

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 14th October 2015 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); S. Browne; W. Taylor; S. Holland (arrived at 7.50pm); I. Pritchard; County Cllr. M. Tittley.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)
3 Members of the public were also present. J. Miracio, J. Fielding, B. Stoney.

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

The blocked highway drain at the end of the lay by near the war memorial is still blocked. Cllr. Browne has been in touch with Highways again as there was some confusion over its reference number. Cllr. Tittley said there were issues with the correct machine being sent to attend to drains. If they are blocked solid then a crew needs to dig them out. Cllr. Pritchard offered to undertake a 'drain survey' and compile a list for the crew to attend.

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

Cllrs. Mrs. M. Gair (holiday); Mrs. J. Higgins (unwell).

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 9th September 2015 are a correct record.**

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

4. **Clerks Report.**

a) To consider correspondence received.

- i) SPCA news – 4 issues. Placed in circulation file.
- ii) Letter from Longdon Parish Council enclosing copy of their Neighbourhood Plan. Placed in circulation file. It was requested that this item be added to the next agenda. **Action: Clerk.**
- iii) Letter from HS2 re deposit of additional provision. (Copy with Cllr. Browne).
- iv) Email from SCC re local footways. The clerk read out the email. It was noted that Leofric Close was not on the list. Clerk to ask Highways to add. **Action: Clerk.**
- v) Letter from Community Council of Staffs – BKV judge's comments (item 9 on agenda). Placed in circulation file.
- vi) Letter from SCC re final proposals for the mobile library service. Clerk read out the letter in full. It was suggested that, once formally sanctioned, a note be placed on the notice boards and web site stating the new times. **Action: Clerk.**
- vii) Letter from LDC re play inspection report. The clerk read out the letter. The play equipment has been classed as a medium risk site. It is suggested that the condition of the fencing be monitored. Clerk already had this in hand.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. As of 25/9/15 the current account stands at £7,347.85 (not £9,386.39 as stated at the meeting) and the reserve account at £14,284.61.
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £436.71 b) R B Hayward – grass cutting - £276 c) Steve Browne - £98.80 – expenses for

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delivery of HS2 papers to London. d) LDC play inspection report - £64.20 inc vat e) Allan Howard - £159.94 inc vat – BKV prize spent on planters and plants as agreed. Cllr. Browne proposed and Cllr. Holland seconded that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.

- iv) To consider end of 2nd quarter financial update. These had been distributed previously. The clerk went over the figures. No questions were forthcoming. The clerk said that Cllr. Gair has undertaken a detailed check and no problems were reported.

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

County Cllr. M. Tittley said that two days of evidence gathering would take place with regards to the HCV petition and that it was important that as many Councillors from Kings Bromley, Yoxall and Draycote attend as possible. The date is 20th October. On 10th November the police and various transport organisations will be attending.

There are currently many on-going highway issues that need to be addressed. Leofric Close will be added to the list, the white lines on Alrewas Road will be done as will the potholes by the war memorial. Road traffic orders are limited and only one per year per parish is allowed. There is a proposal to extend the current speed limits around the village by adding 40mph to the existing 30.

Cllr. Pritchard said that moves to create a combined authority with others in the area were not supported by LDC who feels they would be best placed to continue on their own. Cllr. Browne asked several questions; what is the latest with the wind farm at Curborough? This is waiting to be commissioned and is a single smaller turbine. What is happening with the proposed store in the village? It will go ahead once some conditions are met. (Clerk said this was up for discussion in the planning meeting this evening). What is happening with the Prologistic site at Fradley? Nothing has happened for 2 years but it is still expected to go ahead.

The chairman thanked the Councillors for their reports.

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

a) Highway Issues. (i) Blocked drain and potholes by the War Memorial.

This was covered above. The pothole at the junction of Crawley Lane / A515 remains. Clerk said he had been informed by Highways that it was done. Clerk to report again. **Action: Clerk.** Clerk was asked to continue to pursue the status of the layby. **Action: Clerk.**

b) Footpath Issues.

The footpath from Vicarage Lane across the long field and behind Flints is obstructed by a crop causing walkers to navigate the deep undergrowth along the field edge. It was felt little could be done about this.

7. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Browne said that AP 4 and 5 will affect the parish. Responses to AP 4 must be submitted by 13th November so there is not much time. With regards to the last submission, the Environmental Statement, he now feels that some information given to him was incorrect and asked that he be given approval by Council to retract two statements. This was seconded by Cllr. Holland. All were in favour. Cllr. Browne to re-draft the two comments and to pass to Clerk to submit. **Action: Cllr. Browne.**

8. To receive and update on the Staffs County Council Minerals Local Plan and the future of manor Park.

There was not further news on the plan but the clerk had received an email off SCC with regards to the Manor Park site. This was read out. SCC is in discussion with Hansons over the reinstatement of the site and will report to the Council in due course. Several Councillors expressed concerns over this and the possible future implications of any such work.

9. To appoint Lichfield Tree Works to undertake the tree inspections.

Clerk reported that he has had no commitment from Gareth Hare at LDC to do this work despite several attempts. It was suggested that he be approached again. Cllr. Pritchard to do this.

Action: Cllr. Pritchard. It was proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Browne that if Mr. Hare is unable to submit a more competitive price than Lichfield Tree Works and can do the

inspection within the next 2 months then the work should be offered to the latter. All in favour. Clerk to instigate. **Action: Clerk.**

10. To consider judge's comments from this year's Best Kept Village competition.

This was placed in the circulation file.

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

Cllr. Holland said that the footpath by Flints was passable but walkers had to walk in the crop.

Cllr. Howard said he would speak to the land owner.

Cllr. Browne has arranged for notices to be put in the next two issues of the parish magazine regarding the use of the local buses and recent timetable changes.

The clerk said he had received a phone call off a resident in Broome Close complaining about dog fouling on the walkway. It was suggested that the management company be informed.

Action: Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 11th November 2015.