

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Wednesday 8th January 2020 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; S. Browne; J. Burkinshaw; Mrs. G. Pitchford. County Cllr. M. Tittley; Dist. Cllr. N. Binney.

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

Public Session: Six members of the public were present.

Forum. A member of the public asked if the council would be holding a planning meeting this evening. The clerk said it commenced at 7.30. He then asked if the council had made a response to the application for 57 homes off Alrewas Road. The clerk said it was discussed in detail by the council at the November meeting and that a reply to LDC had been made and was available on their website or in the councils minutes. He asked why the council had not objected to the application. The clerk replied and stated that there had been some confusion over what a parish council can say in that it was believed that only comments can be made. He now knows otherwise and is able to make replies through a special facility on the LDC website. The clerk read out a reply from SPCA on the subject.

1. Apologies and approval of absence.

Cllr. Mrs. J. Higgins (holiday).

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 11th December 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) Email from Perennial Landscapes re internal changes.
- iii) Email from Smiths of Derby re church clock maintenance. Item 4b v.
- iv) Letter from Surveillance Camera Commissioner re Protection of Freedom Act. Placed in circulation file. A request was made to circulate copies to all be email. Clerk to attend. **Action: Clerk.**
- v) Email from Cllr. Helen Fisher re feasibility study for a crossing. Item 10 i

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £9,412.58. Reserve a/c £9,252.70.
- ii) Payments Received. £226.43 – repayment from Perennial Landscapes – overpayment. £280 from Village Hall Committee – contribution to grass cutting around the hall.

- iii) To authorise payments. a) Clerks Salary, expenses and income tax inc. any postage stamps – total £564.85 b) J. Bancroft - £70 – repairs to shed roof on village hall car park.

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

- iv) Reporting of planning application comments. This had been covered under the public forum above.
- v) Maintenance of the church clock – quote received. The three year agreement for the clock maintenance has now ended. The present contractor, Smiths, have indicated that a new cheaper three year offer is available at £510.00 plus vat. It was decided to take advantage of this offer. All were in favour. Clerk to contact Smiths. **Action: Clerk.**
- vi) Clerks salary 2020/21. No information available at this time.
- vii) End of Q3 accounts summary. A summary had been distributed prior to the meeting. Cllr. Pitchford had checked through the accounts and signed them off. The clerk ran through the figures and then asked for questions. One question was raised over the vat on the village hall refurbishment. The clerk said he has made a further claim of vat from HMRC today.

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

Cllr. Binney said that LDC had been given an Ecology award for nature conservation. Cycle route improvements are being made. Work on the old police station, toilets and bus station are about to commence. A draft City masterplan is now available along with an on-line survey and two drop-in events. The Strategic Plan for the next 4 years is available and Focus Groups are meeting tomorrow. Finally, a case has recently been brought against a resident in Burntwood who took down trees without permission. He was fined £5,000. Clerk was asked to put notice on the website. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Tittley said he would contribute as and when issues arise on the agenda. The chairman thanked the Cllr. for his report.

6. To consider the latest HS2 issues and receive reports from Councillors.

A report by Doug Oakervee on the viability of the scheme is due to be published soon. It is thought the cost could be over £100bn. A meeting is due to take place between the council and HS2 towards the end of this month. Negotiations are continuing between SCC and HS2 over Crawley Lane and its access.

7. To receive an update on setting up a local lottery.

This has now been approved by LDC and is due to go ahead in March. There will be a series of meetings to decide how the progress. More will follow.

8. To consider councils response to the LDC Local Plan.

A reply had been circulated to all Cllrs. This must be submitted to LDC by 24th January. All were in favour of the reply. No development in the village is shown on the Local Plan.

9. To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Some proposals had been circulated to all Cllrs. by email. Grants are available up to £9,000. The aim is to complete the plan by the end of the 20/21 financial year. A template plan will be used initially. It will be necessary to advertise the plan and to ask for specialist volunteers. A questionnaire will be circulated to all residents and this will form the basis of the plans content. All were in favour of progressing. Clerk to place information on the website. **Action: Clerk.**

10. To receive reports on current highway issues. (i) School Crossing Survey. The clerk said a reply had now come back from Cllr. Helen Fisher at SCC. This suggested

that Cllr. Tittley will undertake a feasibility study. Cllr. Tittley said that he would do this but it would take some time. The issue is that there are no injury accidents and without those a case cannot easily be made. The cost is likely to be high and any financial contribution from the parish council would help. He will report back at a future meeting.

(ii) Weight Restriction. The chairman has contacted companies who continue to use the A515 and asked them to use an alternative route. One is a local company that travels from and to Seedy Mill. Cllr. Tittley said he will also speak to them. There remain issues with lorries still making illegal turns. Also there is an issue with vehicles parking illegally on the pelican crossing zig zag lines whilst accessing the Co Op. It was suggested that residents who witness this take photos and send to the clerk, police of chairman. Notice to be placed on the website to this affect. **Action: Clerk.**

11. To receive a report from the Village Hall Working Group.

As Cllr. Higgins is away, no meeting of the group has taken place.

12. To receive reports on any public footpath or highway footway issues.

The fire being used to burn rubbish off Crawley Lane has been moved a few metres however it continues to be used. Cllr. Burkinshaw will send a map of the site to the clerk so that a formal letter can be written to the landowner. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw and Clerk.** It was suggested by the Cllr. that an attempt is made to create a permissive path around the lake at Manor Park quarry. This was thought a good idea. Cllr. Burkinshaw will speak to landowners. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** Comment was then made about the poor condition of the road surface on the service road in front of the 'council' houses on Alrewas Road. After discussion it was felt that this section of road is not adopted highway. It was suggested that perhaps the maintenance rest with Bromford Housing. To clarify, the clerk was asked to contact them. **Action: Clerk.** The footpath near Flints Farm is badly overgrown causing users to walk in the adjoining field. A barbed wire fence has now been erected and this is preventing walkers from using the path. Cllr. Burkinshaw undertook to mark the obstruction on a map and the clerk can then write to the landowner. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw and clerk.**

13. To receive updates from Councillors / Clerk on the following issues raised at the last meeting – re-glazing of the BT Box, repairs to the village hall car park, placement of bricks.

Cllr. Higgins is dealing with this and she is away at the moment. No further action until she has spoken to Nigel Lee. **Action: Cllr. Higgins.** Cllr. Burkinshaw undertook to attend to the potholes in the village hall car park. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** A quote to install the brick faces has been received for £460 from a local bricklayer. After discussion it was decided to accept this quote. All were in favour. Clerk to contact to give the go-ahead. **Action: Clerk.**

14. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Crawley asked about the levelling of the grass at the rear of the hall and the exact location of the area. It was suggested he liaise with Julie Bamber and meet up on Monday 13th with Cllr. Howard. Work to commence on 21st January. **Action: Cllr. Crawley.**

Cllr. Howard said that he was giving a talk on the Best Kept Village to the Gardening guild on 20th January at the village hall – all welcome to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.19pm

Signed (Chairman) Date 12th February 2020.