

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 14th October, 2009 – 7.45 pm
Kings Bromley Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

Public Session

- **Hedges at the Gables** – these are still overhanging the footpath
- **Pre-School outdoor play area** – this is being discussed but no information was available at the meeting
- **Telephone Cables** – there has been a further incident

3685 Apologies

Cllr Mrs Gair and Cllr Holland – holiday; Cllr Taylor

Agreed to accept the apologies for Cllrs Mrs Gair, Holland and Taylor

3686 Declaration of Interests

Cllr S Browne

3687 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September, 2009 be signed as a true and correct record, this was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarman and seconded by Cllr Seddon

3688 Report of the Clerk

- i. **Telephone box** – the clerk reported that BT had informed the council that when the red telephone boxes are moved they often break as they are very fragile. As part of the consultation a letter has also been received from LDC asking for the parish council's views on adopted the existing phone box when it ceases to be operational
Agreed that the parish council does not wish to adopt the telephone box in Kings Bromley
- ii. **SCC Community Footpaths** – the clerk reported that she had gone back to SCC with information on costs and numbers of leaflets and to date no reply has been received, but the officer who had been dealing with it had left the council and someone else was now looking at the applications

3689 Finance

- i. **Finance Report to 30th September, 2009**
Noted
- ii. **Clerk's Pay Award**
Agreed that the pay award agreed by NALC and SLCC effective from 1st April, 2009 should be implemented. This was proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Seddon
- iii. **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>
33/300143	Mrs S Buxton	335.81	Salary	
33/300143	Mrs S Buxton	17.86	Salary arrears – Apr – Aug 09	
33/300143	Mrs S Buxton	29.82	Taxable expenses	
33/300143	Mrs S Buxton	1.83	Taxable travel exps arrears – Apr-Aug 09	
33/300144	SCC	73.18	Pension contributions	
33/300144	SCC	3.62	Pension contributions arrears – Apr-Aug 09	
33/300145	Mrs S Buxton	6.40	Travel expenses	
34/300146	KBVH	11.95	Extra meeting 24/8/09	
35/300147	Sharp Plants	303.00	3 grasscuts	
35/300147	Sharp Plants	115.00	Wildflower meadow	
36/300148	M H & S Buxton	76.44	Photocopying Jun-Sep 09	
37/300149	Post Office Ltd	39.00	100 x 1 st class stamps	
	TOTAL	974.91		

- iv. **Receipts**
None

3690 Correspondence and Items for Information

- i. **Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill**
- ii. **Clerk's log**

3691 Highways and Signs

- i. **Community Gangs** – there were no suggestions from councillors for items to be done. The exact organisation of the scheme was discussed **Agreed** that the clerk should seek further information from SCC on how the scheme works, are items gathered together and is there a fixed timetable for when Kings Bromley gets a visit
- ii. **30 mph stickers for bins** – Cllr Pritchard reported on his discussions with Ruth Plant (Corporate Director – Operational Services). LDC do not encourage 30 mph stickers on bins as it encourages householders to leave their bins out for longer than normal. It was noted that is an offence anyway. LDC noted that some parish councils have purchased A boards which they move each week to advertise the speed limit **Agreed** Cllr Pritchard will find out who has purchased these A boards, so that the clerk can get a price
- iii. **Manhole covers outside Chamberlain Close** – the clerk reported that Severn Trent Water had agreed to attend to their covers in the next two weeks and eventually British Gas had agreed to attend to theirs within the next month. She has put a reminder in her diary for later in November.
- iv. **Crawley Lane blocked gulleys** – it is not clear who has cleared these in the past **Agreed** the clerk will speak to SCC and see if they can be done through the Community Gangs

- v. **Flashing speed signs** – there was nothing to report on the flashing mobile signs which have been in Armitage recently
- vi. **Chicane by Mr Locker** this had been raised during the public session of the last meeting and the clerk sought clarification on whether any action was required
Agreed that no action is required
- vii. **30 mph restriction at junction of Wood End Lane and A515 for railway works** - Cllr Eagland had informed the clerk that this did not fall under the jurisdiction of SCC as the restriction had been requested by Network Rail. The clerk has sent an enquiry to Network Rail and a reply is awaited
- viii. **Overgrown trees obscuring signs** – nothing to report
Agreed the clerk will discuss this with SCC

3716.Trees

- i. **Work is scheduled for 5/6th November**
Agreed the clerk will inform those households close to where the tree works will be undertaken
- ii. **Lime Tree** – LDC has not granted permission for the removal of two branches, LDC have discussed with Acme Tree services they recommend reduction work on the two limbs concerned.
Agreed that the parish council are happy for Acme Tree Services to carry out work on the lime tree as discussed with LDC
- iii. **Hedges etc** – the clerk reported that the council had agreed to add the two hedges to the normal grasscutting contract, but that it made more sense to have the work done by the tree surgeon as it would fall within his two days work
Agreed the clerk to ask Acme Tree Services to carry out the work on the two hedges in Leofric Close

3717 Land to the Rear of the Hollies

Notification has been received that there is already in place a wayleave agreement which permits the laying of additional electrical cables underneath parish council land at the entrance to Leofric Close

Agreed that the council acknowledges the presence of this wayleave for electricity cables and the clerk will return the form as requested by the agent working on behalf of the developer

3718 Play equipment

- i. To consider designs as requested at previous meeting
- ii. To note the proposals from the Pre-School for the development of outside play facilities for the Pre-School in order to provide the required outdoor play element of the pre-school curriculum and their grant offer of £25,000 for these works
No information had been received from the pre school on the plans they intended to put to the Village Hall Management Committee
Agreed that without knowledge of other plans for the site, the council could not discuss its development of the site and this should be carried forward to the next meeting

3719 Village Hall

The council noted the advice provided to the council by the Community Council Village Halls Adviser, as detailed in the enclosed letter to Mr Browne – Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, which stated that the parish council has no further role in the running of the Village Hall than as custodian trustee – holding the lease and that the conditions laid down in the 1970 lease are referred to in the 1999 lease and therefore still apply. A copy of this advice has been sent to Mr Gee who represents the Diocese.

A lengthy discussion took place on the Village Hall and the fact that there is currently no properly elected committee or officers.

Cllr Mrs Jarman undertook to write a letter of concern to all village organisations expressing her wish that an extra ordinary meeting be held, chaired by the Community Council to discuss the future of the Village Hall. Mrs Jarman will make the arrangements with the Community Council and hopes the meeting will be held in the new year. In the interim, Mr Browne will continue to look after the Village Hall building.

3720 Telephone Disruption due to cable thefts

The council considered the suggestion from the September meeting that the council make a claim for compensation in the event of a successful criminal conviction for the theft of the telephone cables

Agreed that the clerk will write to the Director of Public Prosecutions to register a claim for compensation for loss to the village of Kings Bromley following the recent thefts of telephone cables. She will seek advice from Mr Locker and PC Andy Brown as necessary

3721 Social Services – Changing Lives

Nothing to report

3722 Lichfield District Council

a. **Gambling Act 2005** – invitation to take part in consultation

Agreed that the council would not comment on this consultation on the Gambling Act 2005

3723 Staffordshire County Council

i. **Neighbourhood Highways Teams**

Agreed the clerk would speak to SCC to find out when the system starts and what is involved

b. **Staffordshire Local Community Fund** – the deadline is the end of November and it is known that the Bowling Club has submitted an application

3724 SPCA

i. **AGM 7th November, 2009 attendance** **Agreed** that no one would attend the SPCA AGM from Kings Bromley this year

ii. **Resolution** to be considered for presentation at the AGM:-

“This council requests that the government updates the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (Ch.p), and the Planning

Policy Guidance 15: Planning and the Historic Environment to allow Grade II Listings, that are domestic dwellings of little historical interest, to use modern building insulation materials.

In many areas, these dwellings are the only affordable housing for purchase, and as such, they should be able to be maintained in an affordable manner, and not expected to endure the expense of custom produced items, such as windows and doors, when 'off the peg' items would suffice, and would not compromise the credibility of the structure, or the importance of the street scene."

A letter had been received from Mr Rothery objecting to this resolution
There was a lengthy discussion on the resolution which was proposed by
Cllr Mrs Jarman and seconded by Cllr Brown

Agreed that Kings Bromley Parish Council would not put forward this resolution for debate at the AGM, following a tied vote where the chairman used his casting vote

iii. Lichfield Area SPCA Meeting

Following the meeting held in Kings Bromley last month, it is hoped that a further meeting can be held on the same night as the LDC Parish Forum to see if there is a desire to take this matter forward further

3725 Review of Items for Future Meetings

- ii. Health and Safety Risk Assessments**
- iii. Health and Safety First Aid kit**
- iv. Review/introduction of council policies**
- v. Leofric Close "allotment"**

3726 Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on **Wednesday, 11th November, 2009 – 7.45 pm** at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley.

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.42 pm