

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 8th July 2015 commencing at 7.45pm at Kings Bromley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); I. M. P. Pritchard; S. Browne; Mrs. M. Gair;
Mrs. J. Higgins; W. Taylor; S. Holland.
County Cllr. M. Tittley; Dist. Cllr. Tom Marshall.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)
11 Members of the public were also present and 2 PCSO's.

Public Session: This took place between 7.45 and 8.05pm.

A report from the PCSO Shaddick was presented. She said she is one of three PCSO serving the parish. She reported incidents that had occurred in the area recently. The main local issue revolves around speeding vehicles but she said that the speed camera van had been present on 2 occasions in the last month. Cllr. Pritchard asked if a report had been made about a broken window at the empty property opposite his home. No report had been made. He will report this to LDC as the building is listed. The chairman then thanked the police officers for attending.

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 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 had received a written on-going 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 General Meeting held on 10th June 2015 are a correct record.**
These had been distributed previously. One correction was highlighted and amended in the minutes – item 7 should have read that the HS2 meeting was to do with the parish council. With this amendment 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. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office by newly co-opted Councillors.**
Cllrs. Higgins and Holland signed the declaration and this was witnessed by the clerk.
5. **Clerks Report.**
 - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
 - i) SPCA news – 3 issues. Placed in circulation file.
 - ii) Letter from Mr Middleton re traffic issues and HCVs. This was read out by the clerk. As it was copied to the council for information no further action was required.
 - iii) Letter from SCC re changes to mobile library services. The clerk read out the relevant contact information to enable those concerned to make a response.
 - iv) Letter from SCC re winter maintenance and survey. Clerk to liaise with chairman to make a reply to their questionnaire. **Action: Clerk and Cllr. Howard.**
 - v) Flier re Queens Award for Voluntary Services. This was placed in the circulation file.
 - vi) Email from Mr van Dijk re traffic speeds. Clerk read out email and was asked to make a suitable reply. **Action: Clerk.**
 - vii) Letter from HS2 – meeting notes. Placed in circulation file.
 - viii) Tickets to John Taylor presentation evening. These were passed to Cllrs. Browne and Howard who had offered to attend.
 - ix) Letter re invitation to the BKV presentation evening. This was passed to Cllr. Howard who may attend.

- x) Email re minerals extraction. This was read out by the clerk and would be considered under item 9.
- xi) Letter from Mr Gilmour re this year's poppy appeal. Placed on next agenda.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. The clerk said that as of 26/6/15 the current account stands at £10,306.40 and the reserve account at £14,284.61
- ii) Payments Received. Current account interest of £1.93
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £439.04 b) R B Hayward – grass cutting - £276.00 c) FOSSA tithe map digitisation donation - £80.00 d) SPCA – Cllr. Training - £20.00 e) Fairview arborists – fell tree in Lanes Close - £100.00
Cllr. Gair proposed and Cllr. Browne seconded that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.
- iv) To consider the option to have a single bank signatory. The clerk stated he was not in favour of this. The suggestion was dropped.
- v) End of 1st Quarter financial statement. This had been circulated previously. The clerk ran through the figures and said that Cllr. Gair had undertaken a thorough check and all was in order. The revised budget estimate to the year-end showed an excess of income over expenditure of £565.00

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

Cllr. Marshall had no report to make but was unaware that one may be requested. Cllr. Tittley commented on the recently submitted HCV petition. This has been presented to the Select Committee (Prosperous) and he expects the council to be invited along to SCC in around 6 weeks time. Cllr. Browne added that the parish will be working alongside Yoxall PC to note which lorry companies are passing through the villages, with a view to writing to their head offices about the health and safety issues of such vehicles using these roads. Cllr. Tittley continued and made a point that everyone should contact SCC about their mobile library service. The clerk was asked to add the information to the web site and place a notice in the parish magazine. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr. Browne reminded everyone that the new bus service was not being used and that we all should use it or lose it.

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

a) Highway Issues. (i) Service road by the war memorial – update.

The chairman said that he had been making enquiries as to who 'owned' the lay-by behind the war memorial but so far had drawn a blank. He thought it probably belonged to the church. He has written to the Wardens who passed his letter to the Reverend. He in turn wrote to the Diocese. The chairman will write to the Post Office regarding their equipment being located here.

(ii) Other.

No issues.

b) Footpath Issues.

None reported.

8. To receive an update on HS2.

Cllr. Gair said there had been various meetings of late between LDC, SCC and HS2 regarding AP2. There has been a slight change in the route. The petition date is between 17/7 and 14/8. The environmental statement is available between 17/7 and 27/8. SCC will monitor closely. It is not possible to appeal against this as it has not yet been published. Cllr. Marshall said that the TM Major Projects Authority had said HS2 was not a good project and he is optimistic it will not happen as the costs escalate.

9. To consider Staffs County Council Minerals Local Plan – final draft.

The chairman said that all Councillors had received a copy of the letter and plans and they showed the village surrounded by a sea of pink. The last minerals plan had three distinct proposals west of the A38. This latest proposal in effect blights properties in part of the village.

The consultation ends on 31/7. Members of the public present commented on the plan, making reference to the dust, heavy lorries and the fact the plan shows the boundary right next to houses. It was suggested that all those concerned make their feelings known by contacting Matt Griffin at SCC or through the SCC portal on the internet. There will be a presentation by SCC at Alrewas British Legion Club at 7pm on 20/7. The chairman then read out a proposed response he had written on behalf of the council. The issue would appear that deposits east of the A38 are worked out then the plan gives the right to begin extraction to the west. The chairman thought that mitigation was a solution but that the search area as published was a major issue. Cllr. Pritchard likened the plan to that prepared by LDC local plan. SCC has put together a sound plan otherwise the inspector will question it. The new plan is basically a reworking of the old one. It was then proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the letter as drafted and read out by the chairman be sent to SCC. All were in favour of this action. It was suggested that a copy also be added to the web site. A question was asked as to how many use the site. Clerk to determine. **Action: Clerk.**

Comment was made that replies had to be made through the SCC web site and it was pointed out that this is exclusive practise and should not be permitted.

10. To consider the PCC People Power Fund and the SPACE initiative.

The chairman asked the clerk for more details on this subject and deferred it to the next meeting.

11. To allocate areas of councillor responsibilities.

The chairman ran through the various areas. Names were allocated and the clerk will update the record sheet which will be published on the web site as part of the transparency regulations.

Action: Clerk.

12. To discuss options to recognise a 'local hero'.

The chairman said he wished to withdraw this proposal but referred to the correspondence regarding the Queens Award and mentioned a village group that might be considered.

13. To consider councils archive storage.

The chairman and clerk had been to the present storage in Elmhurst. It is proposed that these files be brought over to the storage facility at Kings Bromley village hall where it can be sorted out. The floor loading is not a problem. There are also some interesting documents in the safe and these can also be stored upstairs. Cllr. Pritchard proposed and Cllr. Gair seconded that this process be initiated and that the council makes a one off payment of £500 to the Historians for them to store the files until the lease on the hall ends in 28 years-time. Cllr. Howard declared an interest in this item. Six in favour and one abstention. Clerk to raise cheque at next meeting.

Action: Clerk.

14. To consider Councillor's reports – for information only.

Cllr. Browne repeated his comments about making use of the local bus service or it will be lost.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 12th August 2015.