

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 11th July, 2007, at 7.45 pm in
Kings Bromley Village Hall

Present:- Cllr I M P Pritchard (Chair); Cllr S R Browne; Cllr Mrs M K Gair;
Cllr Mrs P Jarman; Cllr G C Seddon; Cllr W A Taylor

In attendance Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

During the public part of the meeting, the following points were raised:-

- residents of Church Lane are very concerned about the lorries which speed incessantly day and night, and the difficulties of coming out of Church Lane due to limited visibility and speeding traffic. Residents asked if the 30 mph could be started sooner, or even put in a 50mph before Kings Bromley
- Mr Husbands at the Gables and the Old Post Office – the trees are overgrown -
- Millie's "Pin Oak" – very rare and it should already have a TPO on it – the clerk will check
- Overhanging ash tree on parish council land in Leofric Close – the clerk explained that the trees had been inspected in January this year and all recommended work had been carried out by a tree surgeon afterwards

3140 Apologies

Cllr Mrs Eagland – District Council Appointment
Cllr Holland – unwell

Agreed that Cllr Holland's apologies be accepted

3141 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Seddon – Richard Crosse School

3142 Minutes of the previous meetings

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June, 2007 be signed as a true and correct record

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June, 2007 be signed as a true and correct record

3143 Report of the Clerk

- i. **Litter bin on layby** – the post for the bin has now been removed.
Agreed the clerk would speak to LDC re: possible replacement
- ii. **Letter of thanks from John Taylor High School** – for donation to presentation evening
- iii. **Village Hall Accounts** – the council has received a copy of the accounts for the year to March 2007

3144 Finance

i. **Accounts for Payment**

Agreed that the following payments be made:-

Mrs S Buxton	Salary – June 2007	£309.53
	Office and computer – June 2007	£ 25.50
	Petty Cash	£ 30.00
	Telephone – Mar – May 07	£ 16.20
	Travel expenses – Apr – Jun 07	£ 41.60
MH & S Buxton	Photocopying – Apr – Jun 07	£ 51.96
SCC	Pension contributions – June 2007	£ 62.24
Sharp Landscapes	2 grasscuts	£202.00
Smiths of Derby	Annual maintenance on church clock	£184.48

ii. **Clerk's Travel Expenses**

Agreed that the clerk would receive travel expenses at the HM Revenue and Customs rate rather than the rate agreed as part

iii. **Payments Received**

KB Youth Club - £225.02 received in respect of the two cheques which had gone missing in the post last October

iv. **Grants for Noticeboards**

The clerk reported that the application to Yoxall Townlands for support with the noticeboard had not been successful

v. **Independent Internal Audit for year to 31/3/07**

The clerk reported that the books are currently with the auditor, Mrs O'Brian

vi. **Banking Arrangements**

Agreed that the clerk will transfer its banking arrangements to the Co-operative Bank, subject to checking interest rates

vii. **Finance Report to 30th June, 2007**

The contents of the report were noted

3145 Correspondence and Items for Information

i. **Staffordshire public transport map 2007**

ii. **Homezone – funding available for local projects**, up to £1,000

iii. **Weekly care information/news service** – free weekly newsflash via email

iv. **Black Country Core Strategy – Core Strategy Issues and Options**

Document – opportunity to air your views on the issues and options – consultation ends 10th August, 2007.

Agreed that the parish council would not make any comment

v. **West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy** – Phase Two Revision – following consultation on the Spatial Options between Jan and Mar 2007, over the next few months, the Preferred Option will be developed, to be completed by October 2007 and submitted to Secretary of State in December 2007. There will be an informal consultation event on 26th July, 2007, in Birmingham, to which all regional partners and communities are invited

Agreed that no one from the parish council would attend

vi. **Land Management Information Service** – information on parish mapping available on CD Rom

vii. **CPRE 300** – invitation to join the 300 club

viii. **Sustainable Staffordshire News**

ix. **NALC Course – Cracking the Code** – 19th July, 2007. This is being presented by the same people who spoke at the Clerk's Training Day

x. **CPRE Voice Magazine**

xi. Traffic – public issue of size and speed of vehicles entering Kings Bromley on Yoxall Road

Agreed that a letter be sent to SCC Highways regarding the speed and weight of vehicles entering the village and enquiring whether the location of 30 mph sign could be moved further out of the village. With a copy to Janet Eagland

3146 War Memorial

i. Insurance of War Memorial

A quote for the rebuilding of the War Memorial has been received

Agreed that the memorial be insured for a value of £20,000

3147 Church Clock

i. Maintenance

The clerk reported that to get the discount it was necessary to pay up front for 3, 4 or 5 years

Agreed the council is not prepared to commit this money in advance

The clerk reported that the battery needs to be changed and Smiths of Derby advise that this can be carried out at next year's annual maintenance visit

Agreed the council is happy for the battery to be replaced on the next annual visit

3148 Noticeboards

i. Map display adjacent to No. 1 Lichfield Road

The condition of the map is deteriorating quite rapidly

Agreed the map needs to be replaced and put in a sealed frame with glass in front of it, the clerk will obtain quotes

ii. Finish on board which has been repaired (Map in front of Village Hall)

Signs 1st are happy to carry out the work, if the lead is supplied (by Cllr Pritchard)

Agreed the clerk will make arrangements with Signs 1st for the work to be done

3149 Village Shop Questionnaire

There are still a few areas to be delivered to.

Agreed that Cllr Mrs Jarman will draw up a control sheet for analysing the results and councillors would carry out the analysis between them

Agreed the clerk would obtain further advice from ViRSA

3150 Parish Plan Quarterly Review

- **Household** – no action required
- **Public transport** – the bus service to Lichfield is now more direct to Lichfield and the parish council has considered the issue of bus shelters and found that they are not viable
- **Traffic** – the Safety Camera Partnership are now present in the village more frequently and the Community Speedwatch team are continuing to operate in a wider range of sites on both A roads and more discreetly as camera signs are now fixed in the village. Discussion has been held with the police over parking on pavements and interpretation on the law
- **Environment** – at least one lengthy power cut has been experienced, and the council did complain about the lack of information available, although overall this is outside the control of the parish council. Laybys – oak posts have been put along one of the Yoxall Road laybys to protect the verge. The layby did flood during a period of heavy rainfall at the end of June

- **Village Facilities** – the parish council has commissioned a questionnaire which is now awaiting analysis on village shop and post office facilities. Two new groups have had a short term booking but are unlikely to continue.
- **Footways and Bridleways** – accessibility of footpaths, in particular the footpath off the A515 down to the old Yoxall Bridge. The council is aware of some blocked footpaths and is notifying SCC of the need for the situation to be rectified
- **Young People** – the youth club has increased numbers on the Youth Club

3151 Christmas Tree

Agreed the chairman will look into this for the next meeting

3152 Social Services – Changing Lives

Last week the matter was taken to court, but this in pre-emptive, as the proposed closures and changes have not been approved by full council of SCC. Cllr Mrs Jarman reported on the court case from last week, and developments as a result

3153 Code of Conduct

The clerk will continue to investigate this matter as there are certain optional paragraphs to consider. The Standards Board have produced information on their website, which is designed specially for parish councils.

3154 Richard Crosse School

- i. **Parking and Walking Bus** – the aim of this is to alleviate some of the parking problems around the school
- ii. **International Links** – Cllr Seddon reported that he is meeting with the Chair of the Governors later this week to discuss starting international links

3155 Best Kept Village Competition

- i. **Children’s County Wide Poster Competition** – the two posters were entered from the winning poster competition in the village, but they were not selected as winners of the county wide competition
- ii. **Announcement of Results** – 30th July, Weston Village Hall,
Agreed that Cllr Pritchard will attend on behalf of the parish

3156 Training

- i. **Report on Clerk’s Training Day – 3/7/07** – the clerk reported that the main topics were training provided by SPCA; the new code of conduct; changes to the highway maintenance system and a discussion on the relationship between the county council and parish councils.
Over the coming months the Highways department will be allocating a number of parishes to a maintenance team who will have a schedule of work, which will have been circulated to parishes prior to their visit, for comment, additions and prioritising, and then the team will work in the parish for a period of a few days. The quickest way for emergency and other repairs is still to use CLARENCE
- ii. **New councillor training and Chairmanship training by SPCA** – the clerk repeated the SPCA’s wish to promote their training programmes for everyone.

3157 Lichfield District Council

- i. **Draft Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document** – provides more detailed advice on implementation policies in the saved Local Plan and the emerging Local Development Framework. This should be read along side the Staffordshire Residential Design Guide, and can be viewed at LDC offices, libraries or through new online consultation system (Limehouse) – <http://consultation.limehouse.co.uk/lichfielddc> . The deadline for comments is 10th August, 2007
Agreed that councillors would look at the summary document and clerk's report before the next meeting and that the clerk would send a full copy to Cllr Browne
- ii. **Greens and Open Spaces Strategy** – deadline for comments is 17th August, 2007
Agreed that the clerk would prepare a short report for consideration at the next meeting

3158 Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Local Council's Conference – 29th June, 2007** –was cancelled due to lack of support
- ii. **Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Staffordshire** – this is the basis of the full Rights of Way Improvement Plan which is to be published in November 2007. Consultation goes on until the end of August. Copies can be downloaded from <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/e-land/RightsofWay/plan/>
Agreed that the council feels the ideas are good, but hopes that there will be sufficient funding and resources for implementation

3159 SPCA

- i. **Vacancies on Lichfield Area committee** – deadline for nominations 29/6/07
- ii. **Chief Executive's Circular 34**

3160 Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. Financial Regulations
- ii. Review of Standing Orders

3161 Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 8th August, 2007, at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley