

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 12th November, 2008, at 7.30pm in
Kings Bromley Village Hall

Present:- Cllr I M P Pritchard (Chair); Cllr S R Browne; Cllr Mrs M K Gair; Cllr S Holland;
Cllr Mrs P Jarman; Cllr G C Seddon; Cllr W A Taylor

In attendance: Mrs S Buxton (Clerk) and from South Staffs Water:- Keith Marshall –
Supply and Resources Director; Rachel Barber – Director of Distribution; Colin Wayper –
Director of Network Management

Mr Marshall opened the meeting with an explanation of the roles of the people present. Mr Wayper is responsible for the underground pipes, Ms Barber takes responsibility for the distribution and he is responsible for the actual water itself.

During the last 6 weeks they have visited all properties in the village to check the water pressure.

At the boundary most properties have 4 bar and flow rates of 30 m per minute, which means that the regulatory standard has been achieved easily, sometimes by four times the required level. There have been some problems identified, such as partially closed stop taps and some other issues on individual supply pipes which remain outstanding. These are the responsibility of the homeowners. Where properties share pipes this will affect the pressure but they can be replaced and if individual owners wish to contact South Staffs Water they will look at each case individually and give assistance where possible.

South Staffs Water has been in contact with the boiler manufacturers to regarding requirements for water pressure which are all below the pressure being supplied. They all stated that the boiler should be the first connection to the water supply in any property.

With the findings of South Staffs Water's investigations there is no requirement to increase the water pressure, however, if people are still experiencing individual problems South Staffs Water are very happy to investigate the problems further.

Questions raised by the public:-

- How can residents be sure that the pressure in the pipes remain at a constant pressure? *South Staffs Water monitor supply to the village constantly through meter at the village entry and a pressure measurement at the end of the village. This equipment takes a reading every 15 minutes. The present readings show that since the installation of the pressure reducing valve at Bradbury Lane, the supply to the village has been much more constant*
- Since the last meeting a resident has noticed that pressure seems to have fallen and they have a combi boiler and you cannot use washing machine when having a shower or vice versa and the toilet does not always flush. The resident affected had had a plumber who says there is nothing wrong. *The toilet should always flush if the cistern is full*
- Another resident is experiencing similar problems when he cannot use the shower when someone else wants to run a tap or flush the toilet.
- Have all the leaks in the village been attended to, e.g the one at the junction of Manor Walk and Manor Road? *South Staffs Water has tested the water at this leak and it is not water from South Staffs Water, so could be from the main sewer or a*

spring. This is a matter for SCC. The readings from the measurements taken by South Staffs Water suggest there is a very low level of leakage and certainly no major bursts in the village

- Cllr Browne commented on the polite and efficient manner in which the staff from South Staffs Water had been out to every house checking pressure, stop taps etc. Why couldn't the measurements have been taken at 7.00 am when everyone is taking showers and there is high demand on the water supply? Why can't the water pressure be lifted to 5 or 5 ½? *The reason is leakage management. Ofwat require 1 bar at stop tap, South Staffs Water provide 2 – 2 ½ bar normally, most combi boilers require 1 – 1 ½ bar and in Kings Bromley the readings are 4 – 4 ½ bar.*
- It is pleasing that South Staffs Water are being so helpful, but the recent heavy fine to Severn Trent by Ofwat makes people very suspicious of water companies as a whole and it is a shame that the pressure reducing valve was put in without prior notice and explanation.

Mr Marshall offered to investigate any individual problems which still exist if they speak

The chairman thanked South Staffs Water for attending the meeting

Mr Gilmour reported that there has been a lot of feedback about speeding, he has informed the police that for a short period of time the Community Speedwatch will be operational again, but as there are only two people trained to do the monitoring it does place severe limitations on its use.

Cllr Browne expressed concern about the increasing level of break ins and a discussion on lack of policing. It was felt it would be useful to invite PC Andy Brown to the next meeting to seek advice on policing.

3548. Apologies

Cllr Mrs Eagland

3549. Declaration of Interests

Changing Lives – Cllr Mrs Jarman; Village Hall – Cllr Brown

3550. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October, 2008 be signed as a true and correct record

3551. Report of the Clerk

- i. **Grasscutting for the remainder of 2008** – the clerk reported that all 14 grass cuts for the current year's grasscutting had now been completed.
- ii. **Minutes of 9th July, 2008** – the clerk reported that in the signed minutes of the meeting held on 9th July, 2008, cheque number 300050 to herself was recorded as being for £315.53. In fact the cheque issued had been for £341.53 which was the correct amount as it included £26.00 as office costs.
Agreed to note the amendment to the recording of cheque number 300050.

