be fully compliant with the latest guidelines for parish council websites (WCAG 2.1 compliant). A statement will be put on the website explaining this. Councillors discussed the options of a completely new website so that we can include all the latest information that is required, in a format that is accessible to everyone.
The Clerk explained that she has two quotes from companies and has gathered information for Councillors to look into. A decision is to be made at the October meeting once Councillors have had time to look at the documents. Councillors also need to discuss whether a facebook link or twitter feed would be useful.

631 Correspondence

- Journal of Warwickshire history – summer 2020.
- Clerks and Councils Direct September issue.
- NWBC Draft North Warwickshire Local Plan – Additional documents for consultation.
- Card received from Mr Timothy Cox, her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire thanking everyone for the contribution to the County during these extraordinary and challenging times.
- Councillors to check on the website if there are any changes to their Declarations of Interest information and let the Clerk know so that a new form can be completed.
- There is now a new parish council e-mail address which is kingsburypc@outlook.com It will be rolled over gradually until all the contacts have been informed.
- Clerk's National Salary award has now been agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) and new pay scales from 2020-2021 should be paid and backdated to April 2020.
- A traffic accident in August demolished our bus shelter in Kingsbury. We are currently going through our insurance to get a replacement shelter.

632 Councillors Parish Matters raised September 2020

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

- Overhanging tree branches and root damage on path T177 Recreation Ground – Councillor M Moss
- Dropped kerb concerns by a corner, Wood End – Councillor H Phillips. WCC highways have had a look and to raise the dropped kerb would require significant reconstruction of the footway and this could only be carried out if part of a wider scheme. From the condition of the footway it is not likely to be on the future works list for some time.
- Piece of land before Vicarage bridge, Wood End has a lot of cars on site – Councillor H Phillips
- Damaged garages behind Cornforth Close and other concerns – Councillor V Barker
- Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track – Councillor I Thomas
- Visibility issue from Kingsbury to Piccadilly – Councillor I Thomas
- Can HS2 tell us how much green belt is being used in North Warks as we have only been given a figure of 16% for the whole of Warwickshire? – Councillor B Moss
- Check new sign for Cedar Crescent is on the list for renewal – Councillor C Ayasamy

- Bin opposite Kingsbury School regularly overflowing – Councillor A Jenns
- J10 M42 road markings need re-doing on the island – Councillor I Thomas
- A sign stating 'no parking for country parks' seems to have been taken down raising concerns that it is now ok to park in the villages – Councillor M Moss

633 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting scheduled for 14th October at 6.30pm will again be conducted via Zoom. Details will be put on the website nearer the time. We are still being advised not to hold our usual meetings in village halls due to the pandemic.

634 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor I Thomas and seconded by Councillor M Moss 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.
All amounts will now be recorded exclusive of VAT as we are able to claim this back.

Administration Costs – August/September	£2,353.72
Kingsbury Youth and Community Centre – Grant towards water heaters	£480.00
Abbey Office Park Ltd – Cleaning of bus shelters 2 months	£40.00
Tranter Training – Defib battery	£209.00
Inland Revenue quarterly payment	£485.07
NWBC Room hire Jan 2020	£20.00
P Richards Plant hire – removal of debris from bus shelter	£170.00

Precept 2nd payment received from NWBC of £17,485.50

Bank Balances 30th September 2020

Current A/c - £7,000.31
Reserve Account - £34,233.31

Signed _____ **Dated** _____