

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 10th February 2021**, via 'Zoom' video media due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Present: Councillors: Chair A Jenns, J Thomas, I 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

684 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, 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 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 minutes relating to Woodlands Community Ctre.

685 Public Questions/Guest speaker

No members of the public joined the meeting online.

Unfortunately we hadn't heard back from the lady who was going to update Councillors on the concept of "Timebanking" which maybe because of a medical issue.

686 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr B Moss and seconded by Cllr V Barker and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held via Zoom on 20th January 2021 are approved as a true record.

687 HS2 (668)

Councillor I Thomas reported that HS2 are carrying out a review of engagement at the present time so there is nothing further to report. Most of the current work is being carried out around Water Orton.

688 Proposed Hurley Bus Shelter (669)

Councillors and the Clerk attended a site meeting with WCC on 1st February. This was to decide on the position of the new shelter prior to a health and safety inspection. WCC will be asked to draw up a plan of the site for us, so that we are able to complete the necessary documents for Highways. The model of shelter might need adjusting slightly due to the position, so users are not walking over land owned by Waterloo Housing to access the shelter. Once this has been done and approval has been given the Clerk can order the shelter.

689 Planning Applications/Information

The following Applications/comments were brought to Councillors attention.

- **PAP/2021/0022 – Land south of Rose Cottage, Bodymoor Lane** – Change of use of land for storage of up to 25 caravans, temporary for 24 months.
- **PAP/2021/0029 – Old Rail Farm, Hurley Common** – Change of use of redundant agricultural building to workshop for maintenance of HGVs and agricultural vehicles, together with associated development including formation of hardstanding.
- **PAP/2021/0028 – Old Rail Farm, Hurley Common** – Change of use of land to stationing a shepherd's hut for holiday accommodation and associated walkway and parking area, and formation of visitor car park for existing holiday lets
- **PAP/2021/0030 – Old Rail Farm, Hurley Common** – Change of use of redundant agricultural building to stables, tack room, overnight accommodation for groom, feed storage, commercial horse rug washing and dog grooming.
- **PAP/2019/0490 – Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm, Dexter Lane** – Appeal hearing for erection of permanent dwelling rural workers dwelling – revised submission was rejected.

690 Correspondence

- Councillors list of addresses, e-mails and contact details has been amended/updated and will be forwarded to all Councillors.
- The website is getting more views and visits since it was launched at the end of November 2020. Councillor A Jenns asked if the Clerk could update Councillors at each meeting. Also please forward the Clerk any useful information that can go on the website.
- Property name change Letterbox Cottage, 190 Hurley Common, Hurley.
- WCC Local Transport Plan consultation closes 18th March 2021. The document sets out transport needs, challenges and priorities for the county. Website address is: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/ltp-themes/>
- Letter received from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in answer to our request regarding funding to Churches. It appears that we are still not advised to contribute directly to Churches. This has been forwarded to WALC for comments and in their view this does not change the guidance.
- Parish noticeboard by shops Jubilee Court is suffering from a lot of condensation. The Clerk has reported this to the company and they are looking into and will report back to us.
- Warwickshire Recycles Newsletter Feb/Mar 2021.
- Lady asking for any old photos of the White Hart Pub that used to be in Hurley as her great, great, great grandfather, William Chetwynd (1912) used to run it and she is researching her family tree. Information passed to a couple of councillors who will have a look for her.
- Charity Returns have been submitted for the Recreation Ground and Hurley Village Hall.
- Edge Hill road closure from 8/3/21-11/3/21 for the maintaining of apparatus - Cadent Gas.
- The Clerk has completed the pre-renewal form for the parish insurance policy.

691 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously in 2020 (674)

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. They have said that they do not see why new shrubs could not be planted there and will raise this with their contractor.
- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – WCC Bridges department have provided us with the owner of the railway line and bridge. It is DB Schenker Rail UK Ltd. They have sent the photos of the damaged fence to them and will liaise on reinstatement of the fence.
- **Barlow Court street lamps covered by tree growth** – Some progress has been made to cut back the lower branches but the high branches still affect the lamps. We are still waiting for an update from Street Lighting. To be followed up.

692 New litter/dog bin for Hurley (673)

This bin can now be ordered with the parish recreation ground bin. Councillors discussed and agreed to have 'Kingsbury PC' put on the bins so it was clear who had provided them. The borough council would empty them for us and charge us through the grounds maintenance system.

693 Grit Bins (676)

WCC records show that there should be a grit bin in Church Lane but it is no longer there. Councillors have agreed to purchase a new grit bin and Highways have been sent details of where it could go. We are waiting for confirmation before placing the order.

694 Suggested Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground (677)

We have now been awarded a grant from the NWBC Councillors Community Fund for some help towards the improvements, in the sum of £8,000.00, to which we are very grateful.

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the list of proposed items with a suggested order of purchase. This was agreed and the Clerk will start to arrange the work to improve the recreation ground.

A budget paper will be produced and sent to Councillors for the next meeting to show the expenditure for the council going forward into next year.

695 Proposal-Christmas trees to plant for next year (678)

This proved very popular last year at Jubilee Court and it was thought that it may be a good idea for all local groups to get together and perhaps plant a tree for the future to be decorated at Christmas in all villages, with the parish council funding the trees. This will be reported on further when more information has been provided.

696 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (679)

Councillor A Jenns updated the meeting. Councillors are concerned about proposals to change the way local government works in Warwickshire. The plan put forward is for North Warwickshire and the other four district/borough councils to be abolished and replaced by a single Warwickshire Council covering the whole of the county.

Councillors think that the local people should be consulted before any major decisions are made and to keep up to date on any further information we will leave this item on the minutes each month.

697 Councillors Parish Matters raised January 2021 (681)

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

- **Parking issues for residents on the private Old Kingsbury Hall Road. Can the owner put up notices?** – A request has been sent to the owner to put some signs up but no answer received to date. This will be followed up.
- **Fire engine couldn't get up Church Lane for an incident due to parked cars**– Numerous agencies have been contacted regarding this situation and letters have been sent to residents and are being followed up further. Councillor M Moss is worried that a lot of the parking may not be residents but users of the Water Park. Advice is to contact police if causing an obstruction with number plates/photos if possible at the time of the offences.
- **When will the litter bin be replaced by Mill Crescent bus shelter?** – This is now replaced.
- **Repeated temporary pot hole repairs in Mill Crescent. Are there any plans for permanent repairs?** – Two permanent repairs and one fill with hot material have been raised by WCC. The junction could do with a larger scale permanent repair but budget restraints are delaying this. It will be considered for carriageway patching on a priority basis when funding becomes available.

698 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures

The clerk has been looking at which policies need updating and including on the website. A document will be produced to show all policies/procedures with dates of review.

Councillor I Thomas suggested that a sub-committee be set up to further discuss the complaints policy, as the suggested one was not adequate for the council.

- **Code of Conduct** - The Local Government Association has revised the Model Code of Conduct for Local Government. NWBC are currently in the process of reviewing this and will issue a further update on whether we need to adopt or amend our current policy.
- **Scheme of Delegation** – This was agreed and will be reviewed following lockdown to see whether any amendments/changes are needed.
- **Complaints Policy** – Will be reviewed by a committee of four Councillors and brought back to full council for adoption.
- **Privacy Policy and Consent Form** – These have been amended to reflect the new website/e-mail address.

The above were discussed and it was agreed unanimously that:

RESOLVED: The Scheme of Delegation be adopted by Kingsbury Parish Council and the Complaints Policy will be further reviewed.

699 Councillors Parish Matters raised February 2021

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

- Bromage path running from Range Way flooded – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Footpath from Piccadilly to Kingsbury overgrown – Councillor B Moss
- Black path overgrown in parts and needs litter clearing – Councillor H Phillips
- Pot holes approaching Kingsbury Link island – Councillor M Moss
- Pear Tree Surgery are now inviting 65-70 year olds who have not had their Covid vaccination to ring the surgery to make an appointment – Councillor J Thomas
- Knowle Hill to Black path – thorn bush needs cutting back – Councillor A Simpson
- Kingsbury meadow underpass has graffiti and litter problem – Councillor A Jenns

700 Next Meeting

The next meeting scheduled for 17th March 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. Government legislation at the present time only allows Zoom meetings until 7.5.21, but NALC/WALC is pushing for this to be extended.

701 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 are recorded exclusive of VAT.

Administration Costs – February 2021 £1,136.04

Grant Income received from NWBC Cllrs Community Fund £8,000.00

Bank Balances **28th February 2021**

Current A/c - £15,967.85
Reserve Account - £19,734.30

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Dated _____