

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Thursday 9th June 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; S. Browne; J. Bowman; J. Burkinshaw;
N. Crawley
County and Dist. Cllr. R. Cox; Dist. Cllr. R. Cross.

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

Public Session: No members of the public were present.

Forum. No members of the public present.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
Cllr. Mrs. G. Pitchford (work commitments), 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 made.
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 Annual Meeting held on 31st May 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. Circulated by email.
Cllr. Cole said that a reply had been received from LDC regarding the bin collection and that the bins were emptied as scheduled last time. Some discussion took place amongst the District Cllrs. and Parish Cllrs, around the reasons for the problems. It is hoped that they are now resolved. Questions were raised about items being placed in the incorrect bins and that those bins would not then be taken. This is something that LDC is monitoring. It was felt that a 'zero' tolerance is not acceptable.
 - b) **Finance.**
 - i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £22,793.98 Reserve a/c £3,305.71. Un cleared cheques £3,814.45
 - ii) Payments Received. £274.53 vat refund from 2021/2. 62p interest.
 - iii) To authorise payments.
 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £678.74
 2. Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £282.85 inc. vat.
 3. Mrs. L. O'Dea – donation regarding Queens Jubilee.
 4. Ian Colclough – BKV children's poster competition prizes - £135.00. It was proposed and seconded that this figure was acceptable. All in favour.

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

- iv) To review councils financial regulations. This item was deferred by request of the clerk.
- v) Signing of the Annual Governance Statement. The chairman signed the form.
- vi) Signing of section 2 of the audit return – Accounting Statement. The chairman signed the form.
- vii) Signing of the annual CIL return for LDC. The chairman signed the form.

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

Dist. Cllr. Cross. There was a quarterly HS2 update which he attended. This is the largest archaeological project ever in the UK and possibly the world. There was an update on the Common Lane site.

Both District Councillors thanked all the Parish Councillors for taking the lead on HS2, stating that their hard work on mitigation had taken pressure off other parishes, the District and County Councils. LDC has acquired the shopping centre in Lichfield. There have been issues with car parking tickets being issued by a private company and this is impacting on the Council. SCC are now undertaking highways inspections 'in house' and it is hoped this will lead to a better service. The chairman thanked the Cllr. for arranging to have the road drain outside Forge House cleared. The wall alongside Lichfield Road has also now been attended to and looks better. Cllr. Browne apologised for missing the local forum on 24th April. The next meeting will probably be in November. The chairman thanked the two Cllrs. for their reports.

6. To allocate responsibilities to Councillors for the coming year.

The clerk went through the current list of responsibilities. The following amendments were authorised. Parish Vice Chairman – Now Cllr. Cole. Cheque signatories – remove Cllr. Browne and add Cllr. Cole. Financial controls – remove Cllr. Pitchford and add Cllr. Burkinshaw. Add item Yoxall Health Centre Liaison – Cllr. Browne. Delete Village Hall Refurbishment Working Group.

Cllr. Howard asked for Mr Boswell's contact number. Clerk to address. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllr. Cole said that there was not much to report. The proposed link line from Crewe to Warrington has now been scrapped. On 22nd June there will be a drop-in session at the Guild Hall in Lichfield.

8. To hear a review from the Queens Jubilee celebrations.

Cllr. Burkinshaw said everything ran well and gave a brief summary of each day's events. Cllr. Browne had given a very good impromptu speech. The estimated cost of the functions was £500 to £700. If there are monies remaining it was suggested that something permanent is purchased for the use of the village. Discussion took place around what to do with the Beacon. Rather than store it in the shed it was suggested that it could be reduced in size and part used in the Jubilee rose garden. It was decided to wait for a few months to see if any other options are suggested. Cllrs. thanked all involved for what was a very successful four days.

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

Nothing further to report. Cllr. Burkinshaw has a meeting with Julie Bamber soon.

10. To consider a further request to SCC to impose a weight restriction on the A513 Alrewas Road.

Cllr. Browne, for the benefit of new councillors, gave a summary of the situation covering many years. He made an argument that a restriction between the A515 and Orgreave would prevent HGVs from using the road. It was stated that if Wood End Lane is widened then it will be made into an A class road and the Alrewas Road would be downgraded to a C class. This may mean it would no longer get gritted in the winter. There is also a difficulty in policing all weight restrictions as they often state 'except for access'. The clerk was asked to write to SCC (Gary Hunt) to ask they confirm that Wood End Lane will be upgraded as part of HS2 and that Alrewas Road would be downgraded. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Cox stated that the problem with lorries will only get worse before it gets better due to HS2 construction work.

11. To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues.

It was reported that a large knife had been found by the school bus stop and that this was a huge concern. It could have been dropped from a passing vehicle. It has been reported to the police who could take no action. The clerk was asked to write to John Taylor School to make them aware. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllr. Bowman said that all the relevant documents were now accessible through the website and he has asked that Mutterings has a link to the same area. Replies / suggestions should be sent by email to the Clerk. A draft version of policies have been done and circulated to the working group.

13. To consider ways to improve the Lanes Close and Leofric Close open spaces.

Lanes Close has been improved by the Gardening Guild with the planting of a wildflower area. The trees recently planted in Leofric Close are doing well. The question was asked if more could be purchased and planted this autumn. For discussion at a future meeting.

14. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Howard said that there was an issue with dog fouling on the Show Field and that he had written back to say there was little the Parish Council could do and suggested that more signage is installed. Debris accumulating at the weir on the Trent is the responsibility of the riparian owner so again there is little that can be done to help. The village open gardens will be on 18th and 19th June. Roads to be closed for Ironman on 12th June.

Cllr. Burkinshaw is to have a further meeting with Julie Bamber to discuss obtaining sound deadening material for installation in the main part of the village hall.

Cllr. Browne said that two new doctors were at the Yoxall health centre making five in total, three being employed one day per week. Face to face appointments will be available from 20th June. There is still a vacancy for a Care Nurse. Pharmacy is functioning well. A quarterly newsletter is being issued.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 14th July 2022.