

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Thursday 9th February 2023 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; J. Burkinshaw.
County and Dist. Cllr. R. Cox (arrived at 7.50pm). Dist Cllr. T. Marshall (arrived at 8.25pm).

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

Public Session: Nine members of the public were present.

Forum. A member of the public said that there were many potholes on the A515 bridge over the railway line near Seedy Mill. He asked why these had only recently been filled and needed attention again? This is not value for money. Clerk to report to SCC. **Action: Clerk.**

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
Cllrs. Mrs. G. Pitchford. (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.**
Cllr. J. Bowman on item 8(i)

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 12th January 2023 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 re Crawley Lane kennels. The clerk read out the email. After discussion the clerk was asked to write to LDC's Planning team as was suggested in the email and to suggest to the Enforcement Officer that further monitoring is undertaken this summer. **Action: Clerk.** (ii) Letter – Pensions Regulator. FIO. (iii) Email from National Highways Agents regarding our letter to them reference diversions on A38. The clerk read out the letter. Cllrs. Cole and Browne had attended a recent presentation by National Highways that addresses this matter. Clerk to determine when the proposed meeting with the parishes will be held. **Action: Clerk.** (iv) Further email from resident concerning A38 diversions. See above. (v) Email from Glen Wright

regarding donations and the church clock. The clerk said that the actual donation made to the PCC was to help with the maintenance of the churchyard via the 'Churchyard Gang'. After discussion it was decided to continue to support them through the annual donation of £250. All in favour. (vi) Email regarding a meeting to discuss the proposed boundary changes. No one wished to attend. (vii) Email from LDC regarding contact information for Local Police and Community Safety and other contacts. This was noted. (viii) Email from PCSO with local crime report. Only one incident had been logged from 12/12/22 to 9/2/23. The clerk read out the details.

b) Finance.

- i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £5,198.48 a/c £9,805.71
- ii) Payments Received. £280 from the KBVHC towards the cost of grass cutting at the VH.
- iii) To authorise payments.
 - 1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £983.58 includes back pay to 1st April 2022.
 - 2. Room Hire – KBVH - £45.00 Oct to Dec2022
 - 3. Ian Colclough – sign for play equipment - £2.95.
 - 4. Benhill Press – Warm space fliers - £48 inc. vat
 - 5. Cllr. Crawley – Tarmac - £63.90 inc. vat

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

(iv) Clerks pay and expenses 2023/4. The clerk said that consumables have gone up in price and requested a 1p increase per sheet on his stationary costs. This was agreed. All in favour. He said he would not be requesting a spinal column pay rise this year.

(v) Council donations. This was covered in correspondence above.

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

Cllr. Cox reported. LDC. There is a roadshow attending village halls – he will provide dates soon. Shobnall Road is closed in Burton and extra traffic may be seen in the village. Cinema scheme in Lichfield is going ahead. The Birmingham Road development is moving forward. CC. The potholes on the A515 near Wood End Lane have been reported yet again. They were attended to recently but need further work. He is to find out why this is so. He confirmed at the new leisure centre is to go ahead. He said that the turn exemptions will still not apply to farm vehicles. It is all about enforcement.. Questions were asked about this and the clerk was asked to write to Tim Heminsley at SCC to ask why. **Action: Clerk.** The question was asked if farm vehicles are classed as 'local deliveries'. The restriction create very long detours for all farm traffic and equestrian vehicles.

Cllr. Marshall reposted. LDC did not receive anything from Government from the 'levelling up fund' which was very disappointing. Leisure centres will be run and administered by LDC in future. The brown bin scheme will still only cost £36 and there remains time to sign up. There is an issue with developers trying to cram more houses on to sites. A discussion took place around assisted affordable housing.

The chairman thanked the two Councillors for their report.

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

Cllr Cole reported that three things had happened of late. Advanced warning notices have been sent out for work on Wood End Lane and the A513 towards Armitage. There will be night time closures and disruption on the A38. Wood End Lane hedgerows will be

removed ready for the road widening. The Wildlife Trust has written to Government about the total underestimation of the cost to wildlife of the whole scheme.

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

Cllr. Burkinshaw said that the sound insulation would not be attended to until the problem with damp on the wall had been fixed. He continues to work with Julie Bamber on the installation of the EVC points.

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

Further discussion took place around whether the potholes ought to be fixed by the parish council. Cllr. Browne proposed that no work is done. No seconder was forthcoming so Cllr. Crawley was asked to attend to the work. A disclaimer notice has been placed in the noticeboard adjoining the site stating that the council, by doing the work, takes no responsibility. The chairman has a document that states the road was maintained in 1940 when there was a bus shelter at the location of the present noticeboard. Clerk has made a freedom of information request to SCC and asked the insurers what the position is regarding the risks. Clerk to chase both parties again.

Action: Clerk.

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

Cllr. Bowman said that copies of the main document placed in the village hall had been taken. He highlighted that the 'new' council, after the May elections, will need to decide if they wish to push ahead with the plan. Clerk to add this to the May agenda. **Action: Clerk.**

10. To receive an update on proposals to manage the village hall by setting up Trustees.

Chairman has still to speak to Julie Bamber.

11. To receive a report on the meeting called to look at funding to replace the fencing around the War Memorial.

Cllr. Howard said a meeting was held on 1st February and that six village organisations were present. Concerns were expressed around the type of post and chain that is used. Also the crazy paving needs to be replaced. The Jubilee Committee will look at some form of gate that also commemorates the Queens Jubilee. Several of those present said that their group would contribute. A small working group is to be set up to drive the project forward. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

The clerk was asked to chase LDC again regarding the necessity to obtain planning consent for the work. **Action: Clerk.**

12. To hear a further report from the 'Long Hard Winter' working group.

Cllr. Bowman reported. A warm space gathering was held today. There have been between 12 and 25 attending so far. He is working with the WI. The programme is now halfway through and the winter not as bad as expected so far. Supporting people in their own homes has proved to a lot more difficult as these people are reluctant to indicate that they may need help. On 1st March a speaker will attend to talk about Government support and CAB about energy provision. Looking at 'cooking on a budget' that may attract younger peoples interest. He thanked Alison Howard for providing refreshments. A flier will go out about the two meetings – he will arrange printing at no cost. All agreed.

13. To discuss options to celebrate to Kings Coronation.

This is on 6th May. The chairman said he thought that the village should do something. The WI are to do teas in the village hall. It is suggested that a large screen is erected in the hall so that all those that come along can watch the coronation together. This will be looked into. **Action: Cllr. Howard.** It will be left to the other village organisations to decide what, if anything, they are going to do.

14. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Howard said that a litter pick is scheduled for 11th March.

Cllr. Browne ask if the white edge lines could be reinstated along the A513, this following the death of a pedestrian at Orgreave recently. Clerk to write to SCC Gary Hunt. **Action: Clerk.**

The chairman will draft a list of parish council activities and achievements, this to be made available on the website as it may encourage more people to stand for the council at the forthcoming elections. **Action: Cllr. Howard.**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 9th March 2023.