

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Tuesday 12th June 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); C. Cole; N. Crawley; S. Browne; Mrs. G. Pitchford; J. Burkinshaw; Mrs. J. Higgins.
District Cllr. T. Marshall; County Cllr. M. Tittley.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk).

Public Session: Four members of the public were present. PCSO Tracy Horton spoke about crime in the local area since January. This included issuing anti-social behaviour orders, some issues with drug use, two burglaries and warnings to lorry drivers who were infringing the turn restriction orders. The chairman thanked the PCSO for her attendance.

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 Annual Meeting held on 14th May 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) Letter from HS2 – Amended Bill, plans, sections and book of reference – passed to Cllr. Cole.
 - iii) Email from resident re footway Lant Close to Chamberlain Close. The clerk read out the email. Cllr. Burkinshaw will investigate and possibly take action to remove the grass overgrowth. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**
 - iv) Letter from John Taylor School – invitation to presentation evening. Two Cllrs volunteered to attend.
 - v) Email from SCC re Data Protection Services. This had been covered at many previous meetings. It was decided to take no further action. The clerk asked all Cllrs. to ensure any parish data was protected on their computers. **Action: All.**
 - vi) Email from external auditor re this year's return stating it had been received.
 - vii) Email from SCC re school crossing patrols. After discussion it was felt a further count should be done at the right time, that being between 8.15 and 8.30 and at the correct crossing point. Cllr. Browne to organise with 3 other Cllrs. **Action: Cllr. Browne.**
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. Current a/c as of 12/6/19 £43,897.93. Reserve a/c £9,252.70
 - ii) Payments Received. £16.33 interest. £1,006.90 VAT refund from last year. £34,995.15 from the KBVH Refurbishment Fund.
 - iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax inc. any postage stamps – total £593.05 b) Zurich Insurance - £521.28pa (3 year deal) c) ICO subscription - £40.00 d) Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £226.43 inc. vat e) RJK Construction – invoice 2 – Village Hall refurbishment work - £38,602.85 inc. vat f) Cllr. S. Browne – train fare to HS2 meeting in Stoke - £10.30

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

5. **To receive oral / written reports from County and District Councillors.**
 District Cllr. Marshall said that he had been elected for a further four year term. The turn-out was very low at only 24%. There is now a new Council leader and cabinet. A recent vote was taken to have the HS2 P2 preliminary works stopped and a letter sent to central government. No replies received. Regarding the Birmingham Road site redevelopment, the preliminary stages are on-going with 17 expressions of interest to undertake the master planning. The first stage will be the demolition of the old police station. A question was then asked about homeless in the city.
 County Cllr. Tittley then outlined to situation with social care. Cllr. Higgins expressed her grave concerns over the care situation and in particular how it is affecting at least one local parishioner but also others. Cllr. Tittley asked her to send him details via the clerk. **Actions: Cllr. Higgins and Clerk.**
 The chairman thanked the Cllrs. for their reports.
6. **To consider the latest HS2 issues and receive reports from Councillors.**
 Phase 1. Not much to report though Cllr. Tittley has had a further meeting with Balfour Beatty and was told that the Wood End Lane design would revert back to that originally proposed. No further information was forthcoming. Phase 2. HS2 are looking at option 7 regarding Crawley Lane – linking to a new roundabout on the A513 / A515 junction. A recent site visit was arranged to see the ground investigation work. More grant money is now available to local communities under phase 2. Add to next agenda. **Action: Clerk.** A recent meeting in Stoke with nine parishes but no county councils was held. Comment was made that the phase 2 work will commence once given parliamentary approval at the end of this year.
7. **To receive reports on current highway issues. (i) ANPR. (ii) Village entrance gateways. (iii) Speedwatch signs. (iv) Smartwater signs.** Cllr. Burkinshaw has met with ex Cllr. Ian Pritchard over these issues. There is a company in Lichfield that would like to discuss ANPR. Cllr. Tittley reiterated his concerns after what the police and ICO had said previously. It was agreed to set up a sub group to look at the four items above. The group will comprise Cllr. Burkinshaw, Howard, Cole and Browne.
8. **To receive reports on any public footpath or highway footway issues.**
 Damaged road side setts on Manor Road near junction with A513. Clerk to report to Highways. **Action: Clerk.** A report was received that the public footpath to the rear of the Strawberry Farm was totally blocked by nettles and brambles. Cllr. Burkinshaw will take photographs so the clerk can write to the land owner. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw and Clerk.**
9. **To consider introducing a policy ‘Use of Social Media and email by Cllrs’.**
 After discussion it was suggested by the clerk that he speaks to the council’s webmaster to look at options and to report to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**
10. **To receive a progress update on the Village hall refurbishment project.**
 Work is completed, bar snagging. Work has now commenced on the main hall, stairs and landing. The village hall committee are to pay for this. Main hall floor will be done after the official opening which is set for Saturday 15th June at 11am. The lobby has been painted as have the front doors – this being done free of charge by RJK. Fire safety policy checked. The LA building completion and electrical safety will be done tomorrow.
11. **To consider options to increase attendance at future Open Parish Meetings.**
 Comment was made by many that the present format of the open meeting is tiresome. It was suggested that in future any written reports received would be put on the website and not read out at the meeting. Anyone wishing to make a verbal report can still do so with a maximum time of 5 minutes being allowed.
12. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**
 The Clerk reiterated that all Cllrs. must make an election expenses claim even if it is nil.

Signed (Chairman) Date 10th July 2019.