

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Thursday 22nd February 2024**, at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

Present Councillors: J Thomas, D Bates, H Phillips, I Thomas, O Phillips, V Barker, A Jenns, J Given, A Phillips and A Wright.

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor M Moss.

Clerk: S Gommersall

286 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.
- Councillor J Given declared he is a friend of the applicant for PAP/2024/0064

287 Talk from David Simkins from Warwickshire CAVA

David briefed KPC Councillors on options for funding for Kingsbury recreational ground improvements. David will send over information via email to clerk to be sent on to councillors.

288 Public Questions

A lady shared her concerns of the many road closures and floods taking place around the parish and specifically Hurley. This is affecting Hurley school collections and drop offs for families that do not live in Hurley. Cllr A Phillips proposed that the clerk completes a flood form. Agreed by all. Clerk to liaise with Cllr A Jenns on completing a flood form.

289 Notice of Vacancy

Clerk has advertised the notice of vacancy on the KPC notice board and Facebook page. Deadline for applications is 23rd February.

An Election will take place 21st March if needed.

290 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr O Phillips and seconded by Cllr A Phillips and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th January 2024 be approved as a true record.

291 HS2 (973)

No new update.

292 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground

Clerk presented quotes to Councillors to remove the fallen tree at Kingsbury recreational ground. It was proposed by Cllr V Barker and seconded by Cllr J Given to go with JC Tree & Grounds Maintenance at £480 for removal of fallen Lime Tree and stump. Clerk to confirm with councillors a date of when the works will be complete.

It was proposed by Cllr O Phillips and seconded by Councillor A Jenns to pay the invoice of £1000 for removal of the rope walk and frames at both ends. The ground will also be made good.

Cllr J Given apologised for the delay in producing the recreational ground signs and confirmed KPC will now only be charged for one sign. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to AES Aero Limited.

KPC recreational ground working party sub committee will be an agenda item for March meeting.

293 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures/ Working Parties

Cllr J Given as new chair of Policies and Procedures Working Party would like to amend all policies to the same format.

He proposed that the new and updated 'Terms of Reference General' and 'Terms of Reference Policy and Procedures Working Party' Policies were accepted. This was seconded by Cllr A Phillips and agreed. Cllr I Thomas voted against.

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

Clerk confirmed the April meeting venue will be Bodymoor Heath Fire Training Centre.

295 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 springtime as will need to dry.
- **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.

- **Achray site Kingsbury-** Pathway is being left in a mess again. County Highways will be visiting site. Cllr A Jenns confirmed they have tarmacked the pathway. Trees are soon to be planted on the verge; this should stop the parking once planted.
- **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. Ref GE29752.
- **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.
- **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. Date has been arranged for 1^{0th} March and councillor D Bates will create a certificate to be presented.
- **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. This now needs repairing again. Clerk has reopened original ref.
- **Piccadilly Bridge flooding-** Jeff Morris confirmed he will arrange a meeting with Cllr I Thomas to review. Cllr I Thomas waiting to hear from Jeff as didn't show to meeting.
- **Cllr 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.
- **Cllr J Given reported the bushes at Orchard Close Hurley are in a mess.** Reported by clerk.
- **Cllr A Wright confirmed that bollards will be put in place opposite Wood End Co-Op-** Soon to deter the dangerous parking. He has also asked for double yellow lines to be included in round 2 from Smith's Street to Sherwood Close. Cllr A Phillips and Cllr O Phillips suggested putting double yellow lines where the bollards are going to be.
- **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 sent over land registry information to chair.

296 Councillor Parish Matters

- **Column number 3 on Piccadilly Crescent, Piccadilly-** Has a light out. This was missed by the clerk last meeting and will be reported ASAP.
- **Pear Tree Surgery-** Number 7 Pear Tree Surgery needs the eaves and bench inspecting as they are looking very dangerous. Clerk to report.
- **Bollards/ dropped kerbs opposite Wood End Co-Op-** Cllr A Wright confirmed that 3 pairs of yellow tactile dropped kerbs are being installed whilst the tarmac of the footway that is being financed through his county councillors small scheme budget. The bollards should also be installed again financed through his budget.
- **Clerk to request a MOD land agency meeting about illegal driving in Piccadilly.**

297 Planning Applications/Information

- **PAP/2024/0064-** 8, Knowle Hill, Hurley, CV9 2JD - Demolition of timber outbuilding and erection of new brick store
- **Development for IM** properties-Near Junction 9 of the M42 was discussed and emailed to councillors.
- **Proposed base station installation upgrade in Hurley.**

All planning applications were accepted and agreed.

