

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Thursday 10th November 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; N. Crawley.

County and Dist. Cllr. R. Cox; Dist. Cllr. T. Marshall. (arrived at 9.12pm)

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

Public Session: Five 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.**
Cllrs. Mrs. G. Pitchford. J. Burkinshaw (both had work commitments).
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 General Meeting held on 13th October 2022 are a correct record.**
The minutes from the meeting 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 minutes.
4. **Clerks Report.**
 - a) **To consider correspondence received.**
 - i) Email from LDC regarding Crawley Lane kennels. After discussion it was felt that the reply received from LDC was not acceptable and that the clerk should write back to them pointing out that the parish councils original reply was not just about noise levels but other issues. He was asked to point out that a local resident had recently been bitten by a dog that had escaped from the kennels. He should refer to the letter sent to LDC dated 14th July and point out that most of the content of the latter had not been addressed by the LDC. **Action: Clerk.**
 - ii) Email from LDC requesting precept information. The clerk said that an item would be on the December agenda for councillors to consider both the precept bid for next year and any capital projects that the council may wish to undertake.

b) **Finance.**

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £8,318.40 Reserve a/c £9,805.71
- ii) Payments Received. None.
- iii) To authorise payments.
 - 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £581.78
 - 2. Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £282.85 inc. vat.
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 - 4. Kings Bromley Village Hall – room hire – 8 months - £120.00
 - 5. Allan Howard – RBL wreath donation - £25.00
 - 6. Ian Colclough – sign manufacture - £14.99

The clerk said there was a query on the Perennial invoices and he awaits a reply before paying the second invoice.

With this noted, it was agreed that the above invoices are paid. All were in favour.

(iv) Meeting dates for 2023. It was agreed to hold the meetings on the second Thursday of each month. The clerk asked if the September meeting could be held a week earlier. This was agreed.

(v) Compliance with Financial Regulations. The clerk said that checks on the accounts need to be done quarterly and that at the moment this was not happening. Cllr. Crawley offered to step in and take on the role for now. Clerk to liaise with him. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Dist. Cllr. Marshall (arrived at 9.12pm) said that he had attended an HS2 Webinar and that, in his opinion, it was a waste of time since questions were censored and it appeared that only those that HS2 were content with were invited to attend. Local landowners in attendance this evening said they had not been aware of the meeting. He has subsequently written to the local MP expressing his discontent and hopefully, has 'rattled a few cages'. He will arrange a meeting with HS2's senior officials to go through their issues and concerns and invite those affected to let him have a summary of what these issues are so that he can take them forward. County Cllr. Cox has said he will take these concerns to the County Council as well.

Cllr. Browne then asked about the Birmingham Road redevelopment and Cllr. Marshall gave an update suggesting that there would not be retail units but more likely to be housing / apartments.

The chairman thanked Cllr. Marshall for his report.

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

Cllr. Cole reported that a community 'drop-in' event had been arranged at Darnford Moor Golf Club on Monday 14th November to give the opportunity for all residents to find out more about what HS2/Balfour Beatty Vinci are doing in the area. On 16th November, HS2 are holding one-to-one sessions in Kings Bromley Hall. Other locations are also available. A new compound is being built near the junction with Wood End Lane. Assurances have been received that no HGV traffic involved in this will come through the village. Concern was expressed about yet more hedgerows being removed. There followed a discussion amongst the public present and councillors about the fact that possible future developments at Bromley Hayes do not appear to recognise that HS2 will be taking some land at the side of the A515.

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

Cllr. Burkinshaw had sent his comments to the clerk who read them out. The CCTV is partly installed. An outdoor socket is in place near the notice board. He asked if the

council could authorise the installation of some Christmas lights. This was agreed with a budget set at £100 maximum. All in favour. He awaits a meeting with the Village Hall Trustees regarding the charging points.

8. To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues (I) update on the maintenance of the unadopted road outside No1 Lichfield Road.

