

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Thursday, 23rd February 2023**, Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

Present: Councillors: Chair J Thomas, E Steel, C Ayasamy, M Moss, A Jenn's, V Barker and I Thomas.

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

Clerk: S Gomersall

68 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors J Thomas, A Jenn's 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 I Thomas has expenses to be claimed.

69 Public Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

70 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr J Thomas and seconded by Cllr C Ayasamy and I Thomas and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th January 2023 be approved as a true record.

71 HS2 (973)

MP had a meeting at Warton Orton with the secretary state for transport. SM waiting for date of environmental meeting that they have periodically.

72 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground

The Tower at Kingsbury Recreational ground has been vandalised and broken. NWBC have taped up but again this has been removed by vandals. The wood on the tower has been broken off and the remains on the ground. NWBC have been asked to tape up again and send over costs of other materials that are more sustainable such as galvanise steel and reinforced concrete. Clerk has requested a meeting for Cllrs and the contractor to meet to discuss options. Cllr M Moss reported holes dug into the ground also, this has been reported to NWBC.

73 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (975)

No new information to update Councillors.

74 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures Update

No new information to update councillors.

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

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

76 Climate Change (978)

Cllr J Thomas had a meeting with WCC climate strategy with regards to carbon efficiency. WALC suggested each Parish Council to do a local plan to reduce emissions by becoming carbon positive. Parish councils wish to be involved in planning to encourage new builders to

become carbon positive too. Clerk will send an email with each planning application received asking what is the carbon footprint.

Cllr E Steel would like to introduce a collective strategy to encourage this. This will be looked at again after the Election in May and E Steel will delegate what will need to be done. Schools will also be invited to be part of this.

Cllr J Thomas suggested a meeting with the Borough. Cllr A Jenn's will put this forward and come back to us.

Proposed by Cllr V Barker and seconded by Cllr C Ayasamy and agreed by all for Emma to put a plan forward.

77 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously

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

- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – The fence has now been fixed but only at the top end. Email sent for this to be looked at again.
- **Bodmoor Heath Bridge damage** – The Canal River Trust has confirmed that the repairs to the approach retaining wall are programmed. Email has been sent to confirm if complete.
- **Footpath alongside Kingsbury Theatre/Royal Oak needs strimming** – Strimming is now complete and Cllrs agreed to check the fencing when meeting at the Recreational ground.
- **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** – Councillor A Jenn's and WCC Highways inspected the site and WCC to put a request in for renewal. Cllr A Jenn's will check if parking officer will be coming back. WCC chased up again.

78 Planning Applications/Information

PAP/2022/0310- Land East Of Islington Farm, Tamworth Road, Wood End- Discharge of condition 1 relating to Arboricultural Method Statement of approval of reserved matters.

PAP/2023/0030- 105 Mill Crescent, Kingsbury, Tamworth, Warwickshire, B78 2NW- Two storey side and rear extensions with single storey rear extensions.

Planning application discussed and email of review has been sent to planning.

PAP/2022/0521- Planters Garden Centre, Trinity Road, Piccadilly, Kingsbury, Tamworth, B78 2EX- Proposed extension to provide retail and storage, with part demolition of undercover sales area.

79 Correspondence

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

- Damaged wall on Pear Tree Avenue, Kingsbury has been reported to NWBC and will be worked on February/ March due to the weather. Has been chased up but not completed as of yet.
- Kingsbury Water Park rebranding was discussed as it is often confused with a fun park. They would like to change the name to Kingsbury Country Park to avoid this mistake being made in the future. Cllr A Jenn's will collate all comments from Councillors and pass them forwards.
- Street naming of Tamworth Road, Woodend, Atherstone. Suggestions have been sent and now Cllr H Phillips is dealing with this.

- Hurley Community Association have requested a bin on Dexter Lane due to litter. Clerk to email the Borough as this should have been fitted back in April 2021.

80 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** – A bench for residents when waiting for the bus near to the post box Mill Crescent, Kingsbury. WCC will order and fit the bench and agree the position with Councillor A Jenn's. This would then need to be added to the parish insurance and we take responsibility for this once it is in place as agreed. Email has been sent to see if complete.

81 Planter for Kingsbury

Kingsbury and Cliff Residents Group want to purchase a planter by the post box near Ralph Crescent, Kingsbury and would need the parish council to adopt and add to their insurance to comply with WCC Highways permission.

Councillor C Ayasamy has forwarded an email to the Clerk from WCC Highways stating the conditions for a planter to be put in. It also requires the parish council to confirm that they will take over responsibility and insure before this can go ahead.

Following discussions, Councillors want to have feedback from local residents that they are happy for this planter to be put on site. Councillor C Ayasamy has sent out letters to the residents of Kingsbury to see what they think. Awaiting Feedback, no further update.

82 Parish Emergency Plans

All parish councils are being asked for information to feed into an emergency plan for their areas. The aim of the plan is to enable parish and town councils to provide effective support to their local community and emergency agencies during a major incident. Councillors were given a previous old copy of the plan to gather the relevant information for their areas.

Councillor J Thomas to look over previous emergency plan and liaise with councillor E Steel on amendments. No further update.

83 Finance Committee – Update from Chair

Defibrillators- All four defibrillators have now been serviced and electrics checked.

Councillor I Thomas is currently arranging refresher training sessions for the defibrillator carers during April. Clerk has sent a reminder email for training, awaiting response. The clerk has also added Cllr I Thomas to the circuit to manage the defibrillators. Cllr I Thomas also confirmed there isn't a need for children's pads as adult ones can be used.

Expenses- Defibrillator maintenance- Cllr I Thomas

Fire proof boxes for hard drive- Cllr I Thomas

Stab bags- Cllr I Thomas was gifted 4 stab bags from the ambulance service for the Parish.

These will go in the defibrillator box and added onto the insurance and registered with the defib box for replacement patches which will need to be replaced every 18 months. Proposed by Cllr I Thomas and seconded by Cllr V Barker and agreed by all.

Cllr J Thomas and all other Cllrs Thank I Thomas for his hard work with defibrillators.

84 Councillors Parish Matters raised October 2022 (18)

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

- **White line markings needed in Piccadilly for safety** – email sent to WCC, awaiting more information to pass onto WCC.

- **Footpath to water park still muddy** –It is Issue number A11 031 Footpath No T117. Email sent to paths again chasing this up.
- **Jubilee Court access from community room to car park needs to be lit and walkway under arch is uneven** – NWBC have checked the uneven pathway for defects and checked the lighting under the walkway but misunderstood that we were asking for additional lighting to go towards the car park. Have emailed them again as more lighting is needed and it is very dark and you cannot see the step down as you go left through the alleyway towards the car park at the back of the shops – additional lighting has been requested and chased up. NWBC have requested photos, will send on when have them.

85 Councillors Parish Matters raised November 2022

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

- **Hurley Black path needs cutting back as very overgrown** – Cllr A Jenn's has a meeting regarding this. Email sent asking a quote on having all of the black path cut back.
- **The sign before Kingsbury Link needs attention** –FS Reference No: 476147441, posts have been ordered, awaiting on them.

86 Councillors parish matters raised January 2023

- Large vehicles parked repeatedly behind Kingsbury shops, jubilee court and opposite Kingsbury. Reported to police.
- Building works on Pear Tree Avenue, Kingsbury. Applicant has confirmed roads have now been cleaned as private road construction has started.
- Manhole opposite the crescent in Piccadilly is collapsing. Ref FS492309213.
- 2 Large potholes reported to WCC at the top of wood street, Woodend. Ref FS492311465.
- Drain cover on Coventry Road Column 15 in danger of collapsing has also been reported to WCC. Ref FS492314467.

87 Councillors Parish matters raised Feb 2023

- Pot holes in Kingsbury Mill Crescent have been reported. Ref FS 492315627.
- The Willows at Cliff are now dealing with WCC with regards to the rubbish on site. Complaints from residents near by have been made. Clerk to email WCC for an update.
- Due to Election in May The Parish Council meeting date will need to be amended from the 24th. TBC
- Traffic movement of lorries over the Canal Bridge in Bodymoor Heath seems to be increasing. Will be looked into further.
- Clerk to amend asset list by adding on Defibrillators, stab bags and Bench at Mill Crescent, Kingsbury. Agreed by all for these to be added.
- Pot holes at Mill Crescent, Kingsbury to be reported by clerk.

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

89 Grant Requests

No Grant requests

90 Next meetings

The next meeting will be on 22nd March 2023 at Body Moor Heath Victory Hall.

91 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor I Thomas 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	540.61
Councillor expenses	572.32
EE Mobile Phone	8.00
Piccadilly Room Hire	15.00
AGC LTD Defib work	182.70

Bank Balances – 28th February 2023

Current A/c -	£2797.59
Reserve Account –	£37722.02

Signed _____ Dated _____