

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Wednesday 13th March 2019 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); I. Pritchard; C. Cole; N. Crawley; S. Browne; Mrs. M. Gair; N. Lee. District Cllr. R. Cox. **In attendance:** Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk).

Public Session: Three members of the public were present. No one wished to speak at this point.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.** None.
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 6. Cllr. N. Crawley on item 13.
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 13th February 2019 are a correct record.**
These had been distributed previously. It was proposed and seconded that the minutes are 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 from Mike Degan Consulting – placed in circulation file.
 - iii) Quote from Lichfield lock and key – new locks for notice board - £85.28 inc vat. Clerk to arrange for work to be done. **Action: Clerk.**
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. As of 26/2/19 - the current account stands at £30,514.78 and the reserve account £9,236.37.
 - ii) Payments Received. £20,000 from the refurbishment fund account. £504.00 from SmartWater receipts.
 - iv) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax inc. any postage stamps – total £535.31 b) CCC Finance – play equipment balance less credit note - £2324.84 c) BKV entry - £89.80 d) Print and Digital (via A. Howard) printing - £50.00 e) SPCA – subscription - £304.00 e) SmartWater - £540.00 + vat f) Postage stamps (I Colclough) - £6.96.
It was proposed and seconded that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour. A question was asked what the population of the village was, as it seemed that last year the village was placed in the large category in the best kept village competition. The clerk said he thought it was around 1200. Clerk to use this figure in the application. **Action: Clerk.** It was proposed and seconded that the competition is entered this year. All in favour.
 - iv) Grass cutting tender prices received – covered in item 13 below.
 - v) Change of meeting date – Annual Meeting is now on 15th May (later amended to Tuesday 14th).
5. **To receive oral / written reports from County and District Councillors.**
The District Cllr said that around 300 people attended the Guildhall to hear about the proposals to develop the Birmingham Road site.

The chairman thanked the Cllr for his report.

6. **To receive an update on HS2.**
Phase 1. Nothing has been heard from SCC or LDC for 18 months – this is disappointing. District Cllr will investigate. Phase 2. The Additional Provisions were received in February there had been 2 meetings with landowners' and one to one sessions. Common Lane access remains the main issue as it may be closed for 5 years during construction forcing vehicles to use Crawley Lane. The petition has now been drafted and circulated to Councillors but following several phone calls today, may be added to. The petition will request that the Council's favoured option is an underbridge. Landowners can also petition. The deadline for submission is 1pm this Friday. It was proposed that the draft petition (with small amendments) is submitted. This was seconded. All were in favour. Cllrs were thanked for their hard work on this project so far. This was seconded by all remaining Councillors. A meeting with the Head Teacher has also taken place.
7. **To receive reports on current highway issues.**
(i) **Weight restriction.** Signs have been erected and there are substantial reductions in lorry movements on the A513 Alrewas Road. Some drivers were using the road but these were mainly foreign drivers who may not yet be aware. The police have been monitoring with motor cycles being employed to stop lorries. There will be a meeting with Yoxall PC next week. People are commenting that they now notice a lorry! The next step will be to install ANPR cameras. The Speedwatch group would be out tomorrow noting registration numbers of offenders.

(ii) **Village Entrance Gateways.** Mary Lee at SCC highways has obtained prices for erection. This will be £500 per barrier. The cost of the barriers is between £1000 and £1500. This would make a total of around £10,000 to £12,000. It was suggested that the council puts this project on hold until other costs are known (ANPR for example). This was agreed.
- b) **Footpaths / footway issues if any.** None reported.
8. **To receive reports on any public footpath or highway footway issues.**
A question was raised over the poor condition of many footways around the village and sighted an example that Leofric Close has not been attended to since it was built 28 years ago. It was asked how the council gets the footway work on to the SCC schedule. Clerk to ask SCC via Tim Heminsley (with copy to County Councillor). **Action Clerk.**
9. **To consider taking over the SCC subsidised transport scheme.**
SCC will cease support on 31st March. Their subsidy was £70 pa. A resident, who has run the scheme for over 20 years, has around £200 banked. She has agreed, if the council take over the role, to transfer these monies to the council. A new, less complex schedule of charges has been drafted. The cost to run the scheme is around £16 pa and this is for phone calls. If the council takes this on there would be no legal issues. The scheme would be known as The Kings Bromley Medical Transport Scheme. It was proposed and seconded that the parish council should take over the scheme. All were in favour.
10. **To receive a report on ANPR from County Cllr. Tittley.**
The County Cllr was not present and no report had been received.
11. **To receive a progress update on the Village hall refurbishment project.**
The working group is in receipt of a contract from RTK with a revised quote, drawing and specification. This was passed to the clerk for signing and return to RJK. **Action: Clerk.** Further working group meetings will take place to sort out final cosmetic details. Work to commence 25th March. The lease needs to be re written though this was not a huge priority. A copy of the old lease was handed to the clerk so that he can obtain a price from the solicitors that drafted it. **Action: Clerk.**
12. **To receive election information prior to this year's Parish Council elections.**
The clerk said a schedule was distributed to Councillors several weeks ago. The District Cllr detailed several key dates and said the nomination forms were available through many websites. The clerk will send out the link. **Action: Clerk.**

- 13. To award the grass cutting tender for the coming season.**
 The clerk said he was in receipt of 2 tenders. One was for £2,353 and the other £1,585 per year. After discussion it was felt that there was a substantial difference in the two quoted prices and that the council ought to accept the lower price. It was proposed and seconded that the lower tender is accepted. Five were in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. Clerk to contact lower priced tenderer and ascertain start date and then to write and thank the higher priced tenderer for all the work he has done on behalf of the council over the years. **Action: Clerk.**
- 14. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**
 Some roofing felt had come off the shed roof in the car park and a quote of £60 to re-felt the whole roof obtained. It was proposed and seconded that the roof is repaired. All in favour. A question was then asked regarding holding elections in the village hall once the refurbishment work has commenced. The chairman will speak to a member of the village hall committee to determine. The councils LAG representative said he attended his first meeting at the school and met the head teachers. Next meeting is on 1st July. Thanks were made to all those involved in making the Motherhood and Loss day a great success.
- 15. To authorise the progression of the clerk to the next salary point.**
 The clerk left the room along with the members of the public. After discussion it was proposed and seconded that the clerk is allowed to progress. All were in favour.

There being no further business the main meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date 10th April 2019.