

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 12th December, 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

In attendance Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

There were three members of the public present

The issues raised were dog fouling and the wall between the Village Hall and the development west of the village hall

3291 Apologies

Cllr W A Taylor – previous commitment and Cllr Mrs Eagland – District Council engagement

Agreed to accept the apologies of Cllr Taylor

3292 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Seddon – Thai Buddhist Temple and Richard Crosse School Report

Cllr Mrs Jarman – Day Centres

3293 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November, 2007, be signed as a true and correct record after the amendment of Cllr Mrs Jarman's reason for declaring an interest on the day centres, as the "carer of a disabled user"

3294 Report of the Clerk

- i. **The Grange - overhanging trees** – it is not known if the trees have been cut back sufficiently.
Agreed that Cllr Pritchard will investigate for the next meeting
- ii. **Strawberry Field tree** – Mr Baskerville has confirmed that this will done sometime in January
- iii. **Crawley Lane ditches and gulleys** – Mr Baskerville has arranged for the ditches to be dug out and the dredgings put on the verge, with the assistance of the county council and the owner of Crawley Lodge. SCC will then arrange for the road gulleys to be dug out as necessary
- iv. **Rugeley Road – overhanging trees** – it was reported that the overhanging trees are now very bad. The clerk had written to Peter Toon but had been unsuccessful in speaking to him since.
Agreed the clerk will speak to Ken Owen at SCC for advice and Peter Toon at Hansons as necessary
- v. **Manor Park – trees in the river** – this is also a matter for Peter Toon at Hansons, although the Environment Agency had made contact and were investigating the matter too
- vi. **Chamberlain Close verge** – although the verge has been added to the SCC maintenance schedule done by LDC, the clerk is trying to establish why the verge was not properly finished at the time the houses were built and find out if anything can be done in retrospect

- vii. **Windup torches** – Cllr Mrs Jarman circulated a windup torch to all councillors to try them out of the Christmas period and report back to the January meeting.
- viii. **SCC Community and Learning Initiative** – meeting 3/12/07- the clerk had been unable to attend the meeting at Barton under Needwood.
Agreed the clerk would ask Mrs Piggott exactly what it is about and report to the next meeting

3295 Finance

i. **Accounts for Payment**

Agreed that the following payments be made

Mrs S Buxton	Salary – November, 2007	£317.21
	Office and computer – November 2007	£ 25.50
	Petty Cash	£ 30.00
SCC	Pension contributions – November, 2007	£ 63.78
SCC	Underpaid pension – October, 2007	£ 2.94
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	£ 20.00
LDC	Inspection of play equipment	£ 41.13
LDC	Portion of election costs May 2007	£ 104.32

ii. **Payments Received**

None

iii. **Bank Mandate**

The new current account is now operational at the Co-operative Bank

iv. **Finance Report to 30th November, 2007**

Noted

- v. **Budget 2008/09** – this will need to be finalised at the January meeting. The clerk requested details from members of any projects they would like costings prepared for or additional information on any matter in preparation for setting the budget

Tarmacing alleyway – Cllr Browne is to provide a quotation for this

Noticeboard – the clerk will obtain a quotation for the redoing the map board on No. 1 Lichfield Road, as the work done last year had proved to be inappropriate

3296 Correspondence and Items for Information

- i. **Complaint re: dog fouling** – the clerk has received complaints re : problems in Manor Road, Lichfield Road, Crawley Lane and Alrewas Road and has prepared an article for the magazine and a poster for the noticeboard
- ii. **ProLogis Developments** – has an imminent planning application to develop an existing allocated employment site at Easthill, adjacent to Fradley Park, and has approached the parish council to see if they would like to meet with representatives from ProLogis as part of the ongoing consultation
Agreed the council would be interested in meeting, possibly at the meeting on 7th January, 2008, beginning at 7.30 pm
- iii. **West Midlands Regional Assembly – Revision of RSS** – Phase III Draft Project Plan consultation . It can be viewed online at www.wlra.gov.uk/rssphase3 and the deadline for comments is 18/1/08
Agreed that councillors would take a look prior to consideration at the next meeting
- iv. **Network Rail** – notification of gantry work to be done over the next 6 months which will require additional lighting and highway works on Tewnalls Lane during early December which will mean traffic lights
- v. **Network Rail** – update on current TV4 works was circulated to all members
- vi. **West Midlands Speaking Out Magazine**

vii. Staffs Fire and Rescue – Annual Report

viii. Festival at Buddhavihara Temple last week – there were some problems with local residents regarding parking due to the adverse weather conditions and the police were called. The Abbot from the temple has sent a statement to the council explaining the situation and offering their severe apologies. This will also appear in the parish magazine.

