

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 13th July 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); Mrs. J. Higgins; N. Lee; Mrs. M. Gair; S. Browne; I. Pritchard.
District Cllr. Richard Cox.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk). No members of the public were present.

Public Session: No public present

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
County Cllr. Martyn Tittley. District Cllr. Tom Marshall.
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. Lee and Higgins on item 9 as they are members of the Book Club. Cllr. Browne on item 7.
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 8th June 2016 are a correct record.**
These had been distributed previously. One correction was requested on item 9 – Cllr. Lee will find out who should be contacted within the book club. The clerk said that on item 3 the date was incorrect and should read 11th May. It was proposed by Cllr. Lee and seconded by Cllr. Higgins that the minutes be signed as a true record. All were in favour.
4. **Clerks Report.**
 - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
 - i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
 - ii) Letter SCC re grant application. Martyn Tittley will provide £1000 towards the village hall roof repairs. Clerk to contact with information on how the remainder will be raised. **Action: Clerk.**
 - iii) Letter from Cameron Homes re offer of financial help towards projects. They have offered £5,000 towards the roof repairs at the village hall and the defibrillator. Clerk to write to agree publicity. **Action: Clerk.**
 - iv) Email from resident re councillor vacancy plus one other expression of interest. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr Browne that the three candidates be invited to the next meeting where they can present themselves and answer questions. A decision will then be taken in the main meeting. 4 in favour and 1 against. Motion carried. Clerk to contact applicants. **Action: Clerk.** In the meantime clerk to ask LDC if it is possible to increase the number of councillors to 8. **Action: Clerk.**
 - v) Email from SCC re modifications to Minerals Local Plan (circulated previously). This was discussed under item 8.
 - vi) Fliers re SPACE project – Matthew Ellis PCC. Clerk to place posters on notice boards. **Action: Clerk.**
 - vii) Email from parishioner re casual vacancy on council. As iv above.
 - viii) Letter Came and Co re change of trading style. Not read but noted by clerk.
 - ix) CC of Staffs – BKV prizes presentation evening invitation. Cllrs. Browne, Higgins and Gair to attend. Clerk to inform the CC of S. **Action: Clerk.**
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. As of 24/6/16 - the current account stands at £13,234.71 and the reserve account at £14,293.65.
 - ii) Payments Received. None.

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- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax (inc. back and holiday pay) – total £611.95 b) R B Hayward – grass cutting £276.00 c) LDC for waste bin emptying - £598.00 + vat d) SPCA – training - £20.00 Cllr. Gair proposed and Cllr. Higgins seconded that the above invoices be paid. All in favour.
5. **To receive oral / written reports from County and District Councillors.**
District Cllr. Cox said that LDC is continuing on its programme to reduce staff costs by restructuring. The Friarsgate development is progressing.
6. **To consider on-going highway and footpath issues.**
a) **Highway Issues.** Mark Deville is the SCC officer who is reviewing the HCV petition. The report has 26 recommendations. He will sit down with representatives of the parishes in August.
b) **Footpath issues.** None reported.
7. **To receive an update on HS2.**
Cllr. Browne attended a meeting last evening. HSUK has financial backing from a wealthy contributor. He felt it important that MPs and The Lords are made aware of the proposals being tabled by HSUK and will be contacting Cllr. Marshall and Michael Fabricant.
8. **To consider a response to SCC following modifications to the Mineral Plan.**
Cllr. Howard said that a list of modifications had been made known. There are two sites that quarry companies are interested in, both are south of the A513. Any start date will not now be before 2025. The modifications state that work cannot commence on new sites until the old ones are reinstated. He thought it a good idea to ask Matt Griffin of SCC to attend the next meeting. This was agreed. Meeting to commence at 7pm to give time for his attendance. Clerk also to invite County Cllrs. Janet Eagland and Martyn Tittley and Alrewas PC representatives. **Action: Clerk.**
9. **To consider next steps to purchasing the BT Phone Box and letting it to The Book Club.**
Cllr. Lee said that Kirsten Wellburn and Amanda Lee will be dealing with this by drafting an agreement. They will contact the Clerk in due course.
10. **To receive a report on progress with regards to the village hall roof repairs.**
The clerk read out the offer letter from Cameron Homes. Cllr Pritchard proposed and Cllr. Lee seconded that the offer be accepted and that the clerk enter in to discussion with them about publicity. **Action: Clerk.** All were in favour. Cllr. Howard proposed and Cllr. Gair seconded that the lowest tender be accepted, this was from Peter Easter. All in favour. Clerk to contact to determine when the work can commence. **Action: Clerk.** It was agreed that the parish council would make up the shortfall from its reserves. Cllr. Howard said he will go ahead and sort out the purchase and installation of the defibrillator in the village hall porch. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**
11. **To receive suggestions re Centenary Fields and possible allocation of land.**
Cllr Higgins had seen the various parcels that could be considered and thought the best option was to protect the area to the rear of the village hall. Other Councillors thought the best area would be the one off the top end of Leofric Close though this is removed from the village centre. It was decided to write to the diocese to see if they would support the proposal to protect the land at the rear of the hall. Cllr. Higgins will draft a letter for the clerk to complete and send. **Action: Clerk and Cllr. Higgins.**
12. **To consider options regarding replacing / repairing the Christmas tree lights.**
Cllr Pritchard said the Christmas tree lights needed servicing. It was proposed by Cllr. Gair and seconded by Cllr. Browne that this should be done. All in favour. Cllr Pritchard to arrange. **Action: Cllr. Pritchard.**
13. **To consider Councillor report – for information only.**
Cllr. Browne – the felled Elm in Leofric Close has not yet been replaced. Cllr. Howard will obtain price and bring to next meeting. He also mentioned that he thought a plaque should be erected near the play equipment to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien who had made a substantial

financial contribution towards the equipment. Cllr. Pritchard said he had a plaque and would sort out its installation. **Action: Cllr. Pritchard.** Cllr. Browne continued by saying that Midland Classic are taking over many of Arriva's less profitable bus routes and that he remained fearful of the local service being lost unless it is used more.

He concluded by saying he had attended Richard Crosse School to present the BKV prizes to the children.

Cllr. Higgins said that her application to be part of the Richard Crosse School Local Advisory Group had been accepted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 10th August 2016.