

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 27th April 2022**, at Kingsbury Community and Sports Centre, Kingsbury.

Present: Councillors: Chair M Moss, J Thomas, I Thomas, V Barker, A Jenns, E Steel, and A Simpson

Apologies: Noted from Councillors H Phillips, J Whitby, B Moss and C Ayasamy

Clerk: S Humphries

WCC Councillor Andy Wright

887 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillor A Jenns declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.
- Councillor A Simpson declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning Hurley Community Association.
- Councillors J Thomas, A Jenns 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 Jenns declared a personal interest in any minutes concerning WCC.

888 Public Questions/Tour of Sports Centre

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

The Chair of the Community/Sports Centre showed Councillors round and explained what work had been done with various grants they had obtained. This has made vast improvements to the building which will help keep it open for the community. Councillor M Moss asked that our thanks be passed on to the whole committee for the hard work they have done to keep the centre open.

889 Tribute to Ex Parish Councillor

Following the sad news that a long serving Parish and Borough Councillor, Ann Lewis, had passed away peacefully after a long illness, Councillor M Moss paid tribute to the dedicated work that she had done for the community over a span of more than 40 years. Councillors then held a minutes silence to remember Ann.

890 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr A Jenns and seconded by Cllr V Barker and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting on 16th March 2022 be approved as a true record.

891 HS2 (871)

The next Special Management Zone group meeting is on 15th May 2022.

Councillor I Thomas updated the meeting on the Bromford Tunnel, Water Orton.

On 20th January 2022, HS2 Ltd. submitted a Transport and Works Act Order application for the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 (Amendment) (Bromford Tunnel) Order 202[X].

The Order would make a minor amendment to the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 (“the 2017 Act”) which authorises the construction and operation of Phase One of the proposed high speed railway between London and the West Midlands which is approximately 143 miles (230 kilometres (km)) in length.

The effect of the amendment would be to remove a legal impediment to a small part of the High Speed railway authorised by the 2017 Act being constructed within tunnel under the powers conferred by the Act, rather than partly on viaduct (being less than 30 metres in length and located near Water Orton to the east of Birmingham) as originally envisaged under the 2017 Act.

892 Parish Matters raised previously (872/879)

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

- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – Councillor I Thomas reported that the MP's office has been in touch with the owners and they are currently pricing up the repairs.
- **Improvements needed on access road to Water Park via private road/steps** - The Clerk has received confirmation that this will be looked into and the officer will prioritise with other jobs. The issue number is A11 031 Footpath no T177.
- **Bromage path behind Kingsbury School floods** – This is being dealt with by Highways and is part of Cllr Jenns, WCC Delegated budget. There is still no date yet for this work to start.
- **Can we obtain any Footpath maps for Councillors?** – WCC Country Paths are able to provide us with an updated map at no cost, but this may take some time. Updates requested.

893 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground (873)

The Clerk has arranged for the wet pour surface renewal under the toddler swings to be carried out. The work is expected to be around the end of May/beginning of June. The cost is already earmarked from a previous NWBC Community Fund grant.

The zip wire seat which has only been renewed a few months ago has been vandalised and although not a safety issue, needs to be replaced. The cableway seat, chains and fixings and the fitting of this is quoted as £550.00. It was proposed by Councillor A Jenns and seconded by Councillor V Barker and agreed by majority that we would have to fund this repair.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would order a new cableway seat set at a cost of £550.00.

894 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (874)

Discussions on this are ongoing, and Councillor A Jenns had no further updates to report.

895 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures Update (876)

Councillor I Thomas started to look at the next policies to be reviewed/set up and sent information to the Clerk. Due to the end of the financial year and production of accounts for audit, the Clerk did not have time to action the information in time for the meeting.

896 Planning Applications/Information

The following Outline application was brought to Councillors attention and discussed:

PAP/2022/0081 – Blythe Cottage, Dexter Lane, Hurley – Outline application for redevelopment of the site to provide 3 dwellings with access being considered. The applicant is only seeking at this stage to establish whether the principle of the proposed development/land use is acceptable. Further applications will be required for any permissions to be granted.

PAP/2022/0067 – Achray, Coventry Road, Kingsbury – Notification of amended plans/description. Application to vary conditions/non-compliance with conditions. Relates to elevations, materials, contaminated land, construction method statement and boundary treatment.

897 Correspondence

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

- WALC weekly round-up of information – forwarded to Councillors
- WCC Councillors Grant Fund 22/23 – Closing 29/5/22
- NALC request for issues to be considered at a committee meeting dedicated for smaller Parish and Town Councils

898 Kingsbury TADC – Fire Service Training Centre, Bodymoor Heath

Councillor A Jenns recently attended the official opening of the new Fire Service Training Centre, Bodymoor Heath at the site of the old outdoor education centre on the edge of the Water Park. He thought that parish councillors may be interested in seeing the facility and will arrange a tour if there is interest. He also said that they have a meeting room that we would be able to use for parish meetings. This will be looked into.

899 Conference on Climate Emergency (880)

Councillor E Steel updated the meeting to say that NWBC had declared a Climate Emergency but their report/action plan which was due to be made public in March/April 2022, is still not published. She suggested that we wait for this report to be published and then review how we could support it. She is also attending a further meeting on Climate Change

900 Councillors Parish Matters raised January/February 2022 (881)

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

- **Bodymoor Heath Bridge damage is getting worse** – WCC have spoken to the Canal Trust to put pressure on to get this assessed and repaired/made safe. No further update so this will be followed up.
- **Trinity Road from A51 to Piccadilly bridge has branches close to the road** – WCC will take a look but expect it to be private vegetation and would have to be classed as unreasonable to write to the owners. It is also bird nesting season which makes large scale vegetation clearance undesirable. Councillor I Thomas said that branches are protruding on kerb level from EMR to 2nd bridge.
- **Pit Hill request for vegetation clearance** – WCC say that Community payback team had done a good job on the area that comes under highways. Further areas come under WCC Paths. Councillor I Thomas will take a look and provide some photographs of any further work required so this can be reported.
- **Bus shelter bin needed by Tamworth Road shelter** – Councillor C Ayasamy on behalf of Kingsbury and Cliff said the group would pay for a new bin and fitting if the parish took over the emptying costs. The bin has been ordered and any groups involved with its purchase/running costs will be mentioned on the bin.
- **Black Path Hurley by football pitches to Meadow Road is overgrown** – Reported WCC Paths and has been given a reference number of T52 number A11368.

901 Parish Community Awards Scheme proposal (882)

Councillor A Jenns and Councillor J Thomas put together ideas for the scheme and these were discussed and agreed. This is to acknowledge the work of volunteers in the parish. Each Councillor could nominate up to 3 persons/groups and this would happen every 4 years, mid term between elections. The first time would be 2025 and nominees would be given a certificate and invited to a buffet. Also one person/group nominated for outstanding achievement and given something to keep. Councillors J Thomas and A Jenns to work together to get this put into practice.

902 Councillors Parish Matters raised March 2022 (883)

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

- **Pot holes/tarmac repairs in Wood Street past the 1st speed hump** – WCC Highways have said it is the new pieces of tarmac that are failing. A job will be raised for repair. Wood Street could do with a structural treatment but due to budgets this may be a number of years away.
- **Loose Way Marker for Heart of England path on Coventry Road** – Reported WCC Paths
- **Trees on the bank between Mill Crescent entrances need shoots pruning** – This comes under County Highways, but the shoots are not encroaching the highway so they cannot be attended to.
- **Damage to grass verge Knowle Hill** – More information is needed for action to be taken.

903 Request to Hire Kingsbury Parish Recreation Ground (884)

A request to hire the recreation ground on 5th June 2022 has been received from Kingsbury Village Theatre. This is for a community Jubilee celebration. The details of the hire were agreed, however, as flyers have been put out on social media, Councillors need a few items to be clarified.

904 Councillors Parish Matters raised April 2022

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

- Pear Tree Avenue wall damaged – Councillor E Steel. Councillor V Barker clarified that this had been repaired.
- Highway Community Action Fund – WCC Councillors A Jenns and A Wright. A fund is to be launched and is in the final stages of completion. It will need to be for match funded projects for highways property.
- Road safety schemes being looked at for Wood End as part of Councillor A Wright's budget of £36k which has to cover all 5 of his parishes.
- Parish noticeboard needs updating and a clean – Councillor E Steel
- Damaged litter bin by old taxi rank damaged – Councillor E Steel. This has already been sent to NWBC for renewal/repair.
- Concerns over fly tipping and loud music, Kingsbury – Councillor E Steel
- Repairs to Range Way fence and bin following accident – Councillors E Steel and A Jenns. Progress on this is being requested.
- St Peter and St Pauls Church are having a weekend of celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 21st and 22nd May from 1pm – 4pm. Cream teas and an exhibition of Royal Kingsbury memorabilia and flower displays – Councillor M Moss
- Defibrillator request for Hurley school gates – Councillor A Simpson. This will be looked into with the other requests and some funding will be looked at as they are expensive to purchase the defibrillator and the boxes to house them.

905 Next meetings

The next meeting will be at Piccadilly Community Centre on 25th May 2022.

906 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor A Jenns and seconded by Councillor J Thomas and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed below be approved for payment and the relevant contribution to pension scheme would be paid by bank transfer. Amounts recorded exc of VAT.

Administration Costs – April	£1,144.79
Kingsbury Community Centre - Hire of Hall for meeting	£25.00
WALC Subscription for 22/23	£1,064.00
F J Stevens – Hurley bench repairs	£240.00

Bank Balances – 30th April 2022

Current A/c -	£1,840.59
Reserve Account –	£42,670.12

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