298 Correspondence

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

- Clerk offered councillors a copy of the play area magazine.
- Cllr J Given discussed KPC possibly displaying on the website a list of councillor responsibilities. Councillors agreed this was not beneficial and prefer that residents raise any issues to any councillor.

299 Grounds Maintenance Contract

KPC Grounds maintenance contract was emailed to councillors prior to meeting as is due for renewal. Hurley black path (T52) is not on the contract which is why it hasn't been done. Clerk to retrieve landowners contact details from Cllr J Given and send a letter asking to keep black path clear.

Cllr J Given offered to get in contact with local farmers to cut back the Black Path as a one off. This was subsequently proposed by Cllr O Phillips and seconded by Cllr H Phillips and agreed by all, except Cllr I Thomas who abstained.

The walkway by Hurley school (T53) goes along the school fence and further. Councillors would like to see if part of this can be taken off the NWBC contract and just the walkway by the school kept on, this was proposed by Cllr A Phillips and seconded by Cllr O Phillips and agreed by all, except Cllr I Thomas who abstained.

Cllr J Thomas and Cllr H Phillips will be attending a meeting with NWBC to discuss the maintenance contract. Cllr A Phillips proposed and Cllr D Bates seconded and all agreed to a 2-year fixed contract in principle with NWBC to be discussed at arranged meeting.

300 Finance Committee update

Cllr J Thomas will send out dates to clerk and finance committee councillors to arrange a meeting in April.

301 Appointing internal auditor

Appointing the internal audit was proposed by Cllr O Phillips and seconded by Cllr J Given to retrieve quotes from Mr Bill Woolliscroft (used the previous year). All councillors agreed except Cllr I Thomas who abstained.

302 Conclusion of Audit

Clerk confirmed she has received the external audit conclusion and has displayed this on the notice board and on KPC website. HR committee will be looking at comments.

303 Parish Emergency Plans

Cllr J Thomas has sent plan to councillors. Councillors to add any amendments in red and send back. This will then be included on the March agenda.

304 Grant Requests

No Grant requests received.

305 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr J Thomas confirmed that no meeting has been arranged as of yet due to consultations for planning taking place. The Neighborhood Plan still has former Cllr E Steels name on, this needs replacing with a current councillor. It was proposed by Cllr A Phillips and seconded by Cllr O Phillips and agreed by all councillors except Cllr I Thomas who abstained, to use existing parish plan with ex councillor E Steele name on.

306 Next meetings

There will be a full council meeting 20th March at The Woodlands Community Centre, Wood End.

307 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Cllr H Phillips and seconded by Cllr O Phillips and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed below be approved for payment. Amounts recorded include VAT.

It was proposed by Cllr O Phillips and seconded by Cllr V Barker and agreed:

RESOLVED: to move £4500 from reserve account to current account.

Finances for February 2024:

Current account:

Date ↓	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
27 Feb 2024		P RICHARDS P HIRE		-£1,000.00	£2,725.61
27 Feb 2024		Moore		-£252.00	£3,725.61
27 Feb 2024		CAVA		-£6.60	£3,977.61
27 Feb 2024		!st kingsbury guid		-£50.00	£3,984.21
27 Feb 2024		WALC SUBS 2020104		-£36.00	£4,034.21
27 Feb 2024		CAVA		-£142.33	£4,070.21
27 Feb 2024		S GOMMERSALL		-£89.35	£4,212.54
27 Feb 2024		PICCADILLY C ASSOC		-£20.00	£4,301.89
27 Feb 2024		S GOMMERSALL		-£498.41	£4,321.89
27 Feb 2024		From A/C 29451515	+£4,500.00		£4,820.30
13 Feb 2024		ID MOBILE LIMITED		-£8.00	£320.30

Reserve account:

Date ↓	Type	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
27 Feb 2024		To A/C 00411779		-£4,500.00	£43,625.64

Bank Balances – 29th February 2024

Current Account: £2,725.61

Reserve Account: £43,625.64

Signed _____ Dated _____