

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the General Meeting held on

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 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. Both arrived at 8.25pm.

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

**Public Session:** Fifteen (15) members of the public were present.

**Forum.** No members of the public wished to speak at this point, choosing to contribute as the items were discussed.

**1. Apologies and approval of absence.**

Cllr. Mrs. G. Pitchford. 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. Bowman on item 13 as he resides in Lanes Close.

Cllr. Crawley on item 13 as he lives adjacent to the open space in Leofric Close.

Cllr. Burkinshaw on item 9 as his brother works in sound materials.

**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 Meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> August and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 are a correct record.**

The meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September was cancelled at short notice due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The council approved this action retrospectively. All were in favour. The minutes from the two meetings above had been distributed previously. It was proposed and seconded that these minutes are signed as a true record. All were in favour. The chairman signed the two sets of minutes.

**4. Clerks Report.**

**a) To consider correspondence received.**

i) Email from SCC regarding amendments to TRO. Item 9 (ii) Email from resident regarding EVC points. Item 8 (iii) Email regarding TRO from Yoxall resident. Item 9 (iv) BKV results. The chairman said that the village was highly commended but that the rules of judging had changed. He will await the judges comments. It was decided that the council would enter again in 2023. all in favour. (v) Email from Cemex re Site liaison Committee – item 8 (vi) Email from Staffs Police – crime report. Clerk to contact as break in to cars not reported. **Action: Clerk.** (vii) Letter from Rectory regarding

Village Hall Trustees – item 12 (viii) Email from resident requesting that free EVCP's are installed at the village hall. Clerk to write back to explain the council is looking into this but that the service would not be free. **Action: Clerk.** (ix) Email from resident suggesting that a circular walking route is provided that takes in the river Trent and creates a new bridge so that access is given to the Meadow Lane open area, Yoxall. Item 14 below. After discussion it was felt that this project was too ambitious for the council to pursue but that circular routes may be provided once the HS2 construction is complete and some grants may be available. Clerk to contact resident. **Action: Clerk.** It was suggested that a request is sent to SCC to ask if they will cut the grass alongside the A515 between the village and Trent Bridge to enable walkers to use the verge when walking the footpath alongside the Trent. Clerk to contact SCC. **Action: Clerk.** The clerk suggested that a price is obtained off the councils contractor to see how much they would charge for this. This was agreed and would be included in the next contract as a separate item. **Action: Clerk**

b) **Finance.**

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £9,174.89 Reserve a/c £9,805.71
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To authorise payments.
  - 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £576.50
  - 2. Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £282.85 inc. vat.

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

(iv) Completion of the Audit for 2021/2. The clerk reported that the external auditors had signed off the audit with no comments.

(v) Councillors Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests. The clerk reminded the Councillors of their obligations and the necessity to ensure that all external correspondence is circulated through the clerk. Any personal communication should make it clear that views expressed are not that of the council.

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

Dist. Cllr. Marshall said that the a new cinema, bar and restaurant will be constructed in the old Debenhams site. A food bank will be open at Wade Street and a 'warm space' available in the council offices at Frog Lane.

Cllr Bowman asked if the parish council could be pro active in engaging with residents over the many issues that will arise in the current dire financial climate. It was suggested that a special working group is set up comprising Cllrs. Bowman, Burkinshaw and Browne. All in favour. Group to meet and report to next meeting.

The chairman thanked Cllr. Marshall for his report.

6. **To hear an update on the issues around noise emanating from Crawley Lodge Kennels.**

The matter is with LDC and no further information is available at present. A member of the public spoke in support of the kennels and said that dogs from abroad were no longer being imported as this had been banned. The clerk was asked to contact LDC for an update. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllr. Cole reported. The A38 southbound and A515 were scheduled to be closed at the same time. Cllr. Cox said that this issue had now been resolved. Clerk to place this information on the website. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Cole attended a presentation about the

widening of Wood End Lane. Webinar slides are available. There will be more 1 to 1 meetings set up. The amended TRO will now allow HGVs to exit Wood End Lane and turn right to the HS2 compound. No more is known regarding the lifting of the restriction that applies to livestock and farm traffic. A reply from Garry Hunt at SCC appears to contradict the information that Cllr. Cox has. Clerk to ask Mr. Hunt for more clarification. **Action: Clerk.** Hs2 now to hold parish meetings on line with several parishes at a time. Cllr. Cole objected to this stating that Kings Bromley has many unique issues that other parishes do not have. He is assured that the normal meetings with the parish will continue. Cllr. Cox said that the police will monitor the turn restrictions when the A515 is closed next week. The SCC amendment to the TRO has not been made yet. There was then a detailed discussion about whether farm traffic should be exempt. The NFU has been involved as are several local residents that have horse lorries. The chairman made a proposal that farm vehicles are given an exception. This was seconded by Cllr. Browne. 5 were in favour with one abstention. Clerk to email this decision to Cllr. Cox. **Action: Clerk.** The clerk was also asked to contact Garry Hunt about his comment that the existing weight restriction road signs would be lifted (blanked out). **Action: Clerk.**

8. **To consider attending the Cemex Pyford Brook Site Liaison Committee.**  
The parish asked for two Cllrs to be allowed to attend. This was rejected initially but may be reviewed. Cllrs. Cole and Howard will decide who is to attend. Clerk to inform Cemex. **Actions: Clerk**
9. **To hear an update on the proposed installation of CCTV / EVC points / sound deadening material at the village hall.**  
Cllr. Burkinshaw said that the CCTV will be installed on 7<sup>th</sup> November. The position with the EVCP is still under discussion. Regarding the sound deadening, this could be done by using 'artwork'. He will speak to Julie Bamber at the same meetings (as the one to be held under item 12 below). **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**
10. **To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues (I) potholes in unadopted road outside No 1 Lichfield Road (ii) SCC proposed amendments to current weight restriction.**  
(I) Cllr. Burkinshaw said he had no further information from Shugborough Estates or the Diocese. So options can be discussed, it was suggested that residents that front the road are invited to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.** (ii) This item had been discussed above.
11. **To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working group.**  
Cllr. Bowman said that the documents are now available to view in a dedicated area of the website. The next stage was for LDC to be involved but staff shortages mean that the process has stopped. He has emailed the Chief Executive twice and had no reply. He suggested that the two emails are copied to the clerk who will send them again by post not email. This action was agreed. **Actions: Cllr. Bowman and clerk.**
12. **To hear proposals to manage the village hall by setting up Trustees.**  
The chairman said he is due to meet with Julie Bamber in two weeks. A letter from the Reverend has been received but it is unclear if he has grasped what the intentions are. Clerk to write. **Action: Clerk.**
13. **To consider ways to improve the Lanes Close and Leofric Close open spaces.**  
The chairman proposed that a sign is erected stating 'This area is public open space owned and maintained by Kings Bromley Parish Council for the use of its parishioners'. This was seconded by Cllr. Burkinshaw. A vote was taken and 3 were in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. Clerk to source a suitable sign. **Action: Clerk.** Regarding the

Lanes Close open area, it was proposed by the chairman that the number of wildflower areas is extended next year to four. This was agreed. Mention was made that additional fruit trees should be sourced. Clerk to add to agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

**14. To consider a residents proposal to make a circular walking route around the parish.**

This was discussed under correspondence above.

**15. To consider options to fund and replace the fencing around the War Memorial.**

A quote to replace the fence with metal is £8609.10 plus vat. To raise the funds for this it was agreed to set up a working group and to invite local village organisations to see if they could pledge some funding. The group will comprise Cllrs. Crawley, Burkinshaw and Browne and a member of the Jubilee Committee. In the meantime Cllr Burkinshaw suggested cutting the existing posts off at ground level after removing the below ground stump and filling the holes with sand before topping off with tarmac. This to be done before 11<sup>th</sup> November. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**

**16. To consider amending the 2023/4 grass and hedge maintenance tender.**

The clerk said that the tender is due for renewal next year. He only has Perennial Landscapes as possible contractors so far. Cllr. Crawley is aware of other possibles and will mail the clerk with names. **Action: Cllr. Crawley.** New tender to include possible new grass area alongside the A515 towards the Trent. Clerk asked if the schedule should include additional cutting to hedges. This was thought unnecessary. It was suggested that the next contract should include a 'watering' option so that in droughts the newly planted trees can be watered. **Clerk to add to tender. Action: Clerk.**

**17. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**

Cllr. Howard added that the children's posters were an important element of the Best Kept Village judges decision. He thought that the judges look more at environmental issues in the parish rather than just tidiness. More may be known when the judges report is received.

Comment was made again about the poor visibility when leaving the Co Op car park onto the A515. The chairman said that SCC Highways were satisfied and that there was little that could be done.

The meeting closed at 9.52pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022.