

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 commencing at 7.30pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Note – corrections to these minutes will be recorded in the minutes for the following month.

**Present:** Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); Mrs. M. Gair; S. Browne; I. Pritchard; Mrs. J. Higgins; N. Lee; C. Cole.  
County Cllr. Martyn Tittley; District Cllr. R. Cox.

**In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk). Members of the public present; B. Stoney; R. Griffiths.

**Public Session:** No members of the public wished to speak.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**  
District Cllr. T. Marshall.
2. **a) In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in items on this agenda.**  
Cllr. Browne on item 7.  
**b) Clerk to report any written requests for dispensations in respect of items on this agenda.** None received.
3. **To resolve that the minutes of the Kings Bromley Parish Council General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 are a correct record.**  
These had been distributed previously. One correction was requested on item 4b iv - should read 2015. Cllrs. then queried minute 14 regarding payment of expenses. It was agreed to amend the minute such that it read 'The clerk said he had received a request from a councillor .....' and that 'a payment be made for the 58 miles .....'. It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the minutes be amended and initialled by the chairman and signed as a true record. All were in favour.  
Cllr. Higgins then asked how the vote for the co-optioin of the new councillor was done. She said that one candidate was working and unable to attend the meeting. It was her understanding that any candidate had to be resident in the parish for 12 months. Clerk to check legality of co-optioin. **Action: Clerk.**
4. **Clerks Report.**
  - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
    - i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
    - ii) Letter – Diocese of Lichfield re Centenary Fields. Passed to Cllr. Higgins.
    - iii) Letter – Rev Leyland – thanks for donation.
    - iv) Community Council of Staffs – AGM invitation. Placed in circulation file.
    - v) Email re church clock – Smiths of Derby. The clerk said that the 3 year maintenance agreement expired this year. Clerk to ask Smiths for a quote for the next 3 years. **Action: Clerk.**
    - vi) Letter – Community Council of Staffs re BKV result and cheque. First prize of £200.
    - vii) Letter SCC – grant of £1000 towards roof repairs. The chairman thanked County Cllr. M. Tittley for this grant which will go towards the village hall roof repairs. Clerk also to write to Cameron Homes thanking them for their donation of £5000. **Action: Clerk.**

viii) Email re Queens Award for Voluntary Services. After consideration it was decided not to make an application.

**b) Finance.**

- i) Financial Statement. As of 26/8/16 - the current account stands at £11,266.29 and the reserve account at £14,293.65.
- ii) Payments Received. Grant of £1000 from SCC - County Cllr. M. Tittley.
- iv) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax – total £501.51 b) R B Hayward – grass cutting £188.00

**5. To receive oral / written reports from County and District Councillors.**

District Cllr. Cox said that there was very little to report other than a restructuring at LDC was going ahead.

County Cllr. Tittley said that SCC has formed a committee to look at traffic issues. They want to de-clutter the highways and that they understand the issues raised by the parishes regarding HCVs. It was suggested that the parish write to Messrs. Deauville and Winnington at SCC to ask them to attend a future parish meeting. Clerk to contact. **Action: Clerk.** He thought that Highways England was in breach of health and safety legislation by not undertaking a risk assessment on the roads used as diversionary routes when the A38 is closed. They have a duty of care to those affected. He has been in touch with their local engineers to make these points. Clerk to write to Highway England. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Pritchard thought that human rights were being infringed when heavy lorries pass inches from homes and disturb sleep. Cllr. Browne has taken noise level readings in bedrooms of houses fronting the route and recorded levels of 76dB - European laws says the maximum should be 48dB.

Cllr. Tittley continued and said that SCC are £18m in debt and have not been paid back following a loan to the Health Authority.

**6. To consider on-going highway and footpath issues.**

- a) **Highway Issues.** These had been covered in item 5 above.
- b) **Footpath issues.** Cllrs. raised concerns that the instances of dog fouling appear to be on the increase again. After discussion it was suggested that a flier be prepared and delivered to all houses in the village along with other village information. **Action: Cllr. Browne.**

**7. To receive an update on HS2.**

Cllr. Browne said the last meeting was cancelled. More land is being taken with the line on embankments and viaducts. He is to arrange a meeting along with Mr. Sadler with SCC and HS2. The A515 is to be re-aligned along with Wood End Lane which will be widened. Cllr. Cox added that he understood an announcement in 3 weeks-time would say that phase 2 would be scrapped.

**8. To reconsider areas of Councillor Responsibilities.**

This item delayed until next agenda.

**9. To receive an update on the SCC Minerals Plan.**

Cllr. Howard said he had sent comments back to SCC and copied everyone in on his reply. No feedback had been received yet.

**10. To receive an update on progress re the adoption of the BT Phone Box by The Book Club.**

Cllr. Lee passed a document prepared by club members to the clerk for consideration. Clerk to circulate to Cllrs. **Action: Clerk.** Names of parishioners who may be willing to undertake maintenance work were tabled. Cllr. Lee to arrange. **Action: Cllr. Lee.**

**11. To receive a report on progress with regards to the village hall roof repairs.**

A presentation of the cheque for £5000 from Cameron Homes was made this morning. Cllr. Browne will speak to Mr. Easter about a start date. **Action: Cllr. Browne.** Cllrs. Gair and Cole will sort out the details about obtaining a defibrillator. **Action: Cllrs. Gair and Cole.**

**12. To consider prices to replace felled tree in Leofric Close.**

This to be discussed at next meeting.

13. **To consider Diocese response to Centenary Fields request.**  
Cllr. Higgins to contact Rev. Ty Leyland. **Action: Cllr. Higgins.**
14. **To discuss ways to improve web site involvement by / for parishioners.**  
Cllrs. Howard and Cole will form a working group to look at the web site and come up with suggestions to increase community involvement. **Actions: Cllr. Howard and Cole.**
15. **To consider a donation to this year's poppy appeal.**  
Deferred until next meeting.
16. **To consider any suggestions received as to the allocation of the BKV prize.**  
It was proposed by Cllr. Howard and seconded by Cllr. Gair that up to £200 be used to pay for an upgrade of the BT phone box prior to the book club taking it over. All were in favour. Invoices to clerk.
17. **To consider Councillor report – for information only.**  
Cllr. Browne had very good news – Midland Classic has put in place a one hour bus service that also passes through Barton and Morrisons on its way to Burton. This means it can be used by schoolchildren attending John Taylor School. Cllr. Browne to provide information for the notice boards and web site and to pass to the clerk. **Action: Cllr. Browne.** Clerk also to write to Midland Classic thanking them. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr. Higgins has attended the first Richard Crosse School local advisory group meeting.

Cllr. Lee said the village pub was not being supported and was aware it may be lost. He suggested that the parish register the building as an 'asset of community value' with LDC and will look in to it. To be discussed at next meeting.

A comment was made that there appeared to be no wildflowers coming up in the Lanes Close wildflower area and some residents had asked if they could spread seeds. This was agreed.

Cllr. Browne said he had attended the John Taylor awards evening and that other parishes had presented trophies. He thought it would be a good idea if Kings Bromley did the same in future. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

There being no further business the main meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016.