
KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, 14th April 2022 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); C. Cole; J. Bowman; S. Browne.
Dist. Cllrs. R. Cox; R Cross. Mr. I. Colclough (Clerk).
Six members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** District Cllr. T. Marshall, Cllrs. N. Crawley. Mrs. G. Pitchford; J. Burkinshaw.
- 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 21st April 2021.**
The minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2021 (Internet 'zoom' meeting) were taken as read. All in favour.¹
- 3. Annual Report of the Parish Council – Cllr. A. Howard (Chairman)**
The chairman reported briefly as below.
The council had met by 'zoom' since July 2021. The Neighbourhood Plan consultation has been completed and a draft produced. To be presented to LDC soon. Village Hall car park resurfaced in October. War Memorial posts nearly all replaced. Noticeboards have been refurbished. County Cllr Tittley has stood down and Cllr. Richard Crosse elected. A new vicar is in post covering the parish and The Ridