

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 11th August, 2010 – 7.45 pm
Kings Bromley Village Hall

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

In attendance: County Cllr Mrs J Eagland; Mrs S Buxton (Clerk);

Public Session

Lichfield Road hedge outside The Gables – this is now overhanging the pavement
Fire to the rear of the Village Hall – a discussion took place on the recent fire which had occurred in the grounds of the Village Hall. The bench is to be moved and the trees cut back behind the Village Hall

3819. Apologies

Cllr Taylor - unwell

Agreed to accept the apologies of Cllr Taylor

3820. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Browne – Land to the rear of The Hollies

3821. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July, 2010 be signed as a true and correct record

Cllr Mrs Jarman arrived

3822. Report of the Clerk

- i. **Village Walk Leaflet** – the clerk reported that she had received four very varied quotes for the production of the 4,000 leaflets
Agreed the clerk would ask each printer to provide a sample so that comparisons could be made in respect to the quality of the paper and print
One of the quotes had also highlighted a problem they had experienced previously with regards to permission to use OS maps, and the clerk was discussing this with Mr Rothery
- ii. **Services to development at the rear of The Hollies**
 - **Gas** – the clerk has spoken to National Grid who felt that they had been misled by the owner, but the council believes that they would be used to checking ownership of land prior to laying gas supplies. They state there are two options:- to dig up the supply and relay on none parish council land or to negotiate an easement with the parish council. An easement would be done by a land agent appointed by them and the one appointed by the parish council is the council wished to appoint one, and would be a full and final payment to allow maintenance and protection of the gas supply under parish council land. National Grid would meet reasonable costs for the parish council's land agent and all legal fees

Agreed the parish council would be willing to negotiate an easement for the laying of gas underneath its land and would appoint Fisher German as its land agent

This was proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Mrs Gair. All councillors present voted in favour of this proposition with one abstention

Agreed that the council is very disappointed that National Grid failed to establish ownership of the land prior to the installation taking place

- **BT** – the clerk had nothing further to report on the supply of cabling under parish council land and would report to the next meeting

iii. **8 Vicarage Lane – planning enforcement** – the chairman asked for this to be carried forward to the next meeting

iv. **Royal Oak fencing** – part of this has now fallen down and been taken away but does look at mess and no longer provides a boundary

Agreed the clerk would chase the brewery on this matter

3823. Finance

i. **Finance Report to 31st July, 2010** - the report prepared by the clerk was noted. The clerk will endeavour to resolve the small discrepancy on the bank reconciliation prior to the next meeting

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>
63/300255	Mrs S Buxton	367.44	Salary and taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
63/300256	SCC	77.51	Pension contributions	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
63/300257	S Buxton	7.20	Other expenses	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
64/300258	Sharp Landscapes	240.00	2 grasscuts plus extra verges	OSA 1906 s.10
	TOTAL	692.15		

iii. **Receipts**

None

iv. **Future Projects funded from Reserves**

The chairman reminded councillors of the need to consider possible future projects to be considered for financial support

3824. Correspondence and Items for Information

i. **Gravel Policy** – the Gravel Groups is organising a petition to encourage Staffordshire County Council to adopt the policy of no new gravel workings west of the A38 which would include the whole area between Alrewas and Kings Bromley and Bancroft Farm. The clerk will forward a copy of the petition, which had been started at the Kings Bromley Show, to all councillors. Cllr Mrs Eagland encouraged members to get as many people as possible to sign the petition

ii. **Waste Policy** – Cllr Janet Eagland has forwarded a letter to the council, from Cllr Tim Corbett, encouraging people to get involved in helping to formulate the waste policy for Staffordshire County Council for the foreseeable future. There is a link in the email which the clerk has sent to all members for the completion of a questionnaire, and Cllr Mrs Eagland encouraged everyone to get involved.

