

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 15th July 2020**, via 'Zoom' video media due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor A Lewis

Clerk: S Humphries

607 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 the Oil Depots and 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 any minute relating to Woodlands Community Centre.

608 Public Questions

The public had been asked to contact the Clerk on how to join the meeting online, but no requests were made.

609 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held via Zoom on 17th June 2020 are approved as a true record.

610 HS2 (596)

Councillors have been invited to an on-line update with HS2 on Wednesday 22nd July at 6.30pm. HS2 also updated us via e-mail, which was copied to Councillors, on the Phase 2b eastern leg that runs from the West Midlands to Leeds. On 11/2/2020 the Prime Minister announced the Government's backing of the full 'Y' HS2 route. He also announced that the National Infrastructure Commission would support the Department for Transport, with producing an Integrated Rail Plan. The IRP will look at how best to integrate HS2 Phase 2b and wider transport plans in the north and Midlands and will submit their findings and recommendations to Government by the end of this year.

611 Neighbourhood Plan (597)

This will be looked into further when the corona virus crisis allows.

612 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously (598/604)

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

- **Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close** – This may now come under Taylor Wimpey North Midlands. They have asked their adoption manager to check this path out for us and we are waiting for an update.
- **Graveyards are almost full can we find out whose responsibility it is to take over NWBC or Parish?** – Awaiting information from NWBC.
- **Proposed bus shelter for Hurley** – This will be further looked into for the best site for this taking into account where the bus stops are at present. Once site and cost of shelter is agreed then public opinion and permissions can be sought.
- **Solution needed for access by outdoor gym equipment in Kingsbury through muddy gateway** – To be looked into and costs obtained.
- **Can the cable ties be put back on the Piccadilly play area gates to stop children using it, as it is still closed due to the pandemic?** – NWBC have done this, although guidance has now changed and the play areas are open again.
- **Motorcycles are proving a nuisance in Wood End/Kingsbury** – The police have been trying to combat the issue, however, it's very difficult to police in cars. The police off-roading team are awaiting a new policy to enable them to get back out and they are the best team to tackle the issue. The areas reported will be at the top of their list and one of the first to be visited.
- **Parking problems in Sycamore Road and Bromage Avenue by visitors to Water Park** – Reported to the police and is an ongoing problem which WCC are also looking into.
- **Why are no parking signs still opposite Mill Crescent when they are unenforceable?** – The answer from the Civil Enforcement section of WCC is 'the No Parking signs on the Old Kingsbury Road also provide the prohibition of vehicles sign for the remainder of Old Kingsbury Road. The No Parking portion of them is purely an advisory aspect.' This did not make much sense to Councillors so the Clerk will try and get further clarification.
- **Pathway Tamworth Road to Bromage Avenue weeds in alleyway** – Reported to NWBC.
- **Electrical sub-station Sycamore Rd needs ground repairs following work** – The electrical company will look into and report back to us. The work has now been completed.

613 Community Fund Noticeboard (599)

This is now on order and expected to be delivered in 6 to 8 weeks.

614 Play area opening and Risk Assessment – Covid-19

The Government announced that Play areas and outdoor Gyms could re-open from 4th July 2020. There were recommendations that there should be a recent inspection to ensure they are safe and a risk assessment undertaken. Councillors agreed that our site had met the criteria to open and posters were put up around the site, on the website and on social media, to advise parents/users to follow social distancing and hygiene guidance for the safety of all. It is not possible to clean a play area continually so users need to take some responsibility for their own and others safety.

The risk assessment and guidance was shared with Councillors prior to 4th July and agreed via e-mails. It was proposed by Councillor A Jenns and seconded by Councillor M Moss and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the Play/Gym equipment is now open for use and the Risk Assessment for the opening of the play/gym equipment be officially adopted.

615 Planning Applications/Information

The following Application was brought to Councillors attention via e-mail between meetings.

- **PAP/2020/0294 Unit B Swan Court, Coventry Road, Kingsbury – Single storey extension to hairdressers** – Although no objection to this application, Councillors did raise concerns of very little outside space would be left for the property and it is hoped that the extra space would be used by the hairdressers unit to expand and not a separate business.

616 Applications to Parish Council Community Grant Fund

- **Applications from Hurley and Kingsbury Churches** - These applications were received at this time as in previous years. Legal guidance from NALC has been produced saying it is not clear whether the 1894 Act prevails over the 1972 Act that we were basing our grants on. Therefore, it is recommended that we cannot continue with the payments to churches as we may be taking a course of action that we cannot be certain is legal. As Councillors would gladly have continued with the payments to help with the upkeep of the graveyards, they asked the Clerk to write to the MP to see if Government could clarify this.
- **Kingsbury Community and Youth Centre** – An application was received from the new management committee for help with electrical work and hot water heaters. The work and costs were discussed. It was also suggested that the Chair of the Management Committee be invited to attend a future parish meeting to update Councillors on the progress of the Centre. Councillors also understood that the builder had suggested he may put some money towards the centre and a letter would be sent on behalf of the Centre. It was proposed by Councillor I Thomas and seconded by Councillor C Ayasamy and agreed:
RESOLVED: That a contribution of £480.00 would be made to finance the under sink water heater as long as the rest of the quote could be met by the centre.

617 Councillors Parish Matters raised July 2020

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

- Logo on Kingsbury sign coming into the village is peeling off. This was reported by the Clerk months ago and is still not repaired – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Thank you to those involved and pleased to see that car park markings have been done on the car park behind Jubilee Court shops – Councillor J Thomas
- Kingsbury Guide was produced in 2002. Should we look at an updated version? – Councillor A Jenns
- Kingsbury Youth and Community Centre is holding a re-opening event on 27th July at 10.30am. Councillor B Moss – Mayor of North Warwickshire and Councillor A Jenns – Chair of the Parish Council will formally open it – Councillor V Barker

618 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting scheduled for 16th September at 6.30pm will again be conducted via Zoom. Details will be put on the website nearer the time.

619 Accounts for payment (where accounts include VAT this will be claimed back)

It was proposed by Councillor J 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.

Administration Costs – July	£1,301.23
NWBC Grounds Maintenance payment	£1,518.76
Abbey Office Park Ltd – Cleaning of bus shelters 2 months	£48.00
Zoom subscription	£143.88
Covid-19 Volunteers Fund (Grants in £1019 – Payments out £716.00)	

Bank Balances

31st July 2020

Current A/c - £2,018.76
Reserve Account - £25,747.40

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