

**KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 – 7.45 pm**  
**Kings Bromley Village Hall**

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

**In attendance:** Jo Morris – Principal, Hillcrest; PC Andy Brown; Mrs S Buxton (Clerk);

There were two members of the public present

**Public Session**

**Hillcrest Kings Bromley** - Jo Morris explained that Hillcrest had closed in July last year for 6 months for refurbishment. She had contacted Rev Leyland prior to Christmas to establish links with the village, but he had not suggested contacting the parish council, so she apologised for the delay in making contact. Hillcrest has been run as an EDD School for boys and the decision has now been made to change the clientele completely and carry out extensive renovations as the buildings were very dilapidated and there were many Health and Safety issues which required attention. The school will now be a residential home for up to 12 girls aged 14 to 19, split between two houses, and it will take up to three years before a full complement of residents is reached. It will provide either main stream education or more vocational options. Accommodation will be either independent studio flats or ensuite rooms. There are likely to be a wide range of problems but no high end behavioural difficulties. Opening had been planned for the beginning of April but has been moved back to May, when an Open Day will be held, and an invitation will be sent to the parish council

**Policing** - PC Brown reported the last crimes were two vehicle crimes in early January. In a separate development an arrest has been made and the person has admitted to five burglaries in the village last year and he is now serving two years in prison.

**Publishing of agendas** - a complaint was made about the late arrival of agendas sent out by email. The clerk apologised and said that she did not send out copies to the general public until all councillors had received theirs.

**Royal Oak** - the pub is currently up for rent again. The present tenants would like to stay and are in negotiations at present. They have appointed a new chef.

**3731. Apologies**

Cllrs Taylor and Mrs Gair, and County Cllr Mrs Eagland

**Agreed** to accept the apologies of Cllrs Taylor and Mrs Gair

**3732. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Mrs Jarman – Changing Lives

**3733. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Agreed** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 be signed as a true and correct record after the correction of two spelling errors in recording the details of the public session.

#### **3734. Report of the Clerk**

- i. **Trees** - the clerk reported that she had looked at all the trees on which work had been recommended and this had all been completed with one exception. There is a bird cherry tree on the open space in Leofric Close which Mr Evans from ACME Tree Services did not cut back to the full extent recommended by Mr Helliwell as he felt it would have been too severe for the tree
- ii. **Royal British Legion** - the clerk reported that following the item raised at the last meeting she had written to Mr Rawlinson to ask for a formal letter from the branch outlining the proposals, but to date this had not been received
- iii. **Village Walk Leaflet** – to date Mr Rothery has not contacted Cllr Holland re: the new walk leaflet
- iv. **Sewerage Problems** – the clerk reported that she had spoken to Severn Trent Water and they had said the leafleting of the village would be completed last week and they will attend the parish council meeting in March to discuss the issues further. Fat traps and leaflets have only been delivered to some houses  
**Agreed** the clerk would speak to Severn Trent Water to see how widely the information had been circulated.  
**Agreed** the clerk would inform Mr Day of Victoria Meadows that Severn Trent would be attending the next meeting  
**Agreed** the clerk would arrange publicity on the noticeboards, in the parish magazine and in the Lichfield Mercury of Severn Trent's attendance at the next meeting
- v. **Report on Village Hall Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2010** – After the meeting Cllr Browne and Mr Gee had met and drafted a letter to all village organisations stating that a committee of 6 to 8 people is to be formed, who will meet 3 or 4 times a year to run the Village Hall. The letter clearly states that these 6 to 8 people will be trustees and working members of the committee. Cllr Mrs Jarman expressed her objection to this proposal as she would like to see each village organisation send two representatives to a meeting and then these representatives appoint a committee of 6 to 8 people. The next meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 and will be open to all villagers.
- vi. **Land to the rear of the Hollies connection of services** – Cllr Browne reported that working had arrived and dug a hole in the pavement and trench across the road and parish council land, which was then filled in and new workmen arrived the next day to lay the electricity cables. The whole area has been left in a most unsatisfactory condition.  
Cllr Browne informed the meeting that the owners of numbers 8, 10 and 14 Leofric close can all see the new building which is totally out of keeping with its surroundings.

#### **3735. Finance**

- i. **Report to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010**

**Agreed** that the report to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010 be accepted

ii. **Payments to be made**

49/300166	Mrs S Buxton	337.07	Salary	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
49/300166	Mrs S Buxton	26.50	Taxable expenses	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
49/300167	SCC	73.18	Pension contributions	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
50/300168	SLCC	229.12	Practitioners' Conference	LGA 1972 s.111
51/300168	MH & S Buxton	95.60	Photocopying Oct – Dec 09	LGA 1972 s.142
52/300169	Sharp Landscapes	505.00	Balance of grasscutting for 2009 season	OSA 1906 s.10
53/300170	Community Council	46.00	BKV Entry Form	LGA 1972 s.137
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,312.47</b>		

iii. **Receipts**

None

iv. **Future Parish Council Projects**

**Agreed** that all councillors would continue to think about possible future projects for the council

**3736. Correspondence**

i. **Funding Fair in Lichfield**

ii. **Review of Correspondence list**

**3737. Highways and Signs**

- i. **Community Gangs and Neighbourhood Highway Teams** – a leaflet regarding the Neighbourhood Highway Teams who have replaced the Community Gangs was issued to all councillors. Kings Bromley will get three visits of 5 days each per year and will be able to liaise with SCC over work to be undertaken
- ii. **Crawley Lane blocked gulleys** – Richard Rayson has confirmed that these are maintained by SCC and details of the exact locations can be given, this work can be undertaken by the Neighbourhood Highway Teams
- iii. **Overgrown trees obscuring signs and footpaths** – Richard Rayson have asked for any problems to be reported to Clarence with the exact location so that they can serve a notice on the owner. It may be possible for some of them to be attended to via the Neighbourhood Highway Teams
- iv. **Drains at junction of Alrewas Road/Yoxall Road** – SCC cleanse all gullies and ACO type drainage annually. A request has been made for an additional cleanse.
- v. **Chamberlain Close manhole covers** – the water company has raised a job to repair their covers and bring them into line with the verge however it is not a high priority for them. There is one cover belonging to the gas company and they have not supplied any information to date

**3738. Play Equipment**

- i. **Pre School Proposals for outdoor play area** - a letter has been received from the Pre-School asking for a letter from the parish council

stating that they are long term users of the Village Hall and that they will continue to use the Village Hall for the foreseeable future.

ii. **Parish Council Proposals**

**Agreed** to carry this forward to the next meeting when further information on the Pre-School plans is available.

**3739. Water Issues and Manor Park Bunds**

- i. **Water courses in Kings Bromley** – the Environment Agency has informed the council that following consultation with their River Inspectors, there is no evidence of any increased risk of flooding in Kings Bromley due to the current levels of silting in water courses. The Environment Agency do not generally undertake desilting, as dredging doesn't make river channels big enough to contain the huge volumes of water during a flood, it is very expensive, it impacts on the environment and as land levels on floodplains cannot be raised as they are part of the river's natural storage area, any silt would need to be sent away for disposal
- ii. **Manor Park Bunds** – the Environment Agency has contacted the clerk and will be inspecting the bunds and reporting back to the council

**3740. Website**

A brief discussion took place on the website and the clerk undertook to request information from people in the village on events and organisations to increase the interest value of the website.

**3741. Best Kept Village Competition**

- i. **Village Entry**  
**Agreed** that Kings Bromley will enter the Best Kept Village Competition again this year
- ii. **Co-ordinator**  
**Agreed** that the clerk will ask Mr Howard if he would be happy to act as co-ordinator again this year
- iii. **Poster Competition**  
**Agreed** the clerk will ask Richard Crosse School if they would like to prepare posters advertising the BKV competition.

**3742. Social Services Changing Lives**

Nothing further to report

**3743. Lichfield District Council**

- i. **Summer Play Scheme** - a request has been received from LDC for a contribution towards the cost of the scheme  
**Agreed** that the parish council did not wish to make a financial contribution to the LDC Summer Play Scheme
- ii. **Allocation of Land and Sites in the Local Development Framework**  
**Agreed** the council did not wish to put forward any sites for a wide variety of uses as part of this document.

**3744. Staffordshire County Council**

- i. **Review of Mobile Library Service** - SCC has been reviewing the Mobile Library Service over the last three years and the final phase of this review

will take place in April 2010, when most Mobile Library Visits will become three weekly, instead of fortnightly as is presently the case.

**3745. SPCA**

- i. **Lichfield Area Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2010** - the minutes of this meeting were circulated. It was noted that holding the meeting before the Parish Forum did not suit some people who felt that it was too early. The clerk asked for confirmation as to who were the SPCA Lichfield Area Representatives – Cllrs Mrs Jarman and Taylor and who were representatives on the LDC Parish Forum – Cllrs Pritchard and Seddon.

**3746. Review of Items for Future Meetings**

- i. **Health and Safety Risk Assessments**
- ii. **Health and Safety First Aid Kit**
- iii. **Review/Introduction of Council Policies**
- iv. **Review of Standing Orders**

**3747. Date of Next Meeting**

**Agreed** that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, when Severn Trent will attend to discuss sewerage problems in Kings Bromley

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm