

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 commencing at 7.35pm.

**Due to the Coronavirus outbreak and Countrywide ‘lockdown’ this meeting was held remotely using Internet based software.**

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. J. Higgins. Mrs. G. Pitchford. Dist. Cllrs. R. Cox. T. Marshall. N. Binney.

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

**Public Session:** Two members of the public were present at the ‘remote’ meeting.

**Forum.** A member of the public reported that there was a badly damaged manhole outside Archers. Clerk has already reported this.

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.  
**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 Remote General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 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. The chairman signed the minutes and will return them by post to the Clerk. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**
4. **Clerks Report.**
  - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
    - i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
    - ii) Letter – quote from Benhill Press for production of Neighbourhood Plan.
    - iii) Letter John Taylor School (distributed previously).
    - iv) Email SCC re planning application I.20/03/867M (item 7 on agenda) (distributed previously).
    - v) Letter from Cemex. (distributed previously).
    - vi) Letter from Groundworks informing of successful grant application.
  - b) **Finance.**
    - i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £19,235.75. Reserve a/c £9,269.60.
    - ii) Payments Received. Notification of grant from Groundworks for £2,634.
    - iii) To authorise payments. 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £547.04 .2. Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £271.72 inc. vat.  
Cheques had been issued for signing in advance of the meeting to Cllrs. Howard and Burkinshaw. To be returned by post to the clerk.  
It was proposed and seconded that the above invoices are paid and this action was acceptable. All were in favour.

- iv) Clerks salary 2020/21. No further information is currently available. Once a settlement is made it will be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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

No reports were forthcoming.

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

Cllr. Cole said that residents had received a document 'HS2 Update' from HS2 through the post. He has a copy of an NFU document suggesting that the Wood End Lane improvement will progress but it is not clear what it includes. Dist. Cllr. Marshall said that Sir Mark Worthington will be acting as intermediary.

**7. To consider a response to the SCC Consultation in connection with Planning Application No L.20/03/667M – quarrying south of the A513.**

This item also took in item 8.

Parishioners have until 2<sup>nd</sup> July to make comments to SCC. A web address is available. Clerk to put on website. **Action: Clerk.** It was suggested that 'prompts' could be used. The chairman will devise 'key points' and mail to Councillors for approval and then pass to the clerk. **Action: Cllr. Howard.** The original planning terms for Manor Park indicate that it must be completed before further applications at other sites are approved. Chairman has been in contact with SCC (Matt Griffin) but not had a committed answer to this. It was felt that any action should be considered carefully in case the quarry company, Hansons, take issue and use the site for landfill. Comment was made about the height of the proposed buildings on the new site and that it would be hard to screen them. Another concern is that lorries will come through the village. Cllr. Cole said he will continue to liaise with other parishes. If SCC does not comply with its own approvals regarding Manor Park, then it must be followed up and that Cllr. Tittley should be involved at that point. No further communications with Hansons, the fishing club and sailing club had been made or received.

The meeting timed out at 8.10pm and was restarted at 8.20pm. It was agreed that the chairman should subscribe to 'Zoom' at a cost of around £50 pa. This was agreed. Dist. Cllr. Marshall left the meeting.

When the negotiations on the sale price are underway, it was suggested that the parish council could offer some financial help to the fishing and sailing clubs. It was pointed out that the cost could be substantial. It was suggested that residents be consulted via the Neighbourhood Plan. After discussion it was agreed that this ought to be done separately.

**8. To receive an update on the possible future sale of Manor Park Quarry.**

Covered in item 7 above.

**9. To consider purchasing a replacement 'speed detection gun'.**

The chairman reported that the gun was no longer working. The Speedwatch partnership is unable to provide a replacement. A new gun will cost £229. It was agreed to purchase one. All in favour.

**10. To receive reports on current highway issues. i) Weight restriction ii) speeding.**

A local firm based at Fradely continues to flout the turn restrictions at Wood End Lane. The chairman has spoken to PC Royce who did deploy officers. Not too many are now breaking the restrictions. YTAG have been very active. It was noted that vehicle speeds have increased during lockdown.

11. **To receive reports on any public footpath or highway footway issues.**  
The illegal signs erected at Kings Walk have been removed. The overgrown footpaths have been cleared and there is a big improvement. No other known issues at present.
12. **To receive updates from Councillors / Clerk on the following issued raised at the last meetings – bonfire off Crawley Lane (log sheet to complete).**  
Cllr. Burkinshaw is monitoring and completing the log sheet. Once done he will return to the clerk for return to LDC. **Actions: Cllr. Burkinshaw and Clerk.**
13. **Update on actions undertaken with regards to the Coronavirus outbreak.**  
A letter went to all volunteers to ask them to contact those on their vulnerable list to see if they wanted continuing support. Many no longer want help. Numbers are falling naturally. Phone calls to some lonely residents are however still appreciated. Dist. Cllr. Binney said that LDC in association with the Co Op had delivered over 1000 food parcels to District residents. This is now being down scaled. The WI has now removed the bunting. July 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the last 'clap for the NHS'. Clerk to put on website. **Action: Clerk.**
14. **To consider future grant applications.**  
Cllr. Burkinshaw has made an application for £1,000 to North Face. Support Staffs will make applications on our behalf if requested. Cllrs. Higgins and Crawley will look into this.
15. **To receive an update on the setting up a 'local lottery'.**  
Cllr. Crawley is waiting on LDC. The delay is due to lockdown. This was confirmed by Dist. Cllr. Cox.
16. **To receive reports from the Neighbourhood Plan working group.**  
The chairman reiterated that a grant from Groundworks had been received. This is for the plan productions costs.
17. **To receive a report from the Village Hall Working Group.**  
No further updates. Cllr. Higgins suggested a virtual meeting. No up to date accounts have been forthcoming. The chairman said he will speak to Julie Bamber about engaging in a virtual meeting and ask her for the latest accounts. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**
18. **To receive an update about the suggested 'local electricity scheme'.**  
Cllr. Cole said there should be a ten minute 'bill' in parliament today. Once more is known he will let everyone know. **Action: Cllr. Cole.**
19. **To consider what the parish council can do to help parishioners that suffer with dementia.**  
This item was deferred until the next meeting.
20. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**  
Cllr. Browne asked that a letter is written thanking the Co Op for their help during the pandemic. Clerk to write. **Action: Clerk.** Bus services have resumed but passengers must wear masks. These can be purchased at the Co Op. Cllr. Howard has a supply along with gloves. Cllr. Cole said that the same land parcel in Manor Road was to be auctioned on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It is too late now for the council to be involved. Clerk to reinstate the agenda item concerning the telephone box. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Howard said that a resident had been in touch regarding a tree that he wanted removing as it was damaging his boundary wall. The clerk had sent the Arborist report to the resident and

had not had a reply. Clerk to email Tim Hemmersley to determine when the temporary weight restriction will become permanent. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Howard referred to 'black lives matter' and said the council ought to be aware.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020.