

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 10th June 2015 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); I. M. P. Pritchard; S. Browne; Mrs. M. Gair.
Dist. Cllr. Richard Cox.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)
Members of the public present: Mr. B. Stoney, Mr. R. Gilmour.

Public Session: This took place between 7.45 and 8.08pm.

Mr. Gilmour said that Ray Cunningham had volunteered to resurrect the speed watch group. A meeting with interested parties had taken place. There is concern that the siting of the flashing speed indicator relative to the 30mph signs of Lichfield Road were causing lorries to beak hard and this in turn was damaging the road surface and causing vibration. The pelican crossing has been damaged by a lorry and the police and highway informed. A bollard on one of the buildouts on Alrewas Road has also been knocked over. Clerk to report to highways. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllrs. W. Taylor (in hospital). County Cllr. M. Tittley.

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

Cllr. Browne on item 7 – 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 had 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 Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2015 are a correct record.**

These had been distributed previously. It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the minutes be signed as a true record. All were in favour.

The chairman added that he has spoken to the resident in Leofric Close and she will supply a replacement tree for the one felled in the Autumn.

4. **Clerks Report.**

a) To consider correspondence received.

- i) SPCA news – 4 issues. Placed in circulation file.
- ii) Email re Ironman road closures. Much concern was expressed about these road closures. After discussion the clerk was asked to write to the organisers / police.
Action: Clerk
- iii) Letter – Invitation to John Taylor school presentation evening. Cllr. S. Browne and Howard will attend. Clerk to inform school. **Action: Clerk.**
- iv) Open letter from New Farm Produce re activities at the Fruit Farm. The clerk read out the letter in full. Clerk to write to thank Mr. McGuffie for his reply. **Action: Clerk**
- v) CPRE newsletter – placed in file. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that council joins this organisation for a further year.
- vi) Flier – Good Councillors Guide – placed in file.
- vii) Dept. for Communities – changes to accountability framework – placed in file. Clerk said that many items would now have to be placed on the web site. This will create additional work for him.
- viii) Letter re Tythe map digitisation project. A request for a donation of £80 to help towards the digitisation of these maps was requested. Cllr. Browne proposed and Cllr. Gair seconded that a donation be made. 3 in favour and 1 abstention.
- ix) Email from Richard Crosse School re -funding for new notice board. Clerk to determine the cost and council will consider making a donation. **Action: Clerk.**

- x) Email re repair of church clock. It was decided to pass the email from Smiths to Glen Wright for information. **Action: Clerk**
- xi) Letter HS2 Ltd re Deposit of Additional Provision. This was noted. Letter passed to Cllr. Gair.
- xii) Letter from Co-Op Bank re account changes. No interest will be paid in future.
- xiii) Letter from PCC re community funding – placed in file.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. The clerk said the current account stands at £12,499.00 and the reserve account at £14,284.61 as of 2/5/15.
- ii) Payments Received. VAT refund of £304.43
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £469.06 b) Came and Co – Insurance - £703.00 c) R B Hayward – grass cutting - £414.00 d) CPRE subs - £36.00 e) J. Nason – photos for traffic petition - £25. F) Allan Howard – BKV expenses including laminating posters - £19.47.
Cllr. Pritchard proposed and Cllr. Browne seconded that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.

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

Cllr. Cox had nothing to report this month.

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

a) Highway Issues. (i)

Clerk to make a freedom of information request to SCC Highways regarding the adopted status of the service road by the war memorial. **Action: Clerk.**

(ii) Cllr. Browne said the petition was discussed at a SCC meeting on 25th May. Yoxall PC did their petition separately and it was presented by Cllr. Tim Corbett. Unfortunately Draycott in the Clay did nothing. Cllr. Pritchard will meet again with County Cllr. Tittley to keep the pressure on the County. Yoxall PC is keen to work with adjacent parishes on items of 'common interest'. SCC to form a committee to discuss the petitions which now need to be backed by safety statements. Cllr. Browne would like to monitor road users and make a safety assessment then write to the Road Haulage Association if it is found that the road is 'unsafe' for lorries. He will attend meetings and report back to council.

b) Footpath Issues.

Clerk to add Leofric Close to the list already sent to Highways. **Action: Clerk.**

7. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Gair had attended a meeting today with HS2 but it was actually a landowners meeting and nothing to do with the council. The petition has been deferred and any amendments treated separately. HS2 are confident there will be no flooding problems. Questions were asked about who will maintain the balancing ponds. Comments on the dangerous junction of Shaw Lane / Tuppenhurst Lane were made. Tree planting was discussed. The good news is that HS2 say no construction traffic will come through the village. HS2 looking at improving Hilliards Cross A38 junction. Wood End Lane is too narrow and this will also be looked at. Next meeting 23/6 in Lichfield.

8. To consider application for the vacant councillor posts.

The clerk read out a letter received from Mrs. Jan Higgins who would like to join the council. Cllr Gair proposed and Cllr. Browne seconded that she be co-opted. All in favour. Clerk to contact. It was suggested that Stuart Holland be asked to re-join until such time as he leaves the village. This was agreed. Cllr. Pritchard made contact and Mr. Holland said he would be willing to stand. **Action: Clerk.**

9. To allocate areas of councillor responsibilities.

In light of two new councillors joining it was decided to defer this item until the July meeting.

10. To discuss options to recognise a 'local hero'.

Councillors were asked to consider the best way to do this. Deferred until July Meeting.

11. To consider councils archive storage.

Cllr. Howard declared an interest in this item. The clerk was asked how much storage would be required. He said there is an A4 size metal filing cabinet and about the same that was flood damaged in the store at Elmhurst. He pointed out that paper in these volumes is heavy and questioned the strength of the store room on offer at the Village hall in Kings Bromley. Cllr. Howard to check. Clerk and Cllr. Howard to visit Elmhurst archive. Action: **Clerk and Chairman.**

12. To consider Councillor's reports – for information only.

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 8th July 2015.