

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

**Present:** Mr. G. Seddon (Chairman); I. M. P. Pritchard; S. Browne; Mrs. M. Gair; A. Howard; S. Holland. County Cllr. M. Tittley.

**In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)  
Members of the public present: Joy Fielding.

**Public Session: This took place between 7.45 and 7.50pm.**  
No issues were raised.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**

Cllr. W. Taylor (Unwell)

2. **To receive declarations of Interest.**

Cllrs. Browne and Gair on item 9 – HS2. The chairman asked that interests be declared if something occurs subsequently.

3. **To consider requests for dispensations.**

None made.

4. **To resolve that the minutes of the Kings Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 are a correct record.**

One minor amendment was highlighted and corrected before being initialled by the Chairman. Item 7 should have read Cllr. Holland not Cllr. Howard. With this change made, it was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard that the minutes be signed as a true record. All were in favour.

5. **Clerks Report.**

a) **To consider correspondence received.**

- i) SPCA news 25th Sept – Placed in Circulation File.
- ii) Letter from Community Council of Staffs re BKV competition 2014 – judge's comments. The clerk read out the comments in full. Cllr. Howard said he would make his report under item 11 below.
- iii) Letter from Co-operative Bank confirming that Cllrs. Howard, Seddon, Pritchard and Taylor are now signatories to the Councils accounts.
- iv) SPCA News 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Placed in Circulation File.
- v) Letter from SCC re changes to its Youth and Community Services - Placed in Circulation File.
- vi) Email from LDC re playground inspection. Clerk said all was found to be either low risk or very low risk. One comment was made about providing a drainage hole on the centre support to the swing to allow water out. This is mentioned annually.

b) **Finance.**

- i) Financial Statement. The clerk said the current account stands at £1,605.33 and the reserve account at £17,474.80 as of 26/9/14. Un-cleared cheques totalled £315.12.
- ii) Payments Received. Bank interest of 13p and £615.00 from SCC – refund of HS2 expenses (to be paid in).
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary £288.50 b) Expenses £65.94 no postage stamps c) HMRC £72.00 d) R B Hayward – grass cutting £125.12 e) Donation to Royal British Legion of £20 for wreath. f) Cllr. S. Browne – refund of train fare to London - £58.10
- iv) End of second quarter financial update. A summary sheet had been circulated previously. The clerk asked if there were any questions. None were forthcoming. Cllr. Gair had undertaken an audit of the accounts and found them to be in order. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the above invoices be met and that the quarterly update be accepted. All were in favour.

Initial:

**6. To receive oral / written reports from County and District Councillors.**

Cllr. Tittley said he is still trying to persuade others to place a weight a restriction on the local 'A' roads but that other councillors may not see this as a priority in their wards. He suggested that it would be very beneficial if the council could petition the County Council as this may drive a full debate on the subject. Cllr. Browne said he would look into arranging this. He added that many of the traffic figures provided by SCC were out of date with some being from 2008.

Cllr Tittley made reference to the letter that council had received from SCC regarding Youth Clubs. He said that clubs run by volunteers are unaffected and that the County Council is looking to reach those outside of the youth club environment. **Action: Cllr. Browne.**

Cllr. Pritchard said work was going ahead on 'outreach working' and maintaining their position on a reduced budget. Cllr. Browne asked what the position was with ProLogis. Cllr. Pritchard replied that LDC has met with the company, their plans have been approved and they can start when they wish but so far they had not done anything promised. The chairman thanked the Councillors for their reports.

**7. To consider applications / seek volunteers for the role of Flood Officer.**

No applications or volunteers had been received. The clerk was asked to put further notices in the Parish Magazine. Cllr. Howard mentioned that the road was badly flooded outside numbers 2 to 10 Alrewas Road and that spray from passing traffic was being projected onto house frontages which were grade 2 listed. Clerk to report to Highways. **Action: Clerk**

