Kingsbury Parish Council Minutes

Meeting of Kingsbury Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 20th November 2019**, at Piccadilly Community Centre, Piccadilly.

Present: Councillors: Chair A Jenns, B Moss, J Thomas, V Barker, I Thomas, C Ayasamy, A Simpson, M Moss, J Whitby and H Phillips
Apologies: Received and accepted from Councillor A Lewis
Clerk: S Humphries
Public: 1 member of the public
Police: PCSO P Beale

524 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Councillors B Moss, H Phillips and A Jenns declared a personal interest in any NWBC issues.
- 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.

525 Public Questions

There were no public questions raised, but Councillor A Jenns thanked Councillor M Moss for attending the Armistice Service on behalf of the Parish Council and the Planning Appeal meeting re Land adjacent to Orchard House, Cliff.

526 Minutes to be Approved

It was proposed by Cllr J Thomas and seconded by Cllr C Ayasamy and agreed:
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th October 2019 are approved as a true record.

527 HS2 (512)

HS2 were due to come to this meeting but as the general election was called they would not be able to talk about anything that was not already in the public domain, so it was agreed to cancel and re-arrange in 2020.

The opening event for the outdoor gym equipment will be on Saturday 14th December at 11.00am. It was agreed that the Chair of the Parish Council and the Mayor of North Warwickshire would open the event. Other people to be invited are the Event Planner from the Outdoor Gym Company and the Senior Engagement Manager for Phase 1 Area North HS2 Ltd and of course any public.
It was agreed for the Clerk to purchase some pedometers and other items for goody bags to hand out and the Gym Company provided some free water bottles. Councillor I Thomas raised the matter of making sure the parish insurance was amended to cover this.
RESOLVED: An amount up to £100 was agreed and approved.

528 War Memorials for Parish (513)

The memorial benches have now all been fitted, but the bin for Kingsbury was not completed at the same time due to communications and holidays between NWBC and the contractor. The Clerk has been trying to get this completed for some time now and has requested the invoice so that we can complete the cost and grant paperwork.

Residents of Wood End have expressed an interest in raising money to get a WW1 litter bin to go by the Wood End bench as in Kingsbury. As this is to replace a NWBC bin the Clerk will liaise with the Borough as to who would need to order this.

529 Planning Applications/Information

The following Applications were brought to Councillors attention and discussed.

- **PAP/2019/0369** – Dog and Doublet Inn, Dog Lane, display of illuninated and non illuninated signage. Amended plans description. Also PAP/2019/0370 listed building consent to part painting of building and window frames.
- **PAP/2018/0762** – Notification of Appeal Land East of Islington Farm, Wood End. Outline application for residential development (class3) with associated access, landscaping, open space and drainage infrastructure, with all matters reserved save for access.
- **PAP/2019/0386** – Notification of Amended plans 65 Knowle Hill Hurley to erect 2 bedroom bungalow to rear with side access road, facilitated by the partial demolitionof the attached garage to number 65.

530 Budget and proposed expenditure (515)

The wooden balance beams were replaced with composite material to last a lot longer. A better price has been obtained from the company and some of the rotten stepping stones will also be replaced.

The area to be cleared by the new fence in our recreation ground is being done this week so that some planting can take place. Councillor C Ayasamy said that the local group have now planted a lot of bulbs in the recreation ground so it should look good in the spring.

The Clerk has spoken to NWBC about the various areas around the recreation ground that are becoming overgrown and they will endeavour to get all these tidied up in time for the outdoor gym equipment opening event on 14/12/19.

We have sent a request to apply to a Community fund from NWBC for a joint notice board to be put by Jubilee Court shops for use by NWBC, Parish Council and Residents Group, but have heard nothing further about this at the present time as a form to apply for this is currently being worked on by the borough.

It has been asked if we can look into a Bus shelter for Hurley along the main road. Permissions will need to be gained from the land owner and the public consulted before a planning application can be put in. This will be put in the budget for next year and discussed further in January.

531 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following items of correspondence at the meeting. If any further information is required please contact the Clerk (details on the website):-

- NALC LCR magazine Autumn 2019 and Clerks and Councils Direct
- CAVA volunteering opportunities in Kingsbury
- WALC newsletter November
- Fibre Broadband updates
- NWBC New address – Park Bungalow, 33a Hurley Common, Hurley CV9 2LS
- Thank you from Piccadilly Community Association for the grant towards the bonfire and fireworks evening and for the memorial bench.

