

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 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); Mrs. M. Gair; C. Cole; S. Browne; N. Lee; I. Pritchard. County and Dist. Cllr. M. Tittley.

**In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk). Mr. N. Crawley.

**Public Session:** The chairman introduced Mr. Neil Crawley who had intimated his willingness to be co-opted into the vacancy on the council. He said he would have an opportunity to address the council under item 3 below.

**1. Apologies and approval of absence.**

District Cllrs. T. Marshall; R. Cox.

**2. a) in accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in items on this agenda.**

Cllrs. S. Browne on item 8 – HS2. Cllr. A. Howard on item 15 as he is a member of the Show Society.

**b) Clerk to report any written requests for dispensations in respect of items on this agenda.** None received.

**3. To consider an application for the vacancy on the Council.**

Mr. Crawley addressed the meeting and gave an outline of his interest in the village, what he felt he could bring to the benefit of the parish and his recent residential history. He answered several questions put to him by Councillors and was asked if he would have time to become involved in one or many of the working groups that are part of the parish workload. Mr. Crawley said he would, given the time and dependant on his daytime job but would try to work around this. He then asked questions of the council and clerk. Mr. Crawley left the room while Councillors discussed his application.

**4. To appoint, or not, an applicant to the vacancy via the co-option process and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

After a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Howard and seconded by Cllr. Gair that Mr. Crawley is co-opted onto the parish council. All in favour. He was recalled to the room and invited to sit with the Councillors. The clerk said he would inform LDC and send papers to him for signing. **Action: Clerk.**

**5. To resolve that the minutes of the Kings Bromley Parish Council General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 are a correct record.**

These had been distributed previously. One error was identified – item 3 should have read ‘by the chairman’ not ‘acting chairman’. With this amendment made and initialled by the chairman, it was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Cole that the minutes are signed as a true record. All were in favour.

**6. Clerks Report.**

**a) To consider correspondence received.**

i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.

ii) Email from Jan Higgins – resignation (omitted from June correspondence due to an oversight). This was placed in the circulation file.

iii) HS2 letter re powers over additional parcels of land – passed to Cllr. Cole.

- iv) Community Council of Staffs – invitation to Best Kept Village presentation evening on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. This was passed to the chairman who said he could not attend but suggested that Cllr. Browne went along with Mr. O’Dea. This was agreed.
- v) Email from Mr. Price re milestone on A513 Alrewas Road. A discussion took place around ownership of these historical features. It was felt that they do need to be preserved. Cllr. Tittley said to approach SCC. The clerk was asked to contact them about adopting the stone and to contact Mr. Price to thank him for his work. **Action: Clerk.**
- vi) Email from Mr. N. Crawley – application for vacancy on the council. Items 3 and 4 above.
- vii) Email from Eric Roy – webmaster, stating that he may be moving home and out of the district. He says he can still administer the web site and should any future training be required would attend locally. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

**b) Finance.**

- i) Financial Statement. As of 26/7/18 - the current account stands at £16,837.12 and the reserve account at £9,234.92. The end of quarter one accounts summary had been distributed previously. The clerk asked if there were any questions on the figures as presented. Cllr. Browne asked why such a large sum was being held in the current account. The clerk explained that interest on the reserve account was minimal and it was not worth moving funds. No other questions were forthcoming.
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax inc. any postage stamps – total £543.38 including national pay award back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April. b) R. B. Hayward – grass cutting - £358.00  
It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Cole that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour.
- iv) To consider the council position with regards to entering into a service level agreement with SCC regarding Data Protection services. The clerk reminded the meeting that the new legislation would not apply fully to parishes but he still awaits guidance from SPCA, having chased them again today, as to what actions may be required and will report once more is known.

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

Cllr. Tittley said that the new Chief Inspector of Police was keen to see ANPR installed and that he would be arranging a meeting with him. CCTV is a non-starter. Cllr. Crawley said he knew of someone that markets the equipment but Cllr. Tittley said that the police would have their own supplier. When the time comes an application to the Police and Crime Commissioner could be made for a grant towards the cost.  
The chairman thanked Cllr. Tittley for his report.

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

Cllr. Browne said that the village hall was booked for a drop-in session on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr. Cole said that Liz Davies will be in attendance. He added that additional land will be required for the Common Lane link which means that the council can petition again. The outcomes from his House of Commons attendance have been passed on.

**9. To consider new and on-going highway and footpath matters.**

**a) Highways updates – responsibility for wall fronting Lichfield Road.** The clerk said this was with Dist. Cllr. Marshall who had not yet responded. **Action: Dist. Cllr. Marshall.** Cllrs. Howard and Browne had meet with the Freight Working Group on 15<sup>th</sup> June. They had not yet seen the draft Amey report. Cllr. Howard read out a letter he has written to Mark Deaville and received a reply on 9<sup>th</sup> July from Helen Fisher. Cllr. Howard has written back to her. It seems that decisions have been made already without consultation with the affected parishes. Cllr. Tittley said he was very upset about the process as he was led to believe that a full weight restriction would be applied to the A513 Alrewas Road. He added that Council

Members have been kept in the dark and that unilateral decisions seem to have been made. There is no logic in the suggested solutions which project a 70% reduction in HCV movements. The chairman said that a meeting should be arranged with the other parishes and Helen Fisher. It would appear that there are 2 options, go with the proposal as it stands for the 18 month monitoring period or try to put a stop to the proposal and start over again. It was suggested that a meeting is arranged and to include Clive Thompson and Cllr. Tittley. Cllr. Cole added that he is bitterly disappointed with this outcome and feels that the parish council have been led up the garden path and that residents will also feel that the parish council has let them down. The web site will be updated once the chairman writes a report. It was suggested that any letters to SCC should criticise the way the whole process has been mishandled. The next forum meeting is due for 23<sup>rd</sup> September. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

**b) Footpaths / footway issues if any.** None raised.

**10. To consider options to improve security around the parish. (a) SmartWater update.** Fliers will go out via Cllr. Howard soon. **(b) CCTV / ANPR.** This had been covered above under item 7.

**11. To decide on The Centenary Fields dedication ceremony date and format.**  
Cllr. Howard offered any date in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September. Clerk to inform Angela Lewis at Fields In Trust. **Action: Clerk.**

**12. To receive a progress update on the village hall refurbishment project.**  
Cllr. Gair said that the first grant application, to HS2 for £50k, will be made within the week. This is from their phase 1 pot. If that fails then a further application will be made to the Lottery Fund. Once HS2 phase 2 funding is available a further application could be made to them. Only 2 builder's quotes have been received to date. Tables, a banner and a gazebo have been sourced for the Kings Bromley Show stand. There will be a donations bucket. So far 12 bricks have been purchased. A donor list of village organisations that have contributed so far will be displayed.

Cllr. Tittley left the meeting at 9.05pm.

**13. To consider recommendations from the chairman as to the siting of a dog waste bin in Manor Road.**  
The chairman has identified a location that is thought to be suitable and has no owner. Clerk to inform Nursing Home as a matter courtesy, as it is opposite their entrance and to include photo. Site will be to the left of the fisherman's car park entrance. **Action: Clerk.**

**14. To nominate a Councillor to sit on the LAG at the school.**  
Ex Cllr. Higgins sat on several groups including the Local Area Advisory at the school. The chairman asked Cllr. Crawley if he would be prepared to sit on this advisory group which meets 4 times per year. He agreed to do so. He also said he would join the village hall refurbishment working group as well as taking part in planning meetings. **Actions: Cllr. Crawley.**

**15. To consider purchasing a replacement bench for the show field.**  
The chairman said that 2 old benches had now been removed and asked if the council would pay for one new one. This would cost £350 vat free. Cllr Pritchard proposed and Cllr. Gair seconded that a bench is purchased. All in favour. The chairman will contact Judith Berry to arrange. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

**16. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**  
Cllr. Howard said he had given a bouquet to Annabel at the Post Office in recognition of her work. Cllr. Lee proposed that the council give a £25 prize at the John Taylor presentation evening. This was seconded by Cllr. Gair. All in favour. Cllr. Cole asked about the village entrance gates and prices. The clerk said that they start at around £325. After discussion it was felt that these may be a project for the future.

There being no further business the main meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018.