

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 14th October 2020**, via 'Zoom' video media due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Present: Councillors: Chair A Jenns, J Thomas, B Moss, I Thomas, M Moss, V Barker, C Ayasamy, H Phillips, J Whitby and A Simpson

Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor A Lewis

Clerk: S Humphries

Members of Public: Chair of Kingsbury Community Centre

635 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 the Oil Depots and 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 any minute relating to Woodlands Community Centre.

636 Public Questions/Community Centre Update

The public had been asked to contact the Clerk on how to join the meeting online, but no requests were made.

The Chair of the Kingsbury Community Centre was asked to attend the meeting to give an update on the centre. He provided a report on the progress made so far which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. They had received grants to help with some of the urgent repairs such as boiler, water heaters and electrics. Bookings have increased and they are hopeful to break even by the end of the year. Councillor M Moss gave her thanks and congratulations on the progress that had been made so far and it was appreciated that a lot of time and effort had been put in. This was also agreed by all Councillors. The parish council will be able to use the centre for future meetings once we are allowed to meet in person again.

The Centre is also looking for more people who may be interested in becoming a Trustee.

637 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held via Zoom on 16th September 2020 are approved as a true record.

638 HS2 (623)

The Clerk had been sent an update from HS2 which was forwarded to Councillors. In the update it states that the Government has made clear in its response to the Oakervee Review its commitment to Phase 2b of HS2, extending high speed rail from the West Midlands to the North. As part of this, the Government plans to present an Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands by the end of the year, informed by an assessment from the National Infrastructure Commission, which will look at how to deliver HS2 Phase 2b, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Midlands Rail Hub and other rail programmes better and more effectively. In the meantime, the Government has asked HS2 Ltd to pause work on the Eastern leg.

Work is starting on the Kingsbury compound and it is expected to take nine months to complete the compound. Also the entrance to Mullensgrove Farm shop has moved slightly, but is sign posted.

639 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously (625)

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

- **Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close** – Taylor Wimpey North Midlands have asked their adoption manager to check this path out for us. This has been followed up during lockdown but no update received.
- **Solution needed for access by outdoor gym equipment in Kingsbury through muddy gateway** – We have had one quote so far to with the suggestion to provide a small soak away park side of fence plus kerb to hold back water from road, top soil and grass seed. The quote also includes a 1m x 1m base for a litter bin. The quote is £790.00. A further quote is being obtained.
- **Why are no parking signs still opposite Mill Crescent when they are unenforceable?** – The response from WCC did not make much sense to Councillors so the Clerk will try and get further clarification.

640 Community Fund Noticeboard for Kingsbury (626)

This has now been delivered to the NWBC depot and we are waiting for a date from the contractor to fit this on the outside wall of the shops at Jubilee Court.

641 Planning Applications/Information

The following Applications were brought to Councillors attention.

- **PAP/2020/0491 – Edge Hill House, Wood End – Variation of planning application for revised external details inc window/frame/heads design, doors, chimneys and additional roof windows to replace sunpipes on Plot 3.**
- **PAP/2020/0484 – Holly Farm Barn Hurley – Erection of room above detached garage, increased roof height.**

642 Proposed Hurley Bus Shelter (629)

The Clerk has contacted WCC about a new bus shelter for Hurley on Knowle Hill by Dexter Court. They have agreed that one could be put at the site and have confirmed that we would not need planning permission WCC have suggested a type of shelter with a standard bus flag attachment pole so that WCC passenger transport team or Diamond Bus can affix a bus flag. The approximate cost of the suggested shelter is around £6,000.

Public feedback was gained from social media and newsletters. Councillors discussed at length and took into account comments received from the community who were mainly in favour of a shelter. Some thought a more rural looking shelter would be better such as a wooden one. The Clerk had received costs for both sorts of shelter and all the options of cost, material, maintenance etc were discussed. It was proposed by Councillor J Whitby and seconded by Councillor B Moss and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the shelter originally detailed and suggested by WCC would be purchased subject to checking with the County just to make sure that there were no further criteria to meet to go ahead.

643 Kingsbury Parish Website (630)

Our website is now very dated and does not allow us to be fully compliant with the latest guidelines for parish council websites (WCAG 2.1 compliant).

The Clerk had sent papers to Councillors explaining the quotes from companies and had provided other example websites to check for ideas of what is needed. She also updated and explained the various options and costs at the meeting. Councillors also need to discuss whether a facebook link and/or twitter feed would be useful.

