

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 10th September, 2008, at 7.30pm in
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: Mrs S Buxton (Clerk); County Cllr Mrs J M Eagland; Mr Keith Marshall (Supply and Resources Director) and Mr Steve Peach (Head of Customer Services) from South Staffordshire Water plc, PC Andy Brown; 32 members of the public

Mr Marshall – explained some of the reasons for the lower water pressure which has been experienced recently. The supply pressures from Seedy Mill are very high. It pumps water to a wide area – Gentleshaw, Barr Beacon, Yoxall etc. As a water company they have to seriously consider conservation of resources and the prevention of leaks. The higher the pressure the more susceptibility there is to leaks. They have looked at their distribution zones to protect environment and resources. They were experiencing high leakage levels, so have divided their area up into zones called district metered areas (DMAs) and based on usage and population numbers within the DMA they can estimate likely leakage levels. This allows better targeting of resources within the areas. A DMA is usually around 1,000 properties, but not always. S Staffs Water are trying to reduce the amount of leakage. At the entrance to the village they installed a pressure reduction valve and have since visited a number of properties throughout the village to measure water pressure and flow. All tests have shown that all pressures have been well above the recommended minimum pressure and flow required by Ofwat – 9 litres per minutes and 10 metres head at the property boundary.. On all properties monitored readings were 35 – 38 m pressure and head of 40m. There will be a noticeable difference as the readings were so high previously. Another advantage of the lower pressure is that it causes less strain on domestic water fittings too.

Ashley Farrington – Leofric Close – thanks for coming to meet residents. There are some serious concerns. Don't feel that the complaint has been taken seriously as in first few days it was not clear what was the matter with the water supply. Could S Staffs Water not have notified residents in advance? It took a long time for the complaint to be answered. Many houses have a combination boiler as recommended but now the pressure has been reduced this is a serious problem. If you are having a shower and if you turn a tap on then the shower stops. If you flush one toilet you certainly can't flush the second toilet. S Staffs Water confirmed that the measures of water pressure and head are taken throughout the day not just at one point of day.

Robert Gilmour –Vicarage Croft – he has experienced all the same problems. He agreed to have a logger put on his property

David Coglán – Alrewas Road - has installed a new shower based on water pressure at time, since the pressure change it does not work properly - please can the pressure be increased.

Mike Atkinson - Manor Walk – has been tested. Bath takes about 15 minutes to fill. Shower doesn't work if another device used.

At the junction of Manor Walk and Manor Road there is what appears to be a leak which has been there for a very long time, and has been reported but nothing ever happens
Peter Gee – Bromley Court – he believes the primary reason for pressure reduction was to reduce leakage.

At present leakage at S Staffs Water is 72 million litres per day against an Ofwat target level set at 75 million litres per day. S Staffs have an active carbon reduction programme and they want to reduce by another 6 million litres per day by 2015.

The current pressure is well above but flow is just above the level required. For many people experiencing problems it is with flow rather than pressure but pressure and flow are closely related. At present cannot provide figures on leakage for KB alone as it is not a DAM in its own right. However DMAs are a step towards monitoring smaller areas.

For reference sake 10 m = 1 bar

The most common question is why don't showers and boilers don't work?

Andrew Powell – Leofric Close - has gone for a cold fill dishwasher and washing machine combi boiler – as recommended, but if any of these are used along with the shower, the shower is either very cold or scalding hot.

S Staffs Water have replaced 70 km of main per year over last 5 years, will be doing the same over the next 5 years. But have 66,000 km of main in total to maintain.

Mr Marshall stated that he does have some sympathy with complaints and will arrange a team to look at all complaints. He asked everyone to be sure that if they had partly closed their stop taps when the pressure was higher to check they are now fully opened. If anyone wanted to leave name and address he will arrange for their complaint to be investigated and will arrange checks on a number of properties if owners were happy to co-operate.

A comment was made - that if people are having baths instead of showers, and flushing toilet multiply times as a result of the lower pressure, surely this wastes more water
Andrew Dargan – Leofric Close – has been having problems with sewage from same time as changes to water, are the two related?

S Staffs stated that no reduction in bills is available unless pressures and flows fall below the required Ofwat standards

Neil Clarke – Alrewas Road – his water was tested on the boundary but it falls before it gets to house.

