

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 9th February, 2011 at 7.00 pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall

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

In attendance: Melanie Langdown – Performance & Operations Manager from the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership (formerly the Casualty Reduction Partnership)(Part); PCSO Tracy Horton (Part); County Cllr Mrs Janet Eagland; Mrs S Buxton (Clerk); 8 members of the public

Public Session:-

- **Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership**

Mrs Langdown gave a presentation on the work of the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership which included its formation in 2001; its aims – improved road safety, and its work publicity, education and training; engineering works, and enforcement.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session, when it became apparent that a lot of the questions were with regards to policy and needed to be addressed by those further up the structure of the Safer Roads Partnership. Cllr Janet Eagland asked Mrs Langdown to request the Operations Manager for the Partnership to contact her directly.

As some of the measures that are available are only introduced after certain criteria have been met, it does appear to be that we are waiting for serious injuries or fatalities to occur before any further action is undertaken to reduce speed in the village.

Mrs Langdown assured the meeting that the Partnership does listen and work with local communities. She offered to arrange for speed and volume surveys to be carried out on both the A515 and A513 and also to investigate different Speed Identification Devices in relation to Kings Bromley.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Langdown for an excellent presentation and for fielding a range of questions on the matter. It was particularly commented that it was very refreshing to watch a power point presentation where the presenter did not simply read their notes back. These thoughts were expressed by everyone at the meeting.

- **Police Update**

PCSO Tracy Horton gave a brief report from PC Andy Brown. In the period 10th December to 8th February there has only been one crime – the theft of a caravan – although they had received 24 reports from the area, but these include just contact with the police.

The Zig 'n' Zag campaign at the school should be starting in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr Holland had left during the presentation

21. Apologies

Cllr Taylor – hospital appointment tomorrow; Cllr Browne – prior engagement; Cllr Holland – on call so may only attend part of the meeting.

22. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Jarman – War Memorial and Staffordshire Cares

23. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January, 2011 be signed as a true and correct record.

Cllr Mrs Jarman reported that Mr Howard had attended the Staffordshire Volunteer Awards Dinner, but had not been the winner in his category. She did wonder whether some of those who received awards were more professionals rather than true volunteers.

24. Camera Partnership

Agreed that the clerk should thank Mrs Langdown very much for an excellent presentation

Agreed the clerk should formally request speed and volume counts on both the A515 and A513

Agreed the clerk should formally request that an investigation into the range of Speed Identification Devices should be done for Kings Bromley.

Agreed the clerk should invite Mr R Whittle, the Operations Manager for the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership to attend a special meeting in Kings Bromley to discuss the traffic problems, particularly relating to speed

25. Clerk's Report

- i. **Services to the development at the rear of The Hollies – British Gas** – the original plans drawn up were incorrect and new maps are being produced before the agreement can be finalised
- ii. **Services to the development at the rear of The Hollies – BT** – the clerk has signed the agreement on behalf of the parish council and returned it to BT
- iii. **Hedge planting in Leofric Close** – the clerk apologised for not having got a quote for the planting of the quicks in the hedge

26. Finance

i. Finance Report to 31st January, 2011

Agreed that the report be accepted

ii. Payments to be made

Agreed that the following payments be made:-

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
Mrs S Buxton	366.23	Salary and taxable expenses
SCC	77.51	Pension contributions
Mrs S Buxton	4.80	Travel expenses
MH & S Buxton	115.83	Photocopying – Oct – Dec 2010
Community Council	46.00	BKV Entry and publicity
KB Parish News	5.00	Subscription
SLCC	237.60	Practitioners' Conference
TOTAL		

iii. Receipts – none

iv. Clerk's Training

– the clerk had decided that the SPCA VAT course on 16th February, 2011 was not appropriate to her training needs.

27. Correspondence and Items of Report

- i. **Request from Horticultural Society to consider the siting of a dog bin on Manor Road**
Agreed that the council has previously considered this matter and resolved that there was no where appropriate to site a dog bin on Manor Road and that nothing has changed that would give rise to a suitable location for a dog bin
- ii. **Community Council Diary of Village Events**
Agreed the clerk would add the Kings Bromley Show to the list of events
- iii. **Kings Bromley United Charities – Mrs A Howard’s appointment as a nominate trustee came to an end in January 2011. Mrs Howard is willing to stand for reappointment**
Agreed the parish council supports Mrs Howard’s reappointment as a nominated trustee to the Kings Bromley United Charities
- iv. **Eon Emergency Supply Box – the clerk reported that she had received a box from Eon enclosing the sort of emergency supplies that households should have in the event of a power cut**
Agreed that this would be exhibited at the Annual Parish Meeting

28. Village Hall

A query was raised re: the lighting in the main hall and the fact that it cannot be part lit, which would be useful for slide shows.

Agreed the clerk would contact the Village Hall Management Committee to see if perhaps a wall light could be put near to one of the sockets which could then be plugged in to give some light if the main lights are off or if a pull switch could be added to any of the existing lights.

29. Highways

- i. **Crawley Lane parking – the clerk had contact Mr Rayson from SCC for an update but had not received a reply.**
- ii. **Yoxall Road Laybys – a report had been received from LDC detailing the findings from their visits to the laybys. One more visit is planned this week, but no tickets have been issued as no vehicles had exceeded the maximum permitted waiting time.**
- iii. **Other - nothing to report**

30. Play Equipment

LDC has to have made a decision on the parish council’s application for play equipment by 28th February, 2011 and hopes to do so in week beginning 21st February. The police have written requesting that the site be fenced as a condition of the planning permission in view of incidents in the area

Agreed the a letter be sent to Miss Hayes at LDC stating that the parish council is unaware of any particular incidents regarding the site, which already has other play equipment on and that she might like to contact PC Andy Brown who can provide details of crime figures, which have already been reported as very low at tonight’s meeting

31. War Memorial

The clerk apologised for the fact she had not obtained quotes for the provision of resin bound gravel for the Memorial surrounds.

The chairman remarked to the meeting on nice and well maintained the War Memorial and its surrounds are and expressed thanks to Mr Gair and Mr Jarman for all their work.

32. Best Kept Village Competition

i. 2011 Entry

Agreed that the village would once again enter the Best Kept Village Competition

ii. BKV Co-Ordinator

Agreed that the clerk should invite Mr Howard to be the co-ordinator for the competition again

iii. Children's Poster Competition

Agreed the clerk would invite the School and Pre School to draw A4 posters to publicise the competition

33. Future Projects Funded from Reserves

There was no discussion on this matter

Cllr Mrs Eagland reminded the meeting that she did have Community Funding through the county council which could be used by groups within Kings Bromley – perhaps the Village Hall lighting

34. Staffordshire Cares

Cllr Mrs Jarman reported on a marginal improvement in the transport and that the staff are apparently attending various training sessions.

The Chairman reported that SCC are trying to ensure that staff going out to visit people for one particular issue, e.g. meals on wheels also look out for any other needs, e.g. cold house.

35. Lichfield District Council

i. Consultation on Core Strategy – Shaping our District, Non technical Summary and Infrastructure Delivery Plan

ii. Homes for the Future Topic Paper

iii. Sustainable Transport Topic Paper

iv. Built Environment Topic Paper

v. Natural Resources Topic Paper

vi. Health and Safe Communities Topic Paper

vii. Economic Development and Enterprise Topic Paper

All of the above are out for consultation and the deadline for comments is 28th February. The Chairman informed the council that he felt a response should be made by the parish council

Cllr Holland returned

Agreed that an additional meeting to discuss these would not be called and that it was up to individual councillors to look at the documents on line and forward any comments to the clerk by 20th February, 2011 at the latest and then she would formulate the council's response in liaison with the chairman.

- viii. **Letter from G & J Greaves** – detailing a proposal for housing following his withdrawal from the Curborough Consortium.
The council noted the comments of his letter and brochure

36. Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Community Footpaths Grant 2011/12**
Agreed that the council would not apply for a grant for the year 2011/12
- ii. **Community Footpaths Grant 2009/10** – the project is currently on hold pending improved weather to take photographs

37. SPCA

Nothing to report

38. Items for Future Meetings

- i. Review of Health and Safety Risk Assessments
- ii. Review/Introduction of Council Policies
- iii. Grasscutting Contract 2011/12
- iv. Annual Parish Meeting
- v. HS2 rail link

39. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 9th March, 2011 at 7.45 pm, at the Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm