

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Wednesday 11th October 2017 commencing at 7.45pm 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); S. Browne; C. Cole. Mrs. J. Higgins; I. Pritchard; N. Lee; Mrs. M. Gair. County and Dist. Cllr. M. Tittley. District Cllr. R. Cox.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk). Members of the public present: Ray Griffiths, Liz Davies and Tahir Ahmed (both HS2 Ltd). Tim Heminsley – Staffs Highways.

Public Session: Mr. Griffiths thanked the council for the work they do and said the last meeting was one of the best.

1. Apologies and approval of absence.

District Cllr. Tom 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 – HS2.

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 Meetings held on 12th September (EGM) and 13th September 2017 are a correct record.

These had been distributed previously. 12th September – EGM - It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Lee that the minutes are signed as a true record of the meeting. All were in favour.

13th September - It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Cole that the minutes are signed as a true record of the meeting. All were in favour.

4. To consider new and on-going highway and footpath matters.

a) Highways updates. (i) Transport and Community Forum – weight restriction on A515.

Tim Heminsley from Staffordshire Highways was in attendance to answer questions. Cllr. Howard had attended a meeting at SCC and was assured that something would be done. A 20 option report was presented but option 21 may be pursued with SCC using their own powers to prevent vehicle movements by using turn restrictions from feeder roads. It was felt this could reduce lorry movements by 70%. The parish response was that it still favours a full weight restriction. It was pointed out by Mr. Heminsley that this could take as long as four years especially if a public enquiry has to be held. An issue has also arisen about the status of the A513 Alrewas Road which appears to be listed as a Primary Route. Mr. Heminsley needs to clarify this. The chairman thanked both Cllr. Tittley and Mr. Heminsley for all their work on this matter. Cllr. Cole asked what will happen next. Mr. Heminsley said that a detailed design would be required before a budget is prepared. Then there will be the need to make a case for the funding. Cllr. Tittley said there is no easy path and it could all take some time. **(ii) Request for a speed indicator device (SID).** Two devices are in place at the moment but it is proven that their effectiveness decreased with time as motorists become aware of them and ignore them. Mr. Heminsley said that the County Council had no funds to purchase more devices but that they are encouraging parishes to get involved. SCC is happy to give advice. Costs vary but on average are around £2 - £3,000 each. They cannot be connected to the electricity main supply so must use either batteries or solar power. Cllr. Howard asked if the parish councillors are in favour of pursuing the purchase of a device. A local resident has indicated that he would contribute. It was proposed by Cllr. Howard that a working group should be set up. This was seconded by Cllr. Gair. Cllrs. Higgins, Lee and Browne volunteered to stand on the group and to report at a future meeting. All in favour.

Action: Cllrs. Higgins, Lee and Browne.

b) Footpaths / footways. Nothing to report.

5. Clerks Report.

a) To consider correspondence received.

- i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
- ii) Booklet – latest version of The Good Councillors Guide – placed in circulation file.
- iii) BT legal documents – signed. Item 8 i on agenda. Passed to Cllr. Lee.
- iv) Fields in Trust – deed of dedication – item 8 ii on agenda. Passed to Cllr. Higgins.
- v) Email from Cameron Homes re hedge fronting their development. Clerk to contact SCC re getting hedge cut. **Action: Clerk.**
- vi) The chairman had a communication regarding the wreath laying for Remembrance Day. Cllr. Browne offered to attend with the parish wreath and Cllr. Higgins with the County wreath.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. As of 26/9/17 - the current account stands at £5,432.20 and the reserve account at £11,981.42
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To consider payment of repair invoice for church clock. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Howard and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the council ought to meet this bill but asked the clerk to contact the church warden to request he seeks council approval before committing to such repairs. All in favour. **Action: Clerk.**
- iv) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax inc. postage stamps when required – total £518.55 b) R. B. Hayward – grass cutting - £288.00. (iii) Smiths of Derby – repair to church clock - £75 + vat. (iv) SPCA – publication - £4.50 (v) Donation – KB PCC - £250.00 (vi) Donation – KB gardening guild - £150.00 (vii) Donation – KB village hall - £55.00 (viii) Donation towards Royal British Legion wreath - £25.00
It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. S. Browne that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour.
- v) End of quarter 2 finances. These had been circulated previously. The clerk highlighted one typographical error on the bottom of the sheet – figure should read £1,200 not £3,200. No further questions were raised.

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

Cllr. Tittley reported that he is still actively pursuing the weight restriction for the A515 despite other initiatives that have been tabled. Cllr. Cox had no report to make.
Tim Heminsley left the meeting at 20.20

7. To receive an update on HS2. (This item was taken after item 4 above)

Cllr. Howard asked several questions that had arisen from previous meetings with the HS2 representatives. Reference to TO13 letters to residents, HS2 have not met with them yet, however safeguarding letters have gone out. Surgeries are likely from November. Once the consultation period ends the report will take several weeks to produce. Petition period may slip to early 2018. Re Common Lane options – there is no preferred option yet as the design is being worked upon. Viaduct height is key. Pumping of water from below any lowered road would not necessarily be required. Engineers are looking at this. A new link road to Common Lane may be built but this is the least favoured solution by local land owners. If a new road is built it needs to be adopted by SCC. Track is definitely going under the A38 at Streethay. The borrowpits may be used for phase 1 construction but until the final design is completed in early 2018 it will not be known. It is expected that materials will be moved by haul roads adjacent to the line of the new track. The nominated contractor will want to meet local councils to discuss. Lorries will be identifiable. A traffic management plan should be in place by mid-2018. A road safety fund will be available through SCC. Cllr. Cole said that as borrowpits may serve other areas then transport will be a main issue. Cllr. Browne asked if the borrowpits were under the safeguard area. HS2 are talking to land owners. Some ground investigation is being done now. A

community engagement strategy and local engineering plans are available – these look forward 6 months and have a point of contact. Local drop-in surgeries will be available. Cllr. Lee asked about the material excavated at Streethay and where it will be deposited. HS2 said they will engage with local parishes. The chairman thanked HS2 for attending. They left the meeting at 20.58.

8. **To receive updates on (i) Purchase of the BT phone box.** The clerk passed the paperwork and agreements with BT to Cllr. Lee for safe keeping. The next steps will be to have the box re-glazed, painted and the shelves and lock fitted. Cllr. Lee to organise. **Action: Cllr. Lee.**
(ii) Centenary Fields initiative. Cllr. Higgins to take legal agreement documentation to the Diocese. **Action: Cllr. Higgins.**
(iii) Village hall refurbishment. Cllr. Howard reported that there is now just over £4,000 in the account and that the WI has indicated it will donate a further £1,000. The question now is how the remainder to be raised? The village hall working group were charged with looking in to this and to report at a future meeting. The clerk said he had instructed the draftsman to commence work on the building regulation drawings and that he was expecting to receive the artistic impression soon. Once these drawings are to hand then they can be displayed in the hall for all to see.

9. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**
Cllr. Higgins expressed her concerns about the continuing reduction in funding for social care and said she thought that the council should monitor this closely. It means that anyone with savings over £25,000 will have to have an assessment of need. Cllr. Howard reminded the meeting that it needs to look at the provision of the Christmas tree. Clerk to place item on next agenda. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Signed (Chairman) Date 8th November 2017.