

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 8th August, 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 S Holland;
Cllr Mrs P Jarman; Cllr W A Taylor (part)

In attendance Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

Mr Mulholland reported to the council the number for the planning application and the correct spelling of Mrs Crittenden's name

Hedges on Bradbury Lane/Lichfield Road junction and generally throughout the village are becoming overgrown and impeding pedestrian access over the pavements

Calor Village of the Year – Kings Bromley has been put into the final three and the judging will be done on 17th August, 2007, so a little bit of a final tidying up is required

Footpaths across fields from the end of Vicarage Lane – litter left by strawberry pickers

Ditches down Crawley Lane from the first corner past the Cricket Field to Woodgate are now full of water and have been for some weeks and now the water is becoming stagnant

Layby on Yoxall Road – quite a lot of rubbish has been left and needs reporting to LDC

3139 Apologies

Cllr Seddon – previous engagement; Cllr Taylor – will be late; Cllr Mrs Eagland – District Council business

Agreed to accept the apologies of Cllrs Seddon and Taylor

3140 Declaration of Interests

None

3141 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July, 2007 be signed as a true and correct record

3142 Report of the Clerk

i. Litter bin on layby

Agreed that a new bin and post will be ordered and a claim made on the insurance for the stolen bin

ii. Homezone funding

Agreed that the clerk would find out prices for wind up torches prior to a decision being made as to whether torches would be made available to all residents in the village aged over 60 years of age

i. Traffic – speed and volume in Kings Bromley – the clerk had received a response from SCC regarding the varying problems with traffic particularly on the Yoxall Road

Agreed that details of the response would be sent to the occupants of numbers 1, 3 and 5 Church Lane

ii. Training for New Councillors and Chairman – the clerk reminded councillors of the training opportunities available

iii. Good Councillors Guide – the clerk asked all councillors if they have a current copy

- iv. **Inspection of Trees** – the clerk reported that Allianz Cornhill Insurance had accepted the recommendation from the tree inspection, that a three yearly inspection of trees was adequate
- v. **Insurance** – the clerk is awaiting a revised schedule of insurance to include the increased fidelity insurance and revised street furniture values
- vi. **Rights of way improvement plan** – an acknowledgement has been received from SCC in respect of the parish council's comments

3143 Finance

i. **Accounts for Payment**

Agreed that the following payments be made

Mrs S Buxton	Salary – July 2007	£309.53
	Office and computer – July 2007	£ 25.50
	Petty Cash	£ 30.00
Post Office Ltd	100 x 1 st and 2 nd class stamps	£ 58.00
SCC	Pension contributions – July 2007	£ 62.24
LDC	Annual emptying of bins	
	3 dog bins and 1 litter bin	£427.70
Sharp Landscapes	2 cuts	£202.00

ii. **Payments Received**

£5 from Mr W G Baskerville for receipt of agenda by post

Noted

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

The independent internal audit has been completed by Mrs O'Brian, and there are no matters to report

Agreed a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs O'Brian

iv. **Banking Arrangements** – the forms have now arrived from the bank

Agreed that the clerk would arrange for their completion before the next meeting

v. **Finance Report to 31st July, 2007**

Noted

Cllr Taylor arrived

3144 Correspondence and Items for Information

i. **John Taylor High School** – copy of presentation evening programme

ii. **Letter from resident of 3 Manor Road** – raising a query re: signage for Nursing Home and Manor Park

Agreed all councillors to take a look before the next meeting at the signage to Manor Park and Nursing Home in general

iii. **Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service Newsletter** –

iv. **Sustainable Staffordshire newsletter** – Summer 2007

v. **Victim Support Staffordshire** – request for financial support

vi. **Grasscutting** – Cllr Browne queried the frequency of road verge cutting

Agreed the clerk would report to the next meeting on the schedule operated by SCC

vii. **Playground Equipment Exhibition** – Windsor Racecourse – 4th – 6th September, 2007

viii. **Record Play Equipment** – information and enquiry form

ix. **Community Council** – reminder re: grants of up to £1,000 from Rural Community Chest

Agreed that the clerk would send details to the Youth Club

- x. **Staffs and Stoke on Trent Archive Service** – invitation to evening for donors and depositors
Agreed the parish council would not send a representative

3145 Code of Conduct

All councillors now had a copy of the new code of conduct and the accompanying report prepared by the clerk

Agreed this will be looked at for the next meeting, when the intention would be to adopt it before the October deadline

3146 War Memorial

- i. **Insurance of War Memorial** – the clerk reported that the War Memorial is now insured for £20,000 as per the valuation provided through Cannell Memorials

3147 Noticeboards

- i. **Map display adjacent to No. 1 Lichfield Road**
- ii. **Finish on board which has been repaired (Map in front of Village Hall)**
Agreed that the clerk would progress both these items forward prior to the next meeting

3148 Village Shop Questionnaire

- i. **Report on information from VIRSA** – report from Pat Hudson from VIRSA
- ii. **Collation of results** – 445 out, 288 back. 265 want shop. Patsie circulated the control sheet, arrange meeting for after next parish council meeting. Look at setting up steering committee after next meeting

3149 Christmas Tree – fixing bracket

Agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting

3150 Social Services – Changing Lives

Nothing to report

3151 Best Kept Village Competition

- i. **Announcement of Results** – the chairman reported that the village had finished third in their group
- ii. **Village of the Year Competition** – Kings Bromley is in the final three and the meeting with the judges will be on Friday, 17th August, 2007 at 12.00 noon at the Village Hall
Agreed that Cllrs Taylor, Mrs Jarman and Browne will attend the interview with the chairman
Agreed the clerk will forward a copy of the written entry to the competition to the four members attending the interview
- iii. **Staffordshire County Council Magazine** will be carrying an article on the Best Kept Village Competition in October
Agreed the clerk will prepare a report to be considered for inclusion

3152 Lichfield District Council

- i. **Draft Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document** – to consider report of the clerk circulated on 15th July, 2007. Deadline for comments is 10th August, 2007
Agreed the council did not wish to make any comment

- ii. **Greens and Open Spaces Strategy** – to consider the report of the clerk already circulated. Deadline for comments is 17th August, 2007.
Agreed the council did not wish to make any comment

3153 Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Municipal Waste Strategy for 2007** – the clerk gave a brief report on the targets and content of the strategy
Agreed the council did not wish to make any comment
- ii. **Letter detailing SCC policy on display of Union Flag**
Noted

3154 SPCA

Nothing to report

3155 Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. Financial Regulations
- ii. Review of Standing Orders
- iii. Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office
- iv. Wood end land – traffic delays due to works

3156 Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 5th September, 2007 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley

Agreed to take item 21 – Planning Application at Manor Croft next on the agenda

3157 Planning Application at Manor Croft

Agreed that this application will be dealt with by the planning advisory committee as every other planning application and will not be discussed by full council