Agreed that a letter be sent to the temple acknowledging receipt and thanking them for their concern

3297 Noticeboards

Agreed that the work on the map board would be undertaken within the parish and that the cheque for the repair of the board be issued to Signs 1st

Agreed that the clerk will liaise with the chairman over quotes for the new board on the wall by No. 1 Lichfield Road

3298 Village Shop

i. **Questionnaire** – the chairman reported that he hoped this would be completed for the next meeting

ii. **Staffordshire Community Shops Competition**

Agreed that the village was not far enough advanced with the shop to enter any competition

3299 Christmas Tree

The tree has now been put up using the new stand.

Agreed the clerk would write to thank Mr David Baskerville, Mr & Mrs Geoff Sutton, Mr Robert Gilmour and Mr Gordon Baskerville, who had assisted Cllrs Pritchard and Holland

3300 Play Equipment Inspection

The report had recommended a drainage hole at the base of the centre leg to prevent the tendency for water to fill it and causing problems in icy weather and that the stones be swept off the wet pour surface under the slide

Agreed that all councillors would take a look prior to discussion at the next meeting

Agreed that the clerk would make arrangements for the stones to be swept up

3301 Hilliards Cross Junction

A report was given on the meeting at Fradley (4/12/07) by Cllrs Browne and Taylor Just over 20 people attended and three particular problems were identified:-

- Accessing Fradley
- Handling traffic within Fradley
- Exting fradley

A number of the companies using the area have got together to try to resolve some of the parking problems within Fradley, whilst another group is getting together to look at how to get the vehicles in and out of Fradley

The development of Wood End Lane was also discussed, but a major concern was that much of the money SCC had received for development of Fradley and the A38 was currently unavailable

3302 Yoxall Road Lay-bys

During the consultation on the first proposal for no overnight parking on the laybys some objections were received and a new proposal is now being put out for consultation. This allows for no more than one hours waiting between 7.00 pm and 7.00 am each night and with no return within 2 hours. This will then allow drivers to meet the conditions of the drivers hours conditions with regards to breaks

3303 Best Kept Village Competition

The judges comments had been circulated to all members of the council. It was felt that the comment regarding the lack of publicity at the village entrances was rather inappropriate as the village is situated on two busy A roads and more clutter on the verges of such busy roads is potentially very dangerous

Agreed that the clerk should write to the community council and explain why there was no publicity at the village entrances

3304 Richard Crosse School Report

Cllr Seddon reported on his meeting with the chair of the governing body, Mrs Diane Swift and the Abbot from the temple. A link has been established link between the temple and the school to support the link with Thailand. Monks will be in school for the proposed video link with Thailand on Friday, 14th December, 2007.

A report was also received from Mrs Piggott detailing the federation partnership where Mr Lovern is headteacher to both Richard Crosse School and St Mary's at Colton; the choir's involvement in Young Voices in Birmingham and various Christmas orientated activities

3305 Neighbourhood Watch Report

A brief report was received from Mrs Debbie Clarke. There were no incidents reported to her in either October or November. She stated that she was happy to continue as co-ordinator in a reactive role but would be happy to hand over to someone who wished to follow a more proactive approach. The reports in the village news will begin again in January.

3306 Social Services – Changing Lives

Nothing to report

3307 Lichfield District Council

- i. **Details of waste and recycling collections over Christmas and New Year period** have been received and will be put on the noticeboard
- ii. **Draft Conservation Area Appraisal for Kings Bromley** – the new draft policy has been received and the council notes that Bromley Hall and its immediate surrounds have not been included despite a suggestion from the parish council. In addition the correction from “poplars” to “yews” in the garden of No. 13 Manor Road has not been made
Agreed the clerk would speak to LDC regarding these matters
- iii. **Draft Conservation Area Appraisal for Alrewas**
Agreed that the council did not wish to comment on the policy for Alreas
- iv. **LDF Core Strategy Issues & Options** – outline of initial considerations and options for shaping future development across Lichfield District which can be seen on line or is available from the clerk
Agreed this would be considered at the next meeting

- v. **Open Spaces Strategy** – consultation 5/12/07 – 17/1/08 can be viewed on website or is available from the clerk
Agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting
- vi. **Indoor Sports and Facilities Assessment** – can be viewed online or is available from the clerk
Agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting
- i. **Procurement and Communication** – a survey has been completed by the clerk on behalf of the parish council

3308 Staffordshire County Council

Nothing to report

3309 SPCA

- i. **Details of Internal Audit Course – 31/1/08**

3310 Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. Financial Regulations
- ii. Review of Standing Orders
- iii. Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office
- iv. Youth Club funds

3311 Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 9th January, 2007 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley. If the developer of the ProLogis Park near Fradley wishes to attend then the meeting will begin at 7.30 pm

There being no other business the chairman wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year and declared the meeting closed 9.16 pm