

Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 16th March 2022**, at Kingsbury Welcome Hall, Kingsbury.

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

Apologies: None

Clerk: S Humphries

868 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 any minute relating to Woodlands Community Centre.

869 Public Questions

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

870 Minutes to be Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting on 16th February 2022 be approved as a true record.

871 HS2 (854)

The Special Management Zone group minutes are to be sent out to Clerk's to forward to Councillors for information. There have been no further SMZ meetings to report on since our last parish meeting. The HS2 Tracker was completed with Councillors comments and forwarded to Jonathan Lord the areas Team Leader.

872 Parish Matters raised previously (855)

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

- **Piccadilly - fence railway side gives access to track** – After no response from DB Schenker Rail UK Ltd to WCC Bridges and the Parish Council requests, Councillor I Thomas contacted the MP's office who are looking to get the matter resolved.

- **Improvements needed on access road to Water Park via private road/steps** - The Clerk sent further photos to WCC and these have been acknowledged and forwarded on, but no further update available.
- **Bromage path behind Kingsbury School floods** – This is being dealt with by Highways and is part of Cllr Jenns, WCC Delegated budget. There is no date yet for this work to start.

873 Improvements/Work required - Parish Recreation Ground (856)

The Clerk has received a further quote for the wet pour surface under the toddler swings and the cost is comparable to previous quotes. She will therefore arrange for the work to be completed with the money being already earmarked from a previous NWBC Community Fund grant.

The sign, which is another item earmarked from the grant, has gone up considerably and further quotes will be obtained for this item.

874 Unitary Authorities and Devolution of Services (857)

Discussions on this are ongoing, and it is thought that the County will be talking to parish councils.

875 Security of Parish Recreation Ground (858)

Costs/types of height restrictors available are still being looked into as an added option in conjunction with the budget. This will become part of minute 873 going forward.

876 Kingsbury Parish Policies/Procedures Update (859)

The website provider has clarified that the accessibility statement only needs updating if there are significant changes made to the website. The Clerk and Councillor I Thomas started to look at the next policies to be reviewed/set up and would report back firstly to the Working Party when drafts are available. These will then be agreed by the Council.

The new items being looked at are an Equality and Diversity policy, Grievance policy and Disciplinary policy. The Council's Risk Assessment is due for renewal and one item that was discussed previously is that the Clerk should store some data/documents securely in a fireproof box. It was proposed by Councillor I Thomas and seconded by Councillor V Barker and agreed:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would clarify which size would be suitable, and would then order the box. They are approximately £100.

877 Planning Applications/Information

The following Outline application was brought to Councillors attention and discussed:

PAP/2022/0081 – Blythe Cottage, Dexter Lane, Hurley – Outline application for redevelopment of the site to provide 3 dwellings with access being considered. The applicant is only seeking at this stage to establish whether the principle of the proposed development/land use is acceptable. Further applications will be required for any permissions to be granted.

878 Correspondence

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

- National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new rates of pay applicable from 1/4/2021. These are to be implemented by employers asap.
- WALC membership subscription due in April.
- Request to check the speed signs in Kingsbury to get them calibrated as concerns they are triggered at less than 30mph. WCC will arrange for this to be carried out by contractors.
- WALC Weekly Round-up newsletters to be forwarded to Councillors for information.
- Launch Event Community Flood resilience in West Midlands 6/4/22 via zoom.
- Councillor A Jenns reported on various projects that come under his WCC Delegated Highways budget. More bollards to be erected at the area opposite Ascot Drive as cars are still parking there. Also the bollard on the path from the recreation ground to the churchyard to be replaced very soon with two new bollards. A full list of ongoing projects to be sent to the Clerk for future updating at meetings.

- WCC A4097 Kingsbury Road closure 21/3 and 26/3/22 for replacing road studs and associated works.
- WCC Dexter Lane, Hurley closure 21st – 23rd March for carriageway resurfacing.
- Invitation to Chair to attend the service of celebration at St Paul's Church, Dosthill of the 150th anniversary of its consecration. The Chair is unable to attend so the Vice Chair/Clerk will go.

879 Councillors Parish Matters raised June-November 2021 (862)

The following are updates/information from the relevant authorities:

- **Repaired bench Hurley** – Councillor A Simpson sent photographs to the Clerk to show what a good job had been made of the bench repairs. These were forwarded to all Councillors, who were very pleased with the repairs.
- **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. Update requested.

880 Conference on Climate Emergency (863)

Councillor E Steel sent her summary report from the course and this was forwarded to Councillors. She explained the main points and said that NWBC had declared a Climate Emergency and they are working on a climate change action plan which is due to be made public in March/April 2022. She suggested that we wait for this report to be published and then review how we could support it.

881 Councillors Parish Matters raised January/February 2022 (864/865)

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

- **Bodymoor Heath Bridge damage is getting worse** – WCC have spoken to the Canal Trust to put pressure on to get this assessed and repaired/made safe.
- **Tarmac on path is raised by Wings building to Bus shelter** – Highways have looked at and confirm the section of footway in poor condition is relatively localised near to the path that goes to the recreation ground, and it may be small enough to repair without routine patching. If this is the case it should be possible to raise a repair from the new financial year's budget.
- **Are there any plans to put an electric charging point in public car park in Piccadilly?** – Request sent to NWBC but it has been confirmed that unfortunately not.
- **Bollard on central reservation by Mill Crescent has been knocked down and only part fixed** – Reported to Street Lighting, WCC and Councillor Jenns has been chasing repairs.
- **Bus Shelter Jubilee Court still shows signs for bus routes that no longer exist** – WCC are looking into this and say there are other jobs around the area that are also being looked at.
- **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 and would have to be classed as unreasonable to write to the owners. It is also bird nesting season which makes large scale vegetation clearance undesirable.
- **Drainage poor either side of road by EMR** – There is a known issue with drainage at this location and there is already an investigation job raised to diagnose the problem.
- **Pit Hill request for vegetation clearance has only been partly done** – Passed onto WCC
- **Council tax changes due to boundaries affecting Baddesley parish should they have adjusted Kingsbury also** – NWBC have confirmed that all changes were made to both.
- **Pear Tree parking signs still say free parking** – These are being looked into by NWBC.
- **Bus shelter bin needed by Tamworth Road shelter** – This was demolished by a vehicle some time ago. Councillor C Ayasamy on behalf of Kingsbury and Cliff said the group would pay for a new bin and fitting if the parish took over the emptying costs. This was proposed by Councillor V Barker and seconded by Councillor E Steel and agreed:
RESOLVED: That a new litter bin would be purchased and the parish council would pay for the emptying costs.
- **Black Path Hurley from Birch Coppice by football pitches to Meadow Road is overgrown** – Reported and waiting for feedback.

- **Holes in grass at recreation ground need levelling** – NWBC will include these in their weekly checks/to do list.

882 Parish Community Awards Scheme proposal (865)

It was suggested by Councillor A Jenns that this would be a good idea to acknowledge the work of volunteers in the parish. This was discussed in general and was proposed by Councillor A Jenns and seconded by Councillor J Thomas and agreed in principle:-

RESOLVED: That a Parish Awards Scheme be set up. Councillors asked to come to the next meeting with ideas for how such a scheme can be implemented.

883 Councillors Parish Matters raised March 2022 (866)

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

- Pot holes/tarmac repairs in Wood Street past the 1st speed hump – Councillor H Phillips
- Loose Way Marker for Heart of England path on Coventry Road – Councillor M Moss
- Trees on the bank between Mill Crescent entrances need shoots pruning – Councillor M Moss
- Damage to grass verge Knowle Hill – Councillor A Simpson
- Kingsbury and Cliff group are to hold an Easter Bazaar on 9/4/22. More info to follow to be put on website- Councillor C Ayasamy

884 Request to Hire Kingsbury Parish Recreation Ground

A request to hire the recreation ground on 5th June 2022 has been received from Kingsbury Village Theatre. This is for a community Jubilee celebration. The details of the hire were discussed and subject to some further information being clarified there were no objections.

885 Next meetings

The next meeting will be at Kingsbury Community Centre on 27th April 2022. The committee of the centre have invited us to look round at all the improvements they have made from various grants obtained.

886 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Councillor J Thomas 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 – March	£1,341.30
Kingsbury Welcome Hall - Hire of Hall for meeting	£25.00
NWBC Grounds maintenance Jan-Mar 2022	£656.80
Insurance for 2022/2023	£1245.67
Inland Revenue Jan-Mar 2022	£547.45

Bank Balances – 31st March 2022

Current A/c -	£1,749.19
Reserve Account –	£26,757.84

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