

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 13th February, 2008, at 7.45 pm in
Kings Bromley Village Hall

Present:- Cllr I M P Pritchard (Chair); Cllr S R Browne; Cllr S Holland;
Cllr Mrs P Jarman (part); Cllr G C Seddon; Cllr W A Taylor

In attendance: Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

There were 6 members of the public present.

Issues raised by the public:-

- the cats eyes on Lichfield Road have made a huge difference
- Mrs Bowcock has reported to Clarence, the signing at the Hedgehog Pub for the road works is blocking the vision of drivers
- Wood End lane – can a weight restriction be introduced to stop the lorries coming through the village? A discussion of traffic problems in the surrounding area took place
- Mrs Adams from No. 2 Alrewas Road, currently appealing for the third time to get permission for UPVC windows in her home. Mrs Adams outlined the background to how the situation has arisen and asked for the support of the parish council in trying to get permission for the retention of the UPVC windows
- Various manhole covers in the village need attention. The clerk will report them to CLARENCE, but also asked residents to report them too

3368 Apologies

Cllr Mrs Gair – holiday; Cllr Mrs Jarman – speaking commitment; Cllr Mrs Eagland
Agreed that the apologies of Cllrs Mrs Gair and Mrs Jarman be accepted

3369 Declaration of Interests

Bus stop and Eastfields – Cllr Seddon

3370 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January, 2008 be signed as a true and correct record

3371 Report of the Clerk

- i. **Rugeley Road – overhanging trees** – the trees have been inspected by Hansons are to be deal with these in the near future
- ii. **Manor Park – trees in the river** - the site manager has been out on the lake on the rescue boat from Manor Park and looked at the problem. The trees are on the Bromley Hall side. They did take a chainsaw with they were unable to do anything. It is believed there may be a stretch of land between Bromley Hall and the river which is not owned by Bromley Hall, but retained by the previous owner
- iii. **Dredging at Manor Park** – Hansons have completed the dredging work between the two lakes
- iv. **Chamberlain Close verge** – Homezone are looking at the verge to see if any work can be done to finish the groundworks off properly so that the regular maintenance looks effective
- v. **Windup torches** – this item is to be taken off future agendas

- vi. **W Mids Regional Assembly – revision of RSS** – at last meeting it was agreed councillors would look at proposals on the website www.wmra.gov.uk, so that a decision can be made as to whether the parish council wish to respond. **Agreed** that the council believe the additional housing should be built around the existing urban settlements and that an eco town should not be built within the district. Any additional housing cannot be considered unless adequate services and facilities, including doctors, schools, public transport, leisure, etc., are also provided

3372 Finance

i. **Accounts for Payment**

Agreed that the following payments be made

Mrs S Buxton	Salary – January 2008	£317.21
	Office and computer – January 2008	£ 25.50
	Travel - Oct – Dec 2007	£ 9.20
SCC	Pension contributions – January 2008	£ 63.78
Audit Commission	Audit to 31/3/07	£158.63

ii. **Payments Received**

None

- iii. **Yorkshire Bank** – the closure of accounts has been completed. The clerk will investigate an interest bearing account at the Co-operative Bank

- iv. **Finance Report to 31st January, 2008** – a report was not available for this meeting

- v. **Annual Audit to 31st March, 2007** – the annual audit to 31st March, 2007 has been completed and only one item has been raised. The fidelity insurance cover is not adequate and should be extended to include councillors. This was noted last year and the level was increased, the clerk has still to check the exact details of last year's comments

Agreed that the clerk investigate the inclusion of fidelity insurance for councillors

- vi. **Appointment of External Auditor** – the clerk reported that Jackie Bellard had been appointed as our external auditor for the next five years and the fees for the next five years (dependent on precept/expenditure levels) had been received

- vii. **Insurance claim-** the clerk reported that the claim for the parish council noticeboard outside the Village Hall was below the excess of £125 and therefore nothing will be paid on this claim

3373 Correspondence and Items for Information

- i. **KB Speedwatch report** – this report had been received from Robert Gilmour at the last meeting, and a summary would appear in this month's magazine

- ii. **Filmscene** – Mobile cinema information

- iii. **Bloomin' Gardens** – letter of introduction

- iv. **NALC – Draft Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) regulation 2007**

- v. **Staffs Fire & Rescue** – a chance to recognise your fire heroes

- vi. **Donna Louise Trust** – request for financial support

- vii. **Lichfield Energy Efficiency Information**

- viii. **Communities and Local Government** – Consultation on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of local authority members in England, this particularly deals with the role and operation of standards board

- ix. **Conference “New Challenges and Innovation for Local Government” – 12th March, 2008, Pershore**
- x. **SLCC Practitioners Conference – Stoke – 29th Feb/1st Mar**
- xi. **Bus timetables – new timetables received**
- xii. **Letter re: Kings Bromley Open Gardens - - letter requesting support and donation towards the Open Gardens weekend to be held in July 2008**
Agreed that the parish council did not feel able to provide a financial donation but would provide any other support it was able to
- xiii. **Letter from Mr Flint re: Strawberry Fields development –**
Agreed that the council write to LDC expressing their concern about the danger of gates opening out into Vicarage Lane
- xiv. **Details of Emergency Planning Workshop – 18th February, 2008 - London**
- xv. **RAWM Conversation Events – series of events to discuss current policy, strategy and the environment and the implications of these**

Cllr Mrs Jarman arrived

3374 Village Shop

The results of the questionnaires have now all been completed. A discussion took place on community shop versus privately run business.