After discussing all options it was proposed by Councillor M Moss and seconded by Councillor C Ayasamy and agreed:

RESOLVED: That we would accept the quote from E-mango to create our new website and that the Clerk would set up Facebook and Twitter accounts. The cost would be £300.00 for set up and an annual service charge of £384.00. Full training for the Clerk to manage the website is included.

644 Correspondence

- Councillors to check on the website if there are any changes to their Declarations of Interest information and let the Clerk know so that a new form can be completed. The Clerk to send out new forms to those that indicated there was a change. Councillors are expected to complete a new form if any changes occur during the year. These would normally be renewed at the May meeting which had to be cancelled this year due to Covid.
- A traffic accident in August demolished our bus shelter in Kingsbury. We are currently going through our insurance to get a replacement shelter. We have been given the go ahead to order a new shelter which should take a couple of months.
- A resident has requested a litter/dog bin for Hurley near to the 'Black path'. The Clerk has asked NWBC for ideas of the area for ease of emptying. It would have to be paid for by the parish council. Councillors were in favour of this and more information on the site would be gained for the next meeting and then voted on.
- Briefing sessions on local government reform and devolution in Warwickshire for Councillors.
- Police Safer Neighbourhoods October Newsletter.
- Warwickshire History Society newsletter.

645 Councillors Parish Matters raised September 2020 (632)

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

- **Overhanging tree branches and root damage on path T177 Recreation Ground** – Logged as Issue A08806.
- **Piece of land before Vicarage bridge, Wood End has a lot of cars on site** – A retrospective planning application is expected by NWBC.
- **Damaged garages behind Cornforth Close and other concerns** – These have been addressed by the police and NWBC.
- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – County Highways and Network Rail deny ownership/responsibility of this area. Councillors think that Network Rail have attended in the past and feel they have a duty of care to repair access to the track for safety of the public. The Clerk will contact them further.
- **Visibility issue from Kingsbury to Piccadilly** – Highways have identified a hedge blocking visibility for pedestrians crossing the road from the bus stop. This will be put on the Autumn programme.
- **Can HS2 tell us how much green belt is being used in North Warks as we have only been given a figure of 16% for the whole of Warwickshire?** – HS2 referred us to the planning team at NWBC who have confirmed that 16% is for North Warwickshire.
- **Check new sign for Cedar Crescent is on the list for renewal** – NWBC confirm it is.

- **Bin opposite Kingsbury School regularly overflowing** – NWBC have agreed to empty three times a week.
- **J10 M42 road markings need re-doing on the island** – Highways England are aware of the issues and have put notices up to say no markings. Work was cancelled this year which would have seen the markings renewed. Resurfacing work and markings are now programmed for delivery in 2021/22 financial year. In the meantime it will be monitored weekly and any safety critical issues will be actioned as a matter of urgency.
- **A sign stating ‘no parking for country parks’ seems to have been taken down raising concerns that it is now ok to park in the villages** – This is being looked into.

646 Councillors Parish Matters raised October

The following have been reported to the relevant authorities or are for information:

- Hedge overgrowing onto footpath Overwoods Road towards Trinity Road – Councillor H Phillips
- Councillor A Lewis is one of the Trustee representatives from the Parish Council on the Stanyers Charity. She has resigned this position and a nomination was put forward for Councillor J Thomas to take over. This was proposed by Councillor M Moss and seconded by Councillor B Moss and agreed.
RESOLVED: That Councillor J Thomas will now be a Trustee representative for the Parish Council for the Stanyers Charity. There are three representatives from the Parish and the others are Councillors M Moss and H Phillips.
- **For information** the Christmas sleigh from the Round Table that rides around the villages will only be able to wave at the children with no money being collected this year. Councillors A Jenns and B Moss have donated a small amount to the charity from their NWBC community fund to help this take place.

647 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting scheduled for 18th November at 6.30pm will again be conducted via Zoom. Details will be put on the website nearer the time. We are still being advised not to hold our usual meetings in village halls due to the pandemic.

648 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor M Moss and seconded by Councillor A Simpson 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.

All amounts are now recorded exclusive of VAT.

Administration Costs – October	£1,141.94
Information Commissioner Annual registration to be set up as DD	£35.00
Broadlee Printers from funds held for K’bury Neighbours	£170.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Auditors	£300.00
Abbey Office Park Ltd – Cleaning of bus shelters	£15.00
Greenbarnes Ltd – noticeboard Kingsbury Jubilee Court	£2,998.92

Bank Balances

31st October 2020

Current A/c - £6,894.60
Reserve Account - £28,233.57

Signed _____

Dated _____