

**KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, at 7.30pm in**  
**Kings Bromley Village Hall**

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

**In attendance:** Mrs S Buxton (Clerk); County Cllr Mrs M Eagland

During the public part of the meeting the following points were raised:-

- Village sign on Alrewas Road – this has been ordered and the clerk
- Police Surgery – this did not attract as many people as was perhaps hoped. A discussion took place on whether PC Brown could walk round the village at the next surgery, but it was felt this was probably not viable as it would be difficult to know where he was at any one time
- Speedwatch – two new volunteers have come forward. It was agreed to include it in the next parish council report
- Two police constables – Andy Brown and Alison Lewis -attended the funeral of Gordon Baskerville this morning. Agreed clerk to send thanks to Insp Kevin Mulligan, that everyone appreciated their attendance
- PC Andy Brown had sent a report re: the mini crime wave in Kings Bromley
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Jan - Lanes Close
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - Alrewas Rd
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Alrewas Rd
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Lanes Close
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - vehicle in Manor Rd
- A resident had received a cold call offering to fit an alarm on house – he expressed possible crime risk. He wondered if the parish council could initiative some crime prevention surveys for the village. It was felt this was more of a neighbourhood watch issue rather than parish council

The chairman opened the meeting by holding a one minute silence in memory of Gordon Baskerville whose funeral had taken place today. He commented that has always been totally supportive to the village of Kings Bromley in many ways and served for many years on both the parish council and also the district council

**3603. Apologies**

Cllr Mrs Gair – holiday; Cllr Taylor – indisposed; Cllr Holland – family commitment  
**Agreed** that the apologies of Cllr Mrs Gair, Taylor and Holland be accepted

**3604. Declaration of Interests**

Changing lives – Cllr Mrs Jarman

**3605. Minutes of the last meeting**

**Agreed** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 be signed as a true and correct record

**3606. Report of the Clerk**

- i. **Bus time tables** – the clerk reported that the new bus timetables for the Lichfield to Burton area had still to be reprinted, however, Cllr Mrs Eagland received a copy a couple of weeks ago.

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- Agreed** that the clerk will chase up copies of the new timetables
- ii. **Wind Turbine at Curborough Water Treatment Works** – Severn Trent Water and their consultants would like to attend the March parish council meeting to present their plans  
**Agreed** that the clerk would invite them to attend at 7.15 pm for an extended public session  
**Agreed** that the clerk will invite Curborough and Elmhurst Parish Council to attend the presentation too.

### 3607. Finance

i. **Accounts for Payment**

**Agreed** that the following payments be made:-

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
300088	Spoilt	0.00		-
45/300089	Mrs S Buxton	364.38	Salary and taxable exps	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
45/300090	SCC	68.33	Pension Contributions	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
45/300091	Mrs S Buxton	52.00	Travel and petty cash	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
46/300092	Information Commissioner's Office	35.00	Registration as a Data Handler	LGA 1972 s.111
47/300093	KB Village Hall	11.95	Village Shop Mtg 2/1/09	LGA 1972 s.150
48/300094	Community Council of Staffs	43.00	BKV Entry and publicity material	LGA 1972 s.137
TOTAL payments made		<u>531.66</u>		

ii. **Receipts**  
None

iii. **Finance report to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2009**

**Agreed** that the finance report prepared by the clerk be accepted

iv. **Horticultural Society donation/play equipment project** – the clerk reported that the Horticultural Society had indicated that they looked forward to hearing the parish council's plans for additional play equipment in due course

**Agreed** the clerk will begin to obtain quotes for additional play equipment and investigate grant aid for the project

v. **Banding of Pension Contributions** – under the changes made to the Local Government Pension scheme in 2008, all employees are put in a band according to the gross full time equivalent salary. As changes are made to levels of pay, either through annual cost of living pay award or moving up the pay scale and employee may move into a different band which has a different rate of contributions from the employee. The band can be amended when the change occurs or the parish council can agree to review the banding annually on a given date. SCC review all their bandings on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year  
**Agreed** that Kings Bromley Parish Council will review the banding for the clerk's pension contributions on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year

