

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Thursday 10th June 2021 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. S. Browne (vice chairman); C. Cole; N. Crawley; J. Burkinshaw;
J. Bowman.
County and Dist. Cllr. R. Cox;

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

Public Session: Two members of the public were present at the meeting.

Forum. No members of the public wished to speak at this point.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
Cllrs. A. Howard (chairman - on holiday); Mrs. G. Pitchford (work commitments).
Dist. Cllrs. N. Binney and T. Marshall.
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 item6 – HS2.
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 20th May 2021 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 vice chairman signed the minutes.
4. **Clerks Report.**
 - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
 - i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
 - ii) Flier from Severn Trent regarding possible extra lorries on 16th June while work to the pumping station is undertaken. Clerk to post on website. **Action: Clerk.**
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £24,058.40. Reserve a/c £9,303.60. Un cleared cheques - £1,038.36
 - ii) Payments Received. Donation - £10.00
 - iii) To authorise payments.
 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £586.71
 2. Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £282.85 inc. vat
 3. LDC – bin emptying for the year - £816.00 plus vat.

It was agreed that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour.

5. **To receive oral / written reports from County and District Councillors.**
County and Dist. Cllr. Cox reported. Each Cllr. will have a small grant available to issue to local non constituted community groups. Let him know if any are thought eligible. More information will be made available to the Clerk. LDC has a temporary CEO. A new

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person will be in place in July. A fund has been set up to help the homeless. New leisure centre is underway. HS2 may contribute. Travellers have located in Beacon Park. It was suggested that all councils look at way to prevent ingress to any land they hold. This to be placed on next agenda. When available guidance will be circulated. **Action: Clerk.** A flier regarding domestic violence was recently circulated. Clerk to add to website and noticeboards. **Action: Clerk.** Any planning applications for solar farms will be included on the weekly planning list.

The vice chairman thanked the councillor for his report.

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

Cllr. Cole said a meeting was held with HS2 last Thursday. Included were two representatives from Yoxall, Sarah Mallen from SCC, and Balfour Beatty. The main issue was the request to vary the traffic regulation order affecting Wood End Lane. This is to allow lorries to turn right out of the lane to access a works compound on the A515. An assurance was given that this is the only change. All HS2 vehicles will be identifiable. Draft minutes will be issued along with presentation slides. HS2 has now stated that Cemex will be a key supplier and they are getting everything in place should the planning application be approved by SCC on 15th July. Cllr. Burkinshaw recently attended an HS2 seminar and was impressed that they use quality professionals. The scheme will now go ahead and the role of the council is now to mitigate and comment upon their plans to lessen the impact on the parish. HS2 has a 15 year plan to maintain the trees planted after which they will pass to the landowners. Lots of surveys are being undertaken at present. Information on the relocation of pylons has been circulated.

7. To allocate Councillors responsibilities for the coming year.

The clerk went through the various roles and will amend the schedule and recirculate ready for sign-off at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.** Mention was made of the voluntary car share scheme - this to be discussed at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

8. To receive an update on the proposed Cemex quarry south of the A513.

Cllr. Cole said that a revised planning application had been received today and he will read this in depth and then speak to Cllr. Howard and Browne. **Action: Cllr. Cole.**

9. To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues.

Several highway defects were mentioned. The clerk undertook to report these to SCC. **Action: Clerk.** Mention was made that the more people that report each defect will mean the more likely the defect will be attended to. The grass verge alongside the A515 towards Yoxall is now very long. Clerk to ask SCC to cut to enable walkers to access the footpath near to the River Trent Bridge. **Action: Clerk.** Other issues await the return of the chairman who is dealing with them.

10. To receive updates from Councillors / Clerk on the following issues raised at the last meeting.

Grants – next meeting. Waste bins – it was agreed not to purchase additional bins at the moment. Car Park at village hall – reminder that quotes have expired. Waiting on commitment from Village Hall committee on finances. Show Field second gate – again rejected by the Show Society. Decided to wait to see if a problem continues with dog waste and bins being full.

11. To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working group.

Group has met. The plan is to hold a first village meeting on 17th July at the village hall then again 2 weeks later. There will be 5 meetings over several months each covering different topics. 30 village groups will be asked to attend / contribute. Whole process could take 6 months. A referendum will be held in March 2023.

12. To consider future ‘prestigious projects’ for / in the parish.

This item was suggested by Cllr. Cole to look at beneficial parish projects that could involve financial support from HS2. A discussion took place and one idea was to create walking / cycling routes / routes around the parish that are clearly defined with guidepost and information boards. This to be done by a professional body. It may be necessary to set up a working group. Clerk to add to next agenda. **Action: Clerk.**

13. To consider purchasing more waste bins.

This was discussed under item 10 above. Take off agenda. **Action: Clerk.**

14. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Cole – there is a tree on Alrewas Road that is damaging a lamp column. Clerk to inform SCC and LDC. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr. Burkinshaw – asked about the soldier silhouette offered to the council. After discussion it was felt that more information was required before deciding where it could be erected. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**

Cllr. Burkinshaw – will look at the fence posts around the War Memorial. There may not be enough replacements in stock so he will liaise with Cllr. Howard before doing the work. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**

Cllr. Crawley – asked what trees are most suitable to replace those felled in Leofric Close. Suggested he speaks to Cllr. Howard. **Action: Cllr. Crawley.** Comment was made that the stumps from the recently felled trees had not been ground out. Clerk to chase tree surgeon. **Action: Clerk.**

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Signed (Vice Chairman) Date: 8th July 2021.