

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 12th June 2013 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. G. C. Seddon (Chairman); Cllr. I. M. P. Pritchard;
Cllr. Mrs. P. Rothery; Cllr. S. Holland.
County Cllr. M. Tittley.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)
Members of the public: None

Public Session: No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs. W. Taylor (retrospectively), Cllrs. Mrs. M. Gair and Cllr. S. Browne (Holiday)

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. Rothery declared an interest in any discussion involving HS2 as her family had land over which the track will pass. All present councillors declared an interest on discussions around traffic issues on the two 'A' roads. The chairman asked that all councillors state an interest if an item is discussed subsequently.

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks.

The chairman said that no public were present. He then read out a copy of the police report that had been emailed to the clerk. Report from 8th May to 8th June.
26/05/2013 The Grange during the hours of darkness 3 garden sheds were broken into and lawn mowers stolen. No lines of enquiry to follow up and nothing seen by any one in street.
31/05/13 Crawley Lane football ground, the container on grounds broken into by offenders cutting off lock and various high value items stolen.

4. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 8th May 2013 - AGM.

These had been distributed previously. One minor amendment was identified; Item 1 final line – delete 'completing another year' and replace with 'accepting a further year'. With this amendment made and initialled by the chairman it was proposed by Cllr. Rothery and seconded by Cllr. Holland that the minutes be signed as a true record. All in favour.

5. Clerks Report.

a) Correspondence / emails received.

- i) Letter re invites to KB Show – confirmation of attendees. Clerk to contact Pam Smith. **Action: Clerk.**
- ii) Quote – J Went – clock maintenance / repair. The clerk read out Mr Went's quote. This to be discussed under item 12 below.
- iii) Letter – John Taylor School – invite to presentation evening. After consideration it was felt inappropriate to donate precept monies to the school. No one was able to attend the presentation evening.

Letters Sent

- i) None

b) Finances.

- i) Financial statement: As at 24/5/13 – Current account £11,489.78.
Reserve account £18,428.93

Initial:

- ii) Payments Received: Interest 53p
- iii) Payments to be made:
 - 300570 Clerk Salary £277.33 (net),
 - 300571 Clerks Expenses £98.11, of which cost of stamps purchased was £0 for May 2013 and includes a gratuity to the internal auditor of £17.07.
 - 300572 HMRC – Clerk income tax - £69.40
 - 300575 Mr R B Hayward – grass cutting - £303.40It was proposed by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. Holland that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.

300573 Village hall hire Apr 12 to 22 Apr 2013 - £325.00
300574 Village hall hire – 26th April - £12.50

The above two invoices were queried by council and the clerk asked to obtain further details about the one for the meeting on 26th April. **Action: Clerk.**

6. County and District Councillors Reports.

Cllr. Tittley reported that he was following up with SCC about the changes to the Arriva bus services. He has written to the council and is also in discussion with them about the heavy lorries using local roads. This will be a long term exercise as only four traffic orders go through the system each year. This is due to the slow legal process. He asked that issues concerning the council should be placed on a list and submitted to him, he will then take this to the local area highways engineer Mr Richard Rayson. The chairman added that a meeting with other local parish councils is scheduled for next month and that Cllrs. Tittley and Pritchard will be attending.

Cllr. Pritchard reported that he was very busy with the local plan, to have it ready for the 20th when an inspector will be coming to examine it. He is also dealing with HS2 and has a meeting with Michael Fabricant MP and Patrick McLoughlin MP concerning mitigation. They want a tunnel at Streethay as the proposal will be 25m high on an embankment with the electricity gantries. It will be more expensive to cut and cover. He is also involved with Darnford Park and locals had been asked for comments. Not many were received but now the work has commenced, a petition with 2000 signatures has been lodged.

The chairman thanked the two councillors for their reports.

7. Highway and Footpaths.

- (i) Meeting with neighbouring parishes - update. Cllr. Pritchard said that a meeting is to take place on 17th July with Draycott and Yoxall parishes. It would be ideal if a petition from local residents could be arranged.
- (ii) Arriva update. This was covered by Cllr. Tittley's report above.
- (iii) Village Centre Roadworks. Cllr. Rothery said that Crawley Lane would be closed over two weekends – 22nd and 29th July and that access will be via Common Lane. The work on the main crossroads is now finished.
- (iv) Footpath issues. A kissing gate has disappeared from Woodgate. Cllr. Rothery to investigate. **Action: Cllr. Rothery.**

8. Neighbourhood Plan – to reconsider options.

Cllr. Pritchard said that if council does a plan then LDC will help with grants. He will get the necessary information together. Cllr. Tittley said council could apply for a

'neighbourhood area'. Cllr. Pritchard to investigate this option too.

Action: Cllr. Pritchard.

9. HS2 latest.

This had been covered above.

10. Projects for 2013 funded from reserves: i) Slide. ii) Wildflower meadow sign.

i) It was proposed by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. Holland that the quote from Wicksteed be accepted. It was pointed out that even though this quote was slightly dearer than the others, the council has dealt with this company in the recent past and that their work was of a good quality. A vote was taken and three councillors were in favour of this proposal with one abstention. Clerk to place order with the company. **Action: Clerk.**

ii) Cllr. Rothery said the sign was still 'work in progress'.

Action: Cllr. Rothery.

11. Sandbag storage and training for flood officer.

Cllr Rothery said she was now in receipt of the information regarding training and will be meeting Tim Matthews of the Environment Agency at Fradley. He will supply 100 bags that Cllr. Rothery will store in her garage.

12. Church Clock Maintenance.

The chairman said that Mr. Glen Wright had made the correct decision when he asked for repair work to be done following the recent service, as this had saved council another call out charge. Cllr. Pritchard said that he thought the council had a contract with Smiths. It was suggested that the clerk contact Mr Ogden who would know about the clock / bells and where maintenance of one started and the other ended. The clerk was asked to contact Mr Went to keep him in the picture. **Action: Clerk**

13. Recycling Scheme.

The clerk said that an estimate of income for a similar sized parish showed £1500. After discussion it was felt that council did not want to take up this scheme if it meant depriving the income from those that already gain from the current recycling scheme. Cllrs. Seddon and Pritchard will determine who benefits from the funds raised at present and to what level. If taking up the scheme were to produce more income then it will be considered. Clerk to keep item on the agenda. **Actions: Cllrs. Seddon and Pritchard.**

14. Best Kept Village prize presentation.

Clerk has delivered the vouchers to Cllr. Gair who will make the presentation in due course.

15. Councillor Reports for information only.

Cllr. Pritchard said that the County Council will be looking into public transport issues.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.14pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 10th July 2013.