

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 9th September, 2009 – 7.45 pm
Kings Bromley Village Hall

Present:- Cllr I M P Pritchard (Chair); 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

- **Village Map Lichfield Road** – this has now been reinstated
- **Hedge and grass verge outside the Thai Buddhist Temple** – these are very overgrown and in need of a cut
- **War Memorial** – Michael Gair and Charles Jarman have agreed to work together on the upkeep of the garden at the War Memorial
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – there are now 22 co-ordinators in the Village, and just another 5 are required to reach an ideal number. It is hoped all the conditions can be met which will allow Neighbourhood Watch signs to be reinstated round the village
- **Telephone Disruption** – a suggestion was made to the council that if the thieves were caught and found guilty of the cable thefts, could a compensation claim be made on behalf of the village, perhaps £5,000 which could be used for a village project. It is understood that if it was done as part of a criminal action then a civil action in individual names would not be required.
- **Smartwater Signs** – it was reported that as more people sign up, then signage will be introduced
- **Lichfield Mercury** – a request was made to the council to see if a short report could be sent to the Kings Bromley reported once a month on council business.
- **Chicane** by 74 Alrewas Road is causing a great number of problems

3685 Apologies

Cllr S Browne – holiday

Agreed to accept the apologies of Cllr Browne

3686 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Jarman – Changing Lives

3687 Minutes of previous meetings

i. **Wednesday, 12th August, 2009**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August, 2009 be signed as a true and correct record

ii. **Monday, 24th August, 2009**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th August, 2009 be signed as a true and correct record after the change of date which had been recorded incorrectly.

3688 Report of the Clerk

- i. **Mobile Youth Bus** - SCC did admit that they had arranged the visit of the bus at very short notice and had not organised as much publicity as would have been preferred
- ii. **Telephone box** – if the council does not adopt the telephone box nothing will happen to the box for the foreseeable future. An enquiry has been sent to BT asking if the parish council are free to sell the phone box if they have adopted it. A reply is still awaited
- iii. **Usage of Dog Bins** – LDC confirmed that all the dog bins in Crawley Lane are being well used
- iv. **Community Footpath** – SCC had raised a query re: the quantity of leaflets to be produced and the contribution from the parish council **Agreed** that the parish council would contribute £210 and that 1,000 leaflets would be produced

3689 Finance

- i. **Finance Report to 31st August, 2009**
Noted

- ii. **Payments to be made**

Agreed that the following payments be made:-

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
31/30013 9	Mrs S Buxton	364.72	Salary and taxable expenses
31/30014 0	SCC	72.46	Pension contributions
31/30014 1	Mrs S Buxton	9.60	Expenses
32/30014 2	LDC	339.25	Supply new dog bin
	TOTAL	786.03	

- iii. **Receipts**
The clerk reported that a VAT refund of £162.17 for the year to 31st March, 2009 had been received
- iv. **Internal audit report**
The clerk reported Mrs O'Brian had completed the internal audit and had given an unqualified opinion on the accounts
Agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs O'Brian
- v. **Bank Interest**
The clerk reported that the Co-Operative Bank had now agreed to pay interest to the council gross rather than net of tax and that they had refunded all tax deducted to date

3690 Correspondence and Items for Information

- i. **Neighbourhood Watch** – it is hoped signs will be put up in the not too distant future, subject to meeting all the required conditions. It was noted that such signs cannot be put on BT poles

- ii. **Smartwater** – the council noted that approximately 30 out of the initial 59 residents who had expressed an interest had now completed
- iii. **Beech Avenue Silver Birch** - it was reported that this tree has finally been removed after years of complaints regarding it
- iv. **Lichfield Mercury Report** – it was felt it was a good idea for the council to provide a brief report each month
Agreed the clerk would supply this report to the Village News editor
- v. **Review of Clerk's log** – no other items to discuss

3691 Highways and Signs

- i. **Community Gangs:-**
 - there is a cone by Gilliards Croft
 - Mileposts – a number need resetting and painting
 - white lines around the Alrewas Road build outs need to be repainted**Agreed** the clerk would report these items to SCC
- ii. **30 mph stickers** – the clerk reported that SCC had informed her that SCC did not support the initiative of putting stickers on bins. Cllr Seddon expressed disappointment at LDC's response on this issue, particularly in view of the traffic problems which are experienced in Kings Bromley
Agreed that Cllr Pritchard will discuss the initiative of putting 30 mph stickers on the refuse bins in Kings Bromley directly with LDC
- iii. **Manhole Covers outside Chamberlain Close** - these are still to be attended to
Agreed the clerk will speak to SCC to chase this matter up
- iv. **Blocked gulleys Crawley Lane** – the clerk reported that she had spoken to June Baskerville re: the blocked gulleys on Crawley Lane and she was unaware of any agreement her father had made with SCC over their maintenance
Agreed Cllr Pritchard will discuss the maintenance of road side gulleys with Tim Matthews at SCC
- v. **Bakers Lane** – the clerk reported that this is part of the adopted Highway
- vi. **Flashing speed signs** – no further information had been obtained on the moveable flashing speed signs which appear in Armitage periodically.
Agreed Cllr Janet England would make some enquiries and report back
- vii. **Wood End Lane signs** – the clerk reported that she had spoken to LDC who would be replacing the road name plates in due course
- viii. **Wood End Lane closure** – there will be a closure of Wood End Lane to allow for resurfacing works next week.
- ix. **30 mph restriction around Wood End Lane** - this restriction was brought into force when the railways works were being undertaken. This work has been completed and the signs still remain although some are partially covered
Agreed that Cllr Janet England would make some enquiries re: when the restriction would be lifted
- x. **Overgrown trees obscuring signs** – the clerk reported that she had been informed of the following places where overgrown trees are obscuring various signs:-

- Lichfield Road gateway signs, both Kings Bromley and 30 mph signs on right hand side when approaching the village (Mr Cliffe)
- Lichfield Road pedestrian crossing warning sign on left hand side outside Greyfriars
- Alrewas Road – camera sign on lamppost E11 is not visible because of tree branches (Mrs Fowell)

Agreed the clerk would seek advice from SCC on getting these trees and branches cut back as they are privately owned

3692 Trees

The clerk reported that permission had been granted for all the works except the Lime Tree and a response on this application was still awaited from LDC and that an order has been placed with ACME Tree Services for the work to be undertaken

3693 Village Hall

Nothing to report

3694 Smartwater

This has already been discussed

3695 Broadband Speed in Rural Communities and advertised rates

Cllr Seddon raised the issue of the limited broadband speeds available in Kings Bromley due to the limited equipment in the exchange and the distant of Kings Bromley from the exchange.

3696 Social Services – Changing Lives

It was reported that the transport is still very erratic. Cllr Eagland reported that following the change in control at SCC in June, she has asked questions about the problems being experienced and will chase the matter again.

3697 Lichfield District Council

- Open Space, Sport and Recreation Assessment. Request for parish council feedback on evidence and standards which will be used to inform the policies within the emerging Core Strategy to 2021**

Agreed the parish council did not wish to respond to this consultation

3698 Staffordshire County Council

- Councillors Community Fund** - Cllr Janet Eagland reminded the council that she money in her Community Fund which was available for village projects if required
- Chief Executive** – it was reported that Mr Hilton is to retire as Chief Executive early next year

3699 SPCA

- Lichfield Area Committee** – a meeting of the Lichfield Area Committee to look at the future of the group would be held on

Thursday, 24th September, 2009 at Kings Bromley Village Hall . Cllr Mrs Jarman offered to provide refreshments

- ii. **AGM – 7th November, 2009**
Agreed to discuss who would attend at the next meeting
- iii. **Resolutions** – the clerk had received no information about resolutions. Cllr Mrs Jarman put forward the following resolution for consideration at the next meeting:-
*“This council requests that the government updates the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (Ch.9), and the Planning Policy Guidance 15: Planning and the Historic Environment to allow Grade II Listings, that are domestic dwellings of little historical interest, to use modern building insulation materials.
In many areas, these dwellings are the only affordable housing for purchase, and as such, they should be able to be maintained in an affordable manner, and not expected to endure the expense of custom produced items, such as windows and doors, when ‘off the peg’ items would suffice, and would not compromise the credibility of the structure, or the importance of the street scene.”*
- iv. **Newsletter**

Cllr Mrs Eagland left the meeting

3700 Review of Items for Future Meetings

- i. **Health and Safety Risk Assessments**
- ii. **Health and Safety First Aid kit**
- iii. **Compensation for disruption following theft of telephone cabling**

3701 Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th October, 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