

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 14th December 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. M. Gair; S. Browne; Mrs. J. Higgins; N. Lee; C. Cole; I. Pritchard.
County Cllr. Martyn Tittley; District Cllr. T. Marshall.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk). Members of the public present; Mr. R. Griffiths.

Public Session: Cllr. Gair spoke on behalf of parishioner Mrs Weaver. The theatre group usually meet on the Royal Oak car park to embark the bus which takes them to events. With the car park being closed she had asked if there was anywhere else they could embark. It was suggested they use the lay by on the Yoxall Road but had been told by SCC that this was not possible due to the insurance risk. Comment was made that this is not so. It was then suggested that they use the village hall car park and the coach parks in the road opposite. Cllr. Gair will relay this to Mrs. Weaver.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
District Cllr. R. 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 9th November 2016 are a correct record.**
These had been distributed previously. One omission was identified - item 12 should have also read that it was proposed by Cllr. Lee and seconded by Cllr. Browne that an application be made to register the local public house as an asset of community value. With this addition made and initialled by the chairman it was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Higgins that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. All were in favour.
4. **Clerks Report.**
 - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
 - i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
 - ii) Letter from Bircham Dyson Bell re HS2 phase 2a regarding getting the best deals from HS2. No action to be taken on this.
 - iii) HMRC re electronic payment of income tax. The clerk said that the council are not set up to pay electronically. One option is to instruct our bank to pay on our behalf but that there may be a charge for this. After consideration it was decided to keep paying as at present until such time that HMRC write again.
 - iv) Eric Roy – proposed changes to web site. This to be taken under item 9 below.
 - v) Letter from Michael Fabricant MP re council tax referendum principals. The clerk read out the letter. A further reply is awaited.
 - vi) Email from LDC re parish precept for 2017/18. This to be taken under item 4 b iv.
 - vii) BT phone box agreement. This to be taken under item 11.

- viii) Letter from Rev. Ty Leyland re centenary fields. This was agreed – clerk to reply to clarify some queries raised by him. **Action: Clerk.**
- ix) Email from LDC re grass cutting schedules. After discussion it was felt that the areas of grass on the schedule should be measured in case LDC / SCC pass the responsibility for cutting to the parish. **Action: Clerk.**
- x) Email from parishioner re the Christmas tree. This was read out by the clerk. Clerk to write back to parishioner to explain that the tree was donated freely.
- xi) Letter from The Royal British Legion stating the sum collected locally. Clerk to write to Rob Gilmour thanking him for his hard work coordinating the collections. **Action: Clerk.**

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. As of 25/11/16 - the current account stands at £8,226.02 and the reserve account at £19,498.26
- ii) Payments Received. None
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax – total £522.21 b) Charles Woodburn – mole catcher - £25.00 c) Ian Pritchard – Xmas tree light refurbishment by Turnocks - £256.20 inc. vat. d) Kings Bromley village news publication - £6.00 e) SLCC half yearly subscription - £54.00
It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Cole that the above invoices be paid. All were in favour.
- iv) Budget for 2017 / 18. Details had been circulated previously. The clerk said that for next year a 2.2% increase in the parish precept was required to cover the loss in support grant from LDC. Discussion took place around expected parish expenditure for the next financial year. This included an extra £3,000 for the village hall roof and up to £2000 to repair the chimney. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Higgins that the clerk applies a 5% increase in his submission to LDC. 4 were in favour and 3 abstained.
- v) Electronic payment to HMRC – this was covered in 4 a iii above.

- c) Servicing of the church clock – to consider quote from Smiths of Derby.** The clerk said that the 3 year agreement had now ceased and that Smiths had quoted £486.00 plus vat for a further 3 years. After discussion it was suggested that the clerk contact Smiths to determine the cost of just one year. **Action: Clerk.**

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

District Cllr. Marshall said that the district was able to increase the precept by 3.9%. County Cllr. Tittley said that the County Council had a deficit of £16m and the central government were giving an additional 2% in grants but this would only go a small way to help alleviate the dire financial situation. The County has saved £200m since 2010 and reduced its workforce to around 6000.

The chairman thanked the Councillors for their reports.

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

- a) Highway Issues. (i) Street Lighting.** No reply received from SCC as yet.
- (ii) Ice Busters.** Shed at village hall can be used. Clerk to contact SCC re delivery of equipment. **Action: Clerk.** Clerk to inform Mary Lee at SCC. **Action: Clerk.**
- (iii) Weight restriction update.** Cllr. Browne will attend the Transport and Community forum on behalf of the council. He attended the Freight forum with Mark Deaville, Clive Thompson, several County Councillors, The Police, the Road Haulage Association and three parish representative's from Yoxall, Draycott and Kings Bromley. He felt that little was achieved other than lots of talking and that the County Council have no real intention to help alleviate the traffic problems through the 3 villages. He proposes that the three parish get together again, prioritise actions and to write to Mr Deaville to say exactly what should be done next. There is no 'end point' goal or purpose and without one the talking will continue. After discussion it was

decided that the clerk should write to both Yoxall and Draycott PC's to develop a joint strategy. The chairman will put produce a summary for the web site. **Actions: Clerk and Cllr. Howard.**

(iv) Co-Op development. It was felt that little can now be done to improve visibility at the exit from the store as the plans have been passed by LDC and County Highways. Tim Heminsley at SCC has forwarded the councils requests for signs and yellow lines to head office. Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk.** Concern was expressed about the health of an oak tree near Manor Road. Cllr. Marshall undertook to speak to Gareth Hare at LDC about its condition and will report back.

(v) Grass cutting on the highway 2017 onwards. Covered under 4 a ix above.

(vi) 40 limit. Cllr. Tittley said he will arrange for the 40 signs to be painted on the road surface from his 2017/18 budget. Clerk to also write to SCC and Cllr. Tittley requesting that a speed camera be installed – possibly one relocated from another site. **Action: Clerk.**

- b) **Footpaths.** Comment was made again about the amount of dog mess on the footways especially in Lanes Close. The chairman said he had produced a flier and will ask Councillors to help deliver it. **Action: All Cllrs.**

7. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Marshall reported that there is much negativity locally and nationally about the project but feels that it might now be too late to stop.

Cllr. Tittley left the meeting at 9.25pm

8. Discussion – ‘Parish Councils’ - how they work’.

Cllr. Pritchard said that the parish council is the first tier of local government and that in his opinion Councillors should not be undertaking physical work around the parish. It is possible that they would not be covered under the insurance. Clerk to check with insurers. **Action: Clerk.** It was also requested that this be discussed fully at the next meeting.

9. To consider a report from Eric Roy on ways to improve the web site.

Mr. Roy had quoted £387.50 to make the improvements to the web site. It was proposed by Cllr. Cole and seconded by Cllr. Gair that he be instructed to proceed. 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

10. To receive an update on the village hall roof repairs / installation of a defibrillator.

The repair to the roof is complete, however more rotten timbers were identified and more work done than estimated. Mr. Easter kindly did this extra work at no charge. He did say that the chimney was in need of attention with flashing and pointing required. His estimate is around £2,000. It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Cole that he be authorised to do this work to the maximum value of £2,000 while the scaffolding is in place. All were in favour. Clerk to contact Mr. Easter. **Action: Clerk.**

11. To receive an update on the purchase of the BT red phone box.

The Clerk said that he had told LDC that the parish wished to adopt the box. They have replied and informed BT. Clerk has an agreement but suggested that the council waits for BT to make contact.

12. To receive an update, if any, on the Centenary Fields initiative.

The clerk and Cllr. Higgins will finalise the agreement and complete the necessary forms. **Action: Cllr. Higgins and Clerk.**

13. To consider purchasing a jet washer to clean the surface around the War Memorial.

This item deferred to next meeting.

Item 14 was a duplicate of item 9.

15. To receive an update regarding registering the local public house as an ‘asset of community value.’

Cllr. Lee will send the necessary forms and a copy of the relevant minutes to CAMRA. **Action: Cllr. Lee.**

16. To consider a draft 'welcome pack' to be issued for the benefit of parishioners.

Cllr. Howard said this had been done.

17. To consider purchasing a suitable trophy to be presented at future John Taylor School annual prize giving.

Cllr. Lee said that the Governors would welcome an award for reading for the year nines. He will look at suitable trophies and prizes and report to next meeting. **Action: Cllr Lee.**

18. To consider Councillor report – for information only.

Cllr. Browne again asked for a list of Councillors. These are on the web site.

Cllr. Howard commented that no moves appear to have been made by the Village Hall Committee to start collection of funds to have the hall refurbished. Agenda for next meeting.

There being no further business the main meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 11th January 2017.