The clerk said he has yet to invite the adjacent landowners to the next meeting. In the meantime he was asked to write to SCC to ask if they would adopt the road. **Action: Clerk.** Discussion took place around the very poor diversion information that was in place recently with very confusing signage and some signs actually blocking the road. This will be many of such diversions. The clerk was asked to write to Garry Hunt again expressing the concerns. Copy to Cllr. Cox. A sign at the second roundabout on the A513 at Alrewas is obstructed by vegetation. Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Burkinshaw, in his email, said there was a problem with flooding on Alrewas Road. Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk.**

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

Cllr. Bowman said that he has had an email exchange with Lauren Lymer at LDC. The working group has met and it is felt that time is very tight with so much work still to be done. LDC suggested the appointment of a consultant. This will be expensive. The planning laws are under review and it was felt that to progress the plan through the whole process may be worthless especially as council elections are to take place next year. He has produced a draft document 'Our Community Development Plan 2022 – 2037' and asked that councillors read through it and let him have comments in two weeks maximum. His suggestion is that the plan is then circulated to all residents with a reply slip for comments before being adopted as the Parish Councils plan (and hence not submitted to LDC). The impact would be that any future CIL payments would be less than if the council had an approved Neighbourhood Plan. To be finally discussed at the next meeting. The councillors thanked Cllr. Bowman for all his hard work on this subject.

10. To hear proposals to manage the village hall by setting up Trustees.

Cllr. Burkinshaw, by email, said he would be pleased to become a trustee. He suggested that perhaps a decision should be taken after next years elections. This was discussed but those present felt that a decision needs to be taken now. The chairman suggested two representatives from the parish council, namely Cllrs. Howard and Browne and two from the village hall committee, namely Julie Bamber and one other. This was agreed. A representative from the church has been invited but no reply received yet. It was agreed to go ahead with the four people forming the group of trustees. Someone from the church can be included later. First meeting to be this month with the next in May.

11. To receive an update on the new sign for Leofric Close open space and to consider purchasing more fruit trees.

The clerk said that a sign was on order. It was agreed to postpone any decision on more trees.

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

Cllr. Burkinshaw, by email, said that there was no further update at this time. Cllr. Bowman said it would be a mistake to take any posts down at this time as it is remembrance weekend. The chairman will speak to Cllr. Burkinshaw. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

13. To hear an initial report from the 'Long Hard Winter' working group.

The group had many ideas including sign posting to where information is available, the council website and the setting up of a Whatsapp Group. The use of the village hall was discussed, and this could tie in with the monthly 'Drop-in' sessions that the WI already

organise and run in addition to their normal meetings. This could be extended to once a week and built upon. A warm room would be available with tea and biscuits on offer. Resident to come along for a 'chat' and possibly talk to others who may be having similar difficulties. Cllr. Burkinshaw, by email, had suggested using the Citizens Advice to deliver training to any volunteers. A list of those that had helped during the pandemic is available, but subject to data protection. These people could be approached to see if they would help. It was proposed that a flier should be drafted and sent to all households. This was agreed with a budget set at £150 maximum. Cllr. Marshall was asked if he could find out who to contact regarding LDCs 'warm space' initiative. He agreed to do this. **Action: Cllr. Marshall.** Cllr. Bowman (working group) will speak to Julie Bamber about having the hall at a lower or no cost. **Action: Cllr. Bowman (working group).** The WI will be asked if they can do weekly 'drop-in' sessions. It was also suggested that the PTA is contacted at the school.

14. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Howard mentioned that Travellers had made an encampment on the roadside verge on the A515 just north of the village. After discussion it was felt that the situation should be monitored for two weeks as information provided suggested that these people were simply living a lifestyle with which they had been brought up.

The chairman asked if it was in order for him to represent the parish and place a wreath at the War Memorial. This was agreed.

The clerk referred to a summary of the play inspection report that he had circulated and asked approval to contact Graham Bancroft about attending to the several minor risks that had been identified. This was agreed. **Action: Clerk.**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 8th December 2022.