

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 17th November 2021**, at Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall, Bodymoor Heath.

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

Apologies: Noted from Councillor C Ayasamy

Clerk: S Humphries

PCSOs: D Smith and C Marshall

813 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 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.
- Councillor H Phillips declared an interest in any minute relating to Woodlands Community Centre.
- Councillors H Phillips, I Thomas and J Thomas declared a personal interest in the minute regarding grants for Christmas Trees/decorations.
- Councillors H Phillips and B Moss declared an interest and took no part in the discussions relating to the minute regarding planning applications.

814 Public Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public:

815 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr B Moss and seconded by Cllr A Jenns and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting on 13th October 2021 be approved as a true record.

816 HS2 (799)

The Government is due to make an announcement tomorrow, 18/11/21 on whether the route from Birmingham to Leeds will be cancelled. The Government will then publish its Integrated Rail Plan (IRP), which will set out its proposals for the future of HS2 Phase 2b alongside other major rail projects in the North and Midlands. The Plan will be online at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-rail-plan-for-the-north-and-the-midlands>.

There are numerous notices from contractors of HS2 detailing road disruptions. These have been put on our website and social media. The main one being that the M42 J9 – J10 will be closed from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve for initial construction works for the Marston Box rail bridge.

817 Parish Matters raised previously (800)

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

- **Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close** – The appointed landscaping contractor has now taken the tree down and laid the tarmac for the footpath. There are a couple of new shrubs still to be planted to complete the job.
- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – WCC Bridges department have had no feedback from DB Schenker Rail UK Ltd. The Clerk has yet again requested an update from the Bridges department at WCC. Councillor I Thomas will try another avenue.
- **Improvement needed on the access road to the Water Park via the private road/steps** - The Clerk has sent photos, which Councillor E Steel took, to WCC and is awaiting a reply.
- **Bromage path behind Kingsbury School floods** – Highways are currently costing up options, some of which would be funded through Cllr Jenns WCC budget. They are looking at a solution for the drainage problems and this will be completed at some point in the future.

818 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground (801)

The work on the cableway and backboard for the games unit should be fitted in the next few weeks. We are told by the company that it is difficult to get parts quickly at the moment. Further improvements to the recreation ground will be worked through in priority order. The wording and design of the information sign will be agreed on before an order is processed.

A resident has suggested the litter bin by the toddler area would benefit from being moved to the other side of the park as it is not used to capacity while the other one is overflowing. This will be looked into. Councillors asked if the new litter bin by the entrance from the water park could be emptied more frequently.

The latest play inspection report has only just been received from NWBC with apologies as it was carried out in July, and lists any items to keep an eye on or any repairs needed. These will be looked into.

819 Parish Grants for Village Christmas trees (802)

Councillors were keen for this to go ahead and that each village gets the same opportunity. Applications were received from Wood End, Piccadilly and Bodymoor Heath. Kingsbury will be contacted to apply, and Hurley already have a tree so declined. Councillor M Moss and the Clerk produced papers which were handed out at the meeting detailing the budget and proposals. To be fair to all villages it was agreed that a maximum of £300 would be available for each village. It was proposed by Councillor A Jenns and seconded by Councillor H Phillips and agreed that Wood End and Piccadilly would each receive £300 as their applications were for more, and Bodymoor Heath were awarded their total as it was only £133.

RESOLVED: Grants were awarded for Christmas tree and light projects for Wood End £300, Bodymoor Heath £133 and Piccadilly £300. When the application arrives from Kingsbury it will be agreed between the Chair/Vice Chair up to the maximum of £300.

820 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (803)

Discussions on this are ongoing at Warwick. North Warwickshire Councillors are in the minority, but wish for control to be kept local and not everything based at Warwick.

821 Security of Parish Recreation Ground (804)

Costs/types of height restrictors available are still being looked into as an added option. There have been a number of cases recently of vandalism and anti-social behaviour on the recreation ground. These have been reported to the police. After discussions and information given to us by a local resident, it was thought that a letter should also be sent to the Headteacher of the school to ask him to address the concerns in an assembly, or other way to raise awareness of unacceptable behaviour.

822 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures (805)

The working party group are in the process of updating and ensuring we have the necessary policies and procedures in place. It was agreed to have a further meeting of the group next week to work out the policies/procedures that need to be looked into or updated. This is ongoing and any updates or new policies will be sent to all Councillors prior to a full meeting for discussion/agreement before being adopted.

823 Planning Applications/Information

The following applications were brought to Councillors attention and discussed:

PAP/2021/0580 – Orchard House, Cliff Hall Lane, Cliff - Retention of storage container (temporary for 2 years), well head, screening bund, re-profiling of land; change of use of land from agricultural to horticultural and landscaped private amenity use, with creation of additional bunds, spinney and wildflower meadow. Councillors supported this application and a response will be sent.

PAP/2021/0030 – Old Rail Farm, Hurley Common - Change of use of redundant agricultural building to stables, feed storage, office, mess room, commercial horse-rug washing, and dog-grooming; and associated works.

824 Correspondence

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

- Warwickshire Matters Newsletters – forwarded to Cllrs.
- NWBC – Gambling Draft Policy consultation to 17/12/21.
- Next NWAC meeting 30/11/21 at 7.30pm – Chair/Vice Chair invited on behalf of parish.
- Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership supporting World day of remembrance for all those affected by road traffic collisions, is Sunday 21/11/21.
- Warks Road Safety Partnership asking the public not to purchase e-scooters for Christmas as they are currently illegal to use in public areas.
- WCC – Cherry Close, Hurley - closed to traffic 8-5pm from 15-22nd November 2021.
- WCC Social Impact Fund designed to harness power of communities to help tackle inequality and social exclusion being launched on 4/11/21. This is open to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations and town and parish councils.
- WCC Queensway, Marlow Road and High Street closed between junction with Bridge Street, Queensway and St Edmonds Road for footway re-construction from 22/11-30/11/21.
- WCC Temporary closure of Church Lane, Kingsbury for footway re-construction from 22/11/21-6/12/21. Access to be maintained where possible.
- WCC Voice of Warwickshire – A new residents panel to give people the opportunity to share their views – you can sign up at <https://bit.ly/voiceofwarwickshire> or call 01926 410410.
- Employers legal duties for workplace pensions re-enrolment.
- Update from Head of Legal Services NWBC on apologies given at meetings.
- NWBC Housing and Employment Land availability assessment consultation ends on 22/12/21.
- WCC Temporary closure of Dexter Lane, Hurley 29/11/21-1/12/21 for renewal of water pipe.

825 Councillors Parish Matters raised June-Oct 2021 (808/809/810)

The following are updates/information from the relevant authorities:

- **Damaged bench Hurley** – Waiting for a further contractor to have a look at the bench and let us know a cost, to see if it is repairable.
- **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. No further updates.
- **Village signs either end of Piccadilly need cleaning** – Highways have been out to look and have put a job request in for the sign on one end of the village but they found the other sign to be relatively clean.

826 Conference on Climate Emergency

Councillor E Steel had attended the WALC conference on what a parish council could do regarding climate change. She provided a write up for Councillors and updated the meeting. This was discussed and some of the measures the council could take would be to produce a Climate Action Plan and declaration, create a neighbourhood plan and ask NWBC to consider requesting a carbon impact statement on all planning applications received. There will be a further course in January which Councillor Steel would be interested in attending for further information.

After discussions, it was proposed by Councillor E Steel, seconded by Councillor H Phillips and agreed that:

RESOLVED: The Parish Council would ask NWBC to consider a request on all planning applications for the applicant to provide a Carbon Impact Statement.

827 Plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 (808)

Information was put forward from the Clerk and Councillors J Thomas and E Steel on costs and types of trees. Anyone purchasing a tree(s) would then register it on a digital map which will be presented to the Queen. The two trees put forward were a flowering cherry and a pin oak tree. It was proposed by Councillor E Steel, seconded by Councillor A Simpson and a majority vote was for a Pin Oak tree.

RESOLVED: That a Pin Oak (Quercus Palustris) would be purchased and planted in the parish recreation ground (site would be agreed and information requested from NWBC. Stakes and ties would also be purchased. Approximate cost would be £100.

828 Councillors Parish Matters raised November 2021

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

- **Tree branches overhanging coming out or going into Piccadilly Crescent** – Cllr I Thomas
- **Access point to Pit Hill path to Kingsbury Link is overgrown** – Councillor I Thomas
- **New bin on recreation ground needs to be emptied more often** – Councillor A Jenns
- **If any interest to Councillors there is a 'Councillors Corner' facebook page for Councillors to share views etc** – Councillor A Jenns
- **Lower House Farm recycling centre time slots have reduced and are now available the same day** – Councillor B Moss
- **Road signs twisted and hinges need attention opposite Trinity Road/Tamworth Road** – Councillor E Steel
- **NWBC are working through the replies from the consultation of Wood End Play Area and results should be out by late Spring** – Councillor E Steel
- **Footpath by Kingsbury Co-op/old library gulley is uneven and a problem for mobility scooters** – Councillor M Moss

829 Next meetings

The next meeting will be 19th January at Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall, Bodymoor Heath.

830 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor A Simpson 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 – November	£1,176.74
Piccadilly - Hire of Hall for meeting	£20.00
WALC – Councillors Course fee for online courses	£38.00
Kimcell Ltd – Annual charge for website	£384.00
Grants for Christmas trees Minute 819	£733.00

Bank Balances – 30th November 2021 Current A/c - £3,240.15 Reserve Account – £36,756.73

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