

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 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; I. Pritchard; Mrs. J. Higgins; N. Lee; C. Cole; District Cllr. T. Marshall.

**In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk). Members of the public present: Mr. R. Griffiths. Mr. Nigel Rogers, Mr. Bernard Baker.

**Public Session:** Mr. Roberts wished to speak about the traffic issues. He was invited to contribute under item 6 (a) i below.

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. Cllr. Lee on item 6 (a) i and Cllr. Higgins on item 6 (a) iii.  
**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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 are a correct record.**  
These had been distributed previously. It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Cole that the minutes are 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 Community Council of Staffs re Best Kept Village competition 2017. It was proposed by Cllr. Lee and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard that the parish will enter again. All in favour. Clerk to make the entry. **Action: Clerk.**
    - iii) Email reply from Janet Eagland following our email to her informing her of parish requests that are not attended to. Clerk to reply. **Action: Clerk.**
    - iv) Email from LDC - election charges. (£311.34) The clerk explained that all parishes are billed for a proportion of the cost to LDC for staging the elections. Clerk to pay bill when it arrives. **Action: Clerk.**
    - v) Email from Dept. for Communities and Local Government regarding precept capping. This was placed in the circulation file. Parishes will not be capped but this may be reviewed in the future.
    - vi) Numerous emails from parishioners re the traffic issues and road closure of A38.
    - vii) Several phone calls as above.
  - b) **Finance.**
    - i) Financial Statement. As of 8/2/17 - the current account stands at £14,480.71 and the reserve account at £11,778.26. The clerk said he had transferred £8,000 from the reserves today to cover the invoices shown below.
    - ii) Payments Received. None.
    - iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax – total £440.45 (including postage stamps) b) Allan Howard – printing costs - £40.00 c) Smiths of Derby – 3 years church clock maintenance - £486 + vat d) WEL Medical – defibrillator purchase - £1,452.25 + vat e) Peter Easter – builder – village hall roof repairs - £7,750 + vat.  
It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Cole that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour.
  - c) **Date of Annual Parish Meeting.** The clerk said it was unlikely that he could make the suggested changed date on 24<sup>th</sup> April. It was decided to keep the original date which will

be 10<sup>th</sup> April. A discussion took place around ways to encourage parishioners to attend. It was proposed by Cllr Cole and seconded by Cllr. Gair to deliver fliers to every household. 4 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

- d) **Grass cutting quotes for 2017/18.** The clerk said that quotes were due back by 13<sup>th</sup> February and he would report to the next meeting.

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

District Cllr. Marshall said he had numerous emails from parishioners concerning traffic issues. He read out a letter he had sent to a national newspaper regarding HS2. The chairman thanked the Councillor for his report.

**6. To consider new and on-going highway and footpath matters.**

- a) **Highways updates. (i) Transport and Community Forum.** Debate followed around the main issues associated with traffic and everyday use of local roads by lorries accessing Fradley or the A38 diversions. Cllr. Pritchard thought it important that the issue does not become clouded by mixing the two problems. With regards to the diverted traffic the contractors are looking at possibly using Wood End Lane but there is some doubt about its suitability and whether SCC would allow it, assuming they are consulted. Cllr. Higgins said that the old properties fronting the A513 were developing cracks in their walls and those residents were suffering through lack of sleep and pollution and noise. Cllr. Marshall said he would try to organise noise and pollution monitoring. It was proposed by Cllr. Higgins and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard that the clerk writes to SCC about residents concerns over the above. 5 in favour and 1 against. **Action: Clerk.** Many residents have written to Mark Deaville at SCC regarding the weight limit request. Cllrs. Howard and Browne will write to Mark Deaville. A meeting is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> March. A press campaign was suggested but not until after the meeting. **(ii) Hedge on Yoxall Road.** Local residents were in attendance. The first section of the hedge nearest to Mr. Bakers home is on his land and the rest on land owned by Bamfords. Cllr. Lee offered to check land ownership with the Land Registry. If it is that Mr. Baker does own the first section then he is free to maintain the hedge as he wishes. Clerk to determine if trees on the highway verge are protected. **Action: Clerk (iii) Parking Issues for residents on A515 and A513.** Cllr. Higgins raised the matter of parking for residents on Alrewas Road near the junction with the A515. Now the Co Op is built they cannot use the pub car park. After discussion it was felt that the parish council could do nothing about this.
- b) **Footpaths / footways. (i) Vehicles parked on Alrewas Road.** Complaints had been received about vehicles parked over the footway outside 95 to 119 (odds) Alrewas Road. Clerk to write to residents. **Action: Clerk. (ii) Ice busters.** Cllr. Lee and Mr. Boswell assembled the equipment. Clerk to find out if the container should have COSH warnings. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllr. Browne said the phase 1 Bill should pass through the two houses by 20<sup>th</sup> February. On 13<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting at LDC for all parishes to attend. A list of road issues has been sent to SCC (Sarah Malham)

**8. To receive an update on the fundraising for the village hall improvements.**

Clerk has bank forms. There will be 3 signatories, Revd. Ty Leyland, Allan Howard and the Parish Clerk. It may be possible to get a stand at the Show where funds can be collected. Cllr. Gair to contact Kirsten Harber. **Action: Cllr. Gair.**

**9. To discuss whether Councillors ought to undertake 'parish' work.**

Cllr. Pritchard said that risk assessments must be provided for all activities undertaken by any councillor. Cllr. Lee will arrange if clerk sends him the blank forms. **Action: Cllr. Lee and Clerk.**

**10. To receive updates on (i) War Memorial grant application.** Cllr. Howard and Higgins have made a grant application. **(ii) Installation of a defibrillator.** Awaiting delivery, installation then training. **(iii) Purchase of the BT phone box.** No progress as still waiting on BT. **(iv) Centenary Fields initiative.** Papers are with the clerk to complete. **Action: Clerk**

- 11. To consider a request from SCC that parishes donate funding to Citizens Advice.**  
It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Cole that no support is provided. 6 in favour and 1 abstention.
- 12. To review the provision of Christmas decorations.**  
The tree lights have been located. A budget should be set aside for a tree for this year. **Action: Clerk.**
- 13. To consider using social media as a means to promote Councils' activities.**  
Cllr. Higgins referred to the 'mutterings group' and asked if the council ought to be involved. It was felt that if parishioners wanted to 'mutter' they could come to the parish meetings. It was proposed by Cllr. Howard and seconded by Cllr. Cole that the council does not get involved in this group or any other that uses social media. 6 for and 1 against.
- 14. To receive an update on registering the local public house as an asset of community value.**  
Cllr. Lee said this was on-going.
- 15. To discuss what powers a parish council has.**  
Cllr. Lee has circulated links to Councillors that detail powers on several web sites.
- 16. To consider the best forms of communication between Councillors.**  
The clerk said that the best method was by correctly targeted emails. The clerk usually assesses who should be copied in or not depending on the subject. It is important that Councillors make sure that only relevant persons are copied in to avoid confusion.
- 17. To consider Councillor Reports - for information only.**  
None.

There being no further business the main meeting closed at 9.46pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017.