

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 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); S. Browne; S. Holland; I. Pritchard; Mrs. M. Gair; Mrs. J. Higgins; County Cllr. M. Tittley; District Cllr. Tom Marshall.

**In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)  
3 Members of the public were also present: S. Threlfall, B. Stoney, Joy Fielding.

### **Public Session: This took place between 7.45 and 7.50pm.**

Mr. Threlfall from Orgeave spoke with regards to the Staffs County Council Minerals Plan which has now gone to the Secretary of State. An inspector has been appointed and Mr Threlfall will be addressing him. Alrewas is to set up a working party and he is seeking the support of Kings Bromley PC. Professionals will be also be appointed to help. More was discussed under item 8 below.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**  
District Cllr. Richard Cox.
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 – 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.**  
None received.
3. **To resolve that the minutes of the Kings Bromley Parish Council General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 are a correct record.**  
These had been distributed previously. Three amendments were identified. Item 5 b v: this should have read 5% not 2%. Clerk had made a 5% bid. Item 5 b iv: the sentence beginning 'Two names ..' should appear after the last sentence. Item 10: the action should have read Cllr. Higgins not Holland. With these amendments made and initialled by the chairman, 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) Email – Kings Bromley Show Society – reply to letter re using Society field for parking. The Society would not allow the field to be used for local parking. Clerk to contact school and local resident who had requested disabled parking. **Action: Clerk.**
    - iii) Email – Lichfield Tree Works re cost of works as per their report. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard that the lime tree be felled and the work to the other trees as outlined in the quote is undertaken. A replacement tree will be sourced. Clerk to contact Lichfield Tree Works. **Action: Clerk.**
    - iv) Advice note re external audit arrangements and costs. The clerk reported that he understands there will be no cost if Council opts-in to the new service. This was agreed.
    - v) Email re request for school crossing patrol and results of SCC survey – circulated previously. Clerk to ask for the survey to be undertaken again and to copy request to Cllr. Tittley. **Action: Clerk.**
    - vi) Email from LDC re casual vacancy. See under 4.b.iv below.

### **b) Finance.**

Initial:

- i) Financial Statement. As of 26/1/14 the current account stands at £4,327.46 and the reserve account at £14,289.17
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £447.91 b) Best Kept Village entry fee £46.75 c) Lichfield Tree Works – report on tree condition - £400.00. Cllr. Browne proposed and Cllr. Gair seconded that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.
- iv) To consider filling the casual vacancy on the council. No applications were made by the set date and Council is now free to co-opt a new Councillor. Cllr. Higgins to speak to a possible interested resident and report to the clerk. **Action: Cllr. Higgins.**

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

County Cllr. Tittley said the outcome from the HCV petition would be published in March. Mineral extraction issues will be covered under item 8 below. The request to extend the yellow roadside lines in Crawley Lane is unlikely to succeed as a TRO is required and these are limited and expensive.

District Cllr. Marshall mentioned that Rugeley Power Station was to close and this would have a huge impact on local business and a loss of £6m to CCDC. The Police and Crime Commissioner role is due to be elected again. Several consultations are available on the LDC web site. He reminded residents not to leave car keys near to the front door of houses as they are being targeted and cars stolen.

The chairman thanked both Councillors' for their reports.

**6. To consider on-going highway and footpath issues.**

- a) **Highway Issues.** i) Extension of yellow lines in Crawley Lane. Cllr. Tittley said that the request to extend the yellow roadside lines in Crawley Lane is unlikely to succeed as a TRO is required and these are limited and expensive. Clerk to inform Show Society. **Action: Clerk.** The chairman reported that he and the Council's flood officer Rob Boswell had undertaken a survey of road gullies in the village and found that of the 179 located, 20% were blocked. He passed the maps to Cllr. Tittley who will copy them and return to the Clerk.
- b) **Footpath issues.** Cllr. Higgins said instances of dog fouling were on the increase. Clerk to put notices in Parish Magazine and web site and to inform LDC. **Action: Clerk.**

**7. To receive an update on HS2.**

Cllr. Browne reported that the Select Committee had listened to the many petitions – one group presented for over 4 hours and the committee could not answer all the questions and this may cause a delay. There was a good attendance to the meeting in the village on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Media Home Industries are advertising the presence of HSUK and will be making all MPs aware of the economic alternative to HS2. SCC has undertaken to listen to Council's concerns with regards to the heavy lorries that will be using local roads during construction.

**8. To consider possible future actions with regards to the SCC Minerals Plan.**

Cllr. Tittley reported that the hearing will be held over 8 days. The contact at SCC is Amanda Willis. If the major housing developments east of the A38 happen then this will force mineral extraction to the west of the road. Mr. Threlfall added that a working party was being set up locally and they will be looking at facts and seeking professional advice. He said there are other areas in the County that could be used for gravel extraction and these need to be considered. He asked if anyone from this parish would like to become involved. Cllr. Browne volunteered. A request for a financial contribution may be made.

**9. To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.**

Cllrs. Higgins, Gair and Browne have met again and proposed that a group be formed from parishioners. Cllr. Pritchard said that this should be community led. Clerk to put notices in the parish magazine and web site. **Action: Clerk.**

10. **To consider adopting the BT phone box.**  
The chairman said this will cost £1 and to have a defibrillator installed a further £1500 to £1750. Following the Lichfield Road development, some funding could come from section 106 money. This to be placed on agenda for March meeting. Clerk to place notice in parish magazine and web site. **Action: Clerk.**
11. **To adopt the new version of the Councils Standing Orders.**  
Cllr. Browne said he thought the wording should always contain he / she not just he. Clerk to amend. It was proposed by Cllr. Browne and seconded by Cllr. Gair that the Standing Orders as presented be adopted. All in favour. **Action: Clerk.**
12. **To receive a report on outcomes from the Village Hall Management Committee AGM.**  
Items 12 and 13 were taken together. Cllr. Gair reported that there are plans to improve the hall but that repairs to the roof are required first. These will cost around £10k inc. vat. The internal alterations / improvements will be a further £40k to £45k. The chairman said the lease runs out in 2034 and that the parish council has a duty to keep the building in a good state of repair. The Hall Committee has some funds but not enough to pay for the internal improvements. Cllr. Pritchard thought the roof should be repaired first. It was suggested that a working group be formed and 3 quotes for the roof repair obtained from local builders. Funding may come by way of grants from HS2 who has a fund for use by local communities or the Village Hall Association. This will be investigated. The working group will be formed by Cllrs. Higgins, Gair and Browne and Cllr Pritchard will join in if he is able due to his other Council commitments.
13. **To consider options to manage the ‘Village Hall Improvement’ accounts.**  
As above.
14. **To consider Council’s working practices.**  
The clerk asked if Councillors thought if any improvements to the way the council was administered could be made. All were pleased with the way the administration was undertaken.
15. **To consider Councillor’s reports – for information only.**  
Cllr. Browne said he thought the council should be represented on the Yoxall Doctors Practice Patients Group. It was thought that this is not a parish council issue.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.