**8. To consider on-going highway and footpath matters.**

Cllr. Howard said he had undertaken a parish boundary walk and that a footbridge on the south side of the Trent between Trent Bridge and Iron Hatch Lane was dangerous. Clerk to report to SCC footpaths team. Cllr. Seddon said he has recently noticed an increase in DHL lorries carrying Land Rovers in the village. Clerk to write to DHL to ask them to request their drivers to use A38. Cllr. Browne reminded the meeting about the lack of roadside white lines on the Alrewas Road. This was noted by Cllr. Tittley who undertook to investigate their reinstatement. The chairman then reminded the meeting that the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Mr. Matthew Ellis would be attending the November meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**9. To receive an update on HS2.**

Cllr. Browne was to have attended at Parliament on 15<sup>th</sup> October but events since mean that he will no longer have to attend. Train fare will be refunded. HS2 has agreed to alter the line by lowering through Streethay and avoiding several crossings of the canal. It is unknown at this stage what effect this may have on the line south of Kings Bromley. Cllr. Pritchard said that the revised line may mean it is closer to Streethay but that this would mean there is no room for the sidings and spoil storage which would be a benefit. However, a new junction onto the A38 at Cappers Lane may be required. Discussions are on-going between LDC and HS2. It is prosed to service the line with dedicated haul roads and this will help alleviate traffic on the local roads. Cllr. Pritchard thought that a good deal had been struck and that the petitions were worthwhile. Cllr. Browne said that the parish has supported SCC, LDC and Waterways petitions and asked what it should do if the former withdraw theirs. It was thought that if LDC withdraws, so should Kings Bromley parish. Cllr. Browne concluded by saying the Parliamentary Select Committee that visited the site were receptive to the comments made.

At this point Joy Fielding left the meeting.

**10. To consider a response to the SCC Flood Risk Management Strategy.**

Cllr. Browne asked about the HS balancing ponds .These will be monitored by the EA. Cllr. Tittley said this consultation was about potential flood problems and that the parish ought to have responded. The deadline had now passed. The original information was sent out late by SPCA. Clerk has forwarded to Councillors but no reply had been made. The clerk asked why SPCA were being involved and said it would be better for all concerned if the letter came directly from SCC. It was difficult for the whole council to formulate a response without calling special meetings every time.

11. **To consider judge's comments from this year's BKV competition.**  
The clerk had already read out the comments under correspondence above. Cllr. Howard offered to organise the parish efforts again next year. He was thanked for this. He was keen to see BKV posters placed at the village entrances as indicated on the map. After discussion it was decided to do this by having the A3 posters laminated and the council will pay. Clerk to update the map. **Action: Clerk**

County Cllr. Tittley left the meeting at 9pm.

12. **To consider findings regarding trees in the conservation area.**  
Cllr. Browne has not yet arranged to meet with the LDC tree officer but hopes to arrange a meeting in the next two weeks. Cllr. Howard suggested that the BKV prize money be used to replace the tree felled in Leofric Close. He had obtained a price of £183 plus delivery for a Fastigate Oak of 4 to 4.5m high. It was proposed by Cllr. Howard and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the oak be purchased. Cllr. Howard to organise planting. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**
13. **To consider options for improving the web site.**  
Cllr. Howard had asked the person who had designed the Historians site but he said he was too busy. It was suggested that Judith Berry be asked who had done theirs. Clerk to determine. It was decided to ask this web designer and Eric Roy, the current designer, to attend a meeting where Cllr. Howard and the Clerk can assess options. **Action: Clerk**
14. **To waive standing order 1 (I) relating to recording of meetings.**  
The clerk read out the wording of the current standing order and explained that the recording of meetings was now law and that SPCA had suggested that council's orders be waived to ensure it complies with legislation. It was proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the standing order 1 (I) be waived. All in favour. Clerk to amend standing orders in due course. **Action: Clerk**
15. **To consider Councillor Reports - for information only.**  
Cllr. Seddon asked the clerk to report to the village hall committee on the poor state of the tables. Many of these are 'tired' being twisted and wobbly and others are dirty with tape marks and dust. **Action: Clerk.**
- Cllr. Howard said he had cut up and removed the fallen bough in the lay-by. He said that all were invited to the village hall on 11<sup>th</sup> October between 10 and 12 noon to celebrate the centenary of the hall and snooker club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014.