

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 10th June, 2009, at 7.45 pm 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);

Public Session

- i. **Quarry** – an enquiry was raised with regard to the responsibility for the inspection of the bund walls. The clerk reported that she had received an enquiry from the Bowling Club along these lines and had not replied to date as she wanted to be able to quote the reply from the Environment Agency with regards to their role in inspection
- ii. **OWL** – it was reported that OWL (Neighbour Hood Watch) will now be taking reports of potholes instead of CLARENCE
- iii. **30 mph** – it was noted that any stickers on bins would only be out for ½ a day. There are some temporary triangular 3D signs on the roads around Waitrose that could be used. Following the accident between a cyclist and the ambulance on Lichfield Road last year further discussions on the speed limit are ongoing.
- iv. **Orgreave** – there was a nasty accident there on 9th June, 2009
- v. **Speed Watch** – unofficially did a speed check in Orgreave and the highest speed recorded was 78 mph in a 60 mph area

3646. Apologies

County Cllr Mrs Janet Eagland

3647. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Jarman – Changing Lives

Cllr Browne – Leofric Close tree

3648. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May, 2009 be signed as a true and correct record. This was proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Mrs Gair

3649. Report of the Clerk

- i. **Information Commissioner DVD “Tick Tock”** - the clerk reported that she had been unable to get the DVD to work
- ii. **Website** - the clerk reported that a noticeboard had been set up on the home page, where news flashes or important events can be detailed. No charge has been made for this service
- iii. **Parking restriction on Yoxall Road laybys** – the clerk reported that the police no longer enforce parking regulations and this is now dealt with by the district council since the decriminalisation of parking
Agreed that the clerk would report the apparent infringement of the waiting restrictions to Lichfield District Council for investigation
- iv. **New dog bin** – the clerk reported that she had spoke to the Horticultural Society and they would still be willing to make a donation towards a new dog bin.

There suggestion for a site was the gate into the Showfield opposite the Cricket field rather than a second bin by the top gate
Agreed to accept the donation from Horticultural Society for the supply and installation of a new dog bin at the gateway half way down Crawley Lane, and that the council will make up any shortfall

3650. Finance

i. Finance Report to 31st May, 2009

The report had not been included with the papers for the meeting and will be carried forward to the next meeting

ii. Payments to be made

Agreed that the following payments be made:-

<i>Ref</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Power</i>
15/300119	Mrs S Buxton	363.60	Salary and taxable expenses	
15/300120	Mrs S Buxton	7.20	Travel expenses	
15/300120	Mrs S Buxton	0.60	Laminating	
15/300121	SCC	72.46	Pension contributions	
16/300122	SLCC	54.62	Public Purse training course	
17/300122	SLCC	54.62	Safe and Sound training course	
18/300123	Smiths of Derby	195.50	Church Clock Annual Maintenance	
19/300124	Sharp Landscapes	202.00	2 grasscuts	
	TOTAL	950.60		

iii. Receipts

None

3651. Correspondence and Items of Information

i. John Taylor High School – invitation to parish council to send a representative to the presentation evening on 9th July, 2009

Agreed that no-one would attend the presentation evening from the parish council

ii. CPRE helping parish councils to tackle litter and fly-tipping – the email from CPRE refers to an allowance of one bin per 500 people being emptied free of charge by district council. Kings Bromley has a number of bins emptied free so it is assumed that the council’s allocation is fully used up.

iii. Jolly babies and music with mummy – this is a new group starting in Kings Bromley at the Village Hall and the clerk asked if the council were happy for them to be included as a village organisation, even though it was being run by a private individual.

Agreed that the council are happy for Jolly Babies and Music with Mummy can be listed on the village organisations page of the website if they would like to be included and the clerk will make the necessary arrangements

3652. Highways and Signs

i. Community Gangs – the clerk reported that she had clarified with SCC that the Community Gangs were still operating and are scheduled to make three visits to Kings Bromley each year. Now that the election is over SCC are intending to inform parish councils of changes to their organisation and steps they intend to take to make their provision more receptive to community wishes.

Agreed that the clerk should report the drainage kerbs along the Alrewas Road as in urgent need of clearance, as they are constantly blocked with debris, and that the gutters around the build outs needs to be cleaned out

A query was raised as to whether CLARENCE was still operational, Cllr Browne believed highway incidents are now being reported through the police OWL system but the clerk was unaware of any change to the CLARENCE system at present

Agreed the clerk would seek clarification on the current situation with CLARENCE and the reported of highway and lighting matters

- ii. **30 mph stickers** – the clerk reported that she had obtained one quotation for the supply of 10” self adhesive stickers to go on bins at £2.80 each. The council felt that this was rather costly

Agreed that Cllr Pritchard would make further enquiries and the council would discuss the matter further at the next meeting

- iii. **Traffic Issues** – an email had been received from Mr Cracknell on Alrewas Road expressing concern that the parish council is doing nothing about traffic racing through the village, which makes properties shake and general damage

Agreed the clerk would reply to Mr Cracknell explaining that the parish council does discuss traffic related issues regularly, but as it is a county council issue there are very few opportunities for the parish council to do anything other than the constant lobbying of SCC which already goes on

3653. Village Property

- i. **Siting of Post Box** – Mr Carter from Lichfield Road has raised the issue of the site of the post box, and whether consideration could be given to the removal of the telephone box and the re-siting of the post box to where the telephone box is currently housed.

Agreed that as the telephone box is a working box and BT have no plans to take it out of operation then re-siting the telephone box is not possible as an alternative site is not available

- ii. **Tree in front of 29 Leofric Close** - the clerk had received complaints from Mr & Mrs Crawley and Mr & Mrs Dargan of Leofric Close regarding a parish council tree on the open space which has grown to a considerable size and which deposits large amounts of saps on their gardens, drives and property. There are also some cracks appearing in the tarmac of their drives which may or may not be caused by the roots of the tree. Cllr Pritchard had been out to look at the site and taken photographs showing the problem which along with photographs from Mr Crawley were circulated amongst the members. The clerk reported that the tree had last been professionally inspected in January 2007 and the next recommended inspection is due during the winter of 2009/10. At the last inspection the only work recommended on this tree was to cut the ivy.

Agreed that the council should make arrangements for this tree to be cut back in size by a professional tree surgeon. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarman and seconded by Cllr Mrs Gair

Agreed that the clerk should arrange for the inspection of all parish council trees to be brought forward and carried out by Mr Helliwell, a specialist tree consultant as soon as practicable, so that any work required on any trees can be carried out at the same time as the Leofric Close tree which is causing problems. The clerk will also notify Mr Helliwell of the concerns of the residents with regards to the size, deposit of sap and possible damage to driveways as a result of this tree

3654. Play Equipment Project

The clerk reported that she had submitted an expression of interest in Playbuilder Funding for 2010/11 and would be attending the Playbuilder Conference for applicants next week in Stone. Cllr Pritchard had obtained photographs of a play

area he had seen in Aberdaeron, which he felt was worth considering along side the other options. The approximate cost including wet pour would be £40,000. Cllr Pritchard also reported to the council that Mr & Mrs O'Brian had very kindly offered to make a donation towards any new play equipment in the village. It was noted that before any project could go ahead, there would need to be consultation with both the young people and the residents living close by.

3655. Village Hall

Cllr Browne reported that there had been a meeting earlier this week and the AGM is due to take place on 22nd June, 2009. The secretary has already resigned and the treasurer and chairman will be standing down at the AGM. There has been a small interest in filling these vacancies.

The relationship of the village hall and the parish council as discussed. The parish council is the perpetual keeper of the lease only. If no officers are elected then the matter has to be referred to the Charity Commission. Cllr Mrs Jarman suggested the management committee could consider the appointment of a paid secretary/booking clerk, which would make the job of running the village hall somewhat easier, but Cllr Browne felt that the £3,000 - £4,000 profit would not support such a post. The management committee does have the power to delegate the running of the village hall to others and is legally only required to meet twice a year.

3656. Best Kept Village Competition

- i. **Presentation of the BKV Certificates** – Cllr Taylor reported on his very pleasant visit to the school to present the certificates. Rev Ty Leyland had taken the assembly and then he had presented the certificates and book tokens himself.

3657. Neighbourhood Watch Meeting 21/5/09

This meeting called by the police, was not overly well attended. Mr Gilmour has taken over the role of Village Co-ordinator and is currently visiting all existing co-ordinators and trying to fill in the gaps. He hopes that it will be sorted by the end of the summer.

The new PCSO, Tracey Horton, travels from Chasetown on her bike and goes round the villages by pedal power. To date her work has been quite effective in Alrewas and Fradley, but as a PCSO she can only work between the hours of 8.00 am and 10.00 pm.

Smartwater and its possible use in Kings Bromley was discussed along with possible free crime prevention surveys for householders.

Agreed that Smartwater would be investigated further as part of Neighbourhood Watch, and this is supported by Andy Brown and Rob Nunn from the Police. It was felt there was probably insufficient police personnel to pursue free crime prevention surveys for anyone who wanted one in the village.

3658. Quarrying

- i. **Manor Park Quarry** – the clerk reported that SCC solicitors have now responded to the enquiry from the Minerals Team regarding the legality of the end date and applying for an extension in the time limit for restoration and this information has been forwarded to Mr Toon at Hansons. A response from Hansons is awaited
- ii. **Quarrying Meeting 15/6/5/09** – the minutes of that meeting had been circulated to all councillors and a copy had been sent to Mrs Anderson.
- iii. **Quarry Walk 13/6/09** - the chairman reminded everyone of this walk which is due to take place on Saturday to make people aware of part of the area affected

and raise publicity of the situation through media coverage of the event which would be attended by Michael Fabricant

3659. Social Services – Changing Lives

Cllr Mrs Jarman reported that there are lots of activities being organised in house, but the clients this is not the same as going out somewhere. There have been some casual drivers appointed but this has not resulted in much improvement in the transport arrangements to date.

3660. Lichfield District Council

i. Housing Needs in Lichfield District - Cllr Pritchard reported that 8,000 houses have been recommended within Lichfield District of which between 4,500 and 5,000 have already been built. There are no recommendations for Kings Bromley as the village simply does not have the infrastructure to support residential development

ii. Core Strategy Policy Directions – councillors had had an opportunity to look at this document on the LDC website and the deadline for comments is tomorrow. **Agreed** that Kings Bromley Parish Council did not wish to make comment at this stage on the Core Strategy Policy Directions and would research the subject prior to the public enquiry which will follow.

iii. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2009 – this appears to be an update on the document prepared in 2008. Cllr Pritchard reported that he believed there are two sites listed in Kings Bromley

iv. Open Space, Sport and Recreation Assessment 2009 – the clerk reported that this is currently available to view on the website and to comment on until 19th June, 2009.

Agreed the parish council did not wish to make comment on the open space, sport and recreation assessment 2009

3646. Staffordshire County Council

Nothing to report

3647. SPCA

i. Training on Visionary Leadership – 17th June, 2009 at Stafford

ii. Area Committee – there is still no update on when the Lichfield Area Committee

Agreed that the clerk contact the SPCA to ask that a meeting of the Lichfield Area Committee be called, so that those councils who wish to meet can do so, and if the previous chairman and secretary are either unable or unwilling to stand, new officers can be appointed so that the committee can resume.

3648. Review of Items for Future Meetings

None other than normal items

3649. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 8th July, 2009 at 7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Alrewas Road, Kings Bromley

There being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed _____ Date 8th July, 2009

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