

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Wednesday 14th August 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; Mrs. G. Pitchford.
County Cllr. M. Tittley. District Cllr. T. Marshall.

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

Public Session: One member of the public was present and elected to speak during the meeting.

1. Apologies and approval of absence.

Cllrs. S. Browne (bereavement); J. Burkinshaw (business); Mrs. J. Higgins (holiday).

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. Tittley intimated that he may become involved in HS2 through his private work but that this was uncertain at present.

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 10th July 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) CPRE – letter clarifying their purpose and broaden appeal – placed in circulation file.
- iii) Email from Cllr. Higgins re correction to minutes. The chairman had approved the correction by email to the clerk and this was made prior to the meeting.
- iv) Letter from Mrs. Pollard re Kings Bromley voluntary car share scheme. The clerk read the letter out. After discussion it was thought that Cllr. Higgins may take on the role as organiser of the scheme. She will be asked. If no one is found then an advert will be placed locally. Clerk to write to Mrs. Pollard thanking her for undertaking the role for so many years. Cllr. Crawley said he may be able to help if no one else does. More drivers are required. Clerk to determine names of existing volunteers. **Action: Clerk.**
- v) Email from Mazers the external auditor asking for clarification on some figures. The clerk said that this information had already been supplied to them and they did eventually acknowledge receiving it.
- vi) Email from Ian Pritchard regarding the Christmas tree. He mailed to remind council that last year's tree was from a local nursey and that, if a tree is sourced elsewhere this year then that nursery ought to be informed. Clerk to contact possible supplier of this year's tree and to inform nursery that a tree will not be required. **Action: Clerk.**
- vii) Email from landowner at rear of open space in Leofric close in response to a letter written to her regarding a reported diseased lime tree. The landowner has instructed her own tree surgeon to remove some of the heavier branches. Clerk to ensure that when the tree is next inspected that the reported disease has not affected the stability further. **Action: Clerk.**

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. The clerk said he had transferred £9,000 back to the reserve account (this amount being moved to the current account originally to cover any cheques issues during the village hall refurbishment). Current a/c as of 14/8/19 £18,380.17. Reserve a/c £9,252.70. He said that projection to year end indicated a spend of approx. £7,500 and this would leave approx. £10,800 in the current account. He said that the auditors recommended a council only holds 15% of its precept as unallocated reserves.
- ii) Payments Received. £21,004.00 from the KBVH Refurbishment Fund. £7,845.86 VAT refund on building work. £170.16 from Kings Bromley voluntary car share scheme (cheque now banked).
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax inc. any postage stamps – total £553.45 b) Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £271.72 inc. vat c) Annual donations to KB PCC, KB Gardening Guild and KB Village Hall Committee - £250, £150 and £55.

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

The chairman said that £1,400 remained in the Village Hall refurbishment account. The sale of 'bricks' will end next week. The village had again won the best kept village and will receive a £200 prize. Two posters from local children had also won a prize. Mention was made of the poor acoustics in the main hall and Cllr. Crawley said he would look into a solution. **Action: Cllr. Crawley.**

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

District Cllr. Marshall thanked all that had opened their gardens recently. He was told that £2,200 was raised. There has been a huge public reaction to the proposed closure of Friary Grange leisure centre. The plan now is to keep it open and re assess over the next 3 to 5 years when a new complex may be built. The local plan is being re submitted. The LDC needs to deliver space for a set number of houses a few of which will be in Kings Bromley. He has had correspondence with Liz Davis of HS2. He met Boris Johnson (new Prime Minister) and told him that LDC was against the HS2 scheme. The recent ITV news programme on HS2 was very good.

County Cllr. Tittley said that he was keen to get central government to enact new laws that would allow the provinces to install ANPR / CCTV to monitor vehicles.

The chairman thanked the Cllrs. for their reports.

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

Phase 2. Cllr. Cole said the Hybrid Bill was debated in the Commons and passed to The Lords. HS2 attended the Kings Bromley Show. A meeting is scheduled for late September with Liz Davis and Chris Humphreys. The Notice to Proceed on phase 1 has still not been issued. There is no more information on Common Lane.

7. To receive reports on current highway issues. (i) ANPR.

Cllr. Pitchford spoke on behalf of Cllr. Burkinshaw. The chairman and he had met with a company locally that has hi tech surveillance equipment that will recognise and report number plates. The company will do this work as a one-off but a high quality camera will be required. The cost of this will be looked at once the specification is known. **Action: Cllr. Howard.** YTAG has installed a camera that anyone with permission can view through the internet. No reply has been received from letters written to the police (Kevin Royce) despite saying they would supply details. Clerk to now write directly to Chief Inspector Smith stating that a FOI request would be made. **Action: Clerk.** The local PCSO has been to see local companies to inform them of the restrictions. Cllr. Tittley reiterated that the police cannot justify a local ANPR camera. **(ii) Village entrance gateways.** No further progress. **(iii) Speedwatch signs and iv) Smartwater signs.** These should be erected this coming Saturday. **(v) School Crossing Survey.** This will be undertaken in October.

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

Work on verges overgrowing the footways will be done on 31st August. Volunteers are required. Clerk has informed SCC Highways (Tim Heminsley). A skip will be required. It was suggested

that Cllr. Burkinshaw uses a local firm that he deals with. Clerk to mail him to suggest this.

Action: Clerk. For the record, it was explained that footways run adjacent to the road and that footpaths cross open fields.

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

It was felt that option 3 as supplied by webmaster Mr Roy was the best one to pursue. This will mean setting up a dedicated Facebook page. Cllr. Pitchford offered to do this and to administer it. **Action: Cllr. Pitchford.** That page, once set up will then be linked to the website at a cost of around £50.

10. To receive a progress update on the sale of bricks.

Sales will close next week. It will be 2 to 3 weeks before the bricks are delivered. Gift aid will then be claimed. Clerk to do this when instructed. Village Hall organisations that donated will have a brick in their name. The refurbishment account will then be closed.

11. To receive updates from Councillors / Clerk on the following issued raised at the last meeting – Christmas tree lights, verge overgrowth, burning of rubbish, training courses, grass cutting and waste bin disinfecting.

It was considered that the lights are now not worth repairing again. A new set will cost £200 to £300 depending on type. Cllr. Burkinshaw will obtain estimates. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** Verge overgrowth was covered above. Rubbish – the chairman has spoken to a local land owner and an undertaken given that no toxic waste will be burnt in future (this being placed by others on the bonfire without permission). The clerk said that SPCA had waived the training course fee and that the area of grass missed in Leofric Close was attended to straight away. Discussion took place around disinfecting the dog waste bins. The clerk said that LDC will spray the bins at a cost of around £2 a time. This will amount to the 2 bins in Crawley Lane and Manor Road costing about an additional £200 a year. It was agreed to go ahead. All in favour. Clerk to contact LDC. **Action: Clerk.**

12. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

None.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed (Chairman) Date 10th July 2019.