

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 10th December 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;

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)

Members of the public present: Ray Griffiths.

Public Session: This took place between 7.45 and 7.50pm.

Mr Griffiths asked why there were so many agenda items before the main body of the discussions took place and referred to the fact that the last meeting went on so late. The clerk explained that certain items have to be included for legal reasons. The chairman assured him that tonight's meeting would be shorter. Cllr. Gair commented that she was unaware that Mr. Ellis would be addressing the last meeting. The clerk said that there was an agenda item stating that Mr. Ellis would be in attendance for a question and answer session. The chairman said that the council had invited him along but was surprised the session went on as long as it did. Nevertheless it was a worthwhile exercise. No further matters were raised.

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

Cllrs. S. Holland; W. Taylor. (both ill)

2. **a) In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in items on this agenda.**

Cllrs. Browne and Gair on item 8 – HS2. The chairman asked that interests be declared if something else occurs subsequently.

b) Clerk to report any written requests for dispensations in respect of items on this agenda.

None received.

3. **To resolve that the minutes of the Kings Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 12th November 2014 are a correct record.**

Three typographical errors were highlighted and corrected. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Howard that the minutes be signed as a true record. All were in favour.

4. **Clerks Report.**

a) To consider correspondence received.

- i) SPCA news. This was placed in the circulation file.
- ii) Local Government Boundary Commission – final recommendations. This was placed in the circulation file.
- iii) HS2 – Additional land requirements. This was placed in the circulation file.
- iv) Eric Roy – web site upgrade proposal summary. To be discussed under item 10.
- v) Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal raised £3224 locally. Clerk read out the letter of thanks.
- vi) Email from Julie Bamber – Village Hall Committee re request for Council financial backing to help with upgrade to hall toilets and kitchen. It was proposed by Cllr. Howard and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the council does support this request but will need to see some estimates before committing to a final figure. All in favour. Clerk to contact Mrs. Bamber. **Action: Clerk**

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. The clerk said the current account stands at £716.06 and the reserve account at £17,479.56 as of 26/11/14. Un-cleared cheques totalled £243.12.
- ii) Payments Received. Bank interest of 4p.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary £288.50 b) Expenses £72.36 (£9.28 in postage stamps) c) HMRC £72.00 d) Subscription to Parish News £5.00 e) Allan Howard – refund of cost of providing picture frame £78.00. f) Society of Local Council Clerks – half subscription £59.00.

It was proposed by Cllr. Howard and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.

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

Cllr. Pritchard said he had been working on a new service plan related to the budget, that HS2 was on-going and that the report from the inspector about the local plan outcome was expected soon. The chairman thanked Cllr. Pritchard for his report.

6. To seek a volunteer for the role of Flood Officer - update.

No applications or volunteers had come forward. Clerk was asked to place one more advert in the next Parish Magazine. **Action: Clerk.**

7. To consider on-going highway and footpath matters and a petition re HCVs.

a) Petition to SCC re HCVs.

Cllr. Tittley will be dealing with this in the New Year. Cllr. Browne asked about progress on the white lines on Alrewas Road. Cllr. Tittley is aware.

b) To consider purchase of a 'speed feedback' unit.

The clerk had circulated details of these units before the meeting. It was decided that more information was required and the clerk was asked to determine their legality as far as placing them on the highway. Questions were raised such as who would be responsible for moving them and where they would be positioned. It was suggested that Cllr. Tittley be approached in the first instance. **Action:**

Clerk.

8. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Browne said that the latest set of plans issued by HS2 were the same as those sent in 2011 and re-dated 2014. None of the latest changes were shown. Responses are required by 6th January 2015 and all interested parties will be getting in touch with Dean Sargeant at SCC before then. It has been suggested that as Colton, The Ridwares and Kings Bromley Actions Groups had joined forces to put their proposals to SCC that the parishes should do the same. More will be known once Dean Sargeant gets in touch. Cllr. Pritchard said that HS2 has said the proposed split in the line does not affect Armitage and Handsacre but LDC disagree. It is felt that house prices in the area have been affected.

9. To review progress on the SCC Minerals Plan.

Cllr. Howard reported that he had heard progress was being made. He has written to Cllr. Janet Eagland but had no reply. No other Councillors had heard anything and the clerk had not had any communication. It was suggested that council waits to see if Cllr. Tittley knew more.

10. To consider web site update options and cost.

Cllrs. Howard and Pritchard met with Mr. Roy whose summary report had already been distributed. A 16 page full report has been seen by Cllr. Howard and the clerk. The main areas for improvement were read out. The quoted cost was £640 and the annual maintenance charge would remain the same at £130. Cllr. Howard proposed that we accept Mr. Roy's quotation. This was seconded by Cllr. Gair. all were in favour. Clerk to contact Mr. Roy to ask him to proceed. **Action: Clerk**

11. To receive dates and rota for the bi-monthly 'parishioner surgeries'.

The clerk read out the proposed rota. The only change that will be required is that Cllr. Seddon will be unable to undertake the date set for August. Clerk to request that details of the surgeries be published in the parish Magazine. The clerk asked if there was still a necessity to hold the one-off parish presentation on 7th March from 10am to 4pm. It was agreed that this should still proceed as it is intended to generate interest from parishioners who may be considering standing at the May election. **Action: Clerk.**

12. To receive a report on outcomes from the Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr. Gair reported that Environmental Health has said the kitchen and toilet facilities required modernising as they were near to non-compliance. The VHMC has decided to ask village organisations to consider making a donation to enable this upgrade. The management of the hall is being run well and efficiently but their reserve had now halved. Tables are required for the

upstairs room. Last year saw a small profit in operating cost of £736 but some regular users had been lost, this loss covered by more one-off users. The current reserve stands at around £8,000. The chairman thanked Cllr. Gair for her report.

13. To receive a report on the file archive storage at Elmhurst.

The clerk said he had not yet had time to visit the archive and would report at the next meeting.

14. To review and comment upon Yoxall's Neighbourhood Plan.

This had been circulated previously. The chairman asked Councillors to report any matters of concern or questions on the plan to the clerk. **Action: All**

15. To consider Councillor's report – for information only.

Cllr. Browne said he had not yet heard from SCC following questions he has asked, however he has a meeting with Mr Tucker on 15th December and will report back after that.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.47pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 14th January 2015.