

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Tuesday 10th July 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 Cllrs. R. Cox; N. Binney.

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

Public Session: Six members of the public were present and two police officers. All elected to speak under subsequent items.

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 7.
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 12th June 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. **To consider actions to help enforce the breaking of the weight restriction. (Tim Heminsley from SCC Highways may be in attendance).**
The turn restrictions have been in force since April. A 60% estimated reduction in lorries has been achieved but some drivers are still ignoring the laws. The police have been present and have issued tickets to offenders and prosecutions have gone ahead. These are often self-employed drivers. The police have limited resources and cannot take action based simply on photographs taken by the public. There are data protection issues around using CCTV. Police officer evidence is all the Crown Prosecution Service will use. They are not aware of any turn cameras in the country. All local haulage companies have been contacted and informed about the restrictions. It was felt that the police would be better targeting at certain times. Companies do not want to lose their operators licenses. Sat Navs are often not up to date. Cllr. Howard offered to be the single point of contact so that emails to the police can be channelled through him. Tim Heminsley said it may be possible to have a camera in future but only if the order becomes permanent and further signage on the A38 may be installed but it is very costly. The chairman requested a further working party meeting. Tim will arrange.
5. **Clerks Report.**
 - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
 - i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
 - ii) Email from Draycott in the Clay Parish Council. Members of the council were now present.
 - iii) Email from Air Ambulance regarding clothes bank – referred to Julie Bamber.
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. Current a/c as of 4/7/19 £11,037.82. Reserve a/c £952.70
 - ii) Payments Received. £34,995.15 from the KBVH Refurbishment Fund. Transfer of £9,000 from reserves to current. £5,899.66 VAT refund.
 - iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax inc. any postage stamps – total £584.28 b) SPCA training - £45.00 c) Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £271.72 d) Lichfield Tree Works - £648.00 inc vat e) Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting (June) - £271.72 f) Charles Cole – defibrillator pads - £74.28 inc vat.

- iv) Clerk to answer questions from Cllrs. regarding finance. The clerk explained the accounting processes and asked any Cllrs. who are unsure to speak to him directly.

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

Comment was made about the poor delivery of the recent training course. Clerk was requested to contact SPCA and to withhold payment until a reply is received. **Action: Clerk.** The grass in Leofric Close has been missed and that at the rear of the village hall is very long. Clerk to inform Perennial Landscapes. **Action: Clerk.**

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

District Cllr. Cox said that LDC has still not received a reply from Government about their concerns over HS2. The local drop-in centre no longer requires a grant from LDC.

The chairman thanked the Cllr. for his report.

7. To consider the latest HS2 issues and receive reports from Councillors.

Phase 1. Cllr. Browne is trying to arrange a meeting with HS2 and Balfour Beatty. He asked for approval to work with Cllr. Cole on both phases – this was given. Cllr. Cole has still not heard any more on the Common Lane issue nor has SCC. HS2 will be present at the Kings Bromley show on 13th July.

8. To consider possible grant claims from HS2 Phase 2.

It was thought that monies may be claimed to have the village hall car park maintained. The working group was asked to cost up the various repair options. **Action: Working Group.**

- 9. To receive reports on current highway issues. (i) ANPR.** Cllr. Burkinshaw has a meeting on 27th July with Geosprite in Lichfield where various options will be demonstrated. He will report back to the next meeting. **(ii) Village entrance gateways.** A local resident has offered to design the gateways. The question was asked as to whether Amey has to undertake the installation. It was thought not provided that the contractor complies with all relevant SCC highways rules. **(iii) Speedwatch signs.** It was proposed to take up an offer by Cllr. Tittley to have some 30mph stickers for the wheelie bins. Cllr. Howard will contact him. **(iv) Smartwater signs.** Cllr. Burkinshaw was given approval to put the signs up. All in favour. **(v) School Crossing Survey.** This will be undertaken in October.

10. To receive reports on any public footpath or highway footway issues.

Overgrown verges near Chamberlain Close will be cut back and a skip used for the spoil. Cllr. Burkinshaw was given the go-ahead to do this work. He will inform the clerk of the date. All in favour. Clerk to inform Highways. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw and Clerk.** Cllr. Burkinshaw referred to rubbish that is being openly burnt near the village. This comprises of old tyres and other plastic. This is an issue for LDC. The chairman will find out the name of the landowner. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

11. To consider options to increase awareness of parish council activity through the use of social media.

The clerk had previously circulated two sets of information provided to him by Eric Roy the council's webmaster. He suggested that all read these documents and that a decision on how to progress this to a conclusion is made at the next meeting. **Action: All Cllrs.**

12. To receive a progress update on the Village hall refurbishment project and the sale of bricks.

Only the main hall floor and staircase is left to do. This will be paid for by the Village Hall Committee. RJK final invoice was passed to the Clerk. it shows a 2.5% retention for 2 months. This is to cover the cost of any snags found. An item about the bricks needs to be on the August agenda. A shelf in the kitchen needs to be moved – RJK to sort. Cllr. Higgins said that she felt embarrassed by the speech given by the Chairman at the opening ceremony as she felt he made negative comments about her skills. She asked that he be mindful in future, when making public speeches, about other Councillors. The chairman apologised to her. Perennial

Landscapes has been asked to give a price for levelling part of the grass area at the rear of the hall. Debate ensued around the need for an area where a marquee can be erected. Further grants are available – Cllr. Burkinshaw will pass details to Cllr. Higgins who stated that there has been nothing suitable at the moment.

13. To consider social care issues as they affect the parish

Cllr. Higgins said her query raised at the last meeting was now resolved.

14. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Higgins attended a course on modern day slavery which was very thought provoking. She said that everyone ought to be aware of this as it affects fruit pickers, car washers and many others. Twelve have been arrested locally for running slavery operations. Cllr. Browne asked that the litter / dog waste bins are disinfected. Clerk to speak to LDC. **Action: Clerk.** The Christmas tree lights are in a poor state of repair. Cllr. Burkinshaw to obtain prices for several options. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** Cllr. Crawley attended a LAG meeting at Colton.

Signed (Chairman) Date 10th July 2019.