Mr Marshall is very willing to comeback to the village in future to discuss the matter required.

The chairman thanked S Staffs Water for their attendance at the meeting.

Issues raised by the public:-

Andy Brown – over last couple of months there have been several incidents of crime following nothing between May and early July. Incidents include:-

- Manor Road – attempted burglary
- Ornament theft – Crawley Lane
- Woodgate Units – stock theft
- Woodshoot Nursery – house burglary
- Manor road – house burglary
- Church shed – broken into

Scrap is huge problem at present- a plain white van has been reported as a possible link

PC Brown reminded everyone of the need to make life as difficult as possible for thieves by keeping their possessions out of site and secured and if any incident does occur it is important to report it to the police, because it maybe that one small bit of information can complete the puzzle and link a number of crimes together and lead to an arrest.

The clerk will provide an article for the parish magazine following discussion with Debbie Clarke

The chairman thanked PC Andy Brown for his work in the village generally and his support with Speedwatch

The chairman reported that he had attended the Thai fair at the end of August as a representative of the parish council and it had been a most enjoyable day. He has just accepted an invitation in October when robes are to be presented by the Thai Royal Family

3518. Apologies

Cllrs Mrs Gair and Taylor – prior engagements

Agreed to accept the apologies of Cllrs Mrs Gair and Taylor

3519. Declaration of Interests

Changing Lives – Cllr Mrs Jarman

3520. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th August, 2008 be signed as a true and correct record

3521. Water Pressure in Kings Bromley

The written reply reiterates what has been said tonight. There is clearly a problem which no one can answer at present.

Agreed that the clerk contact Mr Marshall, to thank him for coming to the meeting and checking that he has contacts in a number of places throughout the village who are willing to have their water pressure checked and monitored as part of the process of seeking out the route of the problems being encountered at present.

3522. Report of the Clerk

- i. **Playbuilder roadshows** – the clerk reported that a series of roadshows were being organised around Staffordshire for those interested in making a bid for funding from the government playbuilder project.

Agreed the chairman will attend one at Burntwood between 1pm and 3pm on 23rd October, 2008

- ii. **Parking at Chamberlain Close** – the clerk reported that Mr Baskerville had contacted the council following the reference to parking in the last minutes. The area concerned should have been planted with trees and was indeed planted, but as it was neglected the weeds have now taken over and only one or two trees remain.

3523. Finance

- i. **Accounts for Payment**

Agreed that the following payments be made

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
031/300062	Mrs S Buxton	315.53	Salary – Aug 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
		26.00	Office costs – Aug 08	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
032/300062	Mrs S Buxton	9.10	Laminating S Staffs Water notices	
032/300062	SCC	65.47	Pension costs – Aug 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
	TOTAL	<u><u>416.10</u></u>		

- ii. **Receipts** - The clerk reported that £5 had been received from Mr Baskerville for postal receipt of agendas and draft minutes for the year to 31st March, 2009
- iii. **Finance report to 31st August, 2008** – The clerk tabled a finance report which showed that after 5 months of the financial year, the council had received 92% of its budgeted receipts as expected as the precept is received early in the year and had spent 44% of budgeted spending
Noted
- iv. **Clerk's completion of CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration)**
The report prepared by the clerk on the effect on her salary of completion of CiLCA was considered.
Agreed that with effect from 1st September, 2008 the clerk should be appointed on spinal column point 23, currently £10.116 per hour.
Agreed that the congratulations of the council be expressed to the clerk on her completion of the CiLCA qualification

3524. Correspondence and Items for Information

- i. **Community Council of Staffordshire AGM – 25th September, 2008**
- ii. **Kick It Out and the Football Foundation** – series of grants to groups who wish to use sport to tackle discrimination and exclusion
- iii. **NHS Consultation** – S Staffs Primary Care Trust – details of public engagement event
- iv. **Review of Clerk's Correspondence Report** – the list was reviewed by the meeting

3525. Water and Drainage

- i. **Verge outside Crawley View, Crawley Lane** – the clerk is continuing to chase this matter with SCC
- ii. **Flooding – Crawley Lane** – at the last meeting the clerk reported that SCC could see no solution to this problem as there is no drainage in Crawley Lane and no money to undertake a drainage scheme and the clerk asked the council if they would clarify if they were happy with this situation
Agreed that the clerk ask SCC to look into this situation with a view to seeking a solution and to keep Cllr Janet Eagland informed of the situation

