

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 11th February 2015 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; Cllrs. S. Holland; W. Taylor.

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 said he had attended a worthwhile meeting hosted by Cllr. Tittley. He has seen plans for the large housing development proposal at Yoxall and said that this would increase traffic through all the villages. Cllr. Browne said it was important to be aware of the impact that all these types of proposals have on local traffic movements.

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

None

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.

The clerk has received a written dispensation request from Cllr. Taylor as he owns land that may be affected by HS2. This was noted.

3. **To resolve that the minutes of the Kings Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2015 are a correct record.**

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 – 1 issue. Contains important information on the forthcoming elections. This was placed in the circulation file.
- ii) Flier from Richard Crosse School re Academy status consultation. Cllr. Browne asked if the parish council ought to have someone on the Governing body at the school. He has two concerns; one is that 2 of the schools in the group have no head at present and that there are only 30 pupils at one of them. The chairman said that the parish council has nothing to do with the school or its running particularly if it does become an academy. Cllr. Browne disagreed saying that the council is here to represent its parishioners and the children in the catchment area. The chairman said that catchment areas no longer exist. Cllr. Howard said that the council has been invited to attend and thought council ought to at least send someone to listen. Cllr. Browne volunteered to attend with a listening brief only and will report back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Browne.**
- iii) Email from Dean Sargeant at SCC Re HS2 – A meeting has been called at LDC offices on 18th March at 6pm to discuss 'additional provision'. Cllrs. Browne and Gair will attend.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. The clerk said the current account stands at £1,436.37 and the reserve account at £15,479.56 as of 24/12/14. Un-cleared cheques totalled £59.00.
- ii) Payments Received. 2p interest.

- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary £294.82 b) Expenses £67.84 (no postage stamps) c) HMRC £73.60 d) BKV entry - £47.50 e) Eric Roy – web site upgrade deposit - £180.00

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

- iv) Adoption of Financial Regulations – update.
Cllr. Gair has seen the model document as amended by the Clerk and made comment upon it. Clerk suggested that he now incorporate these changes into the document and highlight them before printing a copy for each Councillor to agree at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllr. Pritchard said that the LDC Local Plan has been found sound following some amendments. He said that all authorities were producing local plans and there is pressure from neighbours to take overspill from these areas. The LDC plan has to recognise this possibility and include arguments as to why these could not be considered. The plan is not just about housing and has to have a commercial balance. Cllr. Howard asked about the development off A515 next to the school. This application has outline consent and the land now up for sale but the purchaser will be bound to some extent by that consent. He then asked about the local public house. A plan has been produced that suggests a new building on the car park to create a local shop. This has not yet gone to LDC. He then asked about a fund held by Cllr. Tittley. He has £10,000 to allocate amongst his parishes and will look at bids. Cllr. Howard said in that case, the Horticultural Society will make a bid for funds to improve the kitchen at the village hall.

6. Appointment of Flood Officer – welcome to Mr. Boswell.

Unfortunately Mr. Boswell was not in attendance. Clerk to invite him to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk.

7. To consider on-going highway and footpath issues.

a) Highway Issues.

SCC has said that a white line alongside the A513 Alrewas Road is not necessary as it only encourages speeding. Cllr. Tittley is dealing with this. The chairman said that he was disappointed and that SCC Highways have double standards. He said no reply had been made by DHL following councils request to ask them to use the A38. Clerk to write again. Cllr. Browne said that he had heard that SCC had cut their support for local bus services by £22m and that the likelihood of a restoration of the one hour service was slim. It was suggested that he speak to Cllr. Tittley.

b) Footpath Issues.

Cllr. Howard said that the path at the rear of the fruit farm poly tunnels was badly damaged and muddy, making it virtually impassable. Clerk to write to landowner, tenant and SCC footpaths team. **Action: Clerk.**

8. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Browne said that there is a meeting on 18th March. The main point of contact at HS2 has changed and no contact made since. With the election bringing about possible changes in May, various action groups have put forward the idea of a national referendum.

9. To consider a request from Richard Crosse School for financial help to replace their notice board.

Cllr Howard asked if the council had funded the purchase of the last notice board. It was thought that it had. The chairman suggested that the school write formally to the council and the request will be considered at a future meeting. Cllr. Howard to inform the school. **Action: Cllr Howard.**

10. To consider issues that arose at the Parish Surgery.

Cllr. Howard and Pritchard were in attendance but no parishioners came.

- 11. To consider content for 7th March public presentation of Council activities.**
The clerk said he had produced several documents that would be suitable for display and will liaise with Cllr. Howard before the 7th. Cllr. Browne will attend from 10am until 12 noon, Cllr. Howard from noon until 2pm and Cllr. Pritchard from 2 till 4pm. Clerk to obtain copies of the walk leaflets for the display. **Action: Clerk and all**
- 12. To receive a report on the files in archive storage at Elmhurst.**
The clerk said he had not been to the store yet. He read out a list of files that were in storage. Some were copies of old minutes and it was suggested that if they could be salvage they be passed to the Historians. Other documents, those that should be kept indefinitely, should be rescued if possible. Storage space may be available at a charge in the new upstairs facility at the KB village hall. This to be pursued once the extent of the flood damage is known. Clerk to report at next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**
- 13. To consider Councillor's reports – for information only.**
None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 11th March 2015.