3552. Finance

- i. **Clerks Pay Award** – the report circulated prior to the meeting was considered **Agreed** that the clerk's salary be adjusted in line with the pay award recommended by NALC and SLCC and that the pay award be backdated to 1st April, 2008. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarman and seconded by Cllr Browne

ii. Accounts for Payment

Agreed that the following payments be made:-

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
033/300068	Mrs S Buxton £355.90 less pension £23.13 - £2.70 - £0.55)	329.52	Salary – Oct 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
		41.40	Salary – arrears – Apr-Aug 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
		8.52	Salary – arrears – Sep 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
		26.00	Office costs – Oct 08	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
		17.20	Travel exps – taxable part, Apr- Jun 08	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
		11.59	Travel exps – taxable part, Jul- Sep 08	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
300069	Spoilt cheque	0.00		
034/300070	MH & S Buxton	56.17	Photocopying Jul-Sep 08	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
		53.82	Photocopying– Jan-Mar 08	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
033/300071	SCC	69.04	Pension costs – Oct 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
		8.05	Pension arrears – Apr-Aug 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
		1.65	Pension arrears – Sep 08	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
035/300072	Royal British Legion	20.00	Poppy wreath	LGA 1972 s.137
036/300073	Sharp Landscapes	202.00	2 grasscuts	OSA 1906 s.10
		216.00	1 grass cut plus Wildflower Meadow	OSA 1906 s.10
033/300075	Mrs S Buxton	2.80	Laminating water notices	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
		22.96	Travel exps Jul-Sep 08	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
	TOTAL	1086.72		

iii. Receipts – the clerk reported that a training grant of £22.50 had been received from NALC and that she had raised two invoices as follows:-

Abbots Bromley Parish Council

50% of net cost of training undertaken by clerk during Summer 2008 £ 31.25

Kings Bromley Village Hall

50% of cost of grasscutting at Village Hall for 2008 £259.00

iv. Finance report to 30th September, 2008 – the council considered the financial reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting. These reports represented fully reconciled accounts to the October, 2008 and all papers regarding salary calculations and bank reconciliation had been forwarded to Cllr Mrs Gair for an independent check which has now been completed

v. Youth Club cheque - £75 – Oct 07 – the clerk reported that she had received a request from the Youth Club Treasurer for the above cheque to be reissued. A new cheque had been done in March 2008, but had been retained at the time by the clerk as no response had been received from the Youth Club to previous correspondence on this matter

Agreed that the council agree to reissue this cheque to replace two previous cheques which had not been presented by the Youth Club

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
037/300074	KB Youth Club	75.00	Donation for Hallowe'en 2007	LGA 1972 s.137

vi. Budget 2009/10 – the clerk reminded councillors that she needed to be made aware of any possible projects for inclusion in next year's budget so that the necessary costings could be completed prior to the January meeting when the

budget would be settled. The clerk suggested items to consider including road signs, play equipment, quality parish status, training and policing
Agreed that the SPCA be invited to attend a parish council meeting to explain Quality Status and the advantages it could offer to Kings Bromley

3553. Correspondence and Items for Information

- i. **KB Horticultural Society** – a letter has been received enquiring as to whether the parish council has a community project which requires funding.

Agreed that the agenda item on the War Memorial be discussed along with this item as requested by Cllr Mrs Jarman.

When Mr Jarman was working on the War Memorial in preparation for Remembrance Day, he noticed that there seemed to be a lot of soil and very few pebbles around the Memorial and there are a lot of weeds coming through when there should be a membrane underneath. Is this something which can be investigated?

Agreed that Cllr Pritchard will discuss the problems with Simon Cooper and Mr Jarman and report back to the meeting

Agreed the clerk write to the Horticultural Society thanking them for their offer and stating that the parish council would like to discuss their offer more fully along with the forthcoming parish council budget

- ii. **KB United Charity** – a letter has been received informing the council that Mrs Deakin's appointment as nominated trustee is coming to the end of its term and Mrs Deakin is willing to stand for re-appointment.

Agreed that the parish council support Mrs Deakin's reappointment as nominated trustee.

- iii. **Batty Charitable Trust** – the clerk reported details of grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 available to support community and grassroots projects

- iv. **Staffs Community Foundation** – the clerk reported that they had money to be spent before March 2009 by not-for-profit voluntary or community groups

Agreed the clerk would forward copies to the Village Hall Committee

Agreed that the clerk would place a notice in the parish magazine about both of these grant sources

- v. **Traffic speeds** – following the comments from the public part of the meeting

Agreed write the clerk to contact Cllr Janet Eagland and ask for an increase in the Camera Safety Partnership visits to Kings Bromley

- vi. **Minerals Core Strategy** – SCC are currently reviewing their Minerals Core Strategy. They have to provide information to the government on how they intend to provide their quota of minerals (sand, gravel, limestone, coal etc).

This information includes a list of current, non operational and possible new sites/extensions – suggested by landowners, quarry operators or anyone with an interest. One site is Bancroft Farm which lies just over the boundary from Kings Bromley in Hamstall Ridware and another is over the boundary towards Alrewas and Fradley in Wycnhor

In the 1970's and 1980's the policy established was to leave the west of the A38 free of sites as any development would have such a detrimental effect on the villages of Yoxall, Barton and Kings Bromley. The area already has major traffic problems which are being worked on by a number of different groups and opening a quarry would simply exacerbate the current problems.

The areas concerned are quiet rural areas and are already prone to flooding.

There is also concern regarding to protection of water courses and noise issues

- Agreed** the council opposes the inclusion of Bancroft Farm and Wychnor in the list of possibly quarrying site in the Staffordshire Minerals Plan. The clerk will draft a response for the chairman's approval prior to posting
- vii. **Review of Clerk's Correspondence Report** – no other items to discuss

3554. Water and Drainage

- i. **Verge outside Crawley View, Crawley Lane** – the clerk reported that this had now been repaired
- ii. **Flooding – Crawley Lane** – the clerk has forwarded the details to Janet Eagland following a response that there was nothing that could be done about the flowing from the Highway Inspector. She then forwarded them on to SCC, but to date no reply has been received, save a suggestion that the parish council contact the Highway Inspector again
Agreed the clerk make Cllr Mrs Eagland aware that the matter has been referred to her as there had been a negative response when raised with the Highway Inspector
- iii. **Water Pressure** – this has been discussed.
Agreed that the clerk should place an notice in the parish magazine and on the noticeboard, giving the contact details at South Staffs Water for anyone who is still experiencing problems.

3555. Highways and Signs

- i. **Entrance to Leofric Close** –the clerk reported that SCC are discussing with this with BT who asked for a written request which was done two weeks ago. As of today, no reply has yet been received and SCC will be chasing this
- ii. **Victoria Meadow/Meadows?** – the clerk reported that she has written to and spoken to Mr Atwell, re: the poor response rate from the residents of Victoria Meadows. It was suggested at the meeting that maybe the residents affected were not very keen to change the road name and that the letter was rather leading in its wording
Agreed the clerk will discuss the matter with the officer at LDC
- iii. **Village Signs** – the clerk reported that SCC has been asked to install a village sign for Kings Bromley opposite the Temple on the Alrewas Road
- iv. **Community Gangs** – suggestions from councillors on what work maybe requested by the gangs
Agreed the following items be submitted:-
- Bradbury Lane - gutters need cleaning out
- Benches – cleaning down and treating with teak oil
Agreed that the clerk would clarify what areas of the village can be covered by Community Gang requests e.g. the War Memorial and Churchyard
- v. **Fradley Park Meeting** – Wed 19th November, 2008
Agreed the clerk will confirm the venue with Alrewas, Fradley and Streethay Parish Council and that Cllrs Mrs Gair and Browne would attend and possibly Cllr Taylor
- vi. **Report on Lorries through Yoxall** – the copy of the report compiled by three residents from Yoxall was considered
Noted
Agreed that Cllr Browne would forward a copy to Mr Gilmour and the clerk would give Mr Gilmour's contact details to the Yoxall Group
- vii. **ProLogis Park, Lichfield** – a reply has been received from ProLogis to issues raised by parish council, and this was circulated to councillors for information..

Cllr Pritchard reported that at the last planning meeting permission had been given for the development by ProLogis at Fradley

viii. Yoxall Road Hedge – Cllr Pritchard reported on his meeting with Mr Baker. Mr Baker now states that would like the hedge laid, but he cannot get the three residents who face the hedge to agree to this being done. Once laid the hedge will take a few years to recover but will then be a better hedge. Cllr Pritchard will go and speak to the other residents to try to agree a way forward

3556. Best Kept Village Competition – review of judges comments

Agreed that this should be put on the agenda for early next year, so that the comments can be considered and addressed prior to the start of next year's competition

3557. War Memorial

This has already been discussed

3558. Christmas Tree

Cllr Taylor will speak to Mrs Baskerville regarding the Christmas Tree and let the Chairman know after which the necessary arrangements can be made to install the village tree

3559. Village Hall

Cllr Browne reported to the council that the Village Hall Committee has been unable to find a replacement chairman, secretary or treasurer. At the extra ordinary meeting in August, it was agreed to appoint a group of 5 or 7 people, not necessarily from the management committee to run the village hall who would report to the management committee of the village hall twice a year. The officers are continuing in post until the AGM in April.