3526.Highways and Signs

- i. **Entrance to Leofric Close** – the clerk is still waiting to hear from SCC on the outcome of their investigation into the location of utilities at the entrance to Leofric Close
- ii. **Victoria Meadow/Meadows-** all the required forms have been completed and sent to LDC
- iii. **Village Sign Alrewas Road** - the clerk is still awaiting a reply from SCC as to whether a village sign can be provided
- iv. **Community Gangs** – Cllr Pritchard reported on his meeting with SCC on the introduction of the Community Gangs Scheme. Kings Bromley will have one day every 17 weeks when they do specific jobs in Kings Bromley and the parish council needs to draw up a list of items to put forward. Suggestions were:-
 - footpath and verge outside rectory on Alrewas Road
 - Drains outside Chamberlain Close
 - Cleaning road side signs and village signs at traffic calmers**Agreed** councillors would let the clerk or chairman know of any other items they felt should be included

3527.Fradley

- i. **Newsletter from Prologis** – a reply is still awaited from Prologis with their comments on Kings Bromley's main concern of how to keep heavy commercial traffic on the A38 and off rural roads
- ii. **Fradley Traffic Meeting** – Cllr Browne reported on the meeting he attended last week. At present work is underway on zoning traffic on the estate so that addresses have a zone number on and then working with SCC to include zones on signs. Double yellow lines are also being considered in some parts of the industrial parks to prevent lorries parking over night and to deter unwanted visitors. There is also a sat nav company who are working with the AA with a longterm view of producing a sat nav system for commercial vehicles. The minutes of the last meeting had been received and the next meeting is scheduled for 5th November, 2008.

3528.Social Services – Changing Lives

Cllr Mrs Jarman reported on the most recent changes. It has now been decided to keep the day centre open on Sat mornings, however, this doesn't deal with the problem with times where clients are in the centre for a very short period of time because there is one bus which collects everyone. It is unknown if the Sat morning opening will attract users or not

3529.Lichfield District Council

- i. **Locally Listed Buildings Survey**
To put forward suggestions of buildings to be included on the list to be held by LDC.
Agreed that everyone will consider any properties they think should be considered for the next meeting
- ii. **Parish Forum Agenda – 11th September 2008**
- iii. **Details of emergency contact numbers for flooding incidents**
Agreed that these numbers should be included in the parish magazine

3530.Staffordshire County Council

Nothing to report

3531.SPCA

- i. **AGM – Opportunity to put forward resolutions for discussion at AGM**
Agreed that this council is concerned that objectors to planning applications do not have the same right of appeal as planning applicants and this anomaly should be rectified
This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarman and seconded by Cllr Browne
- ii. **Nomination form for Executive**
- iii. **Newsletter** – the article on Quality Parishes was noted
Agreed the clerk would investigate further the role of quality parishes and the advantages of obtaining the status
- iv. **Indemnities and investigations of complaints** – this is a copy of a document sent to county associations for comment which the SPCA has circulated to parish councils for information
- v. **Changing date of Local Elections in 2009 to the same date as European Parliament Elections** – NALC views on proposal to delay next year's county council elections so that the date coincides with the European Parliament elections on 7th June, 2009
- vi. **Training Schedule**

3532.Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. Financial Regulations
- ii. Review of Standing Orders
- iii. Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office
- iv. Youth Club funds
- v. New map on wall at Lichfield Road
- vi. Budget projects
- vii. Web site

3533.Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the parish council be held on Wednesday, 8th October, 2008 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road.

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.23 pm

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Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

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In attendance: Cllr I M P Pritchard; Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

08/62 Apologies

Cllrs Mrs Gair and Taylor – prior engagements

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08/63 Declaration of Interests

None

08/64 Minutes of the last meeting

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08/65 Planning Applications Received

None

08/66 Planning Applications Permitted

08/00646/FUL 15 Victoria Meadows, Kings Bromley

Applicant: Mr J Salt

Proposal: single storey rear extension to form kitchen

Noted

08/00631/FUL Buddhist Temple, Eastfields House, Alrewas Road

Applicant: Buddhist Temple

Proposal: extension to existing conservatory and formation of new access road

Noted

08/67 Planning Applications Refused

None

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.28 pm