

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 18th November 2020**, via 'Zoom' video media due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Present: Councillors: Chair A Jenns, J Thomas, B Moss, M Moss, V Barker, C Ayasamy, H Phillips, J Whitby and A Simpson

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor A Lewis

Clerk: S Humphries

649 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.
- Councillor J Whitby declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Wood End Working Men's Club.
- Councillors J Thomas, A Jenns, and C Ayasamy declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to HS2.
- Councillors 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 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 minutes re: Woodlands Community Centre.

650 Public Questions

No members of the public had contacted the Clerk to join the meeting online.

651 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held via Zoom on 14th October 2020 are approved as a true record.

652 HS2 (638)

Councillor J Thomas reported back from the latest HS2 Special Management Zone meeting that Water Orton were getting concerned over the amount of work and increase of lorries in the area. The SMZ have logged a formal complaint and are awaiting the results.

The Government has recently published its response and decision to the design refinements for the Western Leg of HS2 Phase 2b which you can read online at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-design-refinement-consultation>

HS2 Phase 2b Eastern Leg (B'ham to Leeds through North Warwickshire) refinement proposals which incorporate a tunnel under the M42 Junction 10 and a maintenance depot at Austrey, are due to be decided upon after the publication of the Integrated Rail Plan at the end of this year. The Phase 2a (B'ham to Crewe) bill has started committee hearings in the House of Lords and is expected to become legislation early next year. It was confirmed in the first session that the Government is planning to split the Phase 2b legislation into two bills—Crewe to Manchester & Birmingham to Leeds.

653 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously (639)

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

- **Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close** – Taylor Wimpey North Midlands have now made arrangements for the footway to be looked at by one of their landscaping contractors and will report back with any work needed.
- **Why are no parking signs still opposite Mill Crescent when they are unenforceable?** – The response from WCC did not make much sense to Councillors so the Clerk will try and get further clarification. Due to an internal restructure of staff we are waiting for the County Highways Minor Works team to reply.

654 Community Fund Noticeboard for Kingsbury (640)

This has now been fitted and filled with useful information. Please contact the parish if you would like to place any community notices in the noticeboard. Our asset register and insurance have been updated accordingly.

655 Planning Applications/Information

The following Applications/comments were brought to Councillors attention.

- **PAP/2019/0490 – Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm, Dexter Lane** – Notification of appeal for erection of permanent dwelling rural workers dwelling –revised submission.
- **PAP/2020/0556 – Slateley Hall, Trinity Road** –Conversion of barn into a single storey dwelling.
- There has been a site visit by NWBC to the Kingsbury Hall site but no official planning application has been sent in to date.

656 Proposed Hurley Bus Shelter (642)

The Clerk contacted WCC to check that everything was still in place to go ahead and order the bus shelter for Hurley by Dexter Court, now that it had been agreed. We have now been told that we need to arrange a site meeting with WCC officers before permission can be formally granted. This was arranged before we went into lockdown and had to be cancelled. It will be re-arranged when it is allowed to meet on site again. We also have to complete and submit a Vehicle Access application form. We can only order the shelter, which could take up to eight weeks to be delivered, once the above measures have all been signed off.

657 Kingsbury Parish Website (643)

Having agreed the provider for our new website, the Clerk will work with them to design the website and include all information required. The address will be www.kingsbury-pc.gov.uk Councillors agreed to have a parish Facebook link and a Twitter feed linked to the website. It was discussed what would be the best way for Councillors to have a Kingsbury Parish Council e-mail address which would be separate from a personal one. It was agreed that those who needed to would set up a separate e-mail from their provider and pass the information to the Clerk so that a new list could be drawn up and shared with Councillors. The e-mail contact on the website would be used by the Clerk to forward on to the relevant Councillor/Authority.

658 Correspondence

- Councillors to send completed Declarations of Interest forms to the Clerk to be put on the new website. These have been e-mailed out.
- A traffic accident in August demolished our bus shelter in Kingsbury. A new shelter should be fitted on 19th November 2020.
- WALC newsletters – copied to Councillors
- Stopping up highway notice at Edge Hill Croft, Wood End
- WALC – suggested news items for social media accounts.
- The Clerk is trying to get the usage figures for the outdoor gym equipment but the company have had some technical problems and will sort login details and figures as soon as possible.

659 New litter/dog bin for Hurley

A resident has requested a litter/dog bin for Hurley near to the 'Black path'. NWBC have confirmed that there are none in the area, but the parish would have to pay for the bin and emptying costs and installation. NWBC and Councillor A Simpson have agreed on the best site for a new bin. It was discussed and proposed by Councillor A Simpson and seconded by Councillor J Whitby and agreed.

RESOLVED: That a litter bin would be ordered for Hurley at the agreed site. Costs of £140 per year to empty and approx. £350 to purchase plus fitting charge.

660 Councillors Parish Matters raised September/October 2020 (645/646)

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

- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – County Highways and Network Rail deny ownership/responsibility of this area. Councillors think that Network Rail have attended in the past and feel they have a duty of care to repair access to the track for safety of the public. The Clerk will contact them further now she has some photos of the problem.
- **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** – This has now been replaced.
- **Hedge overgrowing onto footpath Overwoods Road towards Trinity Road** – This has now been cut back.

661 Suggested Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground

Solution needed for access by outdoor gym equipment in Kingsbury through muddy gateway – We have now received two quotes and options for a solution to this problem. One quote suggested providing a small soak away park side of the fence plus kerb to hold back water from road, top soil and grass seed, while the other quote suggested a concreted area. Both quotes were asked to also provide the cost of a 1m x 1m base for a litter bin. The favoured solution was to concrete an area by the gateway.

A list of further items that have been raised on our inspection reports or have been suggested for the recreation ground is being compiled so that a request can be made for funding from the NWBC Councillors Community Fund.

662 Councillors Parish Matters raised November 2020

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

- **Blocked drain Wakefield Close, Hurley** – Councillor A Simpson. Reported to Highways.
- **Hedge cuttings dumped Coventry Road** – Councillor M Moss. NWBC have agreed to clear.
- **Can we put Local Government Review on next agenda?** – Councillor J Thomas
- **Parking still bad outside and around Water Park and tickets have been issued by police.**
- **Anti-social behaviour on Wood End Village Hall car park** – Councillor H Phillips. Police made aware.
- **Heanley Lane parking blocking drives by school – white lines needed** – Councillor H Phillips
- **Plaque on WW1 bench in Kingsbury defaced with paint** – Councillor C Ayasamy. NWBC have cleaned up as best they could.
- **Trinity Road house vegetation growing over the path** – Councillor C Ayasamy
- **Vision obstructed coming out of Sycamore Road, Tamworth end** – Councillor C Ayasamy. Reported to Highways.
- **Off road bikers a nuisance at Cliff** – Councillor A Jenns. Reported to police
- **Barlow Court street lamps covered by tree growth** – Councillor A Jenns

663 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting scheduled for 20th January at 6.30pm will again be conducted via Zoom. Details will be put on the website nearer the time. Advice is still not to hold our usual meetings in village halls due to the pandemic.

664 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor M Moss and seconded by Councillor B 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 are recorded exclusive of VAT.

Administration Costs – November	£1,168.33
PJ Collins Contractors – fitting of noticeboard	£175.00
NWBC Grounds Maintenance	£1,287.03
Information Commissioner Subscription (Direct Debit)	£35.00

Bank Balances **30th November 2020**

Current A/c - £3604.84
Reserve Account - £28,233.81

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