### 3608. Correspondence and Items for Information

- i. **Community Council – Community Support Survey** – this was completed during the meeting for the clerk to send off
- ii. **Email enquiry re: records of graveyard inscriptions** – this has been done and the information is available in the Lichfield Records Office or church. At present the information is being updated
- iii. **ST Water and Curborough Water Treatment Wind Turbine** – this has already been dealt with
- iv. **Funding Fair** – Cllr Browne had attended and felt it was rather disappointing

- v. **Rural parish councillors survey** – the clerk has received a survey on the Earth Shelter Construction and the Rural Housing Shortage from a student at Leeds Metropolitan University via the SPCA, which all councillors on rural parish councils are invited to complete

**Agreed** that the clerk will forward a copy of the survey details to Cllr Mrs Jarman

Cllr Eagland reported on a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Event at LDC when the Rural Housing Needs Survey 2008 and Sub-Regional Strategic Market Assessment were both considered.

**Agreed** that the clerk would take a copy for the chairman to read and report to the next meeting

- vi. **NALC Advice – poppy day** – the clerk reported that advice had been received informing parish council's that they have no duty to take responsibility for Royal British Legion Remembrance Day parades. Parish councils do have the power to contribute financial or assist the RBL in holding a parade
- vii. **Review of Clerk's Correspondence Report** – no other items to consider

### 3609.Highways and Signs

- i. **Victoria Meadows?** – the clerk had received a letter from Mr Atwell expressing disappointment at the lack of response to attempts to clarify the name of Victoria Meadow or Victoria Meadows

ii. **Community Gangs** –

**Agreed** that the clerk will put the following items forward for attention by the Community Gangs:-

- the milepost close to Wharf Farmhouse needs to be cleaned and repainted
- the footpath in front of the Rectory needs to be swept
- a number of bushes/trees on the Alrewas Road, are blocking sight of the signs for the traffic calming for drivers
- the Give Way signs on Rugeley Road.....
- both the build outs on Alrewas Road have one bollard missing and one bollard has been put back the wrong way up

- iii. **Yoxall Road Hedge** – Cllr Pritchard had met with Ken Owen from SCC and most of the residents from Yoxall Road. It has been agreed that the hedge will be laid and Ken Owen will notify the council when this work is to be undertaken

- iv. **Early morning speeding and speed cameras** – the clerk has been in electronic consultation with a Mr Lennon regarding the problems of early morning speeding by traffic and the possibility of speed cameras being installed  
**Agreed** the clerk reply informing him that the Speedwatch team hope to do some early morning checking during July/August when it is light at 4.00am in the morning

- v. **Speedwatch** – a number of volunteers have come forward and training is to be organised. During the lighter months it is hoped to do so monitoring during the early hours.

**3610.War Memorial** – this was dealt with at the January meeting

### 3611.Freedom of Information Act

The report prepared by the clerk was considered

**Agreed** that the model Publication Scheme be adopted

**Agreed** that the Kings Bromley Parish Council: Publication Scheme – Guide to Information Document be approved with some minor amendments discussed at this meeting and attached to the end of these minutes

**Agreed** that the council will continue to charge 10p per A4 sheet for information with a minimum charge of £1 plus postage

#### **3612. Village Hall**

Cllr Browne reported that the Snooker Room at the Village Hall is to be renamed the Baskerville Suite

#### **3613. Village Shop**

The clerk reported that at the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2009 approximately 10 people had come forward expressing an interest in looking at this project further. Alison Howard and Annabelle Watkins have agreed to act as correspondents for the project.

Cllr Browne reported that the first meeting will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 when it is hoped a steering committee will be formed.

Cllr Mrs Gair had indicated that she did not wish to continue as the parish council representative on the shop project

**Agreed** that as Cllr Browne is representing the Village Hall it would not be appropriate for him to represent the parish council as well

**Agreed** the clerk request the Shop Steering Group to forward a copy of the minutes of any meetings to the parish council for information.

#### **3614. Best Kept Village Competition**

Cllr Pritchard reported that he had a volunteer who was happy to assist him in organising the BKV competition entry in Kings Bromley this year

**Agreed** that Kings Bromley will enter the BKV competition 2009 and that the clerk will put a notice in the parish magazine advertising the competition and inviting volunteers to contact the chairman

#### **3615. Review of Parish Plan**

**Agreed** that this item be carried forward to the next meeting

**3616. Clerk's Training** – the clerk reported on her attendance at training on Town and Country Planning. Kings Bromley Parish Council is following all the recommended good practices with regards to planning. The clerk raised one query regarding the name of the parish council's planning committee – “Planning Advisory Committee” – and whether the word “Advisory” should be included. The committee has fully delegated power from the full parish council and so doesn't advise the parish council, and therefore doesn't need to include the word “Advisory” in its title. However, the committee does provide advice to LDC on planning applications so the word is applicable

**Agreed** that the council's planning committee should continue to be called the “Planning Advisory Committee”

#### **3617. Freedom of Information Act and Publication Scheme**

This has already been dealt with earlier on the agenda

### 3618. Social Services – Changing Lives

There were a number of closures last week and the transport is very poor this week. The result is that clients spend very limited time at the day centre, with it being more like a luncheon club than a day centre.

### 3619. Lichfield District Council

- i. **Summer play scheme** – LDC have sent a letter requesting support for the Summer Playscheme in 2009. The report on the 2008 scheme stated that the week in Kings Bromley had only had 15% of the 20 places filled. The clerk had been led to believe by LDC that a scheme would not be run in Kings Bromley this year  
**Agreed** that the council wished to find out what LDC's plans for the playscheme this year are before making a decision on providing a donation to the scheme
- ii. **Management of Commercial Obstructions on Public Highways (A Boards etc)** – LDC have sent a copy of the proposed code of conduct for LDC to the parish council for comment  
**Agreed** the parish council does not wish to comment on this code of conduct

### 3620. Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Proposed Prohibition of Waiting on Fradley Park Industrial Estate** – SCC have a proposed prohibition of waiting on the Industrial Estate and have asked for comments  
**Agreed** the parish council supports the proposed prohibition of waiting on Fradley Park Industrial Estate
- ii. **Waiting Restriction – Yoxall Road laybys** – there was some confusion as to the exact terms of the waiting restriction and whether vehicles were parking there when they shouldn't be  
**Agreed** the clerk would investigate the conditions of the waiting restriction and discuss it with PC Andy Brown if it is being abused
- iii. **Community footpaths** – the clerk had received the application forms for grants in 2009/10.  
**Agreed** the clerk would investigate whether the grants could be used to put gravel under stiles to improve the surface and then circulate details to all councillors for consideration at the next parish council meeting
- iv. **Quarries** – Cllr Janet Eagland reported that she had met with residents at Orgreave regarding the proposed quarrying development there. LDC are clear in their view that they do not want to see any quarrying to the west of the A38 and that quarrying should remain on the east of the A38 only. SCC are currently taking far more aggregates from quarries than they are required to do by central government. There has been very limited consultation on the proposed quarrying site. Cllr Mrs Eagland will be attending the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 and hopes to ensure that the lack of consultation and the failure to include relevant information (e.g. gas works at Orgreave) are recognised. The Staffordshire Conservation group are against any quarrying at Orgreave. The site at Bancroft Farm at Hamstall Ridware has been removed from the list.

**3621.SPCA**

- i. **Training – Power of Wellbeing Training – 19/2/09 – Stafford** – the clerk reported on the Power of Wellbeing which was introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009, but only officially launched this week. Any parish council that wishes to make use of the power must ensure that 80% of its councillors have been trained. This training can be done by one or two councillors attending formal training and then running a training session for other members. The clerk is unable to attend the above training session but hoped to attend a future event. No councillors wished to attend this training session,

Cllr Mrs Eagland left the meeting

**3622.Review of Items for Future Meetings**

- i. Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office
- ii. New map on wall at Lichfield Road
- iii. Website

**3623.Date of Next Meeting**

**Agreed** that the next meeting of the parish council will take place on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 – commencing at 7.15 pm** at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009