

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 9th March 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; I. Pritchard; Mrs. M. Gair;
Mrs. J. Higgins; N. Lee.
County Cllr. M. Tittley; District Cllr. Richard Cox.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk)
1 Members of the public was also present: R. Griffiths.

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

Mr. Nigel Lee, who is interested in being co-opted to the Council, spoke and confirmed his willingness to stand. He gave a brief resume of his experience and said he knew the late Bill Taylor well and is interested in village life and the issues that face the parish.

The chairman then asked Mr Lee to retire while Council discussed his application. See under item 4b iv below. Mr Lee returned to the room and the chairman thanked him for attending and confirmed that he had been unanimously elected.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**

District Cllr. Tom Marshall. Cllr. S. Holland (work commitment)

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 10th February 2016 are a correct record.**

These had been distributed previously. 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 – 3 issues. Placed in circulation file.
- ii) Flier re HM Queen commemorative medal – this to be taken under item 12.
- iii) SCC re Community Paths Initiative. Cllr. Holland, the Council's footpath representative, will be contacted to see if he is aware of any issues affecting stiles / kissing gates. **Action: Clerk.**
- iv) Email from SCC re Manor Park quarry. Item 8 and 14 below.
- v) Email from local resident re lack of street lighting on Lichfield Road. To be added to next agenda. **Action: Clerk.**

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. As of 26/1/16 (no new statement) the current account (estimated) stands at £3,363.80 and the reserve account at £14,289.17
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, Expenses and income tax – total £444.20 b) R B Hayward – grass cut £138.00 c) Lichfield Tree Works – fell and prune trees - £850.00. d) E Roy – web site maintenance and hosting - £130.00. 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. Mr. Lee was elected, signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the other Councillors at the table. Clerk to inform LDC. **Action: Clerk.**

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 late March. He then read out an email concerning the possible cessation of grass cutting on highways from 2018/19. This might become a parish council operation. SPCA is hosting a meeting on 12th April. Clerk to find out more information. **Action: Clerk.**
He then went on to re iterate that most of the County Council finances are now being used on social care.
District Cllr. Cox said moves had been made to tidy up the area at The Wharf by the end of the month.
The chairman thanked both Councillors' for their reports.
6. **To consider on-going highway and footpath issues.**
a) **Highway Issues.** i) Parking issues in the village centre. Cllr. Higgins expressed her concerns about the lack of parking for local residents once the new Co Op store is being built. Residents are unable to park on the roads as this causes obstructions. After discussion it was felt that these issues often resolve themselves and that people find alternative places. The council will monitor the situation when the building work commences. The village hall car park can be used during the night time. Cllr. Tittley said that portable speed indicator devices are now operational and were helping to slow traffic. The new 40mph zones will be in place once an appeal has been heard. Cllr. Browne asked if and when the white verge lines would be painted on the Alrewas Road. He confirmed they will be done and keeps pressing Highways.
b) **Footpath issues.** Cllr. Higgins said instances of dog fouling were still evident despite public notices being placed. Clerk to ask LDC to attend to monitor and also to purchase signs to be placed locally. **Action: Clerk.**
7. **To receive an update on HS2.**
Cllr. Browne reported that the HSUK has appointed Media Holdings International to act in presenting their case to use the existing rail network. The National Audit Office is already looking at the amount spent so far by HS2 and questioning the number of employees they have. SCC will hear concerns regarding traffic impact as HS2 say they are the ones to approach.
8. **To consider possible future actions with regards to the SCC Minerals Plan.**
Cllr. Howard said that the inspector would be looking at the SCC plan on 30 / 31 March and 1 April. Anyone who wished to speak at the hearing needed to let the inspector know by 5th March. Cllr. Browne will also attend along with Cllr. Howard. He asked for sanction to speak on behalf of the council. Much debate followed, mainly about the area of search and how he felt it had blighted parts of the village. Comment was made that the details of any future excavation would be made known if and when a planning application is made. If he attends, he wishes to make it known to the inspector that the council is concerned that the area of search is shown along the boundary of the village. Council gave approval for him and Cllr. Browne to attend and represent it. They will report back to the next meeting. **Actions: Cllr. Howard and Browne.**
9. **To consider a proposal for a new site for the village cricket club.**
Cllr. Holland and Howard attended a recent meeting with the club and a local landowner. A parcel of land to the east of Crawley Lane has been offered to the club so that a new field can be constructed. The Horticultural Society is in favour of the idea as it may preserve their show field and parking. This would release the existing cricket ground for development and possibly another field to the east of Crawley Lane.
10. **To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Sub Group.**
The clerk said he had received no interest from parishioners in helping with this, despite adverts being placed. The plan would be backed by the council but worked upon by parishioners but must sit alongside the LDC local plan. After debate it was suggested that a further advertising campaign be launched. Clerk to place notices etc. **Action: Clerk.**

- 11. To consider adopting the BT phone box.**
The chairman said this will cost around £1500 for the equipment. He now needs to check that a suitable electricity supply is available and will report to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**
- 12. To consider options to celebrate HM Queen 90th birthday.**
Cllr. Pritchard said the council / parishioners ought to do everything to celebrate or nothing – no halfway house. Comment was made that anyone can organise a street party – it is not just up to the council. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Howard that the council does not get involved, this was seconded by Cllr. Gair. A second proposal was made by Cllr. Higgins and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the council does promote an event of some kind. A vote was taken on the second proposal – 2 were in favour and four against. A vote on the first proposal was 4 in favour and 2 against. The council would not back any involvement in a celebration. It was suggested that the Village Hall Committee be approached to see if they are planning anything. Clerk to contact. **Action: Clerk.**
- 21.45 The chairman extended the meeting by a further 15 minutes.
- 13. To further consider Village Hall Improvements and financing.**
Regarding the roof repairs, Cllr. Browne has approached several roofing companies and awaits quotes. He will report to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Browne.**
- 14. To consider attendance at the Central Rivers Initiative workshop.**
Cllr. Howard said this is about transforming the Trent Valley landscape and is a joint venture between many local Councils in the valley. The meeting is on 10th March. He intends to introduce ideas to develop with Manor Park quarry for the benefit of the parish. He will attend along with Cllr. Browne and report to the next meeting. All were in favour of this.
- 15. To approve progression of the Clerk to the next salary point on the pay scale.**
It was proposed by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. Gair that he is allowed to progress. All in favour.
- 16. To consider Councillor report – for information only.**
The Open Parish Meeting will be held at 8pm on 20th April. Clerk to add to next agenda. **Action: Clerk.**
Cllr. Browne said he had heard that the fire service would take 20 minutes to reach the village. Cllr Howard said that the archive in the village hall would be officially opened at 6pm on 13th April.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 13th April 2016.