

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Thursday 14th July 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. T. Marshall.

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

Public Session: Two members of the public were present.

Forum. Two members of the public elected to speak regarding a noise problem emanating from the kennels on Crawley Lane. They said they had contacted LDC over the matter and had been issued with a log sheet to record the disturbance. They had also taken sound recordings. Others had also made complaints especially when windows had to be left open at night due to hot weather. The noise of barking dogs was spoiling their enjoyment of their gardens and keeping them awake at night. A discussion took place amongst councillors and those from the District, after which the clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive at LDC to ask that his teams look into the matter. It was stated that the property from which the noise is emanating is in fact one that is owned by HS2 who have let it to the current occupants. Cllr. Cole said he had already been in touch with HS2 on the matter but was told that it was in the hands of their legal team. He will continue to pursue the matter with HS2. **Actions:**
Clerk and Cllr. Cole.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
Cllr. Mrs. G. Pitchford (work commitments), 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. Crawley on item 11.
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 June 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) Email from SCC regarding Wood End Lane classification and Alrewas Road declassification. Item 8 on agenda.
 - ii) Emails from resident regarding council letter to them about hedge fronting Lichfield Road and rear of Newton Lane. The clerk read out parts of the emails. The hedge has now been cut. It would seem that some of the properties are in part ownership or managed by a housing association.

b) **Finance.**

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £16,293.98 Reserve a/c £9,805.71
- ii) Payments Received. £6,500 transferred from the current to reserve account.
- iii) To authorise payments.
 - 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £587.74
 - 2. Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £282.85 inc. vat.
 - 3. Cllr. S. Browne - £10.00 to replace mislaid children's BKV prizes.
 - 4. CPRE - £36.00 – subscription.

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

- iv) To review councils financial regulations. These had been circulated prior to the meeting. No comments were made and the regulations were adopted. All in favour.
- v) End of Q1 accounts summary. These had been circulated prior to the meeting. No questions were forthcoming. All in favour.

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

Dist. Cllr. Marshall. Travellers have been around the District. Section 77 noticed served. Commonwealth Games baton relay is in the city on 20th July. Many events will be held locally to celebrate. Festival Sport will be 28/7 to 8/8. The Independent Remuneration Panel has looked at Councillors remuneration. Vote was taken and no increase proposed at this time.

County and Dist. Cllr. Cox. There is a push for community groups to use the new business hub that had been set up in the Frog Lane council house. The Community Fund should be launched soon – applications are invited. The A515 has been surface dressed then sealed. The drain outside Forge House will be attended to, to fix a blockage. This will affect the new road surface.

The chairman thanked the Councillors for their reports.

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

Cllr. Cole said there was a meeting with HS2 this morning and minutes will be circulated soon. Engagement Officers from the main contractors were introduced. These will become the council main points of contact in future. Advanced work notices will still be issued.

7. To hear an update on the proposed installation of CCTV / EVC points at the village hall.

Cllr. Burkinshaw said that to use the existing cameras and set them up would cost around £70 (the cameras had been gifted). They will require better batteries and there will be an on-going necessity to change them which will involve using a ladder. He proposed an alternative hard wired system at a cost of £315 inc. vat. plus cabling – a total of around £500. All were in favour of this option. Cllr. Burkinshaw will purchase and install. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** Signs will also be required.

EVC points – there is no interest from private companies. Julie Bamber seem keen to look at financing this and taking any profits for use by the village hall. It was suggested that the Co Op is asked if they intend to install any points. Clerk to write. **Action: Clerk.**

8. To discuss the response from SCC Highways regarding Wood End Lane and Alrewas Road – road classifications.

The clerk read out the email from Gary Hunt from SCC. Although full commitment was made it is still the intension to classify Wood End Lane once improved and de classify Alrewas Road. This will take time and money so no indication of when this will be done was made.

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

Nothing to report other than the comments made by Cllr. Cox above.

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

Cllr. Bowman said there will be an open meeting on 30th July between 10am and midday in the village hall. The website has the first two parts of the plan and the third is in preparation. The Councillors thanked Cllr. Bowman for his work on this subject.

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

It has been agreed to purchase more trees in the autumn for planting on the Leofric Close open space. The Garden Guild has planted a wildflower area and is creating four more in Lanes Close. A notice to be placed on the Leofric Close area was read out and amended. Final wording is yet to be agreed.

12. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Howard said that the council has received an invitation to attend the Best Kept Village presentation evening on 21st September. He cannot attend but suggested that Dennis O'Dea is asked to go. All in favour. He also mentioned the several potholes in the service road by the War Memorial. The road is not public highway and so will not be maintained by the Highways. Comment was made that it is the responsibility of the adjoining householders. Cllr. Burkinshaw will check the status with the Land Registry.

Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.

Cllr. Burkinshaw said that the Jubilee Committee had met and that there was around £600 left unallocated. He made a suggestion that this could be used to replace the War Memorial fencing. The total cost of this would be around £7,000 but he said it may be possible for several village groups and individuals to 'sponsor' small sections. This will be looked at. Item for next agenda. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr. Cole said that the litter bins in the lay by north of the village are full and overflowing. Clerk to chase LDC to see when they will be emptied and how often. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr. Bullman said he has a video from 1968 of the village and copies are available from him.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 11th August 2022.