

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 15th September 2021**, at Kingsbury Community and Youth Centre, Kingsbury.

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

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillors A Jenns, J Thomas and I Thomas

Clerk: S Humphries

Members of the Public: One

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service: Two

776 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss and H Phillips 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 C Ayasamy declared a personal interest in any minutes relating to HS2.
- 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.

777 Presentation by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service

The Chief Fire Officer and the Head of Training for Warwickshire Fire and Rescue attended the meeting to discuss the local proposals for the area and answer any questions that Councillors may have.

They explained the need for specialist training areas so that firefighters are prepared when called to incidents. They are currently exploring all areas and options.

Training involves controlled hot fires with 4 storey high structures, but they are able to do this without smoke being sent out into the communities. They also train in water rescue and are looking at possibly having to create a manmade small lake as the Coventry Road site may not be suitable due to the weir and not being able to guarantee water flow.

They are still preparing the old outdoor education site at Kingsbury and are hoping to engage with the youth of the area by using the climbing wall there.

Councillors asked questions on the presentation and thanked them for attending.

778 Public Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public:

779 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr B Moss and seconded by Cllr C Ayasamy and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting on 14th July 2021 be approved as a true record.

780 HS2 (762)

There were no new updates to report for the meeting.

781 Hurley Bus Shelter (763)

The shelter was fitted on 12th July and the seat is now in place. The timetable and bus stop flag have been requested and the insurance company informed. WCC have said that bus operators have been reticent to produce new timetables due to the ongoing instability of bus services following the pandemic, and are only now starting to regain confidence. They will try and source a timetable to put in the shelter.

The shelter has been added to the cleaning contract list and will be cleaned once a month.

782 Councillors/Public Parish Matters raised previously (764)

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

- **Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close** – Taylor Wimpey North Midlands have been in touch with their landscaping contractors but there is still no date for the work to be carried out. They will let us know when this has been programmed in.
- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – WCC Bridges department have confirmed that they have had no feedback from DB Schenker Rail UK Ltd and will try again this week. The Clerk also tried to contact the company without success.
- **Mill Roundabout Improvements** – No further information to report but agreed to leave on the minutes. Councillor B Moss would like to see the footpath reinstated.
- **Improvement needed on the access road to the Water Park via the private road and steps** - The Clerk has received a response back from the owner of the hall and WCC but neither define the exact boundaries. Land registry would need to be contacted for clarification.
- **Bromage path running behind Kingsbury School floods** – Discussions between Cllr Jenns and Highways have taken place and they are currently costing up options which would be funded through Cllr Jenns WCC budget if possible. The slurry seal treatment has been costed but the drainage works have not been designed yet.

783 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground (765)

The Clerk explained that the work on the cableway and backboard for the games unit were on order but there were delays with accessing the parts. It is hoped to be fitted early November. She will continue to work through the agreed list of improvements to the recreation ground and report back to Councillors as the jobs progress. The wording and design of the information sign needed for the recreation ground would be circulated to all and agreed on before an order is processed.

784 Proposal - Village Christmas trees (766)

NWBC have reported concerns regarding planting a permanent tree for many reasons, and suggested temporary trees. This was following a request from the Kingsbury Good Neighbours Group. Councillors were keen if this was to go ahead that each village gets the opportunity to do the same as Kingsbury did last year. To be able to carry this forward it would need community groups in each village to organise, and maybe the way to do this would be for them to apply to the parish community grants fund to purchase the trees. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

785 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (767)

There were no updates available but the item will be kept on the minutes going forward.

786 Security of Parish Recreation Ground (769)

The lock is now more secure, but the costs/types of height restrictors available are being looked into.

787 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures (770)

The working group are in the process of updating and ensuring we have the necessary policies and procedures in place. The following updates were reported/discussed:

- **Delegation of Powers** – This will be reviewed when necessary.
- **Risk Assessment Play Area** – To be created and added to the list of policies/procedures.

788 Planning Applications/Information

The following Applications were brought to Councillors attention.

- **PAP/2021/0495 Manor House Farm, Kingsbury** – Conversion of existing barns into two dwelling units, associated external works and drainage. Taking down of existing steel frame barns. New single storey rear extensions to create open plan living rear of each property.
- **PAP/2021/0474 – 10 St Peters Place, Kingsbury** – Install 2 replacement windows.
- **PAP/2021/0435 – Planters Garden Centre** – Erection of storage building.

789 Update Budget/Expenditure for 2021/2022 (771)

Councillors were given the budget update figures for the current year showing the expenditure to date, and they are in line with the projected outcome for the year end. Further updates will be provided as the financial year progresses.

