

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Thursday 14th October 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. A. Howard; (chairman); C. Cole; N. Crawley; S. Browne; J. Burkinshaw.
County and Dist. Cllr. R. Cox. Dist. Cllr. T. Marshall.

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

Public Session: One member of the public was present at the meeting.

Forum. No one wished to speak at this point.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
Cllr. Mrs. G. Pitchford (medical); J. Bowman (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. Crawley on items 11.
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 9th September 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 chairman signed the minutes.
4. **Clerks Report.**
 - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
 - i) SPCA news – several issues. Placed in circulation file.
 - ii) Letter from Westcot Contractors regarding information after resurfacing (Placed in circulation file)
 - iii) Email from Iain Macpherson at Hansons (circulated previously).
 - iv) Letter from SCC regarding Cemex Application (circulated previously).
 - v) Email from Cllr. Burkinshaw re contact made by Cassie Tracey regarding Show Field entrance. After discussion it was felt that this was a matter for the Show Society to discuss. Cllr. Burkinshaw to contact Ms. Tracey to suggest she contacts them. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**
 - vi) Letter from Westcot Contractors with breakdown of cost for car park resurfacing work. The clerk explained that he had requested a breakdown to enable two invoices for the work to be provided to the council, one for labour costs and one for materials. This will then enable the labour invoice to be paid by the Village Hall Committee and will mean the accounting / auditing will be more understandable.
 - vii) Email from Mr. O’Dea regarding white lines on Alrewas Road. This issue had been reported before to SCC. Clerk to report again to Cllr. Cox. **Action: Clerk.**
 - viii) Play Inspection report. The clerk said he would summarise the report and bring to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

- ix) Email from Oliver Elshout regarding parish owned land. It was agreed that this land is public open space and the council is unable to sell it. Clerk to reply. **Action: Clerk.**
- x) Flier regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Placed in circulation file.
- xi) Email from resident regarding the poor drainage on Alrewas Road and blocked channels. County Cllr. Cox is aware of the problem and said that the issue would be attended to in the very near future.
- xii) Email from resident regarding weed growth around the village. Cllr. Howard undertook to deal with this using a suitable weed killer. Cost will be invoiced to the council. **Action: Cllr. Howard**
- xiii) Cllr. Howard presented an email he had received from Nathan Davies, a local resident, regarding a HS2 vehicle seen travelling through the village. Cllr. Howard has responded. The clerk reminded the meeting that all such correspondence should be copied to him so he too is aware and makes formal replies.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £15,373.67 Reserve a/c £9,303.60.
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To authorise payments.
 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £581.70
 2. Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £282.85 inc. vat
 3. Westcot Contractors Ltd – village hall car park resurfacing – material costs - £11,722.80 inc. vat.
 4. Westcot Contractors Ltd – village hall car park resurfacing – labour costs - £6,357.60 inc. vat.

A question was asked by Cllr. Browne as to how the two invoices from Westcot would be paid as there was insufficient funds in the current account. The clerk said he would need to move money from the reserve account and replace this once the Village Hall Committee has paid their part.

It was agreed that the above invoices, 1 and 2, are paid. All were in favour.

A question was asked about the additional cost of the ducting as it should have been about the same cost of the drainage that was not installed. Clerk to ask Westcot to justify the difference before the invoices are paid. **Action: Clerk.** The clerk asked Cllrs. Crawley and Burkinshaw to inspect the work and let him know if the invoices can be paid. **Action. Cllrs Crawley and Burkinshaw.** Cllr. Burkinshaw said he would trim the ducts so they are flush to the surface. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** Westcot will then return to make good.

- iv) End of quarter 2 financial summary. The summary had been circulated previously. No questions were forthcoming.
- v) Annual play equipment / play area report. Covered above.
- vi) Capital Projects for 2022/23. The clerk asked Councillors to consider future projects, bearing in mind that reserve funds are now limited and to bring their ideas to the next meeting. **Action: All Cllrs.**

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

Dist. Cllr. Marshall reported. A dual stream recycling system will soon be introduced. More money is to be put into the Planning Department. Outside dining is to be extended in the City centre at the expense of disabled parking places. It is hoped to fully pedestrianise the centre. The half marathon is this weekend. October Fest is cancelled. A consultation is to take place on how the council is run – all welcome to contribute. The Community Lottery is providing 60% of income to local causes. It is now time to check

you are on the local register to vote. Applications for car charging points have been received for the new school at the old Rugeley power station site.

County and Dist. Cllr Cox reported. The Councillor Community Fund is still open to applications. The County Council is undertaking a survey of mental health issues. Details will be circulated. There is an issue on a weir on the river Trent with debris getting lodged. EA are involved. Cllr. Browne asked about social care and funding. Monies are ring fenced and the situation monitored.

The chairman thanked the two Councillors for their reports.

6. **To consider the latest HS2 issues and receive reports from Councillors.**
Cllr. Cole said that a lot is happening locally and all information he receives is mailed out directly and placed on the website.
7. **To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues.**
The chairman said that the turn restriction signs at Wood End Lane / A515 have now been re-erected. No other issues to report.
8. **To receive updates on grant applications.**
Grants – an application to Groundworks (HS2) has been made and is being processed. Could take a further 4 weeks. 75% of amount applied for could be made available.
9. **To hear progress, if any, on i) Cemex application ii) Wi fi / CCTV at the village hall iii) reporting of turn restriction infringements.**
 - (i) No further updates. Cllr. Cole is monitoring. The first application applies to HS2 phase 1 only. A new application will be required to service phase 2.
 - (ii) No further progress
 - (iii) Covered in item 13 below.
10. **To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working group.**
The first consultation will be at the village hall on 23rd October between 10 and 12 noon. Five Cllrs. will be in attendance – could they arrive at 9am for a briefing? **Action: Cllrs.**
11. **To receive an update on the proposal to develop parish owned land as nature areas.**
Lanes Close area has not been strimmed yet. Clerk to chase contractor. **Action: Clerk.** The schoolchildren have suggested numerous ideas to develop the area at the rear of the village hall. A meeting took place amongst Councillors on the land outside number 25 Leofric Close. It was decided to plant 6 fruit trees set back by 5m from the hedge line. Cost around £40 each. Neighbours, who have had trees felled, will be invited to contribute to the costs. The chairman proposed that the trees are purchased. Seconded by Cllr. Browne. Four in favour and one abstention. Chairman to purchase trees and arrange planting. **Action: Cllr. Howard.** There is still no response from Bromford regarding developing the land at Chamberlain Close as a nature area. Clerk chases them every month. Cllr. Browne asked if part of the Lanes Close area could be used as a seating area for those wishing to contemplate. Cllr Burkinshaw distributed pictures of a memorial garden and he and Cllr. Browne undertook to come up with some suggestions and report to a future meeting. **Action: Cllrs Browne and Burkinshaw.**
12. **To consider producing more walking route leaflets.**
Cllr. Browne has spoken to Benhill Press about this. They cannot locate the proofs. They will forward cost to produce a new leaflet. Some paths have changes now or will change after HS2. New pictures are also required. Work in progress.
13. **To receive an update on a proposed meeting with the PFCC.**

The chairman has spoken at length with Ben Adams (PFCC). He has 180 parishes to consider. Main items for concern are a lack of local police presence, fly tipping, drugs and scams by email. He was asked about the law concerning CCTV in public places. He will find out. This includes for reporting those flaunting the turn restrictions.

14. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Browne. There is much concern that parishioners cannot get an appointment at the doctors. They are short with two doctors doing only 3 days a week and one locum doing one day. It is a national situation. Dr. Gunn will be off sick longer than expected. Most appointments are being done by telephone. The surgery held an open event at Yoxall Village Hall and over 150 attended over 2 hours.

Cllr. Howard asked if he could purchase a wreath from the Royal British Legion. This was agreed. Cost £25 to be reimbursed to Cllr. Howard. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

He said that the council should formally thank Sue Pollard for her years of service running the Voluntary Car Share scheme. It was agreed to purchase a small gift to the value of £25. All in favour. **Action: Cllr. Howard.** He will also draft a letter for the clerk to send. **Action: Cllr. Howard and clerk.**

Cllr. Burkinshaw. He is attending a Connect Local Trust course on 29/30 October. He will distribute details. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**

Cllr. Crawley asked who the 'monitoring officer' is. Clerk informed him that it is an employee of the District Council.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 11th November 2021.