

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday 22nd March 2023**, Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall.

Present: Councillors: Chair J Thomas, M Moss, J Whitby, H Phillips and I Thomas.

Apologies: Noted from Councillors E Steel, C Ayasamy, A Jenns, V Barker, A Simpson and B Moss.

Clerk: S Gomersall

92 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.
- Councillors H Phillips declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.
- Councillor J Whitby declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Wood End Working Men's Club.

93 Public Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

94 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd Feb 2023 be approved as a true record.

95 HS2 (973)

There will be a special management meeting on the 20th April with an independent construction commissioner. The island on Tamworth Road is now complete and there shouldn't be anymore disruption.

96 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground

A Solid plastic sheet has now been fitted to the damaged tower by NWBC. A meeting has been requested with HAGS for councillors to discuss options going forward as replacement parts are expensive and keep getting vandalised. Awaiting confirmation of a date.

Holes in the ground of the park have also been reported to NWBC who say they are constantly filling holes in the ground.

Cllr M Moss has designed a sign for the park. A Ranger from the water park suggested a aluminium plate that is engraved as will last longer and less likely to be vandalised. This could be fixed to the railings or the church wall. All Cllrs agreed for M Moss to get prices on signs.

97 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (975)

No new information to update Councillors.

98 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures Update

Cllr J Whitby proposed and Cllr H Phillips seconded that all policies and procedures are now complete and can go on the website (other than disciplinary).

Disciplinary- Cllr I Thomas and Cllr M Moss to confirm the Grievance and disciplinary procedure.

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

Cllr A Jenn's has chased this up but is awaiting a response.

100 Climate Change (978)

Clerk emailed planning asking what the Carbon footprint will be on each planning application but they do not hold this information.

101 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously

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

- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – The fence has now been fixed but only at the top end. Owners have said they will be removing the fence now as it is a Health and Safety issue.
- **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. They are monitoring the bridge for movement.
- **Footpath alongside Kingsbury Theatre/Royal Oak needs strimming** – Strimming is now complete and Cllrs agreed to check the fencing when meeting at the Recreational ground. No new update.
- **Street light removed Bodymoor Heath** – The New Column will be put in fairly quickly but as the cable was damaged too, it is now left with National Grid to fit the new cable. WCC Street Lighting Communities have been chased up again.
- **Disabled markings on car park rear of Jubilee Court faded** – Councillor A Jenn's and WCC Highways inspected the site and WCC will put a request in for renewal. Cllr A Jenn's will check if parking officer will be coming back. WCC chased up again as was looking into this.

102 Planning Applications/Information

PAP/2021/0593-Tameview, Cliff Hall Lane, Cliff, Kingsbury, B78 2DR - Outline application for erection of two detached dwellings.

PAP/2023/0031- The Farmhouse, Bodymoor Green Farm Estate, Coventry Road, Kingsbury, Tamworth, B78 2DZ- Lawful Development Certificate for confirmation that the land is original residential curtilage and that this building is sited on land incidental to the dwellinghouse and complies with the requirements of Class E of the GPDO.

PAP/2023/0058- 25, Wood Street, Wood End, Tamworth, CV9 2QJ- Conservatory.

103 Correspondence

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

- Damaged wall on Pear Tree Avenue, Kingsbury. This is now complete.
- Kingsbury Water Park rebranding- Cllr A Jenn's Written report says This will now not be going ahead and the plan to change the logo go ahead in the future so that it is no longer different to that of Warwickshire's other country parks.
- Street naming of Tamworth Road, Woodend, Atherstone. Clerk has passed on the information to NWBC to contact the relevant people for written permission on the proposed road name.
- Hurley Community Association have requested a bin on Dexter Lane due to litter. The bin ordered back in 2021 was fitted to the black path in Hurley. As Dexter Lane has no bins at all it has been recommended for HCA to request from NWBC.

