

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Wednesday 10th April 2019 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); I. Pritchard; C. Cole; N. Crawley; S. Browne; Mrs. M. Gair; N. Lee. District Cllr. T. Marshall. **In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk).

Public Session: Five members of the public were present. No one wished to speak at this point.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.** None.
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 6.
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 13th March 2019 are a correct record.**
These had been distributed previously. It was proposed and seconded that the minutes are signed as a true record. All were in favour.
4. **Clerks Report.**
 - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
 - i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
 - ii) Braemar Arboriculture Ltd – tree survey report. Item 4b v below.
 - iii) Seafarers – Merchant Navy Day – placed in circulation file.
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. Current a/c as of 26/3/19 £27,597.67. Reserve a/c £9236.37.
 - ii) Payments Received. None.
 - iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax inc. any postage stamps – total £579.63 b) Campaign to Protect Rural England – subscription - £36.00 c) Lichfield Tree works – survey - £400 plus vat d) A. Howard – Key cutting - shed - £14.50 e) A. Howard – postcrete for new play equipment - £10.06

It was proposed and seconded that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour.

- iv) Grass cutting contract update. Clerk - two cuts have been done to date. No issues identified. Contractor appears to be removing cuttings.
- v) Tree survey outcome and actions required. Clerk said several trees require work mainly crown lifting. He has asked for a quote and will report to the next meeting. No work is of a serious nature and can be undertaken within 6 months.
- iv) New lease for village hall. Clerk is in contact with the Diocese and the solicitor that drew up the original lease. A quote of £850 plus vat has been provided. A Councillor indicated that a relative may be able to draft a new lease free of charge. It was agreed by all to investigate this option.

5. **To receive oral / written reports from County and District Councillors.**
The District Cllr said that the Birmingham Road development was progressing with two consultations held, one with stakeholders and one with the public. 300 attended mainly older people. Greenwood Developments has worked with the council for the last 3 / 4 months. The development must be appropriate for the city. A survey will be sent out to encourage responses from younger people. Cllrs. then asked several questions relating to the development and the future of the Debenhams and Marks and Spencer stores. He then made a plea to dog owners to be more responsible by keeping their animals on a leash at all times in public areas, this following a report of an attack on sheep locally. Notice to be placed on website and boards by the clerk. **Action: Clerk.** A question was asked about the proposal to build 57 homes off Alrewas Road. The outcome will not be known for a few more weeks. Concern was raised about

the visual impact of the bus station in Lichfield. This will be improved as part of the development of the police station and surrounds.

The chairman thanked the Cllr. for his report. Cllr. Marshall left the meeting at 8.20pm

6. **To consider the latest HS2 issues and receive reports from Councillors.**
Phase 1. Having difficulty getting in touch with Sarah Mallen at SCC as a meeting is required.
Phase 2. A meeting has been arranged with Balfour Beatty to see the geo-investigations. Not yet met the phase 1 coordinator. Petition was submitted on time and it has been accepted. Cllrs. are due to appear before the Select Committee on 29th April in London. Comment was made that the water table is very low at present due to the dry summer and winter. The chairman thanked the Cllrs. for their reports.
7. **To receive reports on current highway issues – weight restriction.**
Roads are a lot quieter but there are still some rogue drivers who's numbers have been noted. Two major companies have been approached and asked to use other routes. A meeting with the action group in Yoxall has taken place. They say that a count indicated a reduction in lorries of 75%. Some local farmers are upset that the restriction does not exclude them.
8. **To receive reports on any public footpath or highway footway issues.**
SCC say there is no money to maintain the local footways until at least 2020 / 21. Clerk to contact to determine how the council can progress this. **Action: Clerk.** Mention was made of a hole in the road outside The Old Friary. Clerk to inform SCC. **Action: Clerk.**
9. **To receive a report on the Kings Bromley Medical Transport Scheme.**
The parish council has now taken this over from SCC. The balance of monies will be transferred to the parish account. Mrs. Pollard will still administer the service. Notice has gone on the website. More volunteer drivers are required.
10. **To receive a report on ANPR from the County Councillor.**
The County Cllr was not present and no report had been received. Clerk to ask him for an update. **Action: Clerk.**
11. **To receive a progress update on the Village hall refurbishment project.**
RJK started work on schedule on 22nd March. Kitchen stripped and asbestos removed. There was a lot of progress in week 1 but this has now slowed. We are now in week 3 of 8. Contact with the contractor is on a daily basis. The central heating is now on again. Some pipework has been moved at the contractors cost as he was unhappy with the layout. The new kitchen is on order. An interim invoice is expected next week. The Village Hall Committee has asked the contractor for a price to tidy up the main hall and to create door opening on to the rear play area. There was some debate as to whether this approach should have come through the council.
12. **To receive election information, if any, prior to this year's Parish Council elections.**
Three existing Councillors have stood down and three new persons were nominated so no election will be required. Thanks were made to the three for all the hard work and dedication they had shown over many years. There was a round of applause.
13. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**
The green recycle bins outside the village hall have been moved and the shed roof repaired. Best kept village posters are up and the fliers will be distributed soon. The Open meeting is tomorrow at 8pm. BT phone box is now in the ownership of the council. The floor has been painted as has the roof feature. Shelves will be installed before the BKV judging on 1st May. Signs need ordering. Books will be placed in the box and it was suggested that The Mercury could be collected and copies left in the box for residents to pick up. SmartWater signs are now available. The Christmas tree lights may need replacing possibly with LED's. Allocation of Councillor Responsibilities needs to be on the May agenda. **Action: Clerk.**

There being no further business the main meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 14th May 2019.