3560. Village Shop

Cllr Browne reported that the resident who raised questions regarding the village shop at the last meeting had not contacted him, despite having his telephone number. The management committee of the village hall do not wish to take on the running of a village shop. They have agreed that a temporary building can be put on the site to house a shop as long as they have no involvement. Cllr Browne has spoken to the Charity Commission and they have given their verbal permission for the siting of a building on the site. There are still issues of electricity, water and sewerage to be addressed. The clerk reminded the council that written confirmation from the Charity Commission should be obtained. Cllr Browne reported that he had spoken to LDC and they said would look at any application for the siting of a portable building for a shop favourably for a 1 or 2 year period, although they may be willing to extend for a further year. If a temporary shop is a success then at the end of this project, what is the likelihood of then getting planning permission for a permanent shop? This is currently unknown.

Agreed that this issue needs to be either taken forward or closed completed

Agreed that a meeting of persons who may be interested in assisting the running of a community shop be held with the Village Retail Services Association to see what is involved and to form a steering group to take the project forward.

Agreed the clerk would place a notice in the parish magazine, on the noticeboard and would write to everyone who had expressed any interest in assisting with a shop at the time the questionnaire was completed

3561. Social Services – Changing Lives

Cllr Mrs Jarman reported on the ongoing transport difficulties for the day centre which are being experienced by all users. The financial situation is that SCC cannot currently afford to employ another driver or use another bus. Mr James has left his post as Day Centre Manager at Lichfield and a lady is now in post. The users have been advised to keep complaining about the transport. If the problems are not resolved then some users will have to go into sheltered accommodation which will cost SCC more as the day centres do not provide a long enough period of respite. The report from conference at Uttoxeter was promised within a few weeks of the event, but 9 months later, and nothing has been issued.

3562. Lichfield District Council

- i. **Locally Listed Buildings Survey**
Agreed that the council formally consider the list of buildings drafted by Cllr Mrs Gair at the next meeting
- ii. **Litter bins** - LDC has a number of second hand and refurbished litter bins available.
Agreed that the council does not require any new bins

3563. Staffordshire County Council

- i. **Playbuilder Roadshow** – Cllr Pritchard and the clerk had been unable to attend the playbuilder road show, but the clerk did have an application pack
- ii. **Minerals Core Strategy Issues & Options (S)** – this item has already been dealt with.

3564. SPCA

- i. **Training** - details of training up to February 2009 had been circulated to members
- ii. **AGM** – the clerk circulated the paper for the AGM to those councillors attending

3565. Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. Financial Regulations
- ii. Review of Standing Orders
- iii. Valuation of Chairman's Chain of Office
- iv. New map on wall at Lichfield Road
- v. Invite police to next meeting to discuss policing
- vi. Best Kept Village Competition – Feb/Mar

3566. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the council be held on Wednesday, 10th December, 2008 – **7.30** pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley, when it is hoped PC Andy Brown will be present to discuss policing.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.24 pm

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, 2008
at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley

Present: Cllr Mrs P Jarman(Chair), Cllr S R Browne; Cllr Mrs M K Gair; Cllr S Holland;
Cllr G C Seddon; Cllr W A Taylor

In attendance: Cllr I M P Pritchard; Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

08/75 Apologies

08/76 Declaration of Interests

08/77 Minutes of the last meeting

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08/78 Planning Applications Received

08/00683/COU

Wood End Farm, Wood End Lane, Fradley

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Thompson

Proposal: Conversion of barns to form two dwellings – amended plans

Deadline: 29 Oct 2008 – discussed with chairman of planning

Agreed that the parish council has no objection to this application

08/01133/FUL

New Buildings Farm, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley

Applicant: W H & B P Archer & Son

Proposal: Alterations to existing farm building to grain store and farm machinery store

Agreed that the parish council had no objection to this application

08/79 Planning Applications Permitted

None

08/80 Planning Applications Refused

None

08/81 Other Planning Matters

Nothing to report