

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 11th March 2015 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Mr. G. Seddon (Chairman); I. M. P. Pritchard; S. Browne; Mrs. M. Gair; A. Howard; W. Taylor.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)

Members of the public present: District Cllrs. Tom Marshall and Richard Cox.
PCSO Tracy Horton.

Public Session: This took place between 7.45 and 8.10pm.

Cllr. Taylor reported an issue with low manhole covers along Alrewas Road. Clerk to report to Highways. Cllr. Pritchard then introduced District Cllrs. Cox and Marshall who represent Armitage and Handsacre, the ward to which Kings Bromley now belongs (following the recent Boundary Commission review). Cllr. Pritchard will no longer represent Kings Bromley but will be a councillor for Longdon. PCSO Horton reported on one incident since early February, that being the theft of a horse trailer. She said that more PCSO are being recruited and advised anyone wanting to contact the police to dial 101. The chairman thanked the PCSO for attending. She left the meeting at 8pm.

1. Apologies and approval of absence.

Cllrs. S. Holland (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.

Cllrs. Browne on item 8 – HS2. The chairman asked that interests be declared if something else occurs subsequently.

b) Clerk to report any written requests for dispensations in respect of items on this agenda.

The clerk has received a written dispensation request from Cllr. Taylor as he owns land that may be affected by HS2. This was noted.

3. To resolve that the minutes of the Kings Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 11th February 2015 are a correct record.

Three minor amendments were requested. Item 4 ii) should read one of the schools has no head teacher. Item 4 iii) Only Cllr. Browne was to attend. Item 11 – it was agreed at the last meeting that the council would make a donation to the Horticultural Society for the hire of their display boards. (See under item 9 below). Clerk to raise cheque. **Action: Clerk**
With the above amendments made, it was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the minutes be signed as a true record. All were in favour.

4. Clerks Report.

a) To consider correspondence received.

- i) SPCA news – 4 issues. Placed in circulation file.
- ii) Letter from SCC regarding Community Paths Initiative. Placed in circulation file.
- iii) NALC Legal Topic Note re Parish Meetings. Placed in circulation file.
- iv) Flier – PCC – posters regarding funding. It was thought that funding may be requested to purchase a demountable speed indicator unit. After discussion it was felt that this may involve someone in much work moving the signs and unit around. Cllr. Tittley offered to see if he could get a permanent unit installed on the A513 as vehicles leave the village.
- v) Email from Julie Bamber regarding Village Hall covenants. This had been received in response to an email sent to her in December 2014. Her reply confirmed that the covenants had been met.
- vi) Letter from HS2 Ltd re Additional Land requirements. Clerk read out contents.
- vii) Flier regarding speed indicator signs – covered in iv) above.
- viii) Email from Cllr. Mike Wilcox from LDC regarding Fradley Transport meeting on 19th March. Cllrs. Tittley, Pritchard and Browne to attend.

- ix) Letter from Mr John Middleton regarding HCV traffic passing through the village and others along the A515. Clerk to reply informing Mr. Middleton of the progress being made. **Action: Clerk**
- x) Email from Mrs Amanda Petchey regarding Assets of Community Value in particular having the local public house listed. Cllr. Pritchard will contact her. **Action. Cllr. Pritchard.**

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. The clerk said the current account stands at £1,436.37 and the reserve account at £15,479.56 as of 26/1/15. Un-cleared cheques totalled £722.26.
- ii) Payments Received. Unknown.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary £294.63 b) Expenses £69.21 (£3.18 postage stamps) c) HMRC £73.80 d) Eric Roy – web site maintenance - £130.00 e) Donation to Horticultural Society for hire of display boards - £10.00.

Cllr. Pritchard asked about the amounts shown in Appendix B to the Agenda, in particular the breakdown of payments to the clerk. Cllr. Gair assured him that she checked these payments each month.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Howard that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.

- xi) To adopt the revised Financial Regulations as distributed previously. Cllr. Gair proposed adoption and this was seconded by Cllr. Browne. All in favour. Clerk to add document to council procedures and policies. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllr. Tittley said the attempt to get a weight restriction on the A515 was progressing but depends upon all three affected parishes making a petition to SCC. He said he has no influence on other Districts. The best way would be for each parish to submit its own petition. Cllr. Pritchard was disappointed with the efforts of Draycott in the Clay and Yoxall but has assurances that the latter will make an effort to raise a petition but this would not be done in time for SCC meeting on 19th March. After discussion it was felt it better to wait until the County Council meet on 21st May. This was agreed. Cllr. Browne now has over 600 signatures from Kings Bromley with more to be collected. The chairman thanked everyone involved for their efforts. Cllr. Pritchard said he had nothing to report at this stage but remained very busy on District Council work.

6. Appointment of Flood Officer.

The clerk has not heard from Mr. Boswell despite several contacts. He will ring him to ascertain if he remains interested in the role. **Action: Clerk.**

7. To consider on-going highway and footpath issues.

a) Highway Issues.

This had been covered in discussion above concerning traffic on the local A class roads. Cllr. Tittley has been attempting to get the verge side white lines reinstated on the Alrewas Road but is informed that it not Government policy any longer as research has shown that they only increase traffic speed. A solution may be to request a cycle lane on each side and he will look into this.

b) Footpath Issues.

Clerk not heard back from SCC Ranger service about the issues recently reported. Cllr. Tittley said the service is undergoing changes at the moment and this may cause a delay.

8. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Browne attended a meeting on 3rd March with the local action group and HS2. The line will now only cross the canal once and will pass under the A38 at Streethay. Most of the line now to be at ground level. The final line is still not now defined. There is a further meeting on 18th March when more on this should be known.

- 9. **To receive a report on the recent public presentation of Council activities.**
Cllr Howard said that only one person attended during the six hour session, which was disappointing. He thanked Cllrs. Pritchard and Browne for helping out. It was proposed by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. Browne that a donation of £10 is made to the Horticultural Society for use of their display boards. Cllr. Howard declared an interest as he is a member of the Society. All the remainder were in favour.
- 10. **To receive a report on the files in archive storage at Elmhurst.**
The clerk said he was still waiting to obtain a set of keys to the hall and would take stock of the situation once he had access. **Action: Clerk.**
- 11. **To consider Councillor's reports – for information only.**
None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.21pm.

Signed (Chairman / Vice Chairman) Date 8th April 2015.