

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Wednesday 12th July 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; N. Lee; C. Cole. Mrs. J. Higgins; (arrived 19.48); I. Pritchard. (arrived at 20.03)

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk). Members of the public present: Ray Griffiths, David Cliffe, Barry Stoney.

Public Session: Mr Stoney explained the details displayed on maps he had received from HS2 showing several borrowpits to the south of the village. Land was to be compulsorily purchased to accommodate these. In an attempt to determine land ownership, other residents had received communications from HS2 Ltd. The chairman said that further discussions on this subject would be held during item 7 on the agenda and that the public were welcome to wait until then.

Mr. Griffiths raised the question of grass verge between the last house on Yoxall Road and the lay-by. The grass has not been cut. Clerk to ask Highways to attend. **Action: Clerk.**

At this point Mr. Stoney and Mr. Cliffe decided to leave the meeting.

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 – HS2.

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 14th June 2017 are a correct record.

These had been distributed previously. It was pointed out that in item 7 the person from SCC is Sarah Mallen not Mallin. With this amendment made it was proposed by Cllr. Lee and seconded by Cllr. Browne 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 – Mr. Gilmour re poppy appeal. Appeal to be organised by the Lichfield Branch as Mr. Gilmour is to stand down. Thanks were expressed for the work he has done over the years.

iii) Email – Highways England. This had been circulated previously. Placed in circulation file.

iv) Letter – SCC re review of countryside estates. The clerk read this out. Placed in circulation file.

v) Fliers – SPACE project. Placed in circulation file. Posters to go on notice boards.

vi) Letter – Lynne O’Dea re wall on A515. Item 6 a iii below. This had been circulated previously. After discussion the clerk was asked to investigate how the wall could be listed. **Action: Clerk.**

vii) Quote – John Keates Design for production of Building Regulations drawings for the village hall refurbishment. Item 8 iv.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. As of 26/6/17 - the current account stands at £7,247.84 and the reserve account at £11,778.42
 - ii) Payments Received. None.
 - iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax – total £529.56 (including postage stamps) b) R. B. Hayward – grass cutting - £288.00 c) Cllr. Lee – purchase of trophy for John Taylor - £150.00 d) Ian Colclough – Amazon voucher as per above – prize - £20.00 e) Barclays Bank – to open new account (village hall improvement funds) - £1.00
It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Lee that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour.
- c) **Parish precept anomaly – update.** Cllr. Pritchard said that LDC had no obligation to forward on the Council Tax Support Grant that was unclaimed by the clerk. The clerk said that it is possible for a parish to increase its precept by up to 50% if necessary. This will enable the loss to be recovered, if required, next year.
- d) **End of Quarter 1 financial update.** The latest figures were circulated. The clerk said there was one error in that the insurance had been paid in February and covered 3 years. This year the figure should read zero and hence the bottom line, excess income over expenditure should be £1001.00. No questions on the figures as presented were forthcoming. Cllr Gair said she has also undertaken a detailed check on the accounts and other than one cheque number being incorrect, all was in order.

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

District Cllr. Marshall said he was saddened to hear the news of the schoolchild from John Taylor School who had lost her life in a road accident when on a school trip. He said that he had hoped to meet with the Prime Minister on a recent local visit to the area but was dismayed to find that she only stayed for 15 minutes and was not taking questions. He wanted to address her over HS2's viability. He said that there would appear to be some anomalies over the route of HS2 around Lichfield. He is due to meet with a local resident following receipt of what appeared to be a compulsory purchase order from HS2. The Friarsgate development should commence soon and other major developments will be taking place around the city.
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.** Cllr. Browne said a meeting had taken place with Tim Hemminsley at SCC, Highways England and other parish representatives. Tim Hemminsley has now produced a draft report. There is a further meeting on 19th July and the council's response need to be submitted by then. This report will be considered by SCC before being presented to Safer Staffordshire Committee. A right of appeal to the full council should be sought by the parish council. **(ii)** This remains with the police for their consideration as to its legality. **(iii) State of the wall on Lichfield Road.** Clerk to contact Cllr. Tittley to see what progress is being made and to reply to Mrs O'Dea stating that the council will seek to get the wall listed in some way. **Action: Clerk.**

b) **Footpaths / footways.** The beeny blocks and road grids on Alrewas Road are blocked with detritus causing standing water to accumulate. A road sweeper was seen but simply pushed the dirt from the channel into the centre of the road. The water and detritus is a danger to traffic and pedestrians. Clerk to contact Highways to ask for cleaning. **Action: Clerk.**

7. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Gair said there was a meeting last evening about phase 1 which is due to commence in spring 2018 and be completed by 2025. The clerk is trying to arrange a meeting with HS2 over phase 2. It was suggested that this should be an extraordinary meeting. HS2 has asked for a list of questions in advance. Clerk to arrange meeting and compile questions **Action: Clerk and all Cllrs.** What is a 'consolidated construction boundary'? This term is shown on the borrowpit plans. Clerk to ask HS2. Cllr. Gair said that grant funding is available to help affected communities and asked if the working group should look in to the details and report at the next parish council meeting. This action was proposed by Cllr. Cole and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard. **Action: PC HS2 group.**

8. **To receive updates on (i) War Memorial grant application.** Cllr. Higgins said that she still awaits prices from contractors on the recommended list. The chairman said that some letters had become dislodged on the memorial and asked the clerk to contact the Legion to see if they knew of anyone who could make the repair. **Action: Clerk.** Peter Easter has intimated that he could attend to the paved area and replace posts as necessary. **(ii) Purchase of the BT phone box.** The clerk said that he still awaits word on the application from BT (the advice given at the last meeting applied to a box in Elmhurst not Kings Bromley) **(iii) Centenary Fields initiative.** Chairman to find original documentation and pass to clerk. **Action: Cllr. Howard.** **(iv) Village hall refurbishment and new bank account.** An appointment with Barclays Bank is on 13th July and the chairman and Glen Wright will attend. A quote for the building regulations has been received but it was felt that some sort of 3D / artists impression of the finished interior ought to be produced so that villagers can see the finished project. Clerk to get quote for this from local architect. **Action: Clerk.** The clerk said it would be necessary to open the new account with a payment. It was proposed by Cllr. Cole and seconded by Cllr. Gair that a cheque be raised by the clerk for £1. All were in favour. **(v) Registering the local public house as an asset of community value.** The clerk said he had received a phone call from LDC who asked about the area to be protected. The situation with the car park is unclear and it is best if this is left out of the protected area. This was agreed. Just the house and beer garden will be protected. LDC to progress with this.
9. **To receive a report on the John Taylor school presentation evening.** This will take place on 18th July and Cllrs. Browne and Higgins will present the parish council's trophy and prize.
10. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**
Cllr. Higgins reported on her attendance at a recent school meeting and highlighted some of the funding difficulties they were encountering. The merging of 2 classes is being considered. The head wants to build another classroom.

There being no further business the main meeting closed at 9.38pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 9th August 2017.