790 Correspondence

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

- Offer of an old grit bin if it could be used around the parish. We are waiting for a response from EMR to see if they can make use of it.
- Our Hedge by Wings Theatre building needs cutting. This will be done by NWBC and included in our grounds maintenance charges.
- Request for a link to be put on our website by Rehab4 addiction. With this being a private charging clinic not based locally, it was decided it would not be appropriate.
- Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership – results of anti-speed campaign and focus on drug driving media release. Forwarded to Councillors.
- Warwickshire Rural Housing Association request to speak about affordable homes and possible sites in Hurley. This needed to be directed to NWBC as the planning authority.
- Warwickshire Matters Newsletter forwarded to Councillors.
- New site location 101a Knowle Hill, Hurley added to Royal Mail Postal address list.
- Website stats - new users from 17/8/21-13/9/21 is 88. There were 212 views from 95 users.
- Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership public consultation ended 15/9/21.
- Road Safety Advice for Drivers/Cyclists on Warwickshire roads - put on our facebook page.
- Britain's longest serving lollipop lady has finally retired after 52 years crossing children over the road in Kingsbury. She is wished an enjoyable retirement.

791 Councillors Parish Matters raised June/July 2021 (773)

The following are updates/information from the relevant authorities:

- **Would a long grass patch on recreation ground encourage insects?** – NWBC to advise us.
- **Overgrown land Chestnut Close end in gully pathway from Sycamore** – NWBC to look into.
- **Path behind Ralph Crescent and path from Tamworth Road up past old library needs clearing** - Weedkiller does now seem to have done the job, but the Clerk reported shrub cuttings from the residents properties just left on the pathway. NWBC will get collected.
- **Area either side of old Taxi rank needs a clear up** – NWBC have been asked to include this with other jobs on the recreation ground.
- **Can we follow up why lamp has not been working since being installed in Bodymoor Heath?** – Chased up numerous times with WCC Street Lighting. However, a recent road traffic accident has now demolished the post altogether.
- **Bus timetable is covered by overgrowth on Coventry Road** – NWBC to clear. Councillor M Moss reported that the timetable box needs cleaning.
- **Damaged bench Hurley** – The Clerk has one quote for repair which is not far off purchasing a new bench. Further quotes will be requested to see if it is worth repairing.
- **Plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022** – Further information will be requested on costs for a substantial tree(s) as the smaller saplings get vandalised and broken.

792 Conclusion of Audit

The External Auditors have completed their review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for Kingsbury Parish Council. It is their opinion that the information in sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The notice of conclusion of audit is on our website www.kingsbury-pc.gov.uk

793 Councillors Parish Matters raised September 2021

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

- Obscured road signs on the approach to Hurley from Atherstone – Councillor A Simpson
- For information Bus Passes maybe issued by libraries – Councillor A Simpson
- Wood End Play Area development project organised by NW Community Development Team. They were on site to get the public feedback in August and initial reports on the plans are expected by December – Councillor E Steel
- Would Wheelie bin stickers stating 30 speed limit or ‘slow down’ be useful? – Cllr E Steel
- Defra has launched a consultation on Local Nature Recovery Strategies with a closing date of 15/10/21 to respond – Councillor E Steel
- Annual WALC conference featuring 2 day workshops on Addressing Climate Change, practical steps for parish councils – Councillor E Steel would like to attend
- No timetable in the Mill Crescent bus shelter – Councillor B Moss. The Clerk has been trying to get a copy for a while now but they are not being printed due to the constant changes.
- Need for more bus services now we have a new shelter at Hurley – Councillor J Whitby
- Thank you letter from Ann Lewis to say thank you for the afternoon tea in recognition of her long service as a parish councillor – Councillor M Moss
- Councillor A Jenns has been in hospital suffering from Covid and Councillors wish him a speedy recovery and a small gift was suggested and agreed – Councillor M Moss
- Fir trees have been cut down allowing fumes and light pollution from the railway for residents of Wright Close, Kingsbury – Councillor C Ayasamy. This is an ongoing issue being dealt with by NWBC and Network Rail and not something that the parish council can help with.
- Kingsbury and Cliff group will be decorating the Kingsbury sign Trinity Road with poppies and tidying up the area – Councillor C Ayasamy
- Any implementation of parking charges will not happen before February 2022 – Cllr B Moss
- Can we obtain any Footpath maps for Councillors? – Councillor B Moss
- Noisy jet bikes at Kingsbury Water Park – Councillor B Moss

794 Next meetings

The next meeting will be 13th October at Piccadilly Community Centre.

795 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor B Moss 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 – August/September	£2,336.77
Kingsbury Community Centre hire of hall	£25.00
HMRC quarterly charges	£431.81
Abbey Office Park – 6 months cleaning of bus shelters	£180.00
PJ Collins Contractors Ltd – Install bin/base Hurley & concrete pad/bin K’bury	£750.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP – Auditors	£300.00
Keys cut for Recreation ground	£80.00
Tranter Training – Defibrillator pads for Hurley and Piccadilly	£90.00

GW Shelter Solutions – Hurley bus shelter
NWBC April-June Grounds Maintenance

£6,753.00
£1,265.63

Bank Balances – 30th September 2021 Current A/c - £4,185.62/Reserve Account - £41,756.06

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Dated _____