

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 10th March, 2010 – 7.30 pm
Kings Bromley Village Hall

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

In attendance: Helen Fee – Severn Trent Water (part); Mrs S Buxton (Clerk);

There were several members of the public present

Public Session

Sewerage System Problems - Helen Fee outlined some of the problems being experienced with the sewerage system in Kings Bromley and the issue was discussed at some length with residents. A supply of fat traps is available to anyone who wants one, from the Chairman. The clerk supplied Ms Fee with a full list of addresses in Kings Bromley so that leafleting of the village can be completed.

Insurance of Play Equipment - the Pre School approached the parish council to see if they would consider insuring the wet pour and equipment which is to be installed on the new play area to the rear of the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked Helen Fee for taking the time to come to Kings Bromley to discuss the issues relating to sewerage with residents and the parish council

3731. Apologies

Cllr W Taylor – bereavement and County Councillor Mrs Eagland – prior engagement

Agreed to accept the apologies of Cllr Taylor

3732. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Browne – land to the rear of The Hollies and Cllr Mrs Jarman – Staffordshire Cares

3733. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February, 2010 be signed as a true and correct record. This was proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Seddon

3734. Change of Order of Business

Agreed that the agenda item on the discussion on the Pre School Play Area be taken next. This was proposed by Cllr Pritchard and seconded by Cllr Mrs Jarman

3735. Play Equipment

It was reported that the Pre School has a grant for an outdoor play area. They are currently applying for planning permission. The project should be completed by the end of March but an extension to the end of July has been granted by SCC. There is one small tree which will need to be removed and a

new one planted elsewhere and they will seek permission from the Village Hall management Committee for this. The area will be situated between the existing shed and the swings and the project will include the re-fencing of the area between the shed and the Village Hall. The area will be a facility for the community with no cost to the village. The Pre School has asked the parish council if it will insure the equipment and the wet pour surfacing. A query was raised about the ownership of the equipment. SCC want an agreement signing stating that if the Pre School ceases to exist on the site then they would be liable for repayment of the grant monies, although SCC think it would be unlikely any clawback would be enforced as the equipment is still there for the benefit of the children in the community.

Agreed that in principle the parish council has no objection to further consideration of the insurance issue if suitable documentation is drawn up by SCC with regards to ownership.

Agreed that the council will discuss the matter further at the next meeting

3736. Report of the Clerk

- i. **Village Walk Leaflet** – neither the clerk nor Cllr Holland has not had any information back from Mr Rothery
Agreed that Cllr Holland will discuss the project with Mr Rothery and report to the next meeting
- ii. **Sewerage Problems in Kings Bromley** – this had been discussed at length during the public session
- iii. **Provision of Services to development at the rear of The Hollies** – there is a wayleave in existence for the provision of electricity over the parish council land but no other services. Electricity and telephone services have been installed through access over land belonging to the owners of No. 1 Leofric Close by private agreement, but the gas has been contacted over parish council land. The parish council could apply to British Gas to have this supply re-routed.
Agreed that the parish council would not make a request to British Gas for the re-routing of the gas connection to the property at the rear of The Hollies. This was proposed by Cllr Holland and seconded by Cllr Mrs Gair. At the vote everyone voted in support of the proposition, with one abstention.
Agreed the clerk should write to Mr Pitchford and ask that the ground is reinstated to the same condition as prior to the installation of the gas supply
- iv. **Best Kept Village Competition** - Mr Howard has agreed to be the co-ordinator for the competition this year
- v. **Clerk's attendance at Practitioners' Conference** – the clerk reported that due to being unwell she had been unable to attend the Practitioners' two day Conference at the end of February. An invoice had been received for the cost of the conference which was payable and a grant for 50% of the cost had also been received
- vi. **Mole hills** – the clerk reported that she had spoken to the insurance company about the council's liability if anyone should be injured as a result of the presence of mole hills on parish council land and they advised that the council would be responsible if negligence could be

proved. A discussion took place on the options for the eradication of the moles

Agreed the clerk would discuss the issue with LDC to see what action they take on mole hills and what advice they would give

3737. Finance

i. **Finance Report to 28th February, 2010**

Agreed to note the contents of the finance report to 28th February, 2010

ii. **Payments to be made**

Agreed that the following payments be made

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
53/300172	Community Council	15.00	Entry fee for BKV – previous cheque was publicity only	LGA 1972 s.137
54/300173	LDC	50.60	Inspection of Play Equipment	
55/300174	S Buxton	363.57	Salary and taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s112(2)
55/300175	SCC	73.18	Pension contributions	LGA 1972 s112(2)
	S Buxton	0	Other expenses	
56/300176	Post Office Ltd	66.00	110 1 st and 2 nd class stamps	LG(FP)A 1963 s5
	TOTAL	568.35		

iii. **Receipts** – a training grant of £97.50 had been received from NALC towards the cost of the clerk's attendance at the Practitioners' Conference

iv. **Future Projects funded from Reserves** – a brief discussion on possible village projects took place and all councillors agreed to continue thinking about this matter

v. **Horticultural Society** – the clerk informed the council that the Horticultural Society were willing to make a donation to a village project if the council wished them to.

vi. **Audit Deadline** – the clerk informed the council that the deadline for the completion of the audit process this year had been brought forward and was expected to be 1st June 2010

3738. Correspondence and Items for Information

i. **Review of Correspondence List** - this was reviewed by the council

3739. Highways and Signs

i. **Community Gangs and Neighbourhood Highway Teams** – these are one and the same and Kings Bromley will get three visits per year. SCC will liaise with the clerk on matters to be addressed closer to each visit.

ii. **Drains at junction of Alrewas Road/Yoxall Road** – this seems to be part of a wider problem with the gulleys on Alrewas Road still being blocked and needing cleaning. SCC has agreed to arrange for the cleaning of the drains and gulleys and to investigate why the problems keep re-occurring.

iii. **Road Sweeper** – this visits the village four times a year but additional visits can be requested if there is a particular problem

iv. **Chamberlain Close manhole covers** - these have still not been attended to

Agreed the clerk would chase SCC on this matter as they are very dangerous

- v. **SCC pothole update** – SCC had issued a press release detailing their approach to the repairing of the mammoth number of potholes requiring attention following the winter weather

3740. Play equipment

- i. **Parish Council plans** – this will be discussed again when the Pre School project is completed
- ii. **Insurance** - this has already been dealt with earlier in the meeting

3741. Water Issues and Manor Park Bunds

- i. **Response from Environment Agency on rabbit workings in bunds around Manor Park** – the Environment Agency has been to examine the bunds and notes the extensive rabbit activity but they are not concerned as rabbit burrows do not run deep, unlike badgers. They planned another inspection in two years time. The clerk reported that she had asked them to inspect the bunds on an annual basis due to the level of concern in the village about the situation and they have agreed to do this. They are also willing to meet a member of the council on site to look at the situation. **Agreed** the council did not wish to send anyone to meet the Environment Agency on site to look at the rabbit burrows

3742. Social Services – Changing Lives – now Staffordshire Cares

It was reported that there had been extensive refurbishment at the Lichfield Day Centre. The day centre is arranging an extensive programme of events at the centre. A new Care Plan for everyone in Staffordshire has been unveiled and this document runs to 30 pages.

3743. Annual Parish Meeting – 29th April, 2010

It was confirmed that this will take place at 7.45 pm on 29th April, 2010 and the clerk will send out invitations to Village organisations as usual.

3744. Lichfield District Council

- i. **Inspection of Play Equipment** – the contents of the report on the inspection of the play equipment, which had raised no areas of concern, were considered.

3745. Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Community Footpaths Initiative 2010/11**
Agreed that the council did not wish to apply for a grant for a footpath project in 2010/11
- ii. **Gravel extraction plans** - the clerk would forward the link to all councillors
- iii. **Richard Crosse School Governing Body** – there is a vacancy on the Governing Body and the council has received an invitation to submit a nomination if they wish to
Agreed that the council will put forward Cllr G Seddon as a prospective governor

3746. SPCA

Nothing to report

3747. 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**

3748. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Wednesday, 14th April, 2010 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley.

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.04 pm