Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 13th October 2021**, at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

Present: Councillors: Chair J Thomas, I Thomas, B Moss, J Whitby, V Barker, C Ayasamy, A Jenns, E Steel, H Phillips, and A Simpson
Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor M Moss
Clerk: S Humphries
Members of the Public: None **Police:** PC826 S Bird

796 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 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 minutes relating to Woodlands Community Ctre.

797 Public Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public:

798 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 15th September 2021 be approved as a true record.

799 HS2 (780)

There were no new updates to report for the meeting, but there are continuing notices of traffic management/night road closures. Kingsbury Road A4097 will have night closures in place 18/10/21 to 29/10/21 from 9pm to 5am – Mon-Fri. Day time single lane closures 25/10/21-5/11/21 from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

800 Parish Matters raised previously (782)

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

- **Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close** – The appointed landscaping contractor will be attending site on 4th November to take the tree down in preparation of the tarmac for the footpath. A date for the tarmac to be laid is approximately five weeks after this.

- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – WCC Bridges department have had no feedback from DB Schenker Rail Uk Ltd but will keep trying. The Clerk will continue to request updates from the Bridges department at WCC.
- **Improvement needed on the access road to the Water Park via the private road and steps** - The Clerk has had no luck with the online system for Land Registry as there is no postcode associated with the access road. Councillor E Steel offered to look into another option to clarify who was responsible.
- **Bromage path running behind Kingsbury School floods** – Highways are currently costing up options which would possibly be funded through Cllr Jenns WCC budget. The slurry seal treatment has been costed but the drainage works have not been designed yet.

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

The work on the cableway and backboard for the games unit should be fitted early November. However, it has been reported that the seat and chain have been vandalised and are missing from the cableway. The Clerk has checked with NWBC that they haven't removed it, and requested a price for a new seat from the company, as this is a crucial part of this equipment. The cost will come out of the grant we received for improvements to the recreation ground. 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.

802 Village Christmas trees (784)

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 apply to the parish community grants fund to purchase the trees.
An application was received from Wood End and Piccadilly and information will be sent to all villages to apply if they wish to, and this will be discussed at the November meeting when all applications are in.

803 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (785)

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

804 Security of Parish Recreation Ground (786)

Costs/types of height restrictors available are still being looked into as an added option.

805 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures (787)

The working group are in the process of updating and ensuring we have the necessary policies and procedures in place. This is ongoing and any updates will be brought to parish council for agreement.

806 Planning Applications/Information

There were no applications brought to Councillors attention.

807 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. EMR would be happy to make use of it if it is still available.
- Cornerstone, proposed radio base station installation at CTIL30002100 – field behind Marston Farm Hotel, Bodymoor Heath Road Preliminary notification prior to planning application.
- Wheelie bin stickers saying 'slow down in our community' are available if anyone wants one please email the Clerk on kingsburypc@outlook.com
- WCC Pension fund information for employers – Admin Strategy.
- Warwickshire Matters Newsletter.

- Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership has supported an open letter re load safety as part of a national week of action.
- Chain of office has been sent for engraving.
- Traffic Act – Simmons Close Middleton from junction with Church Lane – footway reconstruction and associated works 25/10-2/11/21.
- Rubber road strips in Hurley maybe part of a survey prior to moving the speed limit signs.

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

The following are updates/information from the relevant authorities:

- **Would a long grass patch on recreation ground encourage insects?** – NWBC has responded by saying that Wild areas are popular at the moment and an area could be left unmown. Whilst not mowing will create a habitat for wildlife it will not guarantee swaths of wild flowers that some people expect, it will depend on what is in the ground. Strong plants such as docks, cow parsley, stingers and brambles tend to do well, great for the insects but not always popular. This has led to NWBC having to mow the areas as they can look unsightly if not maintained properly, which is labour intensive.
- **Vegetation overgrown land by Chestnut Close, pathway from Sycamore** – Reported to NWBC and this will be attended in the winter pruning schedule.
- **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.
- **Bus timetable is covered by overgrowth on Coventry Road** – NWBC have cut the overgrowth and the contractor who cleans our bus shelters has kindly cleaned it for us.
- **Damaged bench Hurley** – The Clerk will look into further quotes as the first quote is not much less than a new bench.
- **Plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022** – Information was put forward from the Clerk and Councillor J Thomas on costs for a substantial tree(s) as the smaller saplings get vandalised and broken. Councillor E Steel also offered knowledge on which type of tree and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

809 Councillors Parish Matters raised September 2021 (792)

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

- **Obscured road signs on the approach to Hurley from Atherstone** – Highways have reported that the hedges belong to the landowner and he would expect them to be tidied up, but if not they will write to them.
- **Would Wheelie bin stickers stating 'slow down' be useful to help with speeding?** – Warwickshire police have recently funded and distributed stickers, and some were made available at the meeting for Councillors to hand out or residents to apply for. Facebook was used to make people aware.
- **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. There is a link on the WCC website to show a scanned version of the definitive map with legal changes marked in red. https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/definitivemap
- **Noisy jet bikes at Kingsbury Water Park** – Following the JSRA race weekend Councillors received complaints of noise. The concerns have been passed onto Environmental Health and the Jet bike Centre. The Clerk has spoken to NWBC about the situation, but as they had only received one other complaint they have spoken to the Jet Bike Centre, but cannot do any more as it is a one off event and not a regular occurrence.

810 Councillors Parish Matters raised October 2021 (792)

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

- Village signs either end of Piccadilly need cleaning – Councillor I Thomas

- The newly fitted bollards in Dosthill do not seem to be stopping cars getting access off the A51. Extra ones are being considered – Councillor A Jenns
- A Community Environment fund for Jubilee Celebrations will be open to apply for from Jan/Feb 2022. Groups can apply for up to £500 and non-groups can apply for up to £100. The money made available by NWBC will be shared equally around all areas – Councillor A Jenns

811 Next meetings

The next meeting will be 17th November at Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall, Bodymoor Heath.

812 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor B Moss and seconded by Councillor A Jenns 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 – October	£1,133.34
Piccadilly Community Centre hire of hall	£20.00
NWBC Grounds Maintenance July to September	£1,397.51
WALC – Councillors Course fee for Annual Conference	£10.00

Bank Balances – 31st October 2021 Current A/c - £2,008.28 Reserve Account - £40,756.39

Signed _____ **Dated** _____