- iii. **Proposed Willington C Gas Pipeline – Willington to Orgreave presentation** – this had been very good with plenty of interesting information shared and questions answered
- iv. **SCC Pension Services** – the clerk had received correspondence on policies relating to the pension provision which the council needed to consider
Agreed to look at pension policies at the September meeting

3825. Highways

- i. **Junction of Alrewas Road/Yoxall Road drains** - the clerk has reported these to SCC and they should be investigating the problems
- ii. **Chamberlain Close manhole covers** – these remain outstanding and it is a case of waiting for the utility company to get round to attending to them
- iii. **The Gables – overhanging tree** – the clerk has written but as yet it has had no effect
- iv. **A515 resurfacing** – the clerk has contacted Cllr Mrs Eagland regarding the schedule for resurfacing and is waiting for a reply
- v. **Manor Road parking problems** – the clerk has asked PC Andy Brown to investigate whether any offence is being committed and to see if anything can be done to relieve the situation
- vi. **Bradbury Lane sign** – the clerk has spoken to LDC and they installed the new sign. She has asked them to take a look at it, as it is in the wrong place
- vii. **Neighbourhood Highway Teams** - they will be in Kings Bromley next week. The clerk has been forwarded all highway matters to SCC for inclusion on the list and will send another email listing them all prior to next week in the hope that as many as possible will be attended to. Items to be listed include:- slotted kerbs on Alrewas Road need cleaning; some of the bollards on the build outs are missing; the mile posts need painting; the hedge at The Gables overhangs the pavement; the manhole cover on the verge outside the Rectory is very dangerous; the manhole covers outside Cherry Trees on Lichfield Road need attention; water lies on the service roads outside the council houses on Alrewas Road; a number of trees obliterate signs in various parts of the village

3826. Play Equipment

Agreed that the council will look again at the designs it considered last year and invite the company of the design which generated most interest to attend the September parish council meeting

3827. Best Kept Village Competition

- i. **Result** – the village had done very well winning first place in the large village category and also the trophy for the Lichfield and Cannock Chase area
Agreed the clerk should write to Allan Howard and thank him for all his hard work in co-ordinating the village effort in the competition

- ii. **Award** – dates for the presentation of the trophy were discussed and the clerk had a number of suggestions to take back to the Community Council **Agreed** the council would provide tea/coffee and cakes from Mabels as refreshments at the presentation evening.
The clerk informed the council that it would be receiving a cheque for £200 as prize money and explained that the council would be expected to decide on what project the money would be spent so that the sponsors could be informed
- iii. **Display of Certificates** – the council has a number of certificates which need a new display cabinet similar to those already in the Village Hall **Agreed** the clerk would speak to Colin Revitt from Elmhurst to see if he would be able to make a frame and what the cost would be

3828. Pigeons

Cllr Brown raised a concern about the large number of pigeons in the village and the nuisance they cause. A discussion took place on possible plans of action

Agreed that the council could not take action to reduce the pigeon population in the village, but that the chairman would discuss the matter with LDC.

3829. Staffordshire Cares

Cllr Mrs Jarman reported that wellbeing surgeries are being organised. She also reported on developments following her letter regarding the delivery of incontinence supplies. Solicitors for Staffordshire County Council are looking into the matter to see if they have infringed the Data Protection Act in the way deliveries have been handled. Already alternate delivery dates are being offered, supplies are not being left on door steps and the frequency of deliveries is being reviewed.

3830. Lichfield District Council

- i. **Play Equipment Inspection** - the clerk reported that she had booked the inspection of the parish council play equipment through LDC as they are much cheaper than any commercial organisation
- ii. **Yoxall Road laybys** – the clerk reported that she had written to LDC regarding the fact that they are unable to provide officers to enforce the parking restrictions on the laybys and asking if CCTV could be used, as is used to clamp down on fly tipping, to enforce the parking restrictions. Cllr Mrs Eagland said the council would be eligible to apply for some of her community money if LDC agreed to install CCTV

3831. Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Management Structure** - Cllr Mrs Eagland reported that the new Chief Executive is restructuring all of the upper tiers at the council

3832. SPCA

- i. **AGM – attendance form, nomination forms for Executive Committee and resolutions**
Agreed the council would consider these at the next meeting

3833. Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. **Health and Safety Risk Assessments**
- ii. **Review/introduction of council policies**
- iii. **Pension Policies**
- iv. **Marstons and the Public House**

3834. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 8th September, 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 8.50 pm