

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 11th November 2015 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); S. Browne; W. Taylor; S. Holland; I. Pritchard;
Mrs. M. Gair; Mrs. J. Higgins; District Cllr. Tom Marshall.

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

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

Mr. Griffiths, who arrived later, raised again the issue of the blocked road gully near the War Memorial. The chairman said it had been reported several times and that although promises had been made to attend to it nothing had happened. Cllr. Browne said he would chase Highways up again. He added that the potholes in that area had been fixed and thanked County Cllr. Tittley for arranging this.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
County Cllr. M. Tittley. Dist. Cllr. 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 14th October 2015 are a correct record.**
These had been distributed previously. The Clerk said there were several typographical errors and corrected these by hand before. With these corrections made it was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair 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) Email from Jim Malkin of BHB Architects re possibility of 5 new dwellings on Manor Park. Item 13 on agenda.
 - iii) Email re giving parish councils the right of appeal on planning decisions – item 14 on agenda.
 - iv) Letter from LDC re future consultations on planning applications. This was discussed at length. It was proposed by Cllr. Holland that the council accepts the applications electronically and to purchase a laptop and hire a projector off the Historians. This was seconded by Cllr. Browne. At this point Cllr. Howard declared an interest as he is a member. All were in favour. Adobe Reader will need to be installed. Budget of £200 set. Clerk to investigate. **Action: Clerk.**
 - v) Letter from SCC re highway winter operations. Placed in circulation file.
 - vi) Letter from SCC re changes to mobile library services. Clerk has contacted SCC to ask when and where the van will be located. No reply yet. Placed in circulation file.
 - vii) Letter from SPCA re AGM – 7th December. Placed in circulation file.
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. As of 26/10/15 the current account stands at £6,262.20 and the reserve account at £14,289.17
 - ii) Payments Received. Interest on reserve account of £4.56

- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £446.60 b) R B Hayward – grass cutting – final cut - £360.00 c) GetMapping – Parish On-Line subscription - £28 plus vat.
Cllr. Gair 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.

Dist. Cllr. Marshall reported that LDC had made a decision not to become part of the West Midlands Combined Authority. There are many against the planning application for a gypsy site in Shaw Lane – this will go to the planning committee for a decision. Cllr. Tittley has written to the SCC about the future proposals for Manor Park quarry. The reply was read out. SCC will report at a future date. Cllr Browne asked what was now happening with the Friarsgate development. It will go ahead but in a reduced form. Cllr Pritchard said that an application will likely be submitted soon but will be a smaller scale development with less concrete and brick which is good. Building of the new Co-Op by the village pub should see work commence in the New Year. The chairman thanked Cllr. Marshall for his report.

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

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

The potholes have been fixed but not the one at the top of Crawley Lane. The drain remains blocked. Cllr. Browne to report again and Clerk to write to SCC. **Action: Clerk.**

(ii) Footways. Cllr. Higgins asked if a letter had been written to SCC regarding a lollypop person. Clerk to write again. **Action: Clerk.**

b) Footpath Issues.

None raised.

7. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Browne said that AP3 was to do with Euston Station and AP4 is about cables. Stoke will not get a station. Issues with salt mines in Cheshire affecting the route. HSUK is a group formed of railway engineers who say a new high speed facility can be accommodated using the existing network. They need funds to make their case and are asking Stop Groups for funding. Cllr. Browne then gave notice of his intention to withdraw from his role as HS2 liaison. Cllr. Gair was prepared to continue and Cllr. Higgins offered to shadow Cllr. Browne and then take over his role. The chairman thanked Cllr. Browne for all the work he had done so far.

8. To receive a report from the chairman on the outcome of the recent select committee meeting at SCC re HCVs and the parishes petition.

The chairman reported - Kings Bromley PC, Yoxall PC and Action Group and Draycott in the Clay PC made presentations that were well delivered. Paul Lovern from Richard Crosse School also contributed. It was felt that the presentations were well received. Highways England had no objections to a weight restriction in principle. A representative from The Road Haulage Association also spoke. SCC chairman will make recommendations to cabinet before the end of the year. A suggestion was made that perhaps a night time restriction be enforced. This may however force more lorries to travel by day. The chairman conveyed the councils thanks to Cllr. Tittley who had driven this initiative along.

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair that Lichfield Tree Works be appointed to undertake this survey. All in favour. Clerk to contact. **Action: Clerk.**

10. To consider whether to commence work on a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr. Marshall commented on the worth of such a plan. The Community Infrastructure Levy would provide more of an additional small income to the parish if a plan was in place but not enough to justify the cost of compiling the plan. There are many negatives and lots of work. Cllrs. Gair, Browne and Higgins offered, as a working group, to look into the idea of producing the plan and will report back to the January 2106 meeting. **Action: Cllrs. Gair, Browne and Higgins**

11. **To investigate the use of LDCs ‘blue bins’.**
Cllr. Pritchard said that, to ensure there are no contaminates, operatives undertake spot checks on the contents of the recycling bins. If a bin is contaminated then its entire contents have to be burnt. Some residents have been written to over this issue.
12. **To investigate options to alleviate parking problems outside 67 to 93 Alrewas Road.**
Clerk to write letter to residents to ask them to park responsibly as emergency vehicles and pedestrians may have trouble passing the obstructions. **Action: Clerk.**
13. **To consider a planning proposal from BHB Architects for a development on Manor Park.**
After discussion it was felt that the architects should follow the normal planning procedure. Clerk to write to them. **Action: Clerk.**
14. **To consider supporting the proposal to give parish councils a right of appeal in planning decisions.**
The clerk said that the petition web site did not allow a parish to make representation – it only allows individuals. It was felt that if an individual wanted to sign then that would be left to them. Comment was made that if too many applications were to be appealed in this way the system would become slower than it is already.
15. **To consider Councillor’s reports – for information only.**
Cllr. Browne has been involved in helping a Beech Ave resident to get home improvements undertaken by the housing association. Some jobs may not get done and he may ask the parish or district council for some support. Cllr. Howard said that the BKV presentation held recently went well.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 9th December 2015.