532 Councillors Parish Matters raised previously in 2019 (517)

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

- **Is the spinney behind Tame Bank leading to the river a right of way?** – WCC have now confirmed that this is not recorded as a public right of way.
- **Path opposite 2 Elm Tree Close** – It appears that the paths are owned by Mcleans Homes. The Clerk was asked to find out more information.
- **Any update on repairs to canal bridge Bodymoor Heath?** – WCC have contacted the Local Principal Engineer to Canals Trust and asked if in the short term the void could be filled in with concrete or bitmac until the final job can be scheduled.
- **Watery Lane problems** – Further information has been received and will be followed up with NWBC.
- **Problems with vision turning out of Perryman Drive** – WCC have been asked to look into and although not ideal the accident records are low so no expenditure can be justified.
- **Raised trench in road by oil terminals causing accidents –** Reported to WCC Highways who are asking for photographs as they haven't been able to locate.
- **A4097 Coton island to Mill island needs vegetation cutting back along path** – Reported to WCC Highways who are looking into.
- **Edge Hill to Wood End deep ditch, flooding issue and carriageway is breaking up** – Reported to WCC Highways who have looked into and a defect is yet to be raised.
- **Hedge Hawthorns/Tamworth Road is overgrown** – Scheduled on the cyclic maintenance run by WCC delivery team.
- **Atherstone Lane three warning signs obscured by foliage** – Reported to WCC Highways and a defect has been raised to clear vegetation around the signs.
- **Low bridge sign junction of B4098 Coventry road and Knowle Hill, can it be moved further back?** – Request sent to WCC Traffic and Safety Team who say they are unable to move the location of this sign.

533 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk has asked the Borough Council how this would work with our parish consisting of lots of separate villages. They have offered to come to a parish meeting to discuss what we would wish to achieve from a plan and offer any advice that they are able.

534 Lone Worker Policy (519)

The amended policy was discussed at the meeting with the following amendment:
The Clerk while attending meetings on site would ensure that there was another Councillor/person present and would not meet contractors/council staff on her own. This was then proposed by Councillor I Thomas and seconded by Councillor C Ayasamy and agreed:-
RESOLVED: The Lone Worker Policy as amended, be accepted by the Council.

535 Financial Standing Orders (520)

The latest financial regulations provided by NALC have been updated and copied to all Councillors. The minor changes were pointed out by the Clerk. After discussions it was agreed to amend item 4.1 to include that only any emergency items would be agreed by the Clerk and Chair under £500. Other items under £500 would be brought to a parish meeting and agreed but if time did not allow then Councillors would be e-mailed for their comments before payment was made. This was proposed by Councillor I Thomas and seconded by Councillor J Thomas and agreed:-
RESOLVED: The Financial Standing Orders as amended are agreed and accepted by the Council.

536 Councillors Parish Matters raised October 2019 (521)

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

- **Wood Street by numbers 9 and 11 road is cracking up/holes** – Reported to WCC Highways
- **Flooding problems at bottom of Piccadilly** – Councillor A Jenns reported to Councillors what WCC are intending to do to solve this problem and he will follow up further.
- **Speeding around Piccadilly dangerous, can the 30mph speed sign be removed?** – Traffic and Safety have said that they cannot remove the sign as it forms part of the legalorder to be enforced at this location.

537 Councillors Parish Matters raised November 2019

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

- Heanley Lane by Hurley School flooded up to the church – Councillor A Jenns
- Graveyards are almost full can we find out whose responsibility it is to take over NWBC or Parish – Councillor A Jenns

538 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January 2020 – Jubilee Court Community Room.

539 Accounts for payment (where accounts include VAT this will be claimed back)

It was proposed by Councillor H Phillips and seconded by Councillor B Moss 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.

Administration Costs - November	£1,058.30
Piccadilly Hire of room	£20.00
NWBC Hire of Room	£20.00
NWBC Grounds Maintenance July to September	£1,514.14
NWBC Election Costs from May 2019	£1,801.61
J Thomas – Wreath for Armistice Service	£17.00
WCC Clearance work Recreation Ground	£390.00
Abbey Park Offices – Bus shelter cleaning	£30.00
The Great Outdoor Gym Company – new gym equipment Kingsbury	£33,735.60

Bank Balances	**31st December 2019**
Current A/c	£26,037.65
Reserve Account	£24,246.97

Signed _____ **Dated** _____