

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 13th January, 2010 – 7.45 pm
Kings Bromley Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

Public Session

NHW Meeting - this had been well supported despite the weather. The purpose and success of the meeting was discussed along with various crime issues
 A member of the public wished to publically thank PC Andy Brown for all his support in Kings Bromley and his willingness to provide the opportunity to meet him

3731. Apologies

Cllr Taylor and County Cllr Mrs Eagland
Agreed to accept the apologies of Cllr Taylor

3732. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Jarman – Changing Lives

3733. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th January, 2010 be signed as a true and correct record after the correction of a spelling error in minute 3752 and the addition of thanks being expressed to Cllr Seddon and his son, Andrew for assistance with the Christmas tree in minute 3755.

3734. Report of the Clerk

- i. **Church Clock Charging** – the recent call out to the Church Clock was over above the normal maintenance and therefore an invoice is included below for payment
- ii. **Village Walk Leaflet** – the clerk has contacted Mr Rothery re: progress on the new village walk leaflet and he will be contacting Cllr Holland in due course

3735. Finance

- i. **Finance Report to 31st December, 2009**
Noted

- ii. **Payments to be made**

Agreed that the following payments should be made:-

<i>Ref/Chq No</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Powers</i>
46/300162	Mrs S Buxton	337.07	Salary	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
46/300162	Mrs S Buxton	26.50	Taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
46/300163	SCC	73.18	Pension contributions	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
47/300164	ACME Tree Services	1495.00	Tree works	OSA 1906 s.10
48/300165	Smiths of Derby	172.50	Call out to church clock	PCA 1957 s.2

	TOTAL	2,104.25		
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iii. **Receipts**

There were no receipts for the month to 31st December, 2009

iv. **Budget 2010/11**

The budget working paper prepared by the clerk was considered in detail **Agreed** that there would be no increase in the precept for 2010/11 with it remaining at £12,880

Agreed that the clerk would include an article in the parish magazine and Lichfield Mercury informing parishioners that the budget had been set and there would be no increase in the precept next year

Agreed that at the next meeting the council would discuss possible projects which could be funded from the current reserves held by the council

3736. Correspondence and Items for Information

i. **SCC- Parish Council Strategy Freight**

Agreed this would be looked at by Cllrs Pritchard, Brown and Mrs Gair and the parish council response drawn up

ii. **SCC – John Taylor Community and Learning Partnership – various items**

iii. **Staffs Community Council Village Events**

Agreed the clerk would arrange for this to be completed

iv. **LDC Green Conference – this had been sent to all councillors**

v. **SPCA IT Survey**

Agreed the IT survey would be completed by the clerk

3737. Highways and Signs

i. **Community Gangs – there were no new items to report**

ii. **Crawley Lane blocked gulleys – the clerk reported that she was still awaiting a response from SCC**

iii. **Overgrown trees obscuring signs and footpaths – the clerk is still awaiting an opportunity to discuss this with SCC Highways officers**

3738. Play Equipment

There was no further information available on the Pre School plans for an outdoor play area

Agreed that Cllr Browne will speak to representatives from the Pre School and report back to the next meeting

3739. Telephone Disruption due to cable thefts

A reply had been received from BT Openreach which was generally considered to be very supportive and positive about future developments which would reduce the risk of further thefts

3740. Water Issues and Manor Park Bunds

The clerk reported that she had chased the Environment Agency re: there none reply to the letter from the parish council expressing concern about the rabbit activity in the bunds at the Manor Park lakes

Cllr Pritchard has written to the Environment Agency as the LDC portfolio holder regarding the flooding issues in Kings Bromley. The reply received was rather disappointing.

The clerk had not contacted landowners regarding the maintenance of water courses as she wanted to be sure that she treated all landowners in the village in the same manner. She had also contacted the Environment Agency regarding water courses within the parish and seeking clarification on whose responsibility, maintenance of them is.

3741. Sewerage

There are a number of problems being experienced with blockages in the sewerage disposal system in the village. The problems are being experienced in a number of areas in the village. It is believed that problems are being caused by people putting things down the drains which they shouldn't, with the major factor being cooking fat followed by builders who put cement wash down the drains. Although detergents can disperse the fats to some extent, the move towards more eco friendly products has reduced their effectiveness.

Severn Trent Water have offered to leaflet every house in the village with details of how to prevent blockages within the sewerage system, and then to attend a parish council meeting to provide further feed back.

Agreed the clerk would contact Severn Trent Water to arrange for them to attend a future meeting of the parish council and to indicate the parish council's support of the preventative leaflet campaign.

3742. Dog Fouling

The attention of the parish council has been drawn to increase in dog fouling incidents in the village with particular problems being experienced in Crawley Lane

Agreed the clerk would arrange for an article to be placed on the noticeboard and in the parish magazine. The clerk would also ask the school if they could mention it in their weekly newsletter.

3743. Royal British Legion

Mr Rawlinson would like the Kings Bromley RBL to leave a memento in the village even in the local branch closes and he has suggested that one of the plain glass windows in the church could be redone in stained glass on a theme relating to the RBL, subject to obtaining the approval of the relevant bodies. There would be no cost to the village. A drawing of the proposed design was tabled.

Agreed that the clerk should write to Mr Rawlinson asking him to present the formal proposal from the branch in writing for consideration at a future parish council meeting.

3744. Social Services – Changing Lives

Cllr Pritchard reported that SCC's policy under "Staffordshire Cares" is to provide money for self provision locally. Cllr Mrs Jarman said that this is not what carers want. The Lichfield Day Centre is currently being refurbished and they are providing a lot of good in house activity, but the lack of adequate transport means trips out are not possible at the present time. She reported that since the Conservatives took control of SCC in June, they had not visited

the day centre to see what actually happens there. Cllr Pritchard undertook to arrange for the information from SCC to be forwarded to Cllr Mrs Jarman

3745. Lichfield District Council

- i. **Parish Forum Meeting** – this will take place on 19th January, 2010
- ii. **Waste collection** – the disruption due to the weather on top of the revised Christmas collection times has led to a great deal of confusion

3746. Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Gritting Schedule** – a letter had been received informing the council that due to the recent snowfall and national shortage of salt, the county council had made a decision to reduce gritting levels on A and B roads and in addition there will hand gritting of “critical” areas around hospitals, GP surgeries and in town centres.
- ii. **Staffordshire Highways** – a leaflet outlining the county council’s approach to its highway responsibilities had been received today

3747. SPCA

- i. **Lichfield Area Meeting** - this will take place on the same night as the LDC Parish Forum – 19th January, 2010

3748. Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. **Health and Safety Risk Assessments**
- ii. **First Aid Kit**
- iii. **Review/introduction of council policies**
- iv. **Website**

3749. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10th February, 2010 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall
The chairman reminded members of the Village Hall meeting on Friday, 22nd January, 2010

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm