

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on

Wednesday 9th May 2012 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. G. C. Seddon (Chairman); Cllr. Mrs. M. K. Gair; Cllr. S. Holland;
Cllr. I. M. P. Pritchard; Cllr. Mrs. P. Rothery. Cllr. W. Taylor.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)
Members of the public: Colin Greatorex, Julia Allsopp, PCSO Tracy Horton.

Public Session:

This took place between 7.45 and 8pm. Julia Allsop said there is to be a HS2 meeting next week in the village hall. There will be a walk of part of the route on 10th June at midday – meet at Ash Hayes Farm. Walk will be to the The Swan Inn at Fradley. All are welcome.

PSC Horton said that fortunately there was not too much to report this month with only a few road traffic incidents and one reported suspicious character incident. The chairman thanked PSCO Horton for her attendance. She then left the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman and Completion of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the 2012 AGM. He asked if there were any nominations for the office of chairman. None were forthcoming. It was proposed by Cllr. Rothery and seconded by Cllr. Gair that Cllr. Seddon be re-elected. He was happy to continue for a further term. All were in favour.

2. Election of Vice Chairman and Completion of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The chairman then asked if there were any nominations for the office of vice chairman. None were forthcoming. It was proposed by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. Holland that Cllr. Gair be re-elected. She was happy to continue for a further term. All were in favour.

3. Apologies for absence.

County Cllr. Mrs. J. Eagland. Cllr. S. R. Browne (another function).

4. Register of Members Interest.

The clerk reminded all councillors that if their circumstances have changed they must declare them and complete a new register of interest form. The chairman said that if there is any doubt then complete a new form.

5. Declarations of Interest for this meeting.

None were made. The chairman asked that councillors state an interest if an item is discussed subsequently.

6. Chairman's Opening Remarks / Parish Forum Report.

The chairman did not attend the parish forum because the date was changed at the last minute. Cllr. Pritchard said he did attend and items discussed included the Olympic torch route, the use of 'dormant' monies being match funded by LDC and used for charity work. Best practice on carbon reduction in parishes, a section on social media and a presentation of Local View mapping. The turnout was poor and this may have been as a result in the change of date.

7. Allocation of Councillors Areas of Responsibility.

The clerk went through the list of current responsibilities. After a brief discussion the following areas were agreed;

All as last year with the following amendments – HS2 to be added with Cllrs. Browne and Gair responsible. Footpaths – Cllr. Gair to relinquish and Cllr. Rothery to take over. Winter maintenance liaison to be deleted (as per minutes of previous meetings).

Lichfield SPCA meetings are no longer held – this role was also deleted. The clerk undertook to update the list.

Action: Clerk.

8. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th April 2012.

These had been distributed previously. One amendment was identified, item 4, Cllr. Rothery had proposed the minutes be accepted not Cllr. Gair who was absent at the time. The chairman signed the amendment. It was then proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Holland that the minutes be signed as a true record. All were in favour.

9. Clerks Report.

a) Correspondence / emails received.

- i) Members' conduct and registration and disclosure of interest. This is an important document and was placed in the circulation file for all to peruse in their own time.
- ii) SCC – temporary road closure A513. Road to be closed for essential maintenance work.
- iii) NALC – Repeal of the Power of Well Being. This is an important document and was placed in the circulation file for all to peruse in their own time.
- iv) Letter from parishioner- redesign of Leofric Close road entrance. The clerk read out this letter suggesting that the traffic island at the entrance to the Close be redesigned to make it less confusing to motorists. This item has been discussed before and the main problem is the expensive (£40k) cost of moving BT equipment. The clerk said that it would be worth contacting SCC Highways to see if they could take on the proposal by the parishioner when they came to do the road resurfacing in the next few days. It was agreed that this would be a worthwhile action. Clerk to contact highway engineer prior to work on A513 commencing.

Action: Clerk.

b) Finances.

- i) Financial statement to 26th April 2012 –
Current A/c £13,020.56. Reserve A/c £17,416.66
- ii) Payments received. – Interest £5.61
- iii) Payments to be made.
300395 Hayward – 4 grass cuts - £444.64
300396 Smiths of Derby – clock maintenance - £216
300397 Ian Colclough – gratuity for auditor - £16.35
300398 Info Commissioners Office subs - £35
300399 CPRE subs £29
300 400 Clerks salary £346.73 and expenses £146.24 - Total
£492.97

It was proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the above accounts be paid. All in favour.

c) Review of Independent Internal Audit.

The Clerk said that the audit by Tomkinson and Teal went very well, they were prompt and no discrepancies or questions were raised. A copy of the audited balance sheet had been circulated previously. It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Rothery that the audit be accepted and signed by the chairman. All in favour.

d) Audit Commission Return.

The clerk then asked the chairman to sign the Annual Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement ready to be returned to the Audit Commission.

e) Parish Council Insurance.

The clerk understood that the council was committed to Came and Company for two years from 2011. The invoice will be presented at the June meeting.

10. County and District Councillors Reports.

County Cllr. Eagland was not present and had not sent a written report.

District Cllr. Pritchard said that there was a full council meeting last evening. Ken Humphries will be the chairman. There have also been some committee member changes.

11. Highway and Footpaths.

i) Review of road classifications. Cllr. Pritchard said that a meeting had been arranged with Michael Fabricant MP on Friday 11th May at 6pm on the Crown car park. He understood that the SCC wants the road classifications on the A515 and A513 to remain unchanged. Representatives from Yoxall PC along with Beryl Behague and Robert Gilmour will also be in attendance. The chairman thought that the process should follow official channels with the parish council taking the lead. He was concerned that individuals may take up the challenge leading to a fragmented approach. Cllr. Pritchard to report back at next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Pritchard.

ii) Speedwatch / speed issues. The chairman has spoken with Cllr. Eagland regarding the extension of the 30mph limit on Alrewas Road. He pointed out that extending on Lichfield Road had now set a precedent. A survey showed that the speeds on Lichfield Road were not too bad but that one taken at the correct time and location on Alrewas showed an average of 48mph in the 30 zone. The clerk has been in touch with Mr. Rayson but no progress was being made. The chairman has spoken to James Bailey at SCC head office and he has advised the best way forward is to get the matter raised with Cllr. Eagland and to have her include it on the list for discussion with Highways. He understood that she was due to meet with Highways either this coming Friday or the next.

iii) Community Paths Initiative. Cllr. Rothery has walked the route of path number 8 and said that 2 stiles were in a poor state of repair. Also some ditches have been dug across the path and she is aware that someone suffered a serious injury in the winter when trying to negotiate them. The clerk said he has sent a plan to the footpaths officer at SCC showing the location of the stiles and ditches and was told that although any application under the initiative was too late, they may be able to do the work out of normal maintenance. They will send a ranger to investigate.

iv) Village entrance signs. Cllr. Pritchard said that Mr Jarman had emailed him for an update. He will bring the matter to the attention of Cllr. Eagland when he sees her on Friday 11th May. Clerk to contact Mr. Jarman with an update.

Action: Clerk.

12. Best Kept Village.

The clerk asked about the prizes for the childrens poster competition. Normally there are book tokens for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the 5 classes. It was proposed by Cllr. Rothery and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the prizes are awarded as in previous years with a £6 token for 1st, a £4 token for 2nd and a £3 token for 3rd. Clerk to arrange.

Action: Clerk.

13. Queens Jubilee Celebration – update by Cllr. Browne.

In the absence of Cllr. Browne the clerk read an update supplied by him. The deadline for village groups to let him know is the end of the week. After this he will compile a list for publication. After some discussion it was felt that Cllr. Browne should judge what information he has before committing to having a large number of fliers printed. An alternative would be to place posters of the events list in the notice boards and perhaps the parish magazine. Cllr. Browne to call a special meeting of councillors to discuss if he feels it necessary.

Action: Cllr. Browne.

14. Feedback from the Annual Parish Meeting.

Thanks were extended to Cllr. Rothery for providing cakes and drinks at the meeting. The chairman said he thought the turnout was similar to previous years. No other feedback was forthcoming.

15. HS2 latest.

Cllr. Gair said that parishioner Julie Allsop had already given a report. Minutes of the first meeting held at Armitage had already been posted through councillors doors. The chairman said he had read in a recent paper that HS2 was ‘ a real doubt for Cameron’ (Prime Minister). Cllr. Pritchard said there was no mention of the HS2 proposal in the Queens Speech. No date has been set for the bi-monthly meetings.

16. Wildflower meadow latest.

Cllr. Rothery said her husband has recently been involved in obtaining a similar sign to the one proposed at the wildflower meadow and asked if it was in order for him to obtain prices and designs using information supplied by Staffs Wildlife Trust. All were in favour of this suggestion and the chairman thanked Cllr. Rothery and her husband for the offer.

Action: Cllr. Rothery.

17. Early Day Motions – Planning Appeals.

The clerk had previously circulated a copy of the motion to all councillors. Cllr. Pritchard said he thought that some of the wording was ambiguous and could not support it until clarified. It would appear that some of the content was also missing. The clerk was asked to determine if this was the case and if so, circulate again. Once the full information is to hand, then a decision can be made before the deadline on 17th May.

Action: Clerk.

18. Councillors Reports (for information only).

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 13th June 2012.