

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 8th October, 2008, at 7.30pm in
Kings Bromley Village Hall

Present:- Cllr I M P Pritchard (Chair); Cllr S R Browne; Cllr Mrs M K Gair; Cllr S Holland;
Cllr Mrs P Jarman; Cllr G C Seddon

In attendance: Mrs S Buxton (Clerk); County Cllr Mrs J M Eagland (part); Mrs J Hodson
and a member of her staff (part)

The chairman opened the public session which began with a presentation by JVH Town Planners on a proposal for the development of Manor Croft and its surroundings.

Mrs Hodson, the principal from a small firm of town planners in Marchington, was appointed by Mrs Crittenden in September 2007. The planning application prepared in the summer 2007 which had 6 large dwellings on the site and included the demolition of Manor Croft was subsequently refused in September 2007. The refusal was for reasons relating to the trees and effect on trees, ecology, flood risk and effect of new homes on character and appearance of the area

The new proposal, includes the retention of Manor Croft and for five new houses in the grounds. The design takes into account the existing layout of trees and discussion has taken place with LDC regarding the issues relating to trees. The properties are much smaller than previously proposed and are designed to sit lower on the site, with some of them being only 1 ½ storeys. Manor Croft is being retained as it is recognised as being a building of character. The issues of flood risk, highway access and ecology have been addressed – although there is the possibility of bats roosting in the roof of Manor Croft, there has been no evidence of barn owls found. Mrs Hodson stated that she believed the proposed design of the dwellings respected the character of the area

Members of the public raised questions regarding the access to the site, flooding, conformation with national and local planning policies – which Mrs Hodson responded to.

Other issues raised during the public session:-

- Development of a village of shop – a question was raised as to what had happened with regards to this project as the resident had seen no feed back. The resident expressed concern that the idea seemed to be built on sentiment and not on common sense. The Chairman explained that there had been a report in the parish magazine on the current situation, and that as the Village Hall site falls under the jurisdiction of the Village Hall Management Committee they have to be prepared to take the project on as any discussions with the Charity Commission, planners and potential lessors of the shop would have to be with the management committee and not the parish council
- A van is regularly parked by the War Memorial with very prominent sign writing on the side which appears to be a straightforward advert – is this acceptable? The chairman explained that the owner lived in one of the black and white cottages and had no other parking and as the road by the War Memorial is part of the highway he is free to park there.
- Gates to Strawberry Fields – the new owners of the property with the wooden gates opening out into Vicarage Lane are still in dispute with the developer over the gates which they accept are very dangerous and unacceptable and they have instructed their solicitor to assist in getting the matter resolved.

3534. Apologies

Cllr Taylor – unwell

Agreed to accept the apologies of Cllr Taylor

3535. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Jarman – Changing Lives

3536. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September, 2008 be signed as a true and correct record

The parish council meeting was adjourned to allow the Planning Advisory Committee to meet to discuss a planning application which was of interest to members of the public present

The parish council meeting resumed at 8.20 pm

3537. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

3538. Finance

i. Accounts for payment

Agreed that the following payments be made: _

032/300065	Mrs S Buxton	324.80	Salary – Sep 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
		26.00	Office costs – Sep 08	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
032/300066	SCC	67.39	Pension costs – Sep 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
033/300067	Sharp Landscapes	202.00	2 grass cuts	OSA 1906 s.10
	TOTAL	<u>620.19</u>		

Cllr Browne enquired how many grasscuts were still outstanding

Agreed the clerk would report to the next meeting

ii. Receipts

NALC Balance of training grant £22.50

iii. Finance Report

Agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting

iv. Independent Internal Audit Report

The clerk reported that Mrs O'Brian had completed the audit report and there were no issues identified as being of concern.

Agreed the clerk would write to Mrs O'Brian thanking her for her work.

3539. Correspondence

i. **Communities and Local Government Department** – a consultation document on the making and enforcement of byelaws is currently being circulated

ii. www.2recycle.co.uk - information on this new community web site which enables members to get in contact with fellow recyclers in their community and provide an effective way to channel household items to people in need in the community

Agreed that a link to this website will be included on the parish website

- iii. **Network Rail** – information had been received regarding the removal of the haul roads which had been installed for use during the construction works for the four tracking project. This work will commence during week beginning 20th October, 2008 and will take about 15 weeks.
- iv. **Best Kept Village Judges Comments** – these were tabled at the meeting **Agreed** that the comments be reviewed in detail at the November meeting
- v. **Quality Parish Scheme** – the clerk reported that she had received details of the revised scheme

3540. Water and Drainage

- i. **Verge outside Crawley View** – Severn Trent are due to be repairing the damage caused to the verge
- ii. **Flooding – Crawley Lane** – this matter has been referred to Janet England to take up with SCC and she is still awaiting a reply
- iii. **Water Pressure** – S Staffs Water have requested details of boilers in properties affected by low water pressure and the clerk is gathering this information to send to them at the end of the week. S Staffs Water hope to be in a position to attend the November meeting with an update on the problems being encountered
- iv. **Alrewas Road drainage** – the holes in the kerbs are constantly clogged with debris. There are also significant problems with standing water on the road whenever it rains, and this appears to be due to the fact that the drainage holes in the kerbs are higher than the road surface and so there has to be a depth of water before it drains away. This happens in several places including opposite 69 Alrewas Road, 84 Alrewas Road (both sides) and by the bus stop at the top of Alrewas Road.

3541. Highways and Signs

- i. **Entrance to Leofric Close** – to date no reply has been received from SCC as to whether the presence of utilities means that the island cannot be removed
- ii. **Victoria Meadow/Meadows** – the clerk reported that LDC had been unable to take this matter further as there appears to be a lack of support for the name change as only 6 out of the 14 properties have responded to LDC and 2/3rds support is required to take the matter forward
Agreed that the clerk will forward details of this information to Mr Atwell in Victoria Meadow so that he can consider discussing it further with his neighbours
- iii. **Village Signs** – LDC are happy to look at putting up a name place sign on the Alrewas Road but want to know where the parish council want it to be sited.
Agreed that it should be put on the approach to the Buddhist Temple rather than on the boundary which is between the two Lupin Farms
- iv. **Community Gangs** – a discussion took place on items to be put on the list for the Community Gangs:-
 - sweeping of footpath outside the Rectory (particularly in the autumn with leaves falling)
 - blocked drains on Alrewas Road
 - the hedge around the Gables which overhangs the footway
 - road signs to be cleaned
 - the proud manhole covers on the verge by Chamberlain Close
- v. **Fradley Park Meeting** – this will now take place on 19th November, 2008 and Cllrs Browne and Mrs Gair confirmed that they would be able to attend

- vi. **Yoxall Road** – Mr Baker has complained about the hedge and has now reported SCC to the ombudsman and involved the MP. Cllr Pritchard is to visit Mr Baker and report back to the parish council

3542. Social Services

Nothing to report

3543. Lichfield District Council

- i. **Locally Listed Buildings Survey** – this was discussed. It is something requested by the government, but it is not clear what will happen to the list once it is compiled
- ii. **Flood Water** – an invitation has been received from LDC to appoint a Flood Warden. This was discussed at some length and felt to be quite an onerous position
Agreed that the council did not wish to appoint its own flood warden and that the responsibilities should remain with the district council
- iii. **Sand bags** – LDC have offered the parish the opportunity to hold their own supply of sandbags for use in emergency. This was discussed at length and felt that it was a considerable responsibility as the sacks have to be filled as required
Agreed that the council did not wish to hold a supply of sandbags
- iv. **Community Transport Minibus** – Cllr Pritchard briefly outlined the scheme which is run in Lichfield and which gives clubs and groups the option of hiring a minibus and driver at a competitive rate for outings etc.
Agreed the clerk would bring this to the attention of all village organisations
- v. **Parish Council Representation on Standards Committee of District Council** – the Standards Committee has two parish council representatives and LDC are asking if any other parish councillors would like to be listed as possible representatives when the normal representatives are not available
Agreed that the parish council did not wish to put forward representatives for the Standards Committee at LDC
- vi. **Local Development Framework Core Strategy Preferred Options** – it is intended that the preferred options will be published on 27th November, 2008, when a 7 week consultation period will start

3544. Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Playbuilder Roadshows** – a place has been booked for the chairman to attend on Thursday, 23rd October, 2008 at Burntwood in the afternoon but as it is the only place booked a transfer to the morning session has been suggested. Cllr Pritchard said he would try to make the morning session

Cllr Mrs Eagland left the meeting

3545. SPCA

- i. **AGM – 15th November, 2008** – places have been booked for Cllrs Pritchard, Browne and Mrs Jarman and two lunches have been booked

3546. Items for Future Meetings

- i. **Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office**
- ii. **Youth Club Funds**
- iii. **Map on wall at Lichfield Road**
- iv. **Website**

3547.Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 12th November, 2008 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, and at 7.30 pm if South Staffs Water agree to attend

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.02 pm

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Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

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08/70 Minutes of the last meeting

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08/71 Planning Applications Received

08/00976/FUL Manor Croft, Manor Road, Kings Bromley

Applicant: Mrs S M Crittenden

Proposal: Demolition of outbuildings and erection of 5 no. detached dwellings and associated buildings and works

Agreed the parish council has no objection to this application

08/72 Planning Applications Permitted

None

08/73 Planning Applications Refused

None

08/74 Other Planning Matters

None

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm