

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

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

Present: Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); S. Browne; S. Holland; I. Pritchard; Mrs. M. Gair; Mrs. J. Higgins; District Cllr. Richard Cox.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)
2 Members of the public were also present: R. Griffiths. P. Lovern.

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

Mr. Griffiths thanked the council for getting the blocked road gully near the War Memorial cleaned out. He then left the meeting.

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

District Cllr. Tom Marshall.

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. Cllrs. Howard and Holland subsequently declared an interest in item 9 because they are members of the Horticultural Society.

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 11th November 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.

4. **Clerks Report.**

a) To consider correspondence received.

- i) SPCA news – 4 issues. Placed in circulation file. The clerk drew attention to an item on SCC Countryside Estate Consultation.
- ii) Email from SCC re Mobile library services. The library will now visit the village (outside the school) every third week on a Wednesday from 2.15 to 4.15pm commencing after 1st April.
- iii) Email from SCC re Request to Appoint School Crossing Patrol. Clerk to chase.
Action: Clerk.
- iv) Email from SPCA re Audit procurement for 2017 onwards. Item 8 on agenda.
- v) Email from LDC regarding the naming of roads on the new Lichfield Road development. After discussion the preferred names are Newton Lane and / or All Saints Lane. Clerk to inform LDC. **Action: Clerk.**
- vi) Letter, booklet and poster from HS2 re property consultation. This was passed to Cllr. Gair. Poster to go in notice board.
- vii) Email from Julie Bamber re village hall AGM. The clerk read out the email. AGM to be on 28th January at 8pm. Clerk to suggest that when the hall is improved that the bar be made smaller and the safe removed. **Action: Clerk.**
- viii) Further email from LDC re road naming. This was dealt with above.
- ix) Email from LDC re Birmingham Road redevelopment in Lichfield. This was read out. Councillors to make their own responses if they see fit.
- x) Letter from Royal British Legion thanking the council for its contribution. Placed in circulation file.
- xi) Letter from SPCA re AGM – 7th December. Placed in circulation file.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. As of 26/11/15 the current account stands at £5,121.00 and the reserve account at £14,289.17
- ii) Payments Received. Cheque to be banked for £280 – Village Hall contribution to grass maintenance.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £463.58 b) Society of Local Council Clerks – half subscription - £59.00
Cllr. Gair 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.

Dist. Cllr. Cox said the Friarsgate development application had been received. A review of senior management roles at the council was on-going. Cllr. Browne asked when the new fire station would be completed – this was not known.

County Cllr. Tittley said the SCC Minerals Plan was up for adoption tomorrow. Cllr. Howard still thought the 'area of search' was ridiculous. Cllr. Tittley said that this applies to areas that had been identified as holding deposits and had to be shown in the plan to satisfy the inspector. He said that when applications are made that will be the time for the parish council to raise objections. HS2 had placed traffic indicator strips on surround roads to help them assess suitability for construction traffic. The recent HCV petition will be reported upon around the New Year. He concluded by stating that Cllr. Browne had done a commendable job in putting the petition together and presenting it at SCC. The chairman thanked Cllr. Tittley for his help and support.

Cllr. Tittley added that SCC finances are tight and that their commitment to support vulnerable people will take a large part of their budget. A council tax increase of 2% is likely.

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

a) Highway Issues. (i) Blocked drain. The drain had been attended to today.

(ii) Footways. Clerk to attend at SCC Records Office to try to finally determine the status of the lay by near the War Memorial and also to write to BT / Post Office to see if they are aware of ownership as their equipment is located on the footway. **Action: Clerk. (iii) Yellow signs.** The housing developer (Lichfield Road) wishes to put up several yellow direction signs. Council has no objection provided they are removed once the development is sold. Clerk to contact SCC with this. **Action: Clerk. B) Footpath issues.** None reported.

7. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Browne said that traffic counts were being undertaken despite HS2 saying that only the A38 and A50 would be used. The outcomes from HS2 Phase 2 were due to be announced on 25th November. Drawings will not now be available until January 2016. A meeting at the village hall on 15th January has been arranged by HS2 to go over property consultations. Phase 2 will be known as phase 2a and the petition will need to be in by February 2016. The HS2 Action Group is to meet at the local pub on 12th January to give an update. The HS2UK Group has joined with Fabian to help push their ideas on developing the existing tracks and hence saving billions of pounds. The chairman thanked Cllr. Browne for his work and report.

8. To receive a report from the clerk regarding audit arrangements for 2017/18.

The clerk read out a communication from SPCA about the future of audits. It will not be necessary from 2017 to send accounts to formal audit but council must have a body in place should an audit be required for whatever reason. More information on this should be forthcoming ready for the January meeting.

9. To consider a request to install a disabled parking area in Crawley Lane. (This item was taken after item 3).

A resident of Beech Close, who is disabled, has requested if a disabled parking area could be installed in Crawley Lane as she goes to the Horticultural Society field to walk her dog. The issue of parking in the area has been discussed before and keeps reoccurring. The Head Teacher at the school, Mr. Lovern, spoke about parking places for the staff and those who visit the school and thought that a permanent solution ought to be sought to suit everyone's requirements. After discussion and many other suggestions, it was proposed by Cllr. Pritchard

and seconded by Cllr. Gair that another approach to the Horticultural Society should be made to see if a fenced parking area could be constructed off-road and in the corner of their field. Clerk to write. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllr. Gair said an initial meeting had taken place and asked for this to be deferred until the next meeting. **Action: Cllrs. Gair, Browne and Higgins.**

11. To consider amendments to Councils Standing Orders prior to adoption at the January 2016 meeting. (Circulated previously).

Clerk to make amendments and report to next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

12. To authorise meeting dates for 2016.

Dates to be 2nd Wednesday of each month. Clerk has booked the village hall for the Open Parish Meeting on 20th April at 7pm.

13. To consider arrangements for the provision of this year's Christmas tree.

Tree is already installed. Thanks to Cllrs. Pritchard and Cllr. Browne and the many helpers who turned out.

14. To receive a report on outcomes from the Village Hall Management Committee AGM.

This had been covered under correspondence above – item vii.

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

Clerk said that he had been made aware of an accident involving a small child who had fallen off the play slide. Fortunately no injury was incurred.

Cllr. Holland had spoken to the owner of the listed building adjacent to his home to see if there was any possibility of the building receiving some maintenance. The reply was no.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 13th January 2016.