

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Wednesday 11th September 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); C. Cole; N. Crawley; Mrs. G. Pitchford; Mrs. J. Higgins; S. Browne. County Cllr. N. Binney.

In attendance: Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk).

Public Session: Two members of the public were present and elected to speak during the meeting.

1. Apologies and approval of absence.

J. Burkinshaw (business).

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.

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 14th August 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) Flier regarding the creating of a Neighbourhood Plan. Placed in circulation file. It was suggested that the clerk speak to District Cllr. Marshall over the pros and cons of these plans and ask his advice. **Action: Clerk.**

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c as of 11/9/19 £17,507.88. Reserve a/c £9,252.70.
- ii) Payments Received. £9,000 transferred from current to reserve account.
- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax inc. any postage stamps – total £573.63 b) Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £271.72 inc. vat c) Kings Bromley Village Hall – 12 month hire plus one extra meeting - £158.50 d) Mazars LLP - audit fees - £200.00 plus vat.

It was proposed and seconded that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour.

5. To receive oral / written reports from County and District Councillors.

District Cllr. Binney read out an email he had received from Michael Fabricant MP regarding HS2. He said he will send a copy to Cllr. Cole for distribution. There will be a meeting on 6th October at 6pm at The Garrick regarding Friary Grange Leisure Centre. He asked if a representative from the council could attend and asked that Mark Hopper at LDC is told. It was suggested that someone from Richard Crosse School should attend. Cllr. Crawley will speak to them. **Action. Cllr. Crawley.** The Proms in the Park was well attended. There is now a visit Lichfield website. Voter registration is due by tomorrow. Anyone not registering will be canvassed again. The West Coast Mainline is to have new trains / refurbished trains under a new contract. Services will remain. Cllr. Browne said comment was made that some had reported the service from Lichfield to Birmingham was not as good as it was. No issues had been reported to Cllr. Binney.

The chairman thanked Cllr. Binney for his report.

6. **To consider the latest HS2 issues and receive reports from Councillors.**
Phase 2. Cllr. Cole said that a review of the viability of the scheme will be undertaken by Government by the end of the year but that work continues regardless. It was agreed that the cost will be £22bn more than originally estimated and it was thought this to be a conservative figure. The project is expected to take 5 years more than planned originally. A non-public meeting will take place with Liz Davis on 24th September with many local items on the agenda. Cllr. Browne said that a review of the Midland and North rail network is to be done. All could change with a new Government. There is still no further information on the issues around Common Lane / Crawley Lane.
The chairman added that the sale of bricks at the village hall had now ended and suggested that a plaque is purchased to recognise the contribution (grant) received from Groundworks UK. Clerk to investigate obtaining a plaque. **Action: Clerk.**
7. **To receive reports on current highway issues. (i) ANPR.** Cllr. Pitchford spoke on behalf of Cllr. Burkinshaw. There was nothing new to report at this time. **(ii) Village entrance gateways.** No further progress. **(iii) Speedwatch signs.** No further progress but will depend on the Entrance Gateways going ahead. **iv) Smartwater signs.** These have been erected. **(v) School Crossing Survey.** This will be undertaken in October. It was suggested that 5 points need surveying between 8.15 and 8.40 am and 3.30 to 4.30pm. Cllr. Browne offered to organise the survey. **Action: Cllr. Browne.** Once the outcome is known the results will be sent to SCC so they can determine if a patrol is warranted, however it was felt that financial restrictions may prevent this.
8. **To receive reports on any public footpath or highway footway issues.**
Work on verges overgrowing the footways has been completed. Thanks should go to Cllr. Burkinshaw and all those that helped. Positive comments had been received. SCC had been informed of the work.
9. **To receive an update on progress made regarding social media and Council exposure.**
Cllr. Pitchford said that a new Facebook page had been set up – Kings Bromley Parish Council. It was linked to the parish website. There were already 96 followers and 817 shares. 81 had the agenda. News of the Best Kept Village presentation had reached 709. Clerk to ask Council's webmaster if he can link to the new page. **Action: Clerk.**
10. **To receive updates from Councillors / Clerk on the following issues raised at the last meeting – Voluntary Car Share drivers, Christmas tree and lights, Village Hall acoustics, verge overgrowth, disinfecting of waste bins, projector offer.**
The clerk had written to Mrs. Pollard asking for the names of drivers but had not received a reply. Cllr. Higgins will contact her. Cllr. Higgins intimated that she may be able to take on the coordination role as long as she has support. Christmas tree lights - £265 has been collected so far. Verges – these were covered above in item 8. Acoustics – no progress. Bins – clerk has informed LDC that 2 bins will require attention. Projector – this may be useful for use by the village hall. Committee to be informed. Discussion took place around damage to the decoration if parties are held in the hall. Again this is for the Village Hall committee to consider. Cllr. Crawley will speak to Julie Bamber. He added that the main hall floor will be sanded and sealed and the stairs decoration will be done week commencing 16th September.
11. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**
Cllr. Howard said that the WI will provide refreshments for the Best Kept Village presentation evening on 20th September at 6pm. A prize and certificate for one of the poster winners had gone missing. Clerk to contact organiser to try to secure a replacement. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Browne concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their condolences following the recent death of his wife.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

Signed (Chairman) Date 9th October 2019.