Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday 24th January 2024**, at Jubilee Court Communal Room, Kingsbury.
Present Councillors: J Thomas, M Moss, I Thomas, O Phillips, V Barker, A Jenns, J Given, A Phillips and A Wright.
Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor H Phillips and D Bates.
Clerk: S Gommersall

267 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors J Thomas and I Thomas 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 Piccadilly Community Association.
- Councillor A Phillips declared a personal interest in any issues relating to Woodend Village Hall and Hurley Primary School.
- Councillor A Jenns declared a personal interest in any issues relating to NWBC and WCC.
- Councillor D Bates declared a personal interest in any issues relating to NWBC.
- Councillor H Phillips declared a personal interest in any issues relating to NWBC.
- Councillor J Given declared a personal interest in any issues relating to Hurley Community Association.
- Councillor J Given declared he is the stepfather of the clerk.
- Councillor O Phillips declared a personal interest in any issues relating to NWBC and Woodend Village Hall.

268 Public Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

269 Notice of Vacancy

Clerk has advertised the notice of vacancy on the KPC notice board and Facebook page. Cllr J Thomas confirmed she has been approached by a resident from Woodend.

270 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr J Thomas and seconded by Cllr J Given and agreed:
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th November 2023 be approved as a true record.

271 HS2 (973)

M42 hard shoulder will be closed off and reduced speed to 50mph. Safeguarding on the eastern leg will be in the summer.

272 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground

Cllr J Given suggested a sub committee group to be set up of Kingsbury Councillors for the recreational ground. Cllrs A Jenns, V Barker, D Bates and M Moss. Cllr I Thomas confirmed he will send over funding information to these councillors.

Clerk to send out Working Party Terms of Reference to these councillors and invite Becky Evans to February meeting to discuss funding.
Cllr J Given advised Recreational ground signs will be ready in approx. 10-14 days. Cllrs J Given and M Moss to meet and install the sign.

273 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures/ Working Parties

Cllr J Thomas informed all that Cllr I Thomas has now resigned from policies and procedures chair and thanked him for his work.
It was proposed by Cllr V Barker and seconded by A Jenns for J Given to now be Chair of policies and procedures. Cllrs J Given, A Jenns and M Moss are now the policies and procedures committee.
It was proposed by Cllr V Barker and seconded by O Phillips to accept the financial reserve policy once amendments have been made.

274 Kingsbury TADC – Fire Service Training Centre, Bodymoor Heath (977)

Clerk confirmed meeting venue for April at Bodymoor Heath Fire Training Centre.

275 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously

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

- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – Confirmed that part of the damaged fence has been removed and the remainder will be removed before the year end. Clerk chased again.
- **Bodymoor Heath Bridge damage** – The Canal River Trust has confirmed that the repairs to the retaining wall are programmed between March 2023-April 2024 ref 913880. On 18th October 2023 an engineer attended and confirmed there is still no movement. Clerk chasing repair dates.
- **Footpath to water park still muddy –** It is Issue Number A11 031 Footpath No T117. Paths have confirmed that the Rangers of the Water Park are currently prioritising closed bridges and this will be looked at after. Scheduled for spring time.
- **Tree in South View in desperate need of pruning.** Reported by clerk ref 535759059. Ivy and brambles growing into neighbours' gardens will be looked at again. Clerk chased.
- **Hurley residents have been complaining of the buses not turning up**. Cllrs to collate detailed information on when these events have taken place for clerk to pass on. Councillors have confirmed no new complaints.
- **Path down edge hill needs cutting back** and leaves cleared from the path as becoming very slippery. This has now been complete but needs doing again. Clerk to report again.
- **Road sign on Trinity Road blocked by trees-** When coming out of Perryman's drive a tree is blocking the road sign on the left. Clerk reported ref FS442012372. This is now complete.
- **Achray site Kingsbury-** pathway is being left in a mess again. County high ways will be visiting site. Cllr A Jenns confirmed they have tarmacked the pathway. Clerk to find out if drainage will be put in.
- **Fence at Kingsbury water park-** opposite the new apartments there is a hole in the fence. Reported by clerk and pictures sent to confirm location. Clerk chased up for environment agency.
- **Cllr D Bates confirmed residents of Kingsbury would like to sponsor a planter-** Cllr D Bates and A Jenns to speak with highways about where a planter can be placed. No new update.

- **Bushes at St Peters place need trimming-** Clerk to request bushes are trimmed right back so that camera views are clear. Exact location has been sent over.
- **Cllr M Moss suggested KPC arrange something to show appreciation for Cllr B Moss after 40 years of service-** Cllr M Moss confirmed that the home will accommodate a visit from KPC councillors. Clerk to confirm best times and dates.
- **Wood End, Wood Street-** Road in need of repair outside number 18. Filling has come out again, clerk reported ref CX-WNI-2402-WNI-07-BNAK-173.
- **Grit bins need filling-** WCC confirmed that the grit bins have now been filled. Cllr J Given confirmed one still hasn't been filled. WCC confirmed this will be added to the list of grit bins to fill.
- **Piccadilly Bridge flooding-**Jeff Morris confirmed he will arrange a meeting with Cllr I Thomas to review. Cllr I Thomas awaiting to hear from Jeff as didn't show to meeting.
- **Councillor A Jenns confirmed he needs another councillor to attend the anti-social behaviour meetings**. Councillor J Thomas can attend if meetings are AM.
- **Councillor O Phillips is currently liaising with the borough about a bin being put down dexter lane Hurley**. No new update.
- **Wood End Village Hall in need of the bushes trimming** under the windows and on bench. This is not included in the ground's maintenance contract. Clerk to send out to councillors exactly what is included as due to be renewed March.
- **Councillor J Given reported the bushes at Orchard Close Hurley are in a mess**. Reported by clerk.
- **Letter of complaint sent to police** from clerk as no report back to KPC regarding video cameras being put in place. Police came back and advised cameras and video recorders can be used.
- **Councillor A Wright confirmed that bollards will be put in place opposite Wood End co-op** to deter the dangerous parking in the near future. He has also asked for double yellow lines to be included in round 2 from Smith's Street to Sherwood close. Councillors A Phillips and O Phillips suggested putting double yellow lines where the bollards are going too. No new update.

