

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Note – corrections to these minutes will be recorded in the minutes for the following month.

**Present:** Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); S. Browne; S. Holland; I. Pritchard; Mrs. M. Gair; Mrs. J. Higgins; County Cllr. M. Tittley.

**In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)  
5 Members of the public were also present: R. Griffiths. D. Mott, Mrs. T. Rothery, B. Stoney, J. Sadler.

Before the meeting commenced a one minutes silence was observed in the memory of the late Cllr W. Taylor.

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

Mr. Mott, chairman of the cricket club, spoke to enlighten the meeting with regards to proposals being considered for the possible future sale of the cricket ground. He said that the adjacent field is now under development and this will mean houses being very close to the pitch boundary. He said that a 10m high fence would probably not be sufficient to prevent cricket balls entering residents' property and this could be a danger. He said that the club were nowhere near making a sale or seeking an alternative ground but wanted to seek the parish councils support if this is the route that is taken. It was felt that the provision of a new ground and better facilities would encourage more youth involvement. Currently the club does not have its own parking and uses the Show field. Cllr. Gair commented that she did not wish to see even more houses built in the locality. Cllr. Pritchard thought that the relocation would be good for the village and future of the club. The chairman thanked Mr Mott and Mrs Rothery for attending.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**  
District Cllrs. Tom Marshall; Richard 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 8 – 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.**  
None received.
3. **To resolve that the minutes of the Kings Bromley Parish Council General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 are a correct record.**  
These had been distributed previously. 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. **To receive a statement regarding the future possible sale of the cricket ground for housing development.**  
This item was not discussed as it was taken under the public forum at the start of the meeting.
5. **Clerks Report.**
  - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
    - i) SPCA news – 5 issues. Placed in circulation file.
    - ii) NALC – review of council tax support scheme. Placed in Circulation File.
    - iii) Central Rivers Initiative – partnership scheme. Placed in Circulation File.
    - iv) Horticultural Society letter re parking request. The Society is to meet towards the end of the month.
    - v) SCC – new 40mph limit. The current 30mph limits around the village are to be extended out with 40 limits to slow traffic more. The camera van will be present to enforce these changes. Placed in Circulation File.

Initial:

- vi) Civic Sunday Lunch invitation to Chairman.
  - vii) SCC – road traffic order detailing the new speed limits.
  - viii) Best Kept Village – invitation to enter in 2016. Clerk to complete paperwork. **Action: Clerk.**
  - ix) Nick Meade – Report from the recent survey of parish council owned trees. Clerk to summarise outcome for next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**
- b) Finance.**
- i) Financial Statement. As of 26/12/15 the current account stands at £4,937.42 and the reserve account at £14,289.17
  - ii) Payments Received. None.
  - iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £464.36 b) Payment to Cllr. Browne to cover his expenses whilst attending London – HS2 presentation. £145.60  
Cllr. Higgins proposed and Cllr. Holland seconded that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.
  - iv) To receive a report on the end of quarter three accounts. The figures had been distributed previously. The clerk ran through the latest accounts which showed an estimated excess for the year to be around £1,400. The quarter three accounts had been checked by Cllr. Gair and were found to be satisfactory.
  - v) To consider the budget and precept bid for 2016/17. The clerk said that the Council Tax Support Grant received from LDC was due to reduce by 7.2% and this meant that the precept would need to increase by 1% to enable the same income as last year. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the council seeks a 2% increase in the precept for the coming financial year. Cllr. Pritchard informed the meeting that the CTSG would diminish to zero over the coming 2 years and this would mean that the parish would have to consider increasing its precept year on year. Clerk to complete paperwork and return to LDC. **Action: Clerk.**
  - vi) To consider filling the casual vacancy on the council. Two names had been suggested and these parishioners would be approached. Clerk to put notices in the notice boards, parish magazine and web site. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllr. Tittley said he had been working hard to get traffic speeds reduced, hence the extension of the 30 limits with a 40. The report following the traffic petition will be out early March. He suggested that the council 'map' the road drain locations. Cllr. Howard will see to this and will contact the councils flood officer Mr. Boswell. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

Cllr. Browne said that the Midland Classic bus service was very good and asked Cllr. Tittley for assurances that the service would continue. Cllr. Tittley replied that it was difficult with lack of funds to support bus services that were not being used. The chairman thanked Cllr. Tittley for his report.

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

- a) **Highway Issues.** Drainage remains an issue hence the request to 'map' the locations above.
- b) **Footpath issues.** SCC has added Leofric Close to their list of paths for future attention. Other footways around the village are being monitored and some remedial work may be undertaken finances permitting.

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

Cllr. Browne and Mr. Sadler attended London yesterday and appeared before the HS2 Select Committee. There was no positive response – the HS2 QC's are dealing with the petitions which should be dealt with by mid-year then the bill will go to The House of Lords ready for a 2017 Bill. All concerns expressed with regards to highways locally were referred directly to SCC to answer. There were two positives, HS2 said that any 'prime' construction traffic will not come through the village and many new trees will be planted (which he insisted be from prime British stock). Cllr. Browne has received two telephone calls today, one from SCC who assured him that the councils views on traffic issues will be taken into account and one from HS2 inviting him to a meeting this Friday. He will ask them to support the councils bid for a weight restriction on

the local main roads. Cllr. Howard attended an Action Group meeting at The Crown where the support of HSUK was sought. The local action group supports this group. It was made clear that local residents need to understand the impact the construction will have on the local communities as it could last for around 10 years. Cllr. Gair referred to an HS2 Equalities Consultation and any reply required by 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Cllrs. Gair, Higgins and Howard will make a suitable response. **Action:** Cllrs. Gair, Higgins and Howard.

**9. To consider placing the Flood Officers reports in the public domain.**

It was decided that any information passed to the council ought to be placed in the public domain via the web site and notice board.

**10. To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.**

Cllr. Gair said an initial meeting had taken place and the Longdon plan had been received and read. She also had a copy of the Kings Bromley Parish Plan. After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Higgins and seconded by Cllr. Holland that the working group produce an action plan and process map to enable a decision, as to whether to continue, to be taken. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 1 against. **Action: Cllrs. Higgins, Gair and Holland.**

**11. To receive a report from the Clerk regarding audit arrangements for 2017/18.**

The clerk said he still awaited details of cost if the council decide to opt-in to the new audit arrangements for 2017/18. This to be discussed at the February Meeting.

**12. To consider adopting the BT phone box.**

The chairman said that £1 could buy the box and he thought that a defibrillator could be supplied and installed for free. Around 1500 boxes have already been adopted in the UK. He will make further investigations and report to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

**13. To adopt the new version of the Councils Standing Orders.**

The clerk read through the proposed amendments to the model orders and made the changes as requested by the council. Clerk to amend document and bring to next meeting for sign-off. **Action: Clerk.**

**14. To review Councils working practises.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

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

Cllr. Howard made mention of the rubbish that has accumulated at the Wharf. Cllr. Pritchard to investigate and have LDC take action if necessary. **Action: Cllr. Pritchard.**

Cllr. Howard said that work was about to commence on the improvements at the village hall and wondered if the council would be in a position to handle the finances. He asked this be included as an agenda item for the next meeting. He then asked about the disposal of the council safe. It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the safe be disposed of by the builder. All in favour.

Cllr. Browne asked about the latest position with regards to the quarry. Clerk to chase SCC. **Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.47pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016.