

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Thursday 10th March 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 (arrived at 8.15).

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

Public Session: Three 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.**
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.**
Cllr. J. Burkinshaw on item 8 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 10th February 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 DS Planning regarding land to west of A515 Lichfield Road. After discussion it was decided not to invite this company to a future meeting. All in favour.
 - iii) Tree Survey Report – covered below in item 4iv.
 - iv) Email from Mrs. Greatrex re Community Speed watch signs – costings etc. No further information on costs available.
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £8,230.31 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. Lichfield Tree Works – survey - £400 plus vat
 3. 21CC Group – Jubilee Beacon - £490 plus vat
 4. Kings Bromley Village Hall – room hire - £180.00
 5. SPCA – annual subscription - £316.35

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

- iv) Clerk's salary and expenses. The clerk said that the national pay rise for 2021 – 22 had been settled at 1.75%. He requested an increase in printing costs of 1p. This was agreed. All in favour.
- v) Tree condition survey. The report had been circulated previously along with a summary of costs to undertake the work suggested. After discussion it was agreed to ask for a quote from Lichfield Tree Works to undertake the work.
Action: Clerk.
- vi) To review council's working practises. The clerk asked if the way the council operates is working satisfactorily. The only comment was with regards to the circulation file. It was felt that this was not necessary as most important items are sent round by email. Cllr. Browne did ask for paper copies and the clerk said he would provide these.
- vii) Annual Open Meeting arrangements. The clerk said the meeting would precede the main meeting on 14th April commencing at 7pm for 40 minutes. He will invite the usual village organisations.

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

Dist. Cllr. Cox arrived at 8.15. The Community and Climate Change grants have been distributed and several village organisations have applied. An extra £15m will be allocated to highways maintenance. Discussion took place around the blocked road gully opposite the Co Op. It was suggested to write again to SCC. **Action: Clerk.** LDC is working with Support Staffs and the local community to put an action plan together looking at ways of working with communities. Cllr. Cox left the meeting at 8.45pm. The chairman thanked him for attending.

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

Cllr. Cole has attended a virtual design seminar the outcome of which has being circulated to all. Another virtual meeting was held with CADENT who listened to comments about local traffic issues and walking routes around the village. Their Community Engagement Officer was present. It was a very useful meeting. SCC has also employed a Community Engagement Officer to work with Sarah Mallen.

7. To hear an update on the Queens Jubilee celebrations.

Cllr. Burkinshaw said a meeting was held last evening. Two sub groups have been formed. He then went through the proposals for the four days of celebration. Much of the detail is still to be finalised. A grant has been applied for. Posters and fliers will be printed. Bunting for houses will be purchased. There will be a specific Facebook page. Fundraising will take place. Next meeting early April. Any funds remaining will be used to purchase a suitable memorial like a bench.

8. To hear an update on the proposed installation of Wi fi / CCTV / Car charging points at the village hall.

Cllr. Burkinshaw is waiting on a proposed meeting with Julie Bamber. The clerk has obtained advice from SPCA regarding the Council administering and taking income from the chargers. After consideration it was thought the best option would be for this to be administered by the village Hall Committee. The Wi fi agreement was passed to the clerk to complete. **Action: Clerk.**

9. To discuss the response to LDC's Community Governance Review.

Cllr. Cole said that the wording was completed and has been circulated for all to comment upon. He has taken one paragraph out of the statement and will now forward to the clerk to make the response to LDC. **Action: Cllr. Cole and Clerk.**

Cllr. Pitchford left the meeting at 9.15pm

10. **To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues. (i) Community Speed Watch signs (ii) BT poles.**
(i) Prices are awaited. (ii) The poles have been erected,
11. **To consider an update on supporting the local school with its environmental initiatives.**
On-going. Keep on agenda.
12. **To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working group.**
Cllr. Bowman said the first draft report has been done and circulated. Next meeting will be on 16th March at 7pm.
13. **To consider better ways to communicate with residents.**
The clerk said that a training seminar was available through SPCA on this very matter. Further discussion was delayed until the next meeting.
14. **To consider an idea to create a new woodland to the west of Lichfield Road.**
Comment was made that water seeps through the brick wall fronting the A515 and that the wall looks to be dangerous. Dist. Cllr. Marshall was to arrange for LDC Building Control to take another look and comment. Cllr. Cox had already said he would remind him. Discussion on the possible woodland was deferred until the next meeting.
15. **To hear progress, if any, on the Cemex quarry application and Manor Park lakes.**
No further information is available. Cllr. Cole said that in a recent meeting with CADENT it appeared they were unaware of the quarry application even though it is very close to the high pressure gas installation at Orgreave.
16. **To consider purchasing a second defibrillator.**
Cllr. Burkinshaw said that so far the local public house has collected £324 towards another machine. An extra £300 is pledged by local businesses. A new machine is around £1800. It was suggested that the Co Op may help. The machine will be located outside the Public House. A local paramedic has offered to undertake the training of people.
17. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**
Cllr. Howard said he has said yes to the council entering this year's Best Kept Village competition. He asked Cllr. Burkinshaw if he could complete the installation of new posts around the War Memorial.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 14th April 2022.