

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 8th March 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. R. Cox.

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

Public Session: Mr. Rogers wished to speak about the A38 diversion. He was invited to contribute under item 6 (a) i below.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
District Cllr. T. Marshall.
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. All Cllrs. except Cllrs. Browne and Gair on item 6 (a) i
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 8th February 2017 are a correct record.**
These had been distributed previously. Cllr. Browne said that it was Mr Rogers not Roberts that attended in the public forum. Item 6 should read Bromford not Bramford. With these amendments noted 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) Copy of HM Land Registry information from Mr Baker. This was used in discussions under item 6 a ii below.
 - iii) Letter from Eric Roy offering his services to maintain web site for a further 12 months at a cost of £130. Cllr. Pritchard proposed and Cllr. Gair seconded that the council accept the price as quoted. All were in favour.
 - iv) Email off Tweenies Group re: shed in village hall car park. As the group has closed they have kindly offered the shed to the parish council. Cllr. Howard has asked Julie Bamber to have it included on their insurance.
 - v) Email from local resident regarding the lighting at the new Co Op. The shop manager has been asked by the chairman to liaise with local residents over this issue.
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. As of 24/2/17 - the current account stands at £2,280.96 and the reserve account at £11,778.26. Cllr. Cole asked why the balance in the current account had fallen so quickly. The clerk explained that 2 months of cheques had cleared and some were for large amounts (e.g. roof repairs). He added that financial information was on the web site under the transparency section.
 - ii) Payments Received. None.
 - iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax – total £537.68 (including postage stamps) b) Community Council of Staffs – Best kept village entry

Initial:

fee - £47.75 (iii) LDC election expenses - £311.34 (iv) Eric Roy – web site maintenance and hosting - £130 (v) Eric Roy – web site upgrade - £325 (vi) Fields in Trust donation to obtain land title information - £3.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour.

c) **To consider future banking arrangements.**

Cllr. Gair originally requested this to be placed on the agenda but has now withdrawn that request.

- d) **Grass cutting quotes for 2017/18.** A list of quotes had been distributed previously to all Councillors. The clerk said that 3 quotes had been returned and that prices were very similar. However there was quite a substantial difference if the price of cutting 1m² of highway grass was included. This is not a parish function at present but may be in future. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Cole that local contractor Mr. Hayward be appointed. Cllr. Higgins made a counter proposal that the cheapest quote be accepted. There was no seconder to this proposal. After a show of hands 6 were in favour of the first proposal and one against. Clerk to contact Mr. Hayward and to write to unsuccessful contractors. **Action: Clerk.**

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

District Cllr. Cox had no report to make. County Cllr. Tittley said that elections would be taking place in May and that he will be standing again. He has met with resident Mr. Cunningham regarding traffic issues. The chairman thanked him for his report and wished him well in the elections.

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

a) **Highways updates. (i) Transport and Community Forum.** At the last meeting with SCC the parishes had little chance to make their case, however the minutes will state that the parishes want a night time weight restriction. Cllr. Browne requested council permission to get together with the other parishes before the next scheduled meeting with SCC on 2nd June. New radar boxes will be installed to monitor vehicle types and speeds. Highways England has no such data. These boxes will be located in the same places as the older types used previously. A sub-committee has been formed to meet with SCC's new representative Richard Rayson who will in turn report to the Transport Forum. After discussion it was decided that Cllr. Browne arrange the meeting with the other parishes as he requested. **Action: Cllr. Browne.** The question arose again about rattling ironwork – Cllr. Tittley said the problem is usually with utility boxes and that SCC pass locations to them hence the delay in them being attended to. The one opposite Victoria Meadow is a major problem – clerk to inform Highways again. **Action: Clerk.** (iii) **Hedge on Yoxall Road.** Cllr. Lee sat with local residents at this meeting to point out exactly who owns what land. This is strictly not a parish council issue, however the clerk was asked to write to Bromford Housing to ask them to maintain their section of hedge to 6 feet high. **Action: Clerk.**

b) **Footpaths / footways. (i) Vehicles parked on Alrewas Road.** Cllr. Cole said that things had improved since the parish wrote to residents though the verge is still damaged. Cllr. Howard said that a resident had approached him about requesting a new footway from the school towards the new Cameron Homes housing development. This was noted.

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

Cllr. Browne said the Bill had now gone through Parliament. There is another meeting with HS2 on 22nd March at Mavesyn Ridware Hall. Any borrowpits required will not be shown on maps. Cllr. Browne to send a copy of his Action Group letter to the clerk for distribution and information of other councillors. **Action: Cllr. Browne and Clerk.**

8. **To discuss the PCC consultation – Safer, Fairer, United Communities Strategy 2016 to 2020.**

Cllr. Higgins offered to draft a response and will circulate them with comments to be returned to her by Friday 17th March. **Action: Cllr. Higgins.**

9. **To receive updates on (i) War Memorial grant application.** Papers have been submitted but nothing returned as yet. **(ii) Installation of a defibrillator.** Should be installed by the end of this week. Clerk to ask for volunteer operators via the parish magazine. **Action: Clerk.** **(iii) Purchase of the BT phone box.** No progress – still waiting on BT to reply. **(iv) Centenary Fields initiative.** A land ownership issue has been highlighted. Chairman to consult archives. Clerk to contact CFI representative. **Actions: Clerk and chairman.** **(v) Village hall improvements.** These are now completed. Clerk said he awaits letter from Julie Bamber regarding the setting up of a new bank account. **(vi) Registering the local pub as an asset of community value.** The pub is being improved by a grant from the owners. It was felt that it still should be registered. Clerk and Cllr. Lee to progress this. **Action: Clerk and Cllr. Lee.**
10. **To discuss if to include local business information on the web site.**
It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Lee that the web site should contain information on local businesses. All were in favour. Clerk to ask webmaster to slow the transition of the images on the home page. **Action: Clerk.**
11. **To consider allowing the progression of the Clerk to the next salary scale.**
The clerk said he had not had time to compile the latest salary figures and what impact these would have on the wages budget. This was deferred until the next meeting when the figures would be available.
12. **To consider Councillor Reports - for information only.**
Cllr. Howard said that the wall had collapsed on Lichfield Road and he will speak to June Baskerville about who now owns the land.

There being no further business the main meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 12th April 2017.