

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on

Wednesday 13th May 2015 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. M. Gair (Vice Chairman); Cllr. I. M. P. Pritchard; Cllr. S. R. Browne;
Cllr. A. Howard. County Cllr. M. Tittley.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)
Members of the public: Ray Griffiths, Barry Stoney.

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

Mr Stoney reported on HS2 and future meetings in June. It seems that some people are missing from their email list. Clerk to contact Peter Wiggins at HS2 to have names reinstated.

Action: Clerk.

1. **Election of Chairman and Completion of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
The vice chairman welcomed everyone to the 2015 AGM. She asked if there were any nominations for the office of chairman. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard that Cllr. Howard be elected. No other nominations were forthcoming. Cllr. Howard indicated his wish to stand and was duly elected. All were in favour.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman and Completion of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
The newly elected chairman then took the chair and asked if there were any nominations for the office of vice chairman. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard that Cllr. Gair be elected. No other nominations were forthcoming. Cllr. Gair indicated her wish to stand and was duly elected. All were in favour.
3. **Completion of Declaration of Acceptance of Office and election expenses claims.**
The relevant forms were then completed by all and duly signed and witnessed by the clerk. Cllr. Taylors forms would be delivered to him by hand for completion.
4. **To Consider the Co-option of two Councillors.**
One parishioners name was put forward. It was decided to advertise the vacancies locally. Clerk to place notices on the notice boards and in the parish magazine.
Action: Clerk.
5. **Apologies and approval of absence for this meeting.**
Cllr. W. Taylor (in hospital).
6. **a) In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in items on this agenda.**
Cllr. S. Browne on HS2. Cllrs. Asked why the word 'pecuniary' was used in the agenda heading as it was felt this related to financial gains. Clerk to check with SPCA.
Action: Clerk.
b) Clerk to report any written requests for dispensations in respect of items on this agenda.
Cllr. Taylor on HS2 as he owns land that may be affected.
7. **To resolve that the minutes of the Kings Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 8th April 2015 are a correct record.**
Item 7a line 5 should read 'at' not 'ta'.
8. **Allocation of Councillor's Areas of Responsibility.**

Initial:

The clerk had circulated a list of current responsibilities. After perusal and discussion it was decided to defer this until the next meeting.

9. Clerks Report.

a) To consider correspondence received. This was read out by the clerk. Cllr. Browne questioned why the council subscribes to the CPRE and proposed that the council no longer subscribes. There was no seconder. Clerk to determine what benefits the council receives from being a member and to withhold payment until a decision is made. **Action: Clerk**

b) Finance.

i) Financial statement: As at 24/4/15 – Current account £302.33
Reserve account £14,284.61.

ii) Payments Received: Precept (notification only) of £13,707.

iii) To authorise payments.
Clerks net salary £304.46
Clerks expenses £116.16 (includes £10.26 in postage stamps)
Clerks income tax £76.00
Gratuity to internal auditor £15.72 (wine)
Eric Roy – final payment for web site update £460.00
ICO subscription £35.00
Fairview Arborists £150.00 – fell tree in Leofric Close.
LDC - £717.60 inc. vat – litter bin emptying. This was queried but after discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair that this was good value and a reliable service and that the council ought to stay with them. All in favour.
R B Hayward – grass cutting £414.00
Kings Bromley village hall – hall hire £50.00
Ian Colclough – Amazon gift vouchers for BKV prizes £90.00

It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the above listed accounts be met. All were in favour.

iv) Signing of the Annual Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the chairman signed the statement. All were in favour.

v) To authorise a gratuity for the internal auditor. The clerk said that he had purchased, as was customary, three bottles of wine as a gratuity to Tomkinson and Teal for their work. Payment to the clerk had been authorised under 9 b iii) above.

vi) To consider insurance quotes for the next twelve months. The clerk has obtained 3 quotes and negotiated with the existing broker. The original quote was £907 but he has been able to get this reduced to £703, this being the second lowest price. After discussion it was felt that the council ought to stay loyal to its existing provider. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne that the insurance be taken out through Came and Company. This was seconded by Cllr. Gair. 3 in favour and 1 abstention.

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

Cllr. Tittley said that the County was not informed of the road closure on the A38 that meant traffic would be diverted through the village at night. He has made representation but was told that the new organisation (Highways England) that looks after trunk roads does not have to inform. The closure will be for 26 days with gaps between various stages. There was a public notice printed in the Lichfield Mercury. The chairman thanked Cllr. Tittley for his report

11. To consider ongoing highways and footpaths matters.

a) Highway issues. Cllr. Tittley is due to meet with regard to the Divisional Highways Programme and asked if there were any requests. Mention was made again about re-instating the white edge lines on the A513. Cllr. Howard said there were potholes in the service road by the war memorial. Clerk to report to Highways. **Action: Clerk.**
b) Footpath issues. None

12. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Browne said that Virgin trains had announced that it would no longer have a first class service. It is thought that this would create more seating capacity by extending second class. The on-line petition against HS2 now has over half a million signatures.

13. To receive a report on the outcome of a meeting between Cllr. Pritchard and the tenant regarding activities at the fruit farm at rear of Vicarage Lane.

Cllr. Pritchard has met with Mr. McGuffie the leaseholder and discussed the comments raised by parishioner Mr. Gordon. Mr. McGuffie said he would see what could be done to alleviate the concerns but pointed out that the farm is a working farm and has been operating long before the houses in Vicarage Close were built. Clerk to write to Mr. Gordon.

Action: Clerk.

14. To consider any issues arising from the recent Parish Surgeries.

Little or no interest from parishioners has been shown in this initiative. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the surgeries be cancelled. All were in favour. Clerk to cancel hall hire. **Action: Clerk.**

15. To review the statement of petition for a weight restriction on the A515(circulated previously).

Cllr. Browne reported that the petition has been re-drafted and the calculations corrected. 931 HCVs were recorded in 24 hours 91% of which were articulated lorries. 963 people have signed the petition. 1809 have signed in Yoxall. There has been a 50% increase in HCVs since 2007. Yoxall are to compile their own report. The petition and photographs have been handed to Cllr. Tittley to present to the County Council on 23rd May. The chairman said what a good job Cllr. Browne had done on this subject and thanked him on behalf of the council and its parishioners. He also thanked all those who had helped. Special thanks were also made to David Dalley and Jonathan Nasson who took the many images for the report. Cllr Browne proposed and Cllr Gair seconded a proposal that the council grant a payment of £25 to Mr. Nasson to help offset his costs. This was agreed unanimously. Clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk.**

16. To consider an offer to replace the tree recently felled in Leofric Close open space.

Parishioner Mrs. Sullivan has offered to replace the felled tree from Leofric Close at her own expense. Chairman to consult with her. **Action: Cllr. Howard**

17. To consider removing a dead Cherry Tree in Lanes Close.

There is a dead tree on the wildflower area in Lanes Close. Clerk to determine if it is in the conservation area and to obtain a verbal quote for its removal. Chairman to ask Gardening Guild if they have a tree. **Action: Cllr. Howard and Clerk.**

18. To allocate prize monies and presentation for the best kept village children's poster competition.

Judging has been done. Cllr. Browne offered to attend the school to present the prizes. Clerk to obtain suitable date and send winners posters to CC of S. **Action: Clerk.**

19. To consider Councillor Reports - for information only.

Cllr. Gair asked about road repairs in Manor Road and whether the gang were going to return. This prompted comments about the very poor state of the footways in Manor Road, The Grange and The Croft. Many elderly parishioners use these footways. Clerk to contact Highways to request repairs. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr. Browne reported that the number 7 bus service had been withdrawn but that the 810 is being run by Midland Classic every 2 hours. Unfortunately it is not well supported and parishioners need to realise that this service may be lost if it is not used. It was agreed that a notice to this effect would be placed in the parish magazine.

A new manager has now been installed at the local public house.

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

Signed (Chairman) Date 10th June 2015.