

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Thursday 10th February 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.
Dist. Cllr. T. Marshall.

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

Public Session: Ten members of the public were present at the meeting and PCSO Tracey Horton.

Forum. Discussion took place around the options to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June. It was decided to arrange a further meeting amongst those attending to ensure that all suggestions and venues are considered. It was decided that a 'Beacon' will be purchased. Clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk.** Grants are available and this will be looked into. One resident thanked the Parish Council for the work they do and said the village was looking better. He then said that the streets would benefit from additional road sweeping.

PCSO Tracey Horton then addressed the meeting. The only issues reported since 1st January is of anti-social behaviour, a dog attack and an aggressive male in the village centre. She added that the new Chief Constable is keen to return to more localised policing. Local surgeries will restart. Recruits are being sought and this will free up PCSO's to work with locals. The chairman thanked the PCSO for attending.

1. Apologies and approval of absence.

Cllr. Mrs. G. Pitchford; County and Dist. Cllr. R. Cox; 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 5 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 13th January 2022 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 CPRE requesting financial help. After discussion it was felt that the subscription was enough though there was some sympathy for the financial predicament they were in.
- iii) LDC email regarding the Community Governance Review (circulated previously). This was felt important. Cllrs Cole and Bowman will work on a draft response for presentation at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk - to add the item on the agenda for the next meeting.**

- iv) Proposal from the Community Speed Watch Group. (Circulated previously). The group wish to have permanent signs purchased. Clerk to obtain more information on Amey quote and sign sizes. **Action: Clerk.**
- v) Email from Mr. O'Dea regarding siting of telegraph pole near Almshouses. BT has indicated a new location which now obstructs visibility from those exiting Manor Road. Clerk to make complaint to BT again. **Action: Clerk.**

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £9,015.34 Reserve a/c £3,305.09.
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To authorise payments.
 - 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £597.09
 - 2. Eric Roy – website - £140.00
 - 3. Cllr Crawley – materials for shed roof - £33.47.

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

- iv) End of Q3 financial summary – omitted from January agenda. No questions on the summary presented were forthcoming. The clerk passed a copy to Cllr. Browne.

5. To discuss with The Village Hall Management Committee their working relationship with the Council and to hear progress on installing Wi fi / CCTV / car charging points at the village hall.

Regarding CCTV and car charging points – the clerk was asked to determine if a Parish Council can legally make charges for these services. **Action: Clerk.** Any Wi fi connection would be password protected and changed regularly.

At 8.10pm, via an internet link, Julie Bamber joined the meeting. The chairman said that the relationship between the trustees, the parish council and the management committee (charity) needs to be more clearly defined. After discussion it was decided that a meeting between all interested parties should be established. Cllrs. Howard, Burkinshaw, Browne and Bowman will attend on behalf of the parish council. Cllr. Howard to arrange a meeting. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

6. To consider options to celebrate the Queens Jubilee.

Cllr. Howard said that the information had been placed on the website and the documents distributed. Clerk to inform Pageant Master that Kings Bromley wishes to be involved. **Action: Clerk.** It was decided that the community wishes to be involved in the beacon ceremony too. A gas fired beacon costing £490 will be purchased. All in favour. Grants are available. Clerk to investigate and make applications. **Action: Clerk.** A working group will be set up consisting of Cllrs. Pitchford, Burkinshaw and Browne. It was agreed that the parish council will allocate £100 initially towards other costs. All in favour. Cllr. Browne asked for a copy of the evenings attendees. Clerk to make a copy. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Dist. Cllr. Marshall has looked into the question raised concerning objectors' names and addresses appearing on planning application discussions. There is no scope to allow any anonymity. In the eyes of the law there is no reason to withhold that information. Regarding the land on the west side of Lichfield Road near the A513 turning to Armitage – he does not feel that an application for residential development would be given permission as the area is in a category 2 or 3 flood risk area. It is also outside the village boundary. The chairman said that perhaps the community could look at raising funds to

purchase the land and use it as a wooded amenity. This would be looked into. No progress has been made on the state of the wall fronting the site. Cllr. Marshall will ask LDC Building Control to take another look. There is a proposal to create a community garden / arboretum in Beacon Park to replace the little used pitch and put course. This may be known as Dr. Johnson Garden. A public consultation is currently taking place. He finished by saying that grants are available for local tourism businesses. The chairman thanked the councillor for his report.

8. To decide on representatives to attend the local parish forum.

Cllr. Browne volunteered to attend.

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

Cllr. Cole said there was a regular meeting a couple of weeks ago and he has distributed the minutes. Comments were made about the appalling lack of communication and consultation with local landowners who are directly affected by the scheme. Many meetings have been held with totally unsatisfactory outcomes.

10. To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues

None made.

11. To consider an update on supporting the local school with its environmental initiatives.

No further progress.

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

The next meeting is on 26th February when residents will be informed of what has been done so far. Following that, a 'first draft' of the plan will be presented to the full council then LDC. Later, a referendum will be held.
Dist. Cllr. Marshall left the meeting at 9.30pm.

13. To receive an update on the Cemex application.

Cllr. Cole said that there is an issue with the landowners and this was delaying progress.

14. 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.

15. To consider better ways to communicate with residents.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

16. To consider offering further defibrillator training.

This item was deferred until later in the year. It was suggested that a second defibrillator should be obtained for the village. The location of the one at the village hall should be added to the council's mapping system. **Action: Clerk.** Councillors requested access to the on-line mapping system. Clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk.**

17. To consider an idea to create a new woodland to the west of Lichfield Road.

This item was discussed above.

18. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Howard said that 140 bags of litter had been collected in collaboration with another body (who picked along the A513 from A515 towards Armitage). Thanks were expressed to them. He also thanked Cllr. Crawley and others for the repairs and free felt used on the shed roof. A big saving had been made.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 10th March 2022.