276 Councillor Parish Matters

- Cllr I Thomas will request a MOD land agency meeting about illegal driving in piccadilly.
- **Kingsbury residents reporting doors being banged loudly in the early hours**. Clerk reported to the police.
- **Councillor J Thomas reported a huge hole in the road as your turn of trinity road onto piccadilly way**. Reported by clerk again as was filled but needs doing again. Ref CI-LGH-2402-WNI-07-BPSG-172.
- **Cllr J Thomas advised that discussions over the Wings building** will be happening soon and will be discussed as a confidential item. Cllrs with interests will be asked to leave the room. Clerk to go to land registry and find out. This was proposed by Cllr A Phillips and seconded by O Phillips.

278 Planning Applications/Information

- **PAP/2023/0524-** Pear Tree Surgery, 28, Meadow Close, Kingsbury, Tamworth, B78 2NR- Replace glazed roof with concrete tiles and replace timber and glazed entrance screen with brickwork and windows/doors, and a new 1.8m wide footpath.
- **PAP/2023/0562-** Hurley Hall, Atherstone Lane, Hurley, CV9 2HT- Convert the kennels building into an incidental building to be used in association with Hurley Hall.

- **PAP/2023/0465-** 73, Sycamore Road, Kingsbury, Tamworth, B78 2JL- Demolish existing single storey extension and build two storey extension with single storey orangery.

All planning applications were accepted and agreed.

279 Correspondence

For any further information on the items below please contact the Clerk, details on website.

- Clerk offered councillors clerks and council direct magazine.
- Christmas card received from MP Craig Tracey.

280 Finance Committee update

Cllr J Thomas informed all that Cllr I Thomas has now resigned from Finance chair and thanked him for his work. Cllr J Thomas will not chair the finance committee and A Jenns will join. Agreed by all.

Clerk Presented the budget papers showing 2023-2024 accounts with January, February and March predictions of spend. 3,4,5,6 and 15% added onto the actual spend for 2023-2024 financial year. Clerk also presented a report showing how 1-6% increase of KPC precept would affect council tax amounts.

Cllr O Phillips suggested KPC doing some kind of fundraising for defibrillator replacement and upkeep. Cllr J Thomas to find out if KPC can advertise for funds to help cover these costs.

Cllr J Thomas suggests to ring fence KPC money into categories to cover things that could happen.

Cllr J Given advised that to make a difference and do more we need to increase the precept and KPC haven't increased for 2 years. To keep up with inflation this will need to be increased.

Cllr I Thomas proposed to increase the precept by 4% to £39333.84. This was seconded by Cllr A Jenns and agreed. Cllrs O Phillips and A Phillips obxtained this.

281 Parish Emergency Plans

Cllr J Thomas confirmed emergency plan is ready and will send to councillors to look over and bring any feedback to February meeting.

282 Grant Requests

- **Hire of Recreational Grounds-** Kingsbury local guide and ranger group requested to use the recreational ground as part of an easter egg hunt. A copy of the liability insurance and risk assessment has been requested. IT was proposed by Cllr A Jenns and seconded by Cllr A Phillips and agreed by all. Cllr O Phillips proposed to make a donation of £50 towards the easter eggs and Cllr A Phillips seconded and all agreed.
- **Beeline grant**-A letter requesting donations for funding to keep the beeline transport service going was received. IT was proposed by Cllr I Thomas to donate £1000 and seconded by Cllr A Phillips and agreed by all.

283 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr J Thomas will arrange a meeting to start putting together neighbourhood plan.

284 Next meetings

There will be A full council meeting in 22nd February at Piccadilly Community Centre.

285 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Cllr A Phillips and seconded by 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. Amounts recorded include VAT.
Proposed by Cllr A Phillips and seconded by I Thomas to move £3000 from reserve account to current account.

January 2024:

Current account:

Date	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
26 Jan 2024		B/MOOR HEATH HALL		-£72.00	£328.30
26 Jan 2024		S GOMMERSALL		-£63.26	£400.30
26 Jan 2024		KBURY HISTORY SOC		-£20.00	£463.56
26 Jan 2024		CAVA		-£142.33	£483.56
26 Jan 2024		IAN THOMAS		-£206.40	£625.89
26 Jan 2024		S GOMMERSALL		-£498.41	£832.29
26 Jan 2024		NRTH WARWICKSHIRE		-£6,725.75	£1,330.70
26 Jan 2024		NRTH WARWICKSHIRE		-£15.00	£8,056.45
26 Jan 2024		CAVA		-£6.60	£8,071.45
26 Jan 2024		From A/C 29451515	**+£3,000.00**		£8,078.05
11 Jan 2024		ID MOBILE LIMITED		-£8.00	£5,078.05

Reserve account:

Date	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
31 Jan 2024		31JAN GRS 29451515	**+£66.34**		£48,125.64
26 Jan 2024		To A/C 00411779		-£3,000.00	£48,059.30

Bank Balances – 31st January 2024

Current Account: £328.30
Reserve Account: £48,125.64

It was proposed by Cllr O Phillips and seconded by Cllr A Phillips for Chair J Thomas to sign minutes from November meeting.

Signed _____ Dated_____