

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 10th July 2013 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. G. C. Seddon (Chairman); Cllr. I. M. P. Pritchard; Cllr. S. Holland;
Cllr. W. Taylor; Cllr. Mrs. M. Gair and Cllr. S. Browne.
County Cllr. M. Tittley.

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

Public Session: No members of the public were present. Cllr. Browne asked about the ownership of the grass verge on Yoxall Road and if it could be included in the grass cutting schedule. Clerk to request Mr Hayward to add this to his schedule.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. Mrs. P. Rothery. (work commitments)

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillors Seddon, Taylor, Holland and Pritchard 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 reported that he had been in communication with a Mr John Oldham, who used to live in the village, and who had contacted the parish originally through the web site to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Mr. Oldham now keeps in touch with village matters by reading the parish council minutes. It goes to show how the internet has changed things as a hundred years ago just one telephone would have been useful.

4. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 12th June 2013.

These had been distributed previously. One minor amendment was identified; Item 7 (i) should read June not July.

With this amendment made and initialled by the chairman it was proposed by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. Holland that the minutes be signed as a true record. All present at the meeting were in favour.

5. Clerks Report.

a) Correspondence / emails received.

- i) Email from Mr Ogden re church clock maintenance – see under item 11.
- ii) Order acknowledgement from Wicksteed.
- iii) Invitation to attend the Best Kept Village prize presentation. Clerk to inform Alan Howard.
- iv) Other items placed directly in to circulation file.

Letters Sent

- i) None

b) Finances.

- i) Financial statement: As at 26/6/13 – Current account £10,344.91
Reserve account £18,428.93 with £767.00 in uncleared cheques.
- ii) Payments Received: Interest £1.73p

Initial:

- iii) Payments to be made:
300576 Clerk Salary £277.33 (net),
300577 Clerks Expenses £104.49, of which cost of stamps purchased was £16.14 for June 2013.
300578 HMRC – Clerk income tax - £69.40
300579 Village Hall hire – HS2 meeting 25/5/13 £12.50
300580 R B Hayward – grass cutting £222.64. Cllr Browne asked how Mr Hayward calculated his invoice. The clerk said there was a set schedule that formed a contract with him and that the amount he claims each month was the same.

300573 Village hall hire Apr 12 to 22 Apr 2013 - £325.00 (awaiting clarification)

300574 Village hall hire – 26th April - £12.50 (awaiting clarification)

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

- iv) Village Hall Invoices. The above two village hall invoices had been queried by the clerk but no answer was yet forthcoming. Clerk to chase again. **Action: Clerk.**
- v) First Quarter Update. The clerk distributed a summary of the current financial position and said his early projection indicated that the expected outgoings for the year may be slightly less than originally estimated. No questions on the figures were raised.

6. County and District Councillors Reports.

Cllr. Tittley reported that he is pressing SCC to develop a transport management plan and to this end took one of their senior staff on a tour of the district to show, first-hand what many of the problems are. This included queues of lorries exiting Fradley and trying to access the A38. Lorries using Wood End Lane, the difficulty with lorries turning in the village centre and the huge number that use the A515 instead of the A38. He said that meetings with adjacent parishes are to be held and also with CC Tim Corbett who represents the Yoxall area. Cllr Seddon said it was unbelievable that senior staff at SCC did not realise the problems that heavy traffic is bringing to the local villages and roads. Cllr. Tittley said that weight restrictions are required but that they take time to put in place due to the long drawn out legal process.

Cllr Seddon thanked Cllr. Tittley for his report and help.

Cllr. Pritchard reported that the local plan had been completed today but the inspector indicated that he thought the plan required more homes. There will be a chance for LDC to amend the plan before the deadline date of September. The inspector wants to know where around an extra 900 homes over 20 years can be located. The council should be building around 560 per year but only 40 were completed last year. This is due to the current economic climate as builders will not build if they cannot sell. The council has no influence in this.

