

**KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, at 7.45 pm in**  
**Kings Bromley Village Hall**

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

**In attendance** Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

There were 33 members of the public at the meeting

Issues raised during the public part of the meeting:-

- use of the word "contentious" in the draft minutes of the planning advisory committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2007
- gate to the Memorial Garden – the Royal British Legion have a design for the new gate in memory of Dr Crittenden
- conduct of planning meeting – there will be a three minute rule introduced for speakers if needed
- maintenance of War Memorial – Mr Rawlinson thanked the parish council for arranging the maintenance of the memorial

**3275 Apologies**

Cllr Mrs Gair – holiday and Cllr Mrs Eagland – LDC business  
**Agreed** to accept the apologies of Cllr Mrs Gair

**3276 Declarations of Interest**

Royal British Legion – Cllr Taylor

**3277 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Agreed** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2007, be signed as a true and correct record

**3278 Report of the Clerk**

- i. **Litter bin on the lay-by** – a formal quote for replacement is awaited from LDC
- ii. **Rubbish in lay-by** – the clerk had not had an opportunity to report it since the last meeting, but would do so. A member of the public reported that he believed much of the rubbish was as a result of fly-tipping
- iii. **Footpaths – overhanging hedges and litter on strawberry fields** – the clerk had written to the owners concerned and placed an item in the parish magazine, and there had been some improvement
- iv. **Footpaths – strawberry fields** – where the tractors/lorries go this is now very muddy and difficult for walkers. A discussion was taken on what could be done about it and whether the footpath could be protected by small posts  
**Agreed** Cllr Holland would discuss the protection of the right of way with Mr Baskerville
- v. **Footpaths – old road down to old bridge is very overgrown**  
**Agreed** the clerk would report this to SCC highways
- vi. **Ditches Crawley Lane** – the clerk had discussed the matter with Mr Baskerville and had clarified with SCC that ditches are the responsibility of the landowner where they serve both road drainage and land drainage purposes

- vii. **Windup torches** – the clerk had not had an opportunity to research the supply of torches for this meeting, but would do so for the next meeting
- viii. **Insurance** – the clerk had circulated the revised schedule of insurance to all members  
**Agreed** that the insurance schedule now accurately reflected the requirements of the council
- ix. **Grasscutting schedule** – the clerk reported that SCC cut the verges on A roads three times per year and on rural roads twice a year. The next cut is due to begin in mid September
- x. **Verge maintenance outside Chamberlain Close** – this is in a very poor state of repair and is the responsibility of HomeZone  
**Agreed** the clerk would write to HomeZone to ask about this area

### 3275 Finance

- i. **Accounts for Payment**  
**Agreed** that the following payments be made
 

Mrs S Buxton	Salary – Aug 07	£309.53
	Office & computer – Aug 07	£ 25.50
	Petty Cash	£ 30.00
SCC	Pension – Aug 07	£ 62.24
Sharp Landscapes	2 cuts and wildflower meadow	£313.00
KB Vill Hall	Meeting – 17/8/07	£ 5.00
- ii. **Payments received**  
None
- iii. **Banking Arrangements**  
**Agreed** to carry this forward to the next meeting
- iv. **Finance Report**  
**Noted**

### 3275 Correspondence

- i. **CPRE Fieldwork Magazine** – particular reference made to article on speeding traffic
- ii. **CPRE Publication – What price West Mids Green Belts**
- iii. **Community Council AGM – 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2007** – including announcement of Village of the Year result  
**Agreed** that the Cllrs Pritchard and Browne would attend the AGM
- iv. **W Mids Regional Spatial Strategy** – Phase II revision
- v. **Community Council of Staffs** – information on trying to establish a forum for co-ordinators of Voluntary Car Schemes – KB is already listed on the list of known schemes
- vi. **Royal British Legion** – a design for the new gate to the memorial garden was circulated  
**Agreed** that the new design be supported by the parish council
- vii.

### 3276 Code of Conduct

- Agreed** that Kings Bromley Parish Council adopt the new code of conduct as adapted by the Standards Board for parish councils. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarman and seconded by Cllr Holland
- Agreed** that Kings Bromley Parish Council would not adopt paragraph 12.2. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarman and seconded by Cllr Seddon

### **3277 Noticeboards**

**Agreed** to carry this forward to the next meeting

### **3278 Village Shop Questionnaire**

Work is still ongoing with regards to the collation of the views in the questionnaires and it is hoped a report will be available for the next meeting

**Agreed** to put an update in the parish magazine to inform parishioners of progress to date

### **3279 Christmas Tree**

The chairman reported that a bracket to support the size of Christmas Tree that KB have needed to be quite considerable (4' high, 6' wide) and thus was quite costly.

The best quote was £490 plus VAT and £100 has been allowed for in the budget

**Agreed** to go ahead with the project at a cost of £490, and to take the balance of money from parish council reserves

### **3280 Manor Park Signage**

The council discussed the matter of signage for Manor Park and the Nursing Home at some length

**Agreed** that the council would write to the Nursing Home suggesting that their sign at the entrance of Manor Road was rather dilapidated and in need of attention

**Agreed** that the council did not feel able to take on installation of signs for all other areas off Manor Road, as there were several roads/areas which could be signed at the bottom of Manor Road which would lead to a surfeit of signs and the need to obtain permission to put signs up. Further up Manor Road it is a private road and therefore beyond the jurisdiction of the parish council

### **3281 Kings Bromley Conservation Area**

The draft revised policy from LDC is a very detailed document which requires time to consider it. A number of errors have already been identified

**Agreed** the clerk would ask LDC for time to consider the matter at the next meeting and also ask for clarification as to the meaning of a "positive" building

**Agreed** that all councillors would take a closer look at it for the next meeting

**Agreed** that the clerk would circulate a copy of the revised map showing the extent of the conservation area

### **3282 Village of the Year Competition**

Cllrs Pritchard, Taylor and Browne had attended the interview with the judges in mid August

### **3283 Social Services – Changing Lives**

Nothing to report

### **3284 Lichfield District Council**

i. **Local Development Framework leaflet** – for information

ii. **LDF Core Strategy Issues** – deadline for comments 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007

**Agreed** that the most important rural issue is to ensure sustainability and rural services and transport are needed to achieve this

iii. **LDF Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Consultation on the Methodology** - deadline for comments 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007

**Agreed** that the council has no comment to make on the methodology

### **3285 Staffordshire County Council**

- i. **Chief Executive** – the clerk reported that Nigel Pursey the Chief Executive is to resign from the end of October

### **3286 SPCA**

Nothing to report

### **3287 Review of Items for Future Meetings**

- i. **Financial regulations**
- ii. **Standing Orders**
- iii. **Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office**
- iv. **Manor Park Quarry current situation** – Cllr Browne asked if the current situation with the quarry could be clarified and are checks being made to ensure the water flows etc are being managed correctly  
**Agreed** that a letter be sent to the Environment Agency asking if regular checks are made with regards to the bunds and the management of the water, but that no further enquiry would be made with regards to the operation of the quarry

### **3288 Date of Next Meeting**

**Agreed** that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2007 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall