
KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st April 2021 at 7.30 pm. This was an internet based 'Zoom' Meeting.

Present: Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); C. Cole; J. Bowman; J. Burkinshaw.
Dist. Cllrs. T. Marshall; R. Cox; Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk).
1 member of the public.

1. Apologies: District Cllr. N. Binney; Cllr. S. Browne, N. Crawley. Mrs. G. Pitchford (joined the meeting at 8.30pm.)

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 11th April 2019. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic no meeting was held in 2020.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2019 were taken as read. All in favour.

3. Annual Report of the Parish Council – Cllr. A. Howard (Chairman)

The chairman reported briefly as below.

Most village organisation are doing little due to the pandemic. Parish meetings have been held by 'ZOOM' over the internet. A volunteer scheme was set up to help the elderly and venerable – this has now come to an end. Thanks to all those that helped out. Covid cases are low now. The council decided not to increase the precept this year. The temporary turn restriction orders were made permanent. This has reduced lorries on the A513 but not the A515. Another turning count will be held soon. No Speedwatch has taken place but this will resume soon. There have been two community litter picks. – thanks to all that helped including the District Councillors. The production of the Neighbourhood Plan has commenced. Some of the grant was returned as unspent but a further application will be made soon. There were only 130 replies to the questionnaire – about a third of the parish. The application to build 57 homes off Alrewas Road was rejected by the LDC. Cemex has applied to build a quarry south of the A513 near Alrewas. The council has joined with other local parishes to object. Extra traffic will be generated. SCC will meet in June to discuss the final application. Cllr. Higgins stood down from the parish council and John Bowman was co-opted to fill the vacancy. It is hoped that an open gardens will happen in July. Best Kept Village will be different in that an entry will be made supported by photographs and a presentation. The village pub has opened again. The Village Hall is likely to open again soon. No questions were forthcoming.

4. Parish Council Finance.

(i) Budget 2021/22 and (ii) Unaudited Summary of Accounts for the year to 31/3/21.

A copy of the unaudited accounts for the last financial year is available by request from the clerk. He said that the council had not requested an increase to the precept for the year. He went on to explain the accounts which showed a project excess of expenditure over income of around £4,314 for the year 2021/22. At year end 2020/21 there was £11,180 in the current account and £9,276 in the reserve account. The excess was £3,803.74. No questions were forthcoming.

5. District Councillor's Report and questions.

Cllr. Marshall apologised for not making the meeting last week. LDC has 17.2 cases of Covid per 100,000 population. Non-essential retail is now up and running. Gyms are open. More will open after 17th May. The council has a 'green agenda' and will be looking at improving heating / lighting at its facilities. A new CEO is to begin soon. Beacon Park is well worth a visit. HS2 is a horrendous scheme.

Cllr. Cox had nothing more to add. Thanks to the two District Cllrs were made by the chairman.

6. County Councillor's Report and questions.

No report had been made in writing.

7. Policing in Kings Bromley.

The clerk read out the police report.

8. Kings Bromley United Charity – report by Mrs. Howard.

Mrs, A. Howard made a report. A copy of the report and accounts is available through the clerk.

9. High Speed Rail 2 - report by Cllrs. Browne / Gair.

Cllrs. Cole updated the meeting on the latest situation. A full copy of the report is available by request from the clerk.

10. Village Organisation Reports.

Written reports were received from:

Snooker Club
Wednesday Club
Show Society
Foresters Scouts
All St. Church
Bowling Club
School Governors

The clerk read out these reports – due to an administrative oversight, the one from Mrs. H. Bowman, School governors was missed. The clerk subsequently apologies for this.

The clerk added that copies of the full reports were available from him upon request.

A verbal report was given by Mrs. E. Bowring, head at Richard Crosse School. She said she wished to create links with the local community and the new vicar once he is installed. She encourages the children to undertake litter picks. The chairman asked if they could help by picking up litter behind the village hall – she agreed. He also said that there is a small wild life area in the far right rear corner. She said that a small area of land for projects would be useful. She is aware of an anti-social behaviour incident that affects the school. She has spoken to the local PCSO who will speak to the children. She is looking forward to clubs restarting. The chairman thanked Mrs. Bowring for her report and attendance.

The chairman then thanked all those that made reports and said that their efforts made for a vibrant village. He appreciated all the work that the parish councillors undertook.

11. Open Forum

The chairman asked for questions from the floor.

None were forthcoming.

There being no further business the open meeting was closed at 8.32 pm.

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