He said he was still heavily involved in the HS2 mitigation and had met with Sec. of State of Transport Patrick McLoughlin MP, to have the line through Streethay constructed in a cutting or tunnel. This would in effect lower the whole track through the area thereby making the cost substantially higher.

The chairman thanked Cllr Pritchard for his report.

7. Highway and Footpaths.

- (i) Meeting with neighbouring parishes - update. Cllr. Pritchard said that a meeting is to take place in September where Cllr. Tittley wants to get Cllrs. Eagland and Corbett together to discuss the areas dire traffic issues.
- (ii) Arriva update. Cllr. Browne said that the service is to remain at every 2 hours and this decision was made purely on financial grounds. The only real success in pressing the bus company was to get the buses to wait at the stops until their scheduled departure times. This seems to be working. Cllr Tittley added that this was a problem on all regional bus routes.
- (iii) Village Centre Roadworks. Cllr. Holland said that Crawley Lane was now clear of works ready for the Show later this month. Emergency works were being done back at the cross roads.
- (iv) Footpath issues. The kissing gate at Woodgate had been removed by the landowner and was in storage. It was no longer required as there is no stock in the field.

8. Neighbourhood Plan – grant availability.

Cllr. Pritchard said he would bring some information to the next meeting.

9. HS2 latest.

Cllr. Browne said that a lot was happening at the moment mainly to do with environmental issues and compensation claims. The recently held Stop HS2 BBQ had over 70 attending and a profit will be made. Two weeks ago Whittington held a national exhibition with eight workshops. It was very well organised with local politicians also in attendance. The disappointment was that only around 300 members of the public attended. Over £200m has already been spent on the project and the likely final bill will be £36b to £40b. SCC is against the project along with two other major organisations. Cllr. Pritchard said that Michael Fabricant MP is doing all he can to stop the project too. Cllr. Seddon added that it was ironic that Derby Council is campaigning for a HS2 station in the city.

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

i) The clerk said that work on the new slide is due to commence within the next three to four weeks.

ii) Cllr. Taylor asked if anyone had spoken to the homeowner whose hedge backs on to the wild flower meadow. It was thought that Cllr. Rothery was going to do this but as she was not present the clerk was asked to find out if she had done this. **Action: Cllr. Clerk.**

11. Church Clock Maintenance.

The clerk read out a reply from Mr Ogden about the maintenance of the church clock, the aim being to determine just where the clock maintenance ends, and hence parish council responsibility and where the bell mechanism begins. This is what Mr Ogden said;

Thank you for your email of 21st June.

I do maintain the 6 bells of St. Peter's Church Yoxall in my role of Service Engineer for the John Taylor Bellfoundry, Loughborough. The clock has a striking mechanism fitted that enables the hour to be struck, via an external hammer, on bell number 5. Part of my annual inspection is to make sure that this hammer can be deactivated properly so that the bell can be rung 'full circle' without any damage being caused to the bell or hammer. I give no other attention to the clock. For answers to the other questions you raise, I feel it is only right and proper that you contact the Church officials direct. I hope this helps!

After some discussion it was felt that a letter ought to be sent to Glen Wright, the church warden, stating that the council is only responsible for the maintenance of the clock itself and not the bells or their mechanism and the reports from Smiths and Mr Went be attached.
Action: Clerk.

12. Recycling Scheme.

In an email report Cllr. Rothery said she understood that funds from the existing scheme are shared between The British Heart Foundation and the KB Play Group. It was decided that the clerk write to these two groups and make them aware of the CC of S scheme as they may be able to make more for their funds by adopting their scheme. **Action: Clerk**

13. Councillor Reports for information only.

The clerk read out an email report from Cllr. Rothery. Re the sandbags – it was felt that this ought to be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to add back to the agenda. She also wanted to know who supplied the signs next to the jubilee bench. Clerk to ask Patsy Jarman.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 14th August 2013.