

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday 26th April 2023**, Jubilee Court Communal Room Kingsbury.

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

Apologies: Noted from Councillors J Whitby and B Moss.

Clerk: S Gommersall

113 Thankyou

Councillor J Thomas thanked Councillor A Simpson for all of his hard work during the years he has been a member of Kingsbury Parish Council.

114 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors J Thomas 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.
- Councillors H Phillips declared a personal interest in any Borough Council issues.

115 Public Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

116 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr M Moss and seconded by Cllr V Barker and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd March 2023 be approved as a true record.

117 HS2 (973)

Cllr I Thomas and J Thomas attended a meeting with the construction commissioner during April.

118 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground

Cllr I Thomas awaiting quotes on replacement parts of the tower and zip line seat for the recreational ground. Clerk will bring quotes (with and without) fitting prices to next meeting for discussion.

Cllr M Moss awaiting quotes on signs.

119 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (975)

Cllr A Jenns attended a meeting with consultants, there are no new updates.

120 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures Update

Cllr J Whitby proposed and Cllr H Phillips seconded that all policies and procedures are now complete and can go on the website (other than Disciplinary).

Disciplinary- Cllr I Thomas and Cllr M Moss to confirm the Grievance and Disciplinary procedure.

121 Kingsbury TADC – Fire Service Training Centre, Bodymoor Heath (977)

Cllr A Jenn's has chased this up and is awaiting a response.

122 Climate Change (978)

Clerk to update website with 'NO MOW MAY' - not mowing lawns in May.

123 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously

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

- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – Owners will be removing the fence now as it is a Health and Safety issue.
- **Bodmoor Heath Bridge damage** – The Canal River Trust has confirmed that the repairs to the retaining wall are programmed between March 2023-April 2024 ref 913880. They are monitoring the bridge for movement.
- **Footpath alongside Kingsbury Theatre/Royal Oak needs strimming** – Clerk in touch with owners who are confirming with the brewery who owns the fence.
- **Street light removed Bodmoor Heath** – The New Column will be put in fairly quickly but as the cable was damaged too, it is now left with National Grid to fit the new cable. WCC Street Lighting Communities have been chased up again.
- **Disabled markings on car park rear of Jubilee Court faded** – Clerk has been in contact with civil enforcement and the borough. Awaiting more information.
- **White line markings needed in Piccadilly for safety** – Cllr I Thomas attended a meeting to discuss and it was agreed they are needed. Chased up.
- **Footpath to water park still muddy** – It is Issue Number A11 031 Footpath No T117. Paths have confirmed that the Rangers of the Water Park are currently prioritising closed bridges and this will be looked at after.
- **Jubilee Court access from community room to car park needs to be lit and walkway under arch is uneven** – NWBC have agreed to fit extra lighting on the old boiler house. Work to address the uneven footpath is also scheduled.
- **Hurley 'Black Path' needs cutting back as very overgrown** – Awaiting confirmation on which part of the black path we pay to be cut back.
- **The sign before Kingsbury Link needs attention** – Reference No: FS476147441, posts are now in, still awaiting sign. Sent email chasing.
- **Manhole opposite The Crescent in Piccadilly is collapsing** - Reported again and has been repaired again.
- **Drain cover on Coventry Road** - Column 15 in danger of collapsing has also been reported to WCC. Reference No: FS492314467. Emailed confirming again this is column 15 and has not been completed. Highways have requested images.
- **The Willows at Cliff** – this is now in the hands of the legal department at NWBC.
- **Hurley Common Road Closure** - WCC would like KPC to confirm who is carrying out the works.
- **Litter Bin Piccadilly** - Cllr I Thomas proposed that he will get in touch with NWBC to see if they will take on the responsibility of emptying the bin.
- **Mill Crescent development damage to footpath** - Site manager has now confirmed builders will be clearing the mud away at the end of each working day and using whacker plates to ensure this is safe.

124 Planning Applications/Information

PAP/2023/0115- Allotments, Knowle Hill, Hurley- Installation of container for allotment use, with revision to PAP/2021/0669.

125 Correspondence

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

- Letter of support for Kingsbury Sports Hall and Community Centre in their application for the BIFFA grant application to renew the flooring has been sent by clerk.

- WALC AGM will be held Thursday 21st September. Training will be available throughout the day for Clerks, Councillors and Officers.

126 Highways Items/WCC Councillor Jenn's Delegated budget (982)

These items would be funded from a delegated budget held by Cllr Jenn's through WCC:

- **Bench – Mill Crescent** – Cllr A Jenns has chased this up but is awaiting a response.
- **The County Councillor Small Fund** - Cllr A Jenns reported that the fund will open for application 9th May and close 18th June.

127 Planter for Kingsbury

Cllr C Ayasamy has collated residents' thoughts and will now proceed as no objections.

128 Parish Emergency Plans

Updated plans will be brought to the Council Meeting in May/June.

129 Finance Committee – Update from Chair

Defibrillators and bleed kits- Cllr I Thomas organised training for the Clerk, and defibrillator inspectors to attend with the ambulance service on the 24th April 23. The Clerk will now be informed every 3 months if any batteries/pads are needed to maintain the working defibrillators. Clerk has passed over expiry dates for bleed kits to Defib Shop who will send out reminders for replacements.

Insurance - insurance has now been renewed and we are on a 3-year fixed rate. Clerk has set reminder for 6 months before due for renewal to start looking for quotes.

130 Councillors Parish Matters raised

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

- Cllr A Jenns reported wire sticking out of the ground near the first bench at the recreational ground in Kingsbury. Clerk has reported this a matter of urgency.
- Potholes in Wood Street, Wood End need refilling again.
- Cllr M Moss reported a complaint from a resident of Kingsbury with the seat at the bus stop near to Kingsbury Doctors surgery being wet when it rains. Clerk to email NWBC to see if backing of the bus stop can be made waterproof to prevent this.
- Cllr E Steel reported that Pear Tree Development have now changed the plans and the fencing around the houses will now circle the trees, meaning approximately 12 ft will be taken off the trees. Cllr E Steel has written to them asking where the replacement trees will be going.

131 Private and confidential

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, e.g. salary of Clerk and conditions and terms of employment. This will be recorded as a separate confidential minute.

132 Grant Requests

No Grant requests

133 Next meetings

The next meeting will be on 18th May 2023 at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

134 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Cllr M Moss and seconded by Cllr A Jenns 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	541.19
EE Mobile Phone	8.00
Bus Shelter Cleaning	270.00
Insurance	1102.53

Bank Balances – 30th April 2023

Current A/c -	£3715.63
Reserve Account –	£48687.79

Signed _____ **Dated** _____