

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 10th August 2016 commencing at 7pm 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. M. Gair; S. Browne; I. Pritchard (arrived 7.45pm).
District Cllr. Tom Marshall (arrived 7.35pm).

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk). 10 members of the public were present. Matt Griffin from Staffs County Council.

Public Session: This took place between 7pm and 8.05pm. Mr. Paul Broadhurst and Mr. Charles Cole were invited to introduce themselves and address the meeting regarding their wish to become a parish councillor and to fill the vacancy. The two candidates both spoke for a short time. The chairman thanked them for attending and said they could remain if they wished. A decision on who to co-opt would be taken under item 8 on the agenda.

The chairman then invited Matt Griffin of Staffs County Council to speak with regard to the modifications to the Minerals plan. He gave a detailed background on the inspection process and the modifications and also some indication as to the likely site of the quarries. Several questions were put to him from Councillors and also from those attending from Alrewas. Questions were also put to County Cllr. Janet Eagland. The response from this Council will be discussed under item 9 on the agenda. The chairman thanked Mr. Griffin for attending.

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

Cllrs. Mrs. J. Higgins; N. Lee; (both on holiday), District Cllr. 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 7.

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 13th July 2016 are a correct record.**

These had been distributed previously. One correction was requested on item 6 - should read Deaville. 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 – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
- ii) Email from Cameron Homes re date for publicity exercise. Clerk to contact to request suitable dates. **Action: Clerk.**
- iii) Letter – Community Council of Staffs re BKV children's poster prize presentation evening. This clashed with the date of the next parish meeting so no one can attend. Prize winner has been informed and may go. Clerk to inform CC of S. **Action: Clerk.**
- iv) Letter – Lichfield District Council re Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission consultation. Placed in circulation file.
- v) Letter - Diocese of Lichfield re centenary fields. This had been distributed previously and was deferred until the next meeting when Cllr. Higgins will be in attendance.
- vi) Email re PC vacancy. The clerk said the email was from an interested parishioner who has now withdrawn.

Initial:

- vii) Email – HS2 phase 2 – presentation on 14th Sept. HS2 will attend the next PC meeting at 7.30pm.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. As of 26/7/16 - the current account stands at £11,471.14 and the reserve account at £14,293.65.
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To approve annual donations to the PCC (£250), Gardening Guild (£150) and Village Hall Committee (£55). The clerk said these donations are due. It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the donations are made. All in favour.
- iv) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax – total £514.85 b) R B Hayward – grass cutting £414.00 c) Village Hall room hire May 2105 to April 2016 - £162.50 iv) Donations as at iii above. Cllr. Browne proposed and Cllr. Gair seconded that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.

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

District Cllr. Marshall said that this is a quiet time with many people on holiday so there was little to report. Cllr. Pritchard informed the meeting that recent discussions with operators out of Fradley will mean, in future, that planning conditions will force them to use the A38.

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

- a) **Highway Issues.** Cllr. Browne said a meeting had taken place with Yoxall and Draycott parishes to discuss the weight restriction report. Another meeting in Yoxall is scheduled for 18th August at 8.30 at the Golden Cup. Each parish will make a list of the main issues. There will then be a further meeting in October before the final report goes to Staffs CC in November. More complaints about lorry noise at night time have been received and there is a plan to take some noise measurements during this period.
- b) **Footpath issues.** None reported.

7. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Browne attended a meeting on 19th July. HS2 sent along inexperienced staff that came unprepared with no minutes from previous meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd August.

8. To consider one applicant to become a Councillor.

Mr. Cole left the room while a discussion took place. It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Howard that Mr. Cole be asked to join. All were in favour. Clerk to contact the other interested parties to thank them and to inform that the vacancy was now filled. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Cole joined the meeting. The clerk informed him that he would need to sign a declaration of acceptance of office at the next meeting and that LDC would also send him papers to sign.

9. To consider a response to SCC following modifications to the Mineral Plan.

Cllr. Howard said after having now questioned Matt Griffin, he would draft a response before the deadline on 19th August. All were happy with this. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

10. To receive an update on progress re the adoption of the BT Phone Box by The Book Club.

The clerk has not received anything yet so the item was deferred until the next meeting.

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

The clerk was asked to write to Peter Easter, the successful tenderer as it appears he has not received an email. Letter to state work needs to be commenced before the end of the calendar year. **Action: Cllr. Clerk.**

12. To consider prices to replace felled tree in Leofric Close.

This to be discussed at next meeting.

13. **To consider a donation to this year's poppy appeal.**
Deferred until next meeting.

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

Cllr. Gair asked for an up to date list of Councillors and their contact details. Clerk to arrange.
Action: Clerk.

Cllr. Browne said a new bus timetable was due to be published on 28th August. He then asked about the grade 2 listed building in Alrewas Road and if the owner could be forced to maintain it. Cllr. Pritchard said that LDC could encourage the owner and would look into it.

Cllr. Howard asked when the Co-Op store development would be completed. The traffic lights were due to be taken away on 11th August and the development should be finished quickly. With regards to the best kept village prize monies, he said he would place a request for suggestions on the web site as to how it should be spent. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

Cllr. Pritchard then congratulated Cllr. Howard and all those involved in winning the best kept small village for the fourth consecutive year.

Cllr. Howard said he would speak to Alrewas PC about the best defibrillator to purchase. He will work with Cllrs. Gair and Higgins to help make the correct choice. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

The clerk said he had received a request from a Councillor for fuel expenses to attend the best kept village presentation evening near Eccleshall. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair that a payment be made for the 58 miles at 45p per mile. 2 were in favour and 3 abstained. Clerk to raise cheque for £26.10. **Action: Clerk.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 14th September 2016.