

**KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 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 G C Seddon; Cllr W A Taylor

**In attendance** County Cllr Mrs J M Eagland; Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

There were 6 members of the public at the meeting

Mrs Piggott reported on the school's World Wise Club, which has a link with a school in Thailand, including writing projects and web chats.

On Rugeley Road from junction with A515 on the quarry side the trees on the other side of the wall are overhang the verge, making it impassable for pedestrians

There are problems on river on the bypass between the two lakes between Mill House and the main Trent, with trees falling into the river obstructing water flow on the opposite side to Bromley Hall

On the Strawberry fields there is an oak tree with two dangerous branches. Cllr Holland has spoken to Mr Baskerville who acknowledges that the tree is partially dead. It is not clear whether the tree is on Mr Flint's or Mr Baskerville's land, but Mr Baskerville has agreed to attend to the tree after checking that there is no preservation order on the tree Royal Oak Pub application – the village needs a pub and any improvements which can be made to the pub should be welcomed

**3291 Apologies**

None

**3292 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Mrs Jarman – Social Services “Changing Lives”

**3293 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Agreed** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, be signed as a true and correct record

**3294 Report of the Clerk**

**i. Litter bin on lay-by**

The clerk reported that she is meeting LDC at the layby on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 regarding the site for the installation of the new litter bin

**ii. Lay-by rubbish** – the rubbish has been removed by LDC

**iii. Ditches in Crawley Lane** – what about the “grooves” from the road to the ditches. Cllr Mrs Eagland suggested the clerk speak to Mr Clive Thompson whilst Mr Ken Owne is on holiday

**iv. Windup torches** – the clerk tabled some information and costs on wind up torches.

**Agreed** that Cllr Mrs Jarman will purchase one from a known supplier in Rugeley

**v. Christmas tree fixing bracket** – work is in hand for the completion of this project

**3295 Finance**

**i. Accounts for Payment**

**Agreed** that the following payments be made

Mrs S Buxton	Salary – September 2007	£ 309.53
	Office and computer – September 2007	£ 25.50
	Petty Cash	£ 30.00
	Telephone	£ 16.63
	Photocopying Jul – Sep	£ 53.52
SCC	Pension contributions – September 2007	£ 62.24
Sharp Landscapes	Underpayment on last invoice	£ 4.00
Co-op Bank	Transfer of initial deposit	£1,000.00
KB Youth Club	Donation towards Hallowe'en Party with Pre-School	£ 75.00

**ii. Payments Received**

Village of the Year Prize Money for second prize £ 100.00

**iii. Bank Mandate**

The bank mandate is ready for signing by members

**iv. Insurance claims**

The clerk reported that claims have been completed for two noticeboards and the litter bin

**v. Finance Report to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2007**

**Noted**

**3296 Correspondence and Items for Information**

**i. KB Youth Club** – a request has been received for a donation of £75 towards the Hallowe'en celebrations with the Pre-School

**Agreed** that the council would make a donation of £75 to the Youth Club

**ii. Staffordshire Police** - a letter of introduction has been received from the new Chief Constable Chris Sims

**iii. Community Council of Staffs** – Annual report 2006/07

**iv. S Staffs Primary Care Trust** – notification of first AGM which was held on 26/9/07

**v. Staffs Playing Fields Association** – notice of AGM 10/10/07 and annual report

**vi. W Mids Regional Spatial Strategy** – Phase One Revision – The Black Country

**vii. Standards Board** “Town and Parish Standard” – first edition of this twice yearly newsletter

**viii. DEFRA Booklet** – outlining measures which parishes can take to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

**Agreed** the clerk would report to the next meeting

**ix. Post Office Closure details** – Details of proposed closures in Staffordshire will be released in March 2008

**x. Community Council – Skills Base** – details of a wide range of courses which are run through the voluntary sector

**xi. Rugeley Road Verge** – trees from behind the wall overhand the verge on the Rugeley Road, making it impassable for pedestrians

**Agreed** the clerk will write to the new owners of the quarry

**xii. River between main Trent and Mill House** – trees have fallen into the far side of the river on the link between the two lakes which is impeding the water flow.

**Agreed** that the clerk will write to both the Environment Agency and the new owners of the quarry

**xiii. Email from Mr Mulholland to Cllr Pritchard** – Mr Mullholland gave permission for Cllr Pritchard to share the contents with the whole parish council. Mr

Mulholland is making the council aware that around 30 tonne of soil has been piled up against the Manor Wall, and this could do damage if left there on a long term basis. It is against the wall between Mr Cooper and Mr Mulholland. Mr Mulholland believes that the parish council should consider this matter as the village has considerable interest in this wall. From Bromley Hall, it is possible to see the damage which is being done to the wall, where it is coming through the wall because it cannot breathe. It would appear that the pile of soil is to be used for landscaping in the future. The owner of the soil has said that he will not allow the wall to be damaged.

**Agreed** to contact the Conservation Officer at LDC to draw their attention to this problem as it appears to be unacceptable in the Conservation Area

**Agreed** the chairman will speak to Mr Cooper regarding the soil adjacent to the wall and ask for it to be moved to allow circulation of air around the wall

### **3297 Noticeboards**

The clerk reported that she is Signs 1<sup>st</sup> are not returning calls when promising to do so or carrying out the work as agreed and she is continuing to try to contact them

### **3298 Village Shop Questionnaire**

The recording of the findings of the questionnaire is still ongoing and should be completed by the November meeting. The clerk reported on discussions with Mrs Pat Hudson of ViRSA, who indicated that a small sum of money is available to pay for the recording of the questionnaire information if required. She would also be happy to meet with just one or two people who have an interest in helping to run a shop, to discuss what's involved. She also suggested that if accommodation is a problem, could a mobile building be used, which limits the initial capital outlay whilst giving time to see if a shop is viable

### **3299 Kings Bromley Conservation Area**

The new draft of the Kings Bromley Conservation Area Appraisal from LDC was considered.

**Agreed** the council is happy for the Conservation Area to be extended, particularly to include Manor Park Nurseries, but that part of the boundary does not seem very logical in places, as it appears to zig zag rather a great deal. The council would also like the boundary in front of Bromley Hall to be revised as there are several significant trees within the grounds of Bromley Hall.

**Agreed** to inform LDC of the discrepancies with regards to 13 Manor Road

### **3300 Footpaths and Verges**

- i. **Overhanging hedges and shrubs** – there is a tree in the garden of No, 14 The Grange which overhangs the footpath badly  
**Agreed** the clerk will write to the owner of No. 14 The Grange and ask for the tree to be cut back to allow unhindered access to the footpath
- ii. **Strawberry field** – Cllr Holland reported that the entrance to the field is becoming something of a mess where the traffic goes through. Mr Baskerville has agreed to speak to the users of the field regarding the problem and the waymarking of the public footpath
- iii. **Old road down to Yoxall Bridge** – this has not appeared on any maintenance schedule to date, but SCC will now arrange for vegetation to be cut back within the next month and try to get the gate post repaired too.
- iv. **Chamberlain Close verge** – the clerk has reported this to both SCC and HomeZone. No reply has been received from HomeZone, but SCC are going to

try to ensure that next time it is cut, it is cut to a much better standard, although the quality of the verge is poor to begin with

### **3301 Village of the Year Competition**

Kings Bromley secured joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place, behind Stonnall and a prize of £100

### **3302 Social Services – Changing Lives**

Cllr Mrs Jarman reported that the matter is still ongoing. Lichfield Day Centre are arranging social events to try to save the day centre and to publicise the situation. Cllr Mrs Eagland reported that the conservative group at SCC are fighting against the closures

### **3303 Parish Council Complaints Procedure**

**Agreed** to adopt the complaints procedure prepared by the clerk

### **3304 Training Needs Report**

**Agreed** to note the report prepared by the clerk

### **3305 Lichfield District Council**

- i. **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment** – the method to be used was considered at the last meeting. LDC now asking to be made aware of any sites that should be looked at when the assessment for both housing and mixed used development is carried out. Deadline for returns – 31/10/07  
**Agreed** the parish council was not aware of any potential sites for residential development
- ii. **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places** – LDC is required to carry out this review under the Electoral Administration Act 2006.  
**Agreed** the council does not wish to make any recommendations with regard to polling arrangements within Kings Bromley
- iii. **Forward Plan**

### **3306 Staffordshire County Council**

- i. **Ambulance Service** – this has now been merged with West Midlands
- ii. **Full Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2007** – will be discussing the recent Job Evaluation process

### **3307 SPCA**

- i. **Newsletter – Autumn 2007**
- ii. **AGM Details 3/11/07**  
**Agreed** that the council did not wish to send any delegates or put forward any resolution for debate

### **3308 Review of Items for Future Meetings**

- i. Financial Regulations
- ii. Review of Standing Orders
- iii. Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office
- iv. Manor Park Quarry

### **3309 Date of Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2007** – 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley