

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 14th November, 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 (Part); Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

There were 4 members of the public present.

The following subjects were discussed:-

- signage to the Arboretum was discussed
- licence application for the Royal Oak
- waiting restriction on layby
- rubbish on layby – palettes in layby at the bottom of the bushes and some black plastic bags with household rubbish

3291 Apologies

None

3292 Declaration of Interests

Changing Lives – Cllr Mrs Jarman – disabled user

3293 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October, 2007 be signed as a true and correct record

3294 Report of the Clerk

- i. **The Grange/Lichfield Road/other - overhanging trees** – it was reported that the problem on the Grange still remains
Agreed that Cllr Pritchard will speak to the resident concerned
- ii. **Rugeley Road – overhanging trees** – the clerk has reported this to Hansons, and a reply is awaited
- iii. **Manor Park – trees in the river** – the clerk has reported this to Hansons and a reply is awaited. A letter has also been sent to the Environment Agency making them aware of the problem
- iv. **Strawberry field – dangerous oak tree and footpath** – the clerk reported that Mr Baskerville is to arrange for the tree to be removed and the path is to be roped off to keep vehicles off the. SCC will be closing the path during the tree removal works
- v. **Crawley Lane – ditches and gulleys from the road** – SCC are cutting the verges right back to the hedges and the dredgings will then be put onto the verge. The owners of Common Lane Farm and Crawley Lodge are dealing with the dredging work and then SCC will attend to the gulleys that run off the road. It is hoped to keep closure of the road to an absolute minimum
- vi. **Old Road by Yoxall Bridge** – this has now been cleared by SCC
- vii. **Chamberlain Close verge** – SCC are to arrange for its inclusion on the maintenance schedule, Homezone have notified the council of where they look after, but had not addressed the problem of the verge having not been finished off properly after the houses were built

- viii. **Litter bin on lay-by** – a new bin has been installed and a claim is being made on the council's insurance
- ix. **Windup torches**
Agreed that this is to be carried forward to the next meeting
- x. **Nursing Home signage** – the nursing home has notified the council that it has already ordered one new sign for Manor Road and one for the nursing home itself
- xi. **Youth Club** – the Youth Club has not yet received the funds from the previous Youth Club, and this will now be chased up

3295 Finance

- i. **National Salary Award for Clerks 2007-08** – details of the cost of living pay award had been circulated to councillors
Agreed that the award be implemented an back dated to 1st April, 2007
- ii. **Accounts for Payment**
Agreed that the following payments be made:-

Mrs S Buxton	Salary – October, 2007	£317.21
	Office and computer – October 2007	£ 25.50
	Petty Cash	£ 30.00
	Advert re: adoption of new code of conduct	£ 9.91
	Travel expenses	£ 19.80
SCC	Pension contributions – October, 2007	£ 63.78
LDC	Supply and install new litter bin	£329.00
Sharp Landscapes	3 grass cuts	£303.00
Mrs S Buxton	Salary arrears – April to Oct 2007	£ 46.10
SCC	Pension arrears – April to Oct 2007	£ 6.33
- iii. **Payments Received**
None
- iv. **Bank Mandate** – the opening of the new accounts at the Co-operative Bank was going ahead and the clerk had a letter to be signed by two of the authorised signatories to complete the process
- v. **Finance Report to 31st October, 2007**
Noted

3296 Correspondence and Items for Information

- i. **Staffs and Stoke on Trent Archive Service** – newsletter
- ii. **Copy of letter from Mr Carter to LDC re: Music and Dancing licence” for the Royal Oak-** This matter has also be raised by Mrs Rothery and Mr Appleby. The clerk has spoken to Mrs Rothery and the chairman to Mr Appleby. The new licence has been applied for as the proposed planning application results in a substantial increase in the floor area of the pub. The terms of the licence being applied for are the same as currently operated at the pub
Agreed the clerk would write to Mr Carter
- iii. **W Mids Regional Assembly** – Speaking Out September, 2007
- iv. **W Mids Regional Assembly** – Revision of RSS for W Mids – Phase III Draft Project Plan Launch Event – 27th November, 2007
- v. **St Giles Hospice** – report of the trustees, annual review and request for donation
- vi. **Local Leadership in Action Conference** – 30/01/08 – London
- vii. **Staffordshire Police** – Safer Staffs
- viii. **Frank FR** – free employment law advice
- ix. **CPRE Countryside Voice**

- x. **SCC Community and Learning Initiative** – details of meeting to be held on 3/12/07 – the clerk hopes to attend
- xi. **Came & Co** – letter of introduction re: possible provision of parish council insurance
- xii. **Network Rail** – minutes of TV4 Communications Meeting 24/10/07
- xiii. **Strategic Housing Assessment for Birmingham, Lichfield, Solihull and Tamworth** - details of consultation event on 11/12/07

3297 Noticeboards

The clerk has spoken to Mr Howard of Signs First and he has promised to come out and look by the end of the month

3298 Village Shop Questionnaire

The analysis of the questionnaires is not yet completed but should be done by the next meeting

Agreed that an item be included in the parish magazine, to assure parishioners that it is still ongoing

3299 Christmas Tree

- i. **Fixing bracket** – has been made and is now being galvanised
- ii. **Letter from SCC re: installation of seasonal decorations on or above the highway** -
- iii. **Supply of tree** – Cllr Pritchard will arrange

3300 Hilliards Cross Junction

Report on meeting at Fradley attended by Cllrs Browne and Taylor

The meeting was arranged by Alrewas and Fradley with Streethay Parish Council, as Fradley experience problems with lorries accessing the industrial area off the A38.

There were two objectives:- getting traffic on and off the A38 more effectively and provision of some form of vehicle park. The problem is that traffic needs to be kept

out of neighbouring villages. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 4th December at 10.30

Agreed Cllrs Taylor and Browne will attend

3301 Ways to tackle climate change for parish councils

The report prepared by the clerk was noted

3302 Social Services – Changing Lives

Cllr Mrs Jarman reported on a meeting with Mr Ian James, District Director for Social Care and Health in Lichfield. It was an excellent meeting and thorough in its coverage. The day centres are not going to be closing.

3303 Lichfield District Council

- i. **Licensing Policy** – statutory review – details sent to chairman 11/10/07 – deadline 30/10/07
Agreed that the parish council did not wish to comment on the review of the Licensing Policy
- ii. **Identification of potential housing sites** - LDC are 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
- iii. **Parish Forum** – notice of meeting held on 7/11/07

3304 Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Local Members Initiative** – Cllr Mrs Eagland reported that she had made a grant of £1.400 to the Kings Bromley Pre School and that if the Youth Club wished to be considered an application giving full details of the project must be submitted as a matter of urgency

Cllr Eagland left the meeting

3305 SPCA

- i. **Training** - details of forthcoming training sessions had been circulated to members
- ii. **Vacancies on Lichfield District of SPCA Executive** – nomination papers are available from the clerk
- iii. **Agenda and papers for AGM – 3/11/07**
- iv. **Annual report and accounts for 2006/07**

3306 Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. **Financial Regulations**
- ii. Review of Standing Orders
- iii. Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office
- iv. Conservation Area
- v. Twinning

3307 Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 12th December, 2007 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

3308 Listing of Buildings

The clerk reported that English Heritage had refused the following applications for listing:-

- Boundary Walls to former Kings Bromley Manor, Kings Bromley
- Manor Croft, Manor Road, Kings Bromley
- Summer House on Island, northwest of the Sawmill, Kings Bromley
- Milestone to the south of Manor Gardens

Agreed that the parish council did not wish to object to any of the above refusals for listing

Agreed that all minutes previously marked confidential, could now be made available to the public

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.08 pm