

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Thursday 9th December 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. Bowman.

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

Public Session: No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Forum. No members of the public present.

1. Apologies and approval of absence.

Cllr. J. Burkinshaw (work commitments); Mrs. G. Pitchford (unwell).
County and Dist. Cllr. R. Cox. Dist. Cllr. 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.

None.

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 November 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) Email from LDC – cost of new dog waste bin / moving of bin. The bin has now been moved. No invoice from LDC yet.
- iii) Email from Bromford re land at rear of Chamberlain Close. Bromford requested images of the site and access off Alrewas Road. Clerk to send to Bromford. **Action: Clerk.** The chairman said he thought that creating access off Alrewas Road would be a problem as there is no footway along that section of road.
- iv) Email regarding school involvement with the community. The clerk read out an email from Heather Bowman. It was suggested that to give an award to one individual was counter to policy and the idea could not be entertained.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £7,758.19.17 Reserve a/c £3,305.09. Un cleared cheques £55.00
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To authorise payments.
 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £575.45
 2. SLCC Subscription - £112.00
 3. Lichfield Garden Centre – 6no fruit trees - £245.47
 4. Parish Online subscription - £48.00 inc vat.

5. The Royal Oak – 2 cheques. a) Jet wash around War Memorial - £120.00 b) Christmas tree - £140.00

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

- iv) Capital Projects 2022/3. The clerk had distributed a list of projects some of which were carried over from this year. The shed roof will require replacing and the estimate is around £250. After discussion it was agreed to allocate a maximum of £2,000 for projects next year, the actual projects to be identified later.
- v) Precept Bid 2022/3. The clerk had distributed previously a summary of the expected expenditure for 2021/2 and his projections for 2022/3. This year shows an estimated excess of income over expenditure of around £7,115 with an estimated excess of expenditure over income for next year of around £1,545. Discussion took place around the necessity to increase the precept. Comment was made that council sought no increase last year and that only inflation was sought in the two years prior to that. Estimates suggest that inflation could reach around 8% next year. With this in mind it was proposed and seconded that the clerk applies an increase in-line with the RPI in January. All were in favour. Clerk to complete LDC forms in early January and return them. **Action: Clerk.**

5. **To receive oral / written reports from County and District Councillors. (i) To consider a suggestion from County Cllr. Cox that a 'SCC Lichfield Rural West Division Parish Forum' is convened.**

No Councillors were present and no written reports received.

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

Cllr. Cole said the work that meant there was an A38 southbound closure was undertaken on time so the road is now open at weekends. A rumour that the whole road is to be closed was incorrect – only the southbound slip road at Streethay will be shut. No total closure of the road is planned for next year. There is a 'teams' meeting on 14th December at 10am with HS2.

7. **To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

8. **To consider new grant application to Groundworks.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

9. **To hear progress, if any, on installing Wi fi / CCTV / car charging points at the village hall.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

10. **To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working group.**

There will be a stall at the Royal Oak market on 18th December from 12 till 4pm. Volunteers are required to man the stall in shifts. Cllrs. Crawley and Cole said they will attend. A meeting will be held prior to arrange the rota.

11. **To receive an update on the Cemex application.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

12. **To consider the response from Hansons regarding Manor Park Quarry's future.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

- 13. **To consider better ways to communicate with residents.**
This item was deferred until the next meeting.
- 14. **To consider offering further defibrillator training.**
This item was deferred until the next meeting.
- 15. **To consider an idea to create a new woodland to the west of Lichfield Road.**
The clerk was asked to contact Cllr. Marshal to ask if the land in question is ever likely to be given planning approval for housing development. **Action: Clerk.**
- 16. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**
Cllr. Browne said that the prices he had given for the walk leaflet printing were incorrect. 500 A4 would cost £455.00 and 1000 £515.00 no vat.
A request was made to add to the next agenda an item concerning the weir on the Trent near to Manor Park quarry. **Action: Clerk.**
Clerk was asked to report the puddle on the footway outside Forge House again and request it is added to a quarterly schedule. **Action: Clerk.**
The chairman asked if a reply had been received from Aquadirect. No reply was forthcoming. Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk.**
Cllr. Browne said he would see if the old ‘Fradley Forum’ was still active. **Action: Cllr. Browne.**

The meeting closed at 8.16pm.

Addendum to the 11th November minutes

Public Forum:

One member of the public wished to speak regarding the impacts of global warming. He said it was our responsibility as individuals to make a positive contribution to alleviate the impacts and that there are some feasible ideas that could be put in place locally. His idea is to create a wood – Leofrics Wood – the suggestion being to investigate the potential use of land off the west side of Lichfield Road, behind the falling down brick wall. The land is part of the flood plain and is unlikely to be suitable for housing development. He is asking the parish council as it may have authority and can approach LDC. He then distributed a map and the chairman said an item for discussion would be added to the next agenda. **Action: Clerk.**

At the December meeting the clerk was asked to contact Dist. Cllr. Marshall to ask his views on the idea and in particular if he thought that the land identified would ever be given planning approval for use as building land. **Action: Clerk**

Signed (Chairman) Date: 13th January 2022.