Agreed that a privately run business is the way forward instead of the community shop

Agreed that Cllr Browne will investigate whether the Diocese would allow a portacabin on the site to see if a shop would be a viable proposition and the Charity Commission to see if permission can be obtained for such a project

3375 Best Kept Village Competition

- i. **Response re: publicity at village gateway –** the Community Council has written acknowledging the council’s comments on publicity at the village entrances and suggested that a note be put on the entry form
- ii. **This year’s competition –** need more volunteers to help with clearing up
- iii. **School poster competition**
Agreed that the children at Richard Crosse School and the Pre School be asked to submit A4 posters on the theme of Best Kept Village

3376 Report on Internal Audit Training

Agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting

3377 Bus Stop Alrewas Road

The clerk made enquiries after the last meeting with regards to the siting of a bus stop outside the Thai Buddhist Temple for use by the monks, and within a couple of weeks a bus stop had appeared on one side of the road. However, concern has been expressed by the local residents and a site meeting has taken place to discuss the problem. Archers are particularly concerned as the buses pull up and block the entrance to Archers and the residents have requested that the bus stop be moved to opposite the entrance to Eastfields Farm rather than opposite Eastfields Lodge. The alternative would appear to be a safer location

Agreed the clerk contact SCC to consider siting the bus shelter at Eastfields Farm entrance after Cllr Seddon had spoken to the Temple.

3378 Hillcrest Kings Bromley

The residents living close to Hillcrest Kings Bromley have encountered intermittent problems with residents from the school over a considerable period of time. The management of the school has changed recently. At present there are no problems. **Agreed** to write to Hillcrest Kings Bromley and say that although there are no current problems the parish council is aware that from time to time there are problems which do cause distress to their neighbours.

3379 Community Paths Initiative – 2008/09

The applications for 2008/09 have to be submitted to SCC by 31st March, 2008
Agreed that Kings Bromley would not make an application this year

3380 Publication Scheme – a new model scheme has been issued

Agreed the clerk will investigate if a new scheme has to be adopted and compare it with the existing scheme for Kings Bromley

3381 Removal from Statutory List of Grade II Listings – Nos 2 – 10 Alrewas Road

Cllrs Mrs Jarman and Browne reported on their discussions and investigations into the listing of these buildings. The buildings were put up when the deer park was made and the village was behind the wall on the A515, in the mid 17th century. Since that time they have been altered considerably, are now all very different and retain very few 17th century features. With these facts in mind they are not really “listed buildings” in the true meaning of the word. When compared to the reasons given for not listing Manor Croft, this row of houses should not be listed.

Agreed that the parish council supports the application to delist the five cottages – numbers 2 – 10 Alrewas Road, and that the clerk would write to English Heritage to this effect. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarman and seconded by Cllr Taylor

Agreed that the clerk will write to English Heritage supporting this application for delisting, and a copy will be sent to the owner of No. 2 Alrewas Road

3382 Social Services – Changing Lives

There is a meeting tomorrow at the Day Centre at Lichfield

3383 Lichfield District Council

- i. **Forward Plan**
- ii. **Developing links between the police and parish councils** – Community Pride meetings – the questionnaire was completed during the meeting
- iii. **Parks and Countryside Events calendar**
- iv. **Validation of planning applications** – Stakeholder Consultation
- v. **LDF Chasewater Supplementary Planning Document** – a new draft is available for consultation till 13th March, 2008
- vi. **LDF Greens and Opens Spaces Strategy** – the draft strategy is available for consultation until 13th March, 2008
- vii. **Community Transport Scheme** – information
- viii. **Parish Forum** – agenda and papers for the meeting on 10th January, 2008

3384 Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Yoxall Road Laybys** – formal advertisement was placed in the Burton Mail on 18/1/08 regarding restriction in waiting times
- ii. **Partners' Update**
- iii. **Trading Standards Information and Communities First initiative**
- iv. **Validation of planning applications – Stakeholder Consultation**

3385 SPCA

- i. **Assorted clerks vacancies**
- ii. **Climate Change Communications Project in Staffordshire**
- iii. **Forthcoming SPCA Training**

3386 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

3387 Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the parish council be held on Wednesday, 12th March, 2008 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed

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Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

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08/07 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs Gair – holiday

Agreed to accept the apologies of Cllr Mrs Gair

08/08 Declarations of Interest

None

08/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

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08/10 Planning Applications Received

None

08/11 Planning Applications Permitted

07/01156/COU

The Cottage, Wood End Lane, Curborough

Applicant; Mrs G Barrett

Proposal: Cattery comprising 10 units plus kitchen and office

Noted

08/12 Planning Applications Refused

None

08/13 Other Planning Matters

Nothing to report

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed