

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Thursday 13th January 2022 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;
J. Burkinshaw; Mrs. G. Pitchford.
County and Dist. Cllr. R. Cox. Dist. Cllr. T. Marshall.

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.**
Dist. Cllr. R. Cross
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. J. Burkinshaw on item 9 as he has an interest in CCTV installations through his business.
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 December 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 regarding Small Habitats Grant Fund. Placed in circulation file.
 - iii) Quote from Benhill Press for the printing of walk leaflets. It was agreed to put this on hold for now and until the HS2 works are more advanced. Cllr. Browne will inform Benhill Press. **Action: Cllr. Browne.**
 - iv) Letter regarding The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons. Placed in circulation file. The chairman has passed a copy of this to the Show Committee. It is thought that a joint approach will be taken by the Committee and the Horticultural Society with input from the local public house. Chairman will report back at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**
 - v) Flier - Severn Trent Community Fund. Placed in circulation file.
 - vi) Email from Julie Bamber re Kings Bromley Snooker Club's offer to contribute £500 towards the car park resurfacing work. After discussion it was decided that the contribution should be accepted and the sum shared between the parish council and village hall committee. The estimated cost of outstanding work is around £500 to cover a new shed roof and electrical wiring. Clerk to email back to Julie Bamber. **Action: Clerk.** Questions were then asked about the relationship between the parish council and village hall committee. After discussion it was decided to put an item on the next agenda and to invite Julie Bamber to attend. Clerk to contact. **Action: Clerk.**

- vii) Email from Mr. O'Dea regarding notices seen from BT Telecoms – installation of new poles. Much discussion took place on the subject. The notices said that the parish council had been informed but no such contact has been received. It was suggested that SCC Highways is contacted to see if they know what the notices are about. Clerk to contact Mary Lee at SCC. **Action: Clerk.**
- viii) Email from Julie Bamber regarding Wi Fi at the village hall. This had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. The Village Hall Committee is not prepared to fund this. See item 9 below.

The chairman then asked if a reply had been forthcoming from Aquadirect. No reply has been received from both letters sent. It was suggested that the clerk writes again requesting a meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

Questions were then directed at County Cllr. Cox regarding the blocked gully opposite the Co Op that is causing a flood and forcing pedestrians to walk into the live carriageway. The clerk said he has reported the issue to Highways and copied in Cllr. Cox with a photograph. The report for SCC came back to say no action was required. Cllr. Cox explained that it was a problem with the system and that gullies are on a schedule and emptied at set time periods. This gully is probably not due for attention and so the system had flagged that no action was required. After some heated discussion it was suggested that the clerk writes to Garry Hunt at SCC who is the Strategic Community Infrastructure Manager. **Action: Clerk.** It would also be worth asking the school to make contact. A petition would also be looked at. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £9,709.90 Reserve a/c £3,305.09. Un cleared cheques £55.00
- ii) Payments Received. £2,947.14 vat refund. 3 times £81.83 – donation from residents towards tree replacements.
- iii) To authorise payments.
 - 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £574.56
 - 2. LDC – relocate dog waste bin - £100 plus vat
 - 3. Cllr Cole – Defibrillator pads - £47.94 inc. vat.

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

- iv) Precept Bid 2022/3. The clerk said that the current rate of inflation is 5.1% and the PRI 4.6%. It was agreed that a precept increase to match inflation should be requested. This would generate a further £837 and put 24p pa on a band D property. All were in favour. Clerk to make return to LDC. **Action: Clerk.**

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

- (i) Cllr. Cross had sent his apologies via Cllr. Marshall.
- (ii) Cllr. Cox said, as part of his election pledge he would set up a local forum for parishes to get together and to address common issues. After discussion it was agreed to attend the forum with up to 3 representatives allowed. Cllr. Cox will inform the parishes when the first meeting will be held.

Cllr. Marshall said that the garden waste collection will recommence on 31st January. Some normal collections were missed due to Covid issues. 72 small 'forests' are to be created throughout the West Midlands.

Cllr Cox said he has a small 'climate change' fund and is asking for applications. The chairman asked the councillor about issues he has had with the reporting of turn restriction offences to the police. He is very unhappy with a response he had from an officer and would like to speak to the PFCC. Cllr. Cox said that he is the wrong person to contact and that any problems like this should be directed, in the first instance, to the officer who made the reply then onto his superior. The chairman said he may contact the Chief Constable. **Action: Cllr. Howard.** The chairman has also asked the PFCC about the laws around installing CCTV but has had no reply. Cllr. Burkinshaw said he would ask the local police and will distribute a document that has guidance. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**

County and Dist. Cllr. Cox and Dist. Cllr. Marshall left the meeting at 9.30pm.

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

Cllr. Cole said there were no further updates.

7. To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues

Cllr. Burkinshaw said he has reported a collapsed stile on a path from Trent Bridge towards Alrewas. Some footpaths that are on the route of HS2 have become tracks not paths. He will send a plan of the affected paths to Cllr. Cole who can bring them to the attention of HS2. **Action: Cllrs. Burkinshaw and Cole.**

8. To consider ways to support the local school with its environmental initiatives.

Discussion took place around the suggested area at the rear of the village hall. Designs for the development of the area have been done by the children and a collective plan will be put forward but the school is constrained by manpower. The chairman said he would speak with the Gardening Guild and raise the matter of manpower and then discuss possibilities with the Head Teacher. It was stated that this is an integral part of the curriculum and is subject to monitoring and inspection but has been delayed through Covid. It was suggested that the council could seek a small grant out of Cllr. Cox's fund. **Actions: Cllr. Howard**

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

Cllr. Bowman relayed a story about a recent episode outside the hall that resulted in a young local lady being distraught and a brick being thrown at a car on the main road. Cones had been placed across the road and traffic held. The police were involved. A question was asked if the CCTV at the hall could be accessed but the cameras are not currently live. He said he thought it a priority that CCTV is available as a safety measure for the good of the community. This was agreed to go ahead with installation. Cllr. Burkinshaw will obtain quotes from BT and distribute same. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** A maximum sum was agreed at £80 per month to be funded by the council. All in favour. The cameras were donated and are currently installed and should be functional. Cllr. Burkinshaw asked about the car charging points stating that several options are available including ones where the point is leased and the council / village hall committee would receive a rental income. Other options would be for the installers to pay and to take all income. He will investigate and report back **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** The clerk pointed out that the council cannot operate on a commercial basis so could not take an income from the points.

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

The working group will meet next week.

11. **To receive an update on the Cemex application.**
Cllr. Cole said he would draft a letter along with the clerk to be sent to Matt Griffin at SCC for an update on the section 106 agreement with Cemex. **Action: Cllr. Cole and Clerk.**
12. **To consider the response from Hansons regarding Manor Park Quarry's future and any issues around the maintenance of the weir.**
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.**
Dist. Cllr. Marshall has been asked to look into the likelihood of the area being developed for housing and to report back.
16. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**
Cllr. Cole asked the clerk to report that the fallen tree branches outside The Vicarage are still lying on the verge. Clerk to report again. **Action: Clerk.**

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 10th February 2022.