

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 20th July 2022**, at Jubilee Court Community Room, Kingsbury

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

Apologies: Noted from Councillors H Phillips, B Moss and A Simpson

Clerk: S Humphries

948 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillor A Jenns declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.
- 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.

949 Private and Confidential Item

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the special nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable to temporarily exclude the public from the meeting as there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under paragraph 1 and 11 of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the said Act.

- Reason being - Discussion on Employees, former or prospective employees, eg salary of Clerk and conditions and terms of employment.

This will be recorded as a separate confidential minute.

950 Public Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

951 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr M Moss and seconded by Cllr J Whitby and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th June 2022 be approved as a true record.

952 HS2 (932)

Councillors I and J Thomas attended the latest Special Management Zone meeting. Residents from Bodymoor Heath had been recording the number of HGV vehicles through Bodymoor Heath between 8am and 1pm and counted 43. The issue was raised with HS2 regarding many more than the agreed counts going through local surrounding villages.

Inform HS2 if any parish community events are planned and they will try to attend.

It is hoped that the lights on the A4097 will be removed in the not too distant future.

953 Parish Matters raised previously (933)

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

- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – No further update after we were told the owners were pricing up for the repairs. The Clerk has contacted the MPs office for n update, but no response had been received in time for the meeting.
- **Improvements needed on access road to Water Park via private road/steps** - The issue number is A11 031 Footpath no T177. An update received states that it is still in a list to be prioritised by WCC, but they are concentrating on bridges while the weather is dry.
- **Bromage path behind Kingsbury School floods** – This is being dealt with by Highways and is part of Cllr Jenns, WCC Delegated budget. Councillor Jenns had recently met with highways re a drainage system and resurfacing but this is still being priced up and agreed.
- **Footpath maps for Councillors?** – Updates have been requested again.

954 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground (934)

The Clerk is looking into the remaining outstanding jobs to complete the use of the money granted for the improvements.

955 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (935)

Discussions on this are ongoing. Levelling up is being looked into and County/Borough deals. Also more powers may be given to Parish Council's in the future.

956 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures Update (936)

Councillor I Thomas has agreed to retake up the position of Chair on the Working Party. All Councillors were provided with the changes and policies to adopt:

- **Standing Orders** – Slight changes had been made to Section 18 and 21 of the 2018 Model Standing Orders. These changes were highlighted for Councillors. It was proposed by Councillor M Moss and seconded by Councillor J Whitby and agreed:
RESOLVED: That the changes to the 2018 Model Standing Orders be adopted and the amended version put on the website.
- **Equality and Diversity Policy** – New policy. Councillors were given 2 options. Option 2 was chosen as the one to adopt with one amendment to clarify the ways the council will monitor changes. It was proposed by Councillor E Steel and seconded by Councillor M Moss and agreed:
RESOLVED: That the Equality and Diversity Policy be adopted with the above mentioned amendment and included on the website.
- **Recruitment policy** – This was discussed as part of the confidential Minute 949. It was proposed by Councillor I Thomas and seconded by Councillor E Steel and agreed:
RESOLVED: That the Recruitment Policy be adopted as discussed and agreed by all.

957 Kingsbury TADC – Fire Service Training Centre, Bodymoor Heath (939)

Councillor Jenns will chase up TADC for a date for a visit/tour of the facility for those Councillors interested and ask about the room for hire.

958 Climate Change (940)

The Phase 2 Green Shoots Community Fund requires applications to be submitted by 19th September. Councillors E Steel and A Simpson have been working with Wood End Primary School and the Allotments in Hurley to help them put in applications to the fund. Councillor E Steel will attend a meeting on 24/8/22 on completing the applications and getting any updated information.

A separate page has been created on the website for information on Climate Change and to help raise awareness. Councillor E Steel has produced a sheet to go on the new page and this has been sent to Councillors for comments before putting on the website.

959 Councillors Parish Matters raised January-May 2022 (941/944)

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

- **Bodmoor Heath Bridge damage is getting worse** – WCC Bridge Maintenance Team Leader is in contact with the Canal River Trust. The CRT has confirmed movement since their last visit on 5th May and they are to install temporary works. No further information – to 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. Councillor I Thomas said that branches are protruding on kerb level from EMR to 2nd bridge. No further update from WCC.
- **Litter bin needed by Tamworth Road bus shelter** – This has now been fitted
- **Dropped kerbs needed in parts of Piccadilly and Kingsbury.** – Exact locations to be advised by Councillors and then Councillor A Jenns will discuss with Highways the possibility of using his WCC delegated budget.
- **Dead trees on collector road grassed area Tamworth Road** – WCC Forestry are now aware and say that any dead trees should be replaced.

960 Planning Applications/Information

The following applications were brought to Councillors attention:

- **PAP/2022/0288 – 1 St Peters Place, Kingsbury** – Work to tree in conservation area.
- **PAP/2022/0233 – Trinity House Kingsbury** – Change of use from C3 dwelling to C2 and C3b respite including garage conversion.
- **PAP/2022/0322 – Cottage Farm, Hurley** – Extension to existing agricultural building.
- **PAP/2022/0362 – 67 Ascot Drive, Dosthill** – Construction of garden outbuilding.
- **PAP/2022/0286 – 125 Tamworth Road Wood End** – Erection of one 3 bed dwelling.
- **PAP/2022/0225 – Unit 2 Kingsbury Link** – Extension to existing industrial unit.

961 Correspondence

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

- Intention to process road closure for Utilities Pear Tree Avenue 27/9-29/9/22. Further information to follow.
- HS2 notice of surveys on Kingsbury Road 28/7-0/7/22 9pm-5am with 4 way traffic lights.
- Acknowledgment from external auditor to say that our data has been logged and is in a queue to be processed.
- NWBC – Consulting on Water Orton conservation area extension – 16/6-27/7/22
- WALC weekly round-up newsletters – forwarded to all Cllrs.
- Hurley latest newsletter – put on our website.
- Police latest newsletter – put on our website
- Addresses of new development Kingsbury agreed as Nos 1-9 Breedon Close, Kingsbury.

962 Councillors Parish Matters raised June 2022 (945)

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

- **Large tree root protruding on Bromage path** – WCC highways are aware of this and it will be taken into consideration with ongoing proposals for work in the area.
- **Rubbish/weeds in Jubilee Court area** – Reported to NWBC
- **Overgrown weeds in access alleyway to Kingsbury Primary School** – Raised with WCC who are responsible for the area.
- **Wood Street repairs needed by speed humps** – Reported to Highways
- **Sign by White Swan flattened** – Reported to WCC
- **Bank by Mill Crescent needs trimming** – Reported to NWBC/WCC
- **Way marker still not reinstated Coventry Road** – Update from WCC that it will be followed up. Issue no A11746.

- **Lighting hatpin needs reinstating by Hemlingford bridge** – Reported to WCC lighting
- **Footpath alongside Kingsbury Theatre/Royal Oak needs strimming** – Reported to WCC and given Ref no 438004883.

963 Highways Items/WCC Councillor Jenns Delegated budget

A number of items were discussed when Councillor A Jenns met with WCC Highways and he asked if they could be discussed at a parish council meeting. These items would be funded from a delegated budget held by Cllr Jenns through WCC:

- **Bench – Mill Crescent** – A bench to be provided when waiting for the bus by the post box Mill Crescent, Kingsbury. This would need to be added to the parish insurance and we take responsibility for this. After discussion, this was proposed by Councillor A Jenns and seconded by Councillor V Barker and agreed:
RESOLVED: That a new bench would be included on the parish insurance policy(which is minimal annual cost) and the Parish Council would then take over responsibility for this in the future. This would be fitted by WCC.
- **Dropped Kerbs, Pear Tree** (ref Minute 959 also) – Highways has received the correspondence from the parish re the lack of dropped kerbs from Trinity Road to Pear Tree and if Parish Councillors can provide a preferred route for wheelchair etc users a plan and costs can be drawn up.
- **Hurley Bus stop location** – Residents find it dangerous to access the bus stop on Knowle Hill due to parked cars. Highways and Cllr Jenns discussed moving the stop towards Wakefield Close but would need the views of Hurley Community Association and local residents before this could be agreed on. The Clerk will forward on to HCA and this could possibly be put on their newsletter.

964 Sycamore Recreation Ground – Green Shoots Funding

Councillor A Jenns has received a number of complaints from Kingsbury residents regarding the Sycamore Road play area. This is the responsibility of NWBC but the parish council may be able to apply to the fund on their behalf with the borough carrying out the community consultation and taking responsibility for any new equipment. This was discussed and agreed that with some support from CAVA/NWBC we would complete the application. It was proposed by Councillor A Jenns and seconded by Councillor I Thomas and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would pursue an application to the Green Shoots Fund for some play equipment for the Sycamore Road play area if all requirements are met.

965 Proposed cuts to Bus Services

Councillors and residents are becoming concerned about the information emerging that the Tamworth to Hurley 15 service will be cut. Diamond Bus has set out to WCC, MP and other groups that the current network is unsustainable and they cannot afford to run at a loss.

A statement sent to the MP from WCC Network Planning Officer reads as follows:-

“Following Diamond’s decision to de-register both service 15 (Tamworth-Kingsbury-Hurley-Wood End-Piccadilly-Kingsbury-Tamworth) circular and service 76/76A (Tamworth-Ventura Park-Kingsbury, some journeys extending to Hurley etc), WCC have put out a tender for a combined revised service in the area.

The Hurley/Wood End/Piccadilly area is intended to retain a broadly hourly service as now, although due to budgetary constraints and passenger numbers, the Tamworth-Kingsbury section of the routes will likely reduce from 3 to 2 buses an hour.”

The tender deadline is 28th July and more information will follow as we are informed.

966 Councillors Parish Matters raised July 2022

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

- North Works Area Committee AGM 28/9/22 is open to all Councillors – Councillor J Thomas
- Warwickshire Healthwatch is producing an integrated Care package to help reach vulnerable and house bound people – Councillor J Thomas
- No disabled access to Wood End recreation ground – Councillor J Whitby
- Parking causing problems by Wood End Co-op – Councillor J Whitby
- Parking causing problems outside Kingsbury Garage – Councillor C Ayasamy
- No parking sign missing by Hemlingford bridge – Councillor A Jenns
- Fence along field by Hemlingford bridge damaged and waymarker damaged– Councillor A Jenns/M Moss
- Sign damaged for Piccadilly Community Centre – Councillor I Thomas
- Branch needing attention Piccadilly Crescent – Councillor I Thomas
- Trees obscuring road sign by Ingrams Farm going towards Wood End – Councillor M Moss

967 Next meetings

The next meeting will be at Kingsbury Methodist Church Hall on 27th September 2022. It was agreed to change the date of the November meeting to 23rd November 2022. This will be updated on the website.

968 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor M Moss and seconded by Councillor J Whitby 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. Amounts recorded excluding VAT.

Administration Costs – July	£1,174.60
Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall - Hire of Hall for meeting	£8.00
Broxap supply of litter bin for Kingsbury	£469.95
NWAC Subscription for 2022	£17.50

Bank Balances – 31st July 2022

Current A/c -	£2,099.58
Reserve Account –	£32,679.64

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