104 Highways Items/WCC Councillor Jenn's Delegated budget (982)

These items would be funded from a delegated budget held by Cllr Jenn's through WCC:

- **Bench – Mill Crescent** – A bench for residents when waiting for the bus near to the post box Mill Crescent, Kingsbury. WCC will order and fit the bench and agree the

position with Councillor A Jenn's. This has now been added to the insurance and awaiting fitting.

- Cllr A Jenns reported that The County Councillor small fund will open for application 9th May and close 18th June.

105 Planter for Kingsbury

Awaiting further information from Councillor C Ayasamy.

106 Parish Emergency Plans

Awaiting completion from Cllr. j. Thomas and Cllr E. Steel

107 Finance Committee – Update from Chair

Defibrillators and bleed kits- Cllr I Thomas has organised refresher training for all people who are involved with checking the defibrillators are working. Also bleed kits will be explained and information on how to keep these up to date will be given. Bleed kits have also now been registered with the Defib shop and added onto the insurance.

Expenses- Petrol- Cllr I Thomas.

108 Councillors Parish Matters raised

The following are for information or will be followed up with the relevant authorities:

- **White line markings needed in Piccadilly for safety** – arranged a face-to-face meeting with Cllr I Thomas.
- **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.
- **Jubilee Court access from community room to car park needs to be lit and walkway under arch is uneven** – images have been sent over to NWBC and chasing. Awaiting response.
- **Hurley Black path needs cutting back as very overgrown** – Have chased this again to confirm if complete. Also have asked for which part of the black path we pay to be trimmed to be confirmed.
- **The sign before Kingsbury Link needs attention** –FS Reference No: 476147441, posts are now in, still awaiting sign. Sent email chasing.
- **Large vehicles parked repeatedly behind Kingsbury shops**, jubilee court and opposite Kingsbury. Reported to police. Police are patrolling the area and have issued tickets.
- **Manhole opposite the crescent in Piccadilly is collapsing**. Ref FS492309213. This is now complete.
- **Drain cover on Coventry Road Column 15 in danger of collapsing** has also been reported to WCC. Ref FS492314467. Sent email chasing.
- **Pot holes in Kingsbury Mill Crescent** have been reported. Ref FS 492315627. Sent email chasing.
- **The Willows at Cliff** are now dealing with the Environment Agency with regards to the burying of waste. NWBC may need to take legal action with reference to the Breach of court order.
- **Due to Election in May** the Parish Council meeting date will need to be amended from the 24th. TBC
- **Pot holes at Mill Crescent**, Kingsbury to be reported by clerk. Ref FS497131194. Sent email chasing.
- **Hurley Common Road Closure-** email has been sent to highways asking if any other options can be used rather than closing the road. Heanley Lane which is used as an alternative is very dangerous in the bad weather.

- **Litter Bin Piccadilly-** This has not been fitted and Cllr I Thomas requested the parish to take responsibility of emptying. All agreed.
- **Mill Crescent development damage to footpath-** Email containing images of the damaged footpath have been sent to paths. Chased up again but no response as of yet.

109 Private and confidential

- **Pension-** Cllr I Thomas attended a meeting with I-Connect to discuss payments. IT was agreed for I-connect to take payments from the overpayments we have already made until we are straight. All councillors agreed to get the clerk in the new pension.
- **Bank-** Cllr J Thomas has again been turned down for online banking. 2 debit cards are needed, one for the clerk and another for a councillor if the clerk was on holiday or away at any time. Due to all of the problems we have been having with the Bank Cllr I Thomas suggested changing to a different bank that is more suited to parish Councils. Ian proposed and this was agreed by all councillors.

110 Grant Requests

No Grant requests

111 Next meetings

The next meeting will be on 26th April 2023 at Kingsbury Communal Room, Jubilee Court.

112 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor 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 excluding VAT.

Administration Costs	516.72
EE Mobile Phone	8.00
Piccadilly Room Hire	48.00
Grounds maintenance	4996.30

Bank Balances – 31st March 2023

Current A/c -	£4580.08
Reserve Account –	£29754.06

Signed _____ Dated _____