

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 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); Mrs. J. Higgins; N. Lee.  
District Cllr. Richard Cox; District Cllr. Tom Marshall.

**In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk). 1 Member of the public was also present.

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

Mr. Griffiths thanked the council for attending to the bough in the lay by. He asked if there was any further information on the Co-Op store. LDC is waiting on a response re noise conditions.

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

Cllr. Mrs. M. Gair; S. Browne (On holiday). County Cllr. Martyn Tittley.

2. **a) in accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in items on this agenda.**

Cllrs. Lee and Higgins on item 9 as they are members of the book club.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 are a correct record.**

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

4. **Clerks Report.**

**a) To consider correspondence received.**

i) SPCA news – 3 issues. Placed in circulation file.

ii) Letter from Centenary Fields re protecting green spaces. After discussion Cllr.

Higgins to investigate options and report to next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Higgins.**

**b) Finance.**

i) Financial Statement. As of 26/5/16 - the current account stands at £14,425.63 and the reserve account at £14,293.65.

ii) Payments Received. None. VAT refund claim made.

iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax – total £475.59 b) Ian Colclough – gratuity of wine to Tomkinson and Teal £17.50 c) Ian Colclough – BKV Amazon vouchers – prizes £126.00 d) Allan Howard – laminating of BKV posters £10.80 e) R B Hayward – grass cut £113.00 Cllr. Higgins proposed and Cllr. Lee seconded that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.

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

District Cllrs. Marshall and Cox reported that LDC is looking to restructure the council in order to make savings and improve the service. This will mean the loss of some management posts. Both Cllrs. Went recently to see a parishioner about traffic issues on the A513. The Friarsgate development now has planning approval. The chairman thanked the Cllrs. for their reports and for their prompt action in getting the area around Bromley Wharf cleaned up.

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

**a) Highway Issues.** Cllr. Howard said that the new 40mph limit appears to be slowing traffic as it enters the village but HCV remain a problem especially at night. Cllr. Higgins said there were now more lorries at night time and that her property shakes as they pass by. The weight restriction report has now been passed on to the SCC portfolio holder for final consideration. This may take around 3 months. A request was

made to trim the trees along the A513 Handsacre Road. Clerk to ask NHT to attend.

**Action: Clerk.**

b) **Footpath issues.** None reported.

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

Cllr. Higgins reported that HS2 P1 – construction is out to tender and should start in the Autumn. The Action Group has expressed concerns to HS about the construction traffic routes. They referred them to SCC. Hanch link is in doubt and there are concerns about the proposed closure of Common Lane as this will mean lorries using Crawley Lane and having to pass the school. There is an Action Group meeting at the Royal Oak on 14<sup>th</sup> June – all are welcome.

**8. To consider options following the Inspectors Report on local quarrying.**

Cllr. Howard said that despite lobbying they had failed to get the plan altered at all. The Inspector has said the plan is sound. The village remains surrounded by the ‘area of search’. The chairman proposed that he and Cllr. Browne arrange a meeting with SCC’s Matt Griffin to reinforce concerns about this. This was agreed. As applications are made for specific sites then that is the time to make comments. The favoured extraction area by the quarry companies is Lupin Farm to Baskerville’s farm and is likely to start around 2025. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

**9. To consider next steps to purchasing the BT Phone Box and letting it to The Book Club.**

It was suggested that an agreement be drawn up between the club and the council. Cllr. Lee will draft this. Clerk to contact Julie Bamber re having the proposed defibrillator installed in the village hall porch. **Action: Clerk.**

**10. To receive a report on progress with regards to the village hall roof repairs.**

Cllr. Higgins reported that a meeting with Julie Bamber from the Village Hall Committee has taken place. Several grant opportunities had also been investigated including ACRE and that available through County Cllr. Tittley. No further information was forthcoming from Cameron Homes who had indicated a willingness to make a donation. Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk.** Other parishes have also been contacted to see who they may have had grant aid from. Clerk to contact Kate Russell of the Community Council of Staffs re ACRE grant. **Action: Clerk.** The village hall committee is a charity, so grants may also be available. Clerk to contact VH Committee to say the council will likely approach the National Lottery ‘reaching communities’ fund to seek aid from them. It was felt that time is short and that the VH Committee could go back to this fund next year to obtain help with the internal work. The roof repairs should take precedence.

**11. To consider Councillor report – for information only.**

It was suggested that the clerk place further adverts in the Parish Magazine, notice boards and web site about the councillor vacancy. **Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016.