

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 9th September 2015 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. M. Gair (Vice Chairman); S. Browne; W. Taylor; S. Holland; Mrs. J. Higgins; I. Pritchard (arrived at 8.10pm); County Cllr. M. Tittley (arrived at 8.30pm).

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)
3 Members of the public were also present. R. Flint; A. Parker; R. Griffiths.

Public Session: This took place between 7.45 and 7.57pm.

Mr. Griffiths reported a problem with the road flooding in the lay-by next to the post box and said it will be dangerous when the water freezes in winter. The Council is aware of this problem and it has been reported by Cllr. Browne, along with the blocked road gully, to SCC Highways. Cllr. Browne will follow up. Ms. Parker complained about the poor condition of the footway along Manor Road. Again, this has been reported to Highways along with defects on several other roads.

1. Apologies and approval of absence.

A. Howard (Chairman); (holiday)
Dist. Cllrs. T. Marshall and R. Cox. (at another meeting)

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 12th August 2015 are a correct record.

These had been distributed previously. One minor correction was highlighted and amended in the minutes – item 4 xiii should have read councillors not councillor. With this amendment made it was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Holland 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) Letter from SCC re bus timetable changes. Cllr. Browne was aware of the changes. He said that after complaints extra buses would run early and mid-afternoon. However, they would still only be once every two hours. He said parishioners must make use of them or the service will be lost. A note to this effect would be placed in the Parish Magazine. Cllr. Higgins added that the service must be reliable.
- iii) Letter from The Diocese of Lichfield – thanks for donation. Clerk read out the letter.
- iv) Letter from Community Council of Staffs notifying of their AGM. Cllr. Browne will attend.
- v) Email re Manor Park quarry. SCC will visit the site shortly and contact the parish council about its future plans for the area.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. As of 24/8/15 the current account stands at £8,631.87 and the reserve account at £14,284.61. There is £1,645.02 in un-cleared cheques.
- ii) Payments Received. Best Kept Village prize - £200.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £479.02
b) R B Hayward – grass cutting - £326.00 c) Donation to RBL for wreath - £25.00.

Cllr. Browne proposed and Cllr. Holland seconded that the above invoices be paid.
All in favour.

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

County Cllr. M. Tittley said that the existing 30mph limits around the village would be extended by applying a 40mph limit. This should help slow down traffic. SCC Select Committee meeting that is due to look at the HCV problems will now not meet until 20th October. The potholes in the lay-by next to the War Memorial will be repaired as a one off. The vice chairman thanked Cllr. Tittley for these updates.

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

a) Highway Issues. (i) Service road by the war memorial – potholes / ownership / blocked drain – report from Clerk.

This was covered in item 5 above.

b) Footpath Issues.

Cllr. Higgins reported that the footway in Manor Road was in need of repair or replacement. Clerk has already requested that this road and many others in the village be added to the list for attention. She added that a 'lollypop lady' ought to be employed on the A513 Alrewas Road. Clerk to write to SCC. **Action: Clerk.**

7. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Browne – the latest petition has been lodged in London and the Environmental Statement is being drafted along with input from the various action groups. As both the vice chairman and clerk will be away he will require assistance in submitting this. Cllr. Higgins offered to help. He is now aware that there may well be an AP3, AP4 and possibly an AP5 all of which affect Kings Bromley. It has been suggested that Staffs Parish Council Association form a unit to represent all Staffs Parishes. This will be discussed over the coming weeks. A representative has offered to attend the next meeting. It was agreed that this is a good idea. Cllr. Browne to arrange.

Action: Cllr. Browne.

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

Nothing further to report.

9. To consider a proposal to allocate the best kept village prize monies.

Cllr. Howard has made a suggestion that the monies be spent on purchasing several half barrels to be used as floral displays. Cllr. Higgins proposed and Cllr. Browne seconded that Cllr. Howard progress this but to ensure that the placement of the displays does not hinder access to the memorial or the placement of the Christmas tree. It was suggested he liaise with the church. All in favour.

10. To consider councils archive storage- update from the Clerk.

The chairman and clerk had retrieved the damaged files and papers from Elmhurst and made efforts to rescue as many papers and documents as possible. Many were beyond rescue and were taken to the tip. There is also a problem with gaining access to the safe in the village hall. The key did work but now does not. Clerk has asked Julie Bamber if she has a key.

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

Cllr. Browne said he was surprised that the Union Flag had not been raised at the church as it was the day when the Queen had created a record by becoming the longest serving monarch in history. Cllr. Higgins said she had heard that the new housing development on Lichfield Road was only to have 12 new homes and feared that the affordable housing would now not be built. It was pointed out that the parish had not yet received the final application and would comment at that time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 14th October 2015.