

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 12th March, 2008, 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; Cllr W A Taylor

In attendance: Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

There were 2 members of the public present.

Public questions related to:-

- why charges are made to householders for disposal of surface water into drains when many houses in Kings Bromley have soakaways. It is believed that in Marchington the parish council has liased with residents and the water providers
- the drainage kerbs on Alrewas Road often get blocked with leaves and other debris, so that at times of heavy rain the way lies on the carriage way, making the problem of surface water greater than prior to the resurfacing 5 years ago
- in the second layby going towards Yoxall, there is an amount of litter left in the ditch

3388 Apologies

Janet Eagland

3389 Declaration of Interests

Bus Stop – Cllr Seddon

Village Hall – Cllr Browne

Social Services – Cllr Mrs Jarman

3390 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February, 2008, be signed as a true and correct record after the addition of “after Cllr Seddon had spoken to the Temple” at the end of minute 3377 Bus Stop Alrewas Road

3391 Report of the Clerk

- i. **Rugeley Road – overhanging trees** – the work has been completed. Since the work has been completed children have been seen walking in the road rather than on the verge
Agreed the clerk will mention this in the next parish magazine report
- ii. **Manor Park – trees in the river** – at the moment the clerk has not been able to clarify the ownership of the strip of land between Bromley Hall and the river.
Agreed the clerk will speak to the builder Faycross, who is thought may be the owner
- iii. **Nos 2 – 10 Alrewas Road – delisting application** – to date the council, nor individual councillors who have written have received a letter from English Heritage. Notification of the appeal and enforcement notice has been received by District Cllr Pritchard
- iv. **Training – with Alrewas and Fradley with Streethay PC** – Cllrs Browne and Mrs Gair had attended the training session run by the SPCA at Fradley. It was an interesting course giving a brief summary of a much longer course into one

- evening. There were both experienced and new councillors there and provided more confirmation of procedures and facts than a lot of new information
- v. **Grass verge fronting Chamberlain Close** – a letter has been received from HomeZone with confirmation that SCC are to look at the state of the verge and improve the condition of it
 - vi. **Traffic Meeting at Fradley – 6th March, 2008** – Cllr Mrs Gair had attended the meeting. Fradley have applied for a weight restriction in the village. There have been incidents of anti social behaviour in Fradley. SCC hope to have a freight map by 2009. Many of the traffic problems in Kings Bromley either start or end in Fradley, so it is important that we work with Fradley. After some pressure a representative from Tesco had agreed to arrange a meeting with some of the other developers to see if a piece of land can be found for overnight facilities, funded by the users
Agreed that Cllr Mrs Gair will join Cllrs Browne and Taylor on this group
 - vii. **West Midlands RSS Phase II Revision** – the consultation has been extended to the end of June, but Kings Bromley Parish Council's comments have already been sent

3392 Finance

i. **Accounts for Payment**

Agreed that the following payments be made:-

Mrs S Buxton	Salary – February 2008	£317.21
	Office and computer – February 2008	£ 25.50
	Telephone – Sept – Nov 07	£ 26.51
	Telephone – Dec 07 – Feb 08	£ 26.82
	Petty cash	£ 30.00
SCC	Pension contributions – February 2008	£ 63.78
Post Office Ltd	100 x 1 st and 100 x 2 nd class stamps	£ 58.00
SPCA	Internal Audit Course – attended by clerk	£ 20.00
KB Youth Club	Re-issue of cheque for Hallowe'en	£ 75.00

To replace outstanding cheque on Yorkshire Bank from

ii. **Payments Received**

Allianz Cornhill Insurance Claim - £260 has been received

iii. **Finance Report to 29th February, 2008**

Noted There is a discrepancy of £42.45 which the clerk is investigating

- iv. **Bank accounts at Co-operative Bank** – a deposit account has been opened and money transferred into it. In the period from Dec to February, interest received on the current account had totalled £8.76 which is more than the Yorkshire Bank had paid on the deposit account for a 6 month period. This may not be the level that continues as the balance in the current account has now been reduced
- v. **Letter from Youth Group** – requesting financial assistance towards their insurance costs. It was noted that the Youth Club has not cashed a cheque for £75 sent last October for Hallowe'en and that to date the money from the previous Youth Group has not yet been obtained by the current committee. Correspondence relating to this is still going to the house which is no longer occupied by the previous treasurer

Agreed that the clerk write to the Youth Group explaining that the council has to look after the village's precept and cannot make grants which have not been budgeted for. In addition there is the previous outstanding cheque which has not been cashed and that in view of these factors the council does not feel able to make a contribution to the Youth Club insurance

- vi. **HM Revenue and Customs** – letter re: declaration of expenses. The clerk reported that following the registration as an employer a year ago, 6 years of returns have been completed and as the council was paying travel expenses at the rate agreed by NALC and SLCC, and this was above the HM Revenue and Customs rate, the balance, approximately 11p a mile had to be declared on a P11D. The council applied for a dispensation which was refused, but the clerk now receives travel expenses at the maximum allowable by HM Revenue and Customs and the Revenue has confirmed that no additional declaration is required.

3393 Correspondence and Items for Information

- i. **Staffs Fire & Rescue** – consultation on the Staffordshire Safety Plan closed on 12/2/08
- ii. **Enjoy England and St George's Day brochure**
- iii. **Letter from Mr Clayton, Leofric Close** – re: field adjacent to Show Field. Mr Clayton expressed a view that the walk from Vicarage Lane to Crawley Lane is very untidy, with a sorry looking hedge, badly rutted tracks, shredded plastic sheeting, a badly cut oak tree and other litter. Cllr Browne confirmed that his opinion of the path was similar. The chairman reported that some of this work is still ongoing by the landowner. The tree has been cut back as it was unsafe and required urgent attention and the hedge has been cut back to allow an area for pedestrians to walk alongside the hedge side, thus avoiding the rutted tracks which result from vehicles accessing the fields where food – strawberries – is being grown. The continuation of the work will see the footpath near to the hedge roped off so as to stop vehicles damaging this area too. With regards to the shredded plastic and other litter, some of this could be cleared up to make the area tidier, but plastic sheeting seems to be a necessary part of growing the foodstuffs which consumers demand today.
Agreed that a letter be sent to Messrs S & D McGuffie, expressing concern about the area, particularly the general untidiness with the shredded plastic and other litter but acknowledging that the council appreciates that it is a business and that the plastic sheeting is a necessary part of it, but would appreciate it if every effort can be made to keep the sheeting tidy, the litter cleared and ensuring that the footpath for walkers is not over-run by vehicles
Agreed that a letter to write to Mr Baskerville to make him aware of the complaint, the action the council has taken and confirming that the path will be roped off in the near future to complete this ongoing work
Agreed to write to Mr Clayton and copy the letters to Messrs McGuffie and Mr Baskerville to him
- iv. **Community Council – News and Views magazine**
- v. **Sustainable Staffordshire News**
- vi. **NALC Legal Briefing on Parish Polls**

3394 Village Shop

Cllr Browne has spoken to Glen Wright who has spoken to Ty Leyland. The Vicar and the Churchwardens have no objection to the proposal as long as it does not affect the boundaries of the site. The Charity Commissioners raise no objection as it

is for the benefit of the village, has the support of the village hall management committee and should not make profit

Agreed that Cllr Browne will ask the Charity Commission to put their agreement to the project in writing.

For the project to go ahead a portacabin is required, along with services (water, sewerage and electricity)

Agreed that discussions would be held with Annabelle Watkins to see if she is still interested in running a shop with a Post Office incorporated before the next parish council meeting

3395 Best Kept Village Competition

The clerk reported that the poster competition has been arranged with the school

Agreed that the Clean Up Sunday, 27th April, 2008, will take place at 10.00 am meeting at the Village Hall Car Park. The Chairman reminded everyone that it did not matter if they were not able to attend on 27th April, if they could volunteer to look at an area and keep it tidy throughout the length of the competition they could simply let him know

3396 Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place on Thursday, 24th April, 2008, at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. The clerk reported that LDC will be attending to give a presentation of the new Conservation Area policy

3397 Website

The clerk reported that she had now entered on all the events and information of which she was aware, and was waiting for a couple of organisations to provide more details. There are only 3 businesses listed.

Agreed that Cllrs Pritchard and Browne would visit the businesses at Archers and Woodgate respectively to see if they would be interested in having a listing on the village website for the next twelve months free of charge

3398 Report on Internal Audit Training

Agreed that this would be carried forward

3399 Bus Stop Alrewas Road

Cllr Seddon has spoken to the Temple who are very happy for there to be a bus shelter close to the Temple

Agreed to suggest to SCC that the bus stop which is currently there be left in situ, but that the one on the opposite side be sited further down the Alrewas Road by the Eastfields Farm entrance

3400 Publication Scheme

The clerk reported that she had compared the new model scheme with the existing Kings Bromley Publication Scheme and showed some minor omissions which needed attending to

Agreed that the clerk would provide revised scheme for consideration at the next meeting

3401 Social Services – Changing Lives

Cllr Mrs Jarman reported on the meeting held on 13th February with Ian James who is responsible for the Lichfield Area. It was a conservation meeting. One of the problems at the day centre is that the change in the buses means the clients spend

less time at the day centre, which does not give the carers a break to carry out other matters. The day centres are not taking on any new staff. Day centres are not providing respite, it is more or less a luncheon club. Cllr Pritchard has been assured that the changes in the buses has not affected the hours at the day centre

Agreed Cllr Pritchard will take the matter of the hours at the Day Centre with Ian James

3402 Lichfield District Council

- i. **Council Tax** – Cllr Seddon commented on the services provided by LDC for their council tax, and the report in the Lichfield Mercury was worded slightly misleadingly. Cllr Pritchard commented on the LDC scheme and how that if households recycle properly the scheme in Lichfield works.
The district council is a collecting authority and of all the council tax collected by LDC all but 9.6% is passed on to SCC, Fire, Police, parish councils etc.

3403 Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Rights of Way Improvement Plan**
- ii. **Letter re: installation of seasonal decorations to street lights**

3404 SPCA

- i. **Assorted clerks vacancies and others**
- ii. **Forthcoming training**
- iii. **Newsletter – March 2008** – a copy was circulated to all councillors
- iv. **Details of consultancy firm offering assistance with grant funding**

3405 Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. Fidelity Insurance for councillors
- ii. Financial Regulations
- iii. Review of Standing Orders
- iv. Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office
- v. Youth Club funds
- vi. Twinning arrangements
- vii. Parish plan

3406 Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the parish council be held on Wednesday, 9th April, 2008, at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

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at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley

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In attendance: Cllr I M P Pritchard; Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

08/14 Declarations of Interest
None

08/15 Minutes of the Last Meeting

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08/16 Planning Applications Received

08/00114/FUL Land rear of The Hollies, Yoxall Road, Kings Bromley

Applicant: Mr B Pitchford

Proposal: Erection of five bedroom detached dwelling and detached double garage

Agreed that the parish council objects to this application as it is not in keeping with its surroundings (majority decision)

The council is also concerned that the height of the building should not exceed the height allowed on the previous application, unless the windows do not overlook neighbouring properties (majority view)

08/00151/FUL 8 Yoxall Road, Kings Bromley

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Upton

Proposal: Replacement conservatory to the rear

Agreed the parish council has no objection to this application

08/17 Planning Applications Permitted

07/01254/FUL 31 Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley

Applicant: Cooper Homes Ltd

Proposal: Two storey rear extension to form dining room and bedroom

Noted

08/18 Planning Applications Refused

07/01270/FUL 8 Vicarage Lane, Kings Bromley

Applicant: Mr G Hale

Proposal: Retention of gates to be clad in hardwood panels

Noted

08/19 Other Planning Matters

04/00010/ENFCU 2 Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley

The clerk informed the meeting that the appeal started on 11th February, 2008 and the deadline for comments is 24th March, 2008

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.10 pm