

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); S. Browne; Mrs. M. Gair; W. Taylor;  
S. Holland (arrived at 8.05). County Cllr. M. Tittley;

**In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)  
7 Members of the public were also present.

**Public Session: This took place between 7.45 and 7.55pm.**

Mr R. Flint raised issues with regard to the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> April and in particular comments made by parishioner Mr. Gilmour. Mr Flint refuted the claims. These were noted by the chairman. He then said that he had made comments on the SCC Minerals Plan but had heard nothing back from the County Council.

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

Cllrs. I. M. P. Pritchard (District Council meeting); Mrs J. Higgins (holiday).  
Dist. Cllrs. T. Marshall and R. Cox.

**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 on-going 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 General Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 are a correct record.**

These had been distributed previously. Two corrections were highlighted and amended in the minutes – item 7a line 3 should have read church wardens. Item 7b should have included a request that the clerk notify highways of work required on footways in The Grange and The Croft. With these amendments made it was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the minutes be signed as a true record. All were in favour.

**4. Clerks Report.**

**a) To consider correspondence received.**

- i) SPCA news – 5 issues. Placed in circulation file.
- ii) External Auditor report – covered in 4 b v below.
- iii) Letter from Kings Bromley United Charities re Nominated Trustee – item 11 below.
- iv) Letter – Royal British Legion re poppy appeal – item 10 below
- v) Quote – Lichfield Tree works – tree inspections. A quote of £400 had been received from Lichfield Tree Works. The clerk said he had also approached Fairview Arborists for a price but nothing was forthcoming. It was suggested that Gareth Hare at LDC be asked to quote. Clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk.**
- vi) SCC – list of work that the NHT will undertake - Placed in circulation file.
- vii) Letter of thanks for supporting digitisation of tithe maps.
- viii) Letter - Staffs and Stoke Archive re Newsletter and consultation on changes / survey form. This was passed to the chairman for attention.
- ix) Letter – Dept. for Environment and Rural Affairs re background dispersed asbestos fibre. The clerk read out the contents of this request. It was suggested that they contact the Horticultural Society. Clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk.**
- x) Letter – CC of S re request for ‘expert volunteers’. Placed in circulation file.
- xi) CC of Staffs re BKV results. Placed in circulation file.

- xii) Letter re traffic issues from Mr. Middleton. Clerk read out the letter.
- xiii) CC of Staffs – cheque for £200 as BKV prize. Councillor to consider where this can be spent and to bring ideas back to the next meeting. **Action: All.**
- xiv) Letter from Co-Op Bank re interest rates. Clerk said interest is now paid on the current account and not the reserve account.

**b) Finance.**

- i) Financial Statement. As of 24/7/15 the current account stands at £9,386.39 and the reserve account at £14,284.61
- ii) Payments Received. Current account interest of £1.03.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £446.52  
b) R B Hayward – grass cutting - £138.00 c) SPCA training £20.00 d) Grant Thornton – audit fee £120.00 inc. vat e) Donation to Village Hall Committee £55.00 f) Donation to PCC £250.00 g) Donation to Gardening Guild £150.00 h) Payment to Historians for archive – one off £500.00  
Cllr. Holland proposed and Cllr. Browne seconded that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.
- iv) To approve annual donations to the PCC, Village Hall and Gardening Guild as above. Cllr. Holland proposed and Cllr. Browne seconded that the above donations be paid. All in favour. Cllr. Browne to determine what the donation to the PCC is used for.  
**Action: Cllr. Browne.**
- v) To consider a report from Grant Thornton on this year's audit.  
The clerk read out the report under correspondence above. The auditor made reference to how the council's assets are reported and that the values must indicate original purchase cost not insurance replacement cost. They also asked that in future any alterations to section 1 of the annual return be initialled by the chairman and clerk.

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

County Cllr. M. Tittley - traffic petition was effective and a select committee will consider its content. A further meeting to take place on 25th Sept and the parish council will be invited. Recommendation will then go to Cabinet. Mineral extraction – lively recent meeting at Alrewas. Some debate over the Twin Rivers development and whether this will occur before or after the minerals have been extracted. The site is thought to hold enough resources for 20 years. Highways - A513 white edge of carriageway lines will be in place soon. The chairman thanked him for his report.

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

**a) Highway Issues. (i) Service road by the war memorial – update.**

Chairman – further enquiries have been made but no ownership can be found. Still awaiting reply from the Post Office. Two options - do nothing or ask SCC to adopt. Cllr. Tittley suggested writing to him and he will look into it. Copy to Tim Hemingsley. **Action: Clerk.**

**(ii) Other.**

Pothole at junction Crawley Lane / A515 – clerk to report. **Action: Clerk.**

**b) Footpath Issues.**

None reported.

**7. To receive an update on HS2.**

Cllr. Browne – details of AP2 were available at Lichfield library on a memory stick. He had to rely on the Stop Group for details. The latest petition has got to be handed in at the Houses of Parliament by 2pm this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. The Environmental Statement needs to be responded to by 27<sup>th</sup> August. He will take the petition personally but will require expenses. This was agreed. A new action group comprising railway engineers has formed and suggests that the high speed trains can use the existing network.

**8. To consider Staffs County Council Minerals Local Plan – update.**

Chairman – the parish council has made a reply. Several also attended the meeting at Alrewas. There are two options, say no or mitigate. Cllr. Tittley – SCC has to submit a plan otherwise it will be challenged. Chairman - area of search is confusing and may blight some areas.

Cllr. Tittley – the area is only a search area and any new activities will be subject to full planning consent. Cllr. Browne – Hansons site on Handsacre Road is an eyesore. Cllr. Tittley – think carefully before making representation as they may be forced to fill in the site causing traffic nuisance, noise and dust. He suggested writing to SCC about the future of the quarry. Clerk to write. **Action. Clerk.**

**9. To consider the PCC People Power Fund and the SPACE initiative.**

Chairman - re SPACE. This is about children's activities during the summer holidays and has now been missed. People Power Fund - £240k is available for community projects to keep youngsters busy. Councillors to think of projects for 2016. **Action: All.**

**10. To consider a donation to this year's Poppy Appeal.**

Chairman – council usually orders a 17 inch circular wreath and donates £20. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair that this year a donation of £25 is made. All in favour.

**11. To appoint a nominated trustee to Kings Bromley United Charities.**

Mr Dennis O'Dea has volunteered. Cllr. Howard proposed and Cllr. Holland seconded that he be appointed. All in favour.

**12. To consider councils archive storage.**

Chairman and clerk to arrange movement of damaged files locally within the next week. Archive will be available at the village hall soon. **Action: Chairman and Clerk.**

**13. To consider a report from the Best Kept Village presentation evening.**

Cllrs. Browne and Gair attended in Stafford. Kings Bromley won the district large village category and hence the trophy will be retained at the usual site near the end of Crawley Lane. Official presentation to follow. Clerk to organise dates. **Action. Clerk.**

**14. To consider Councillor's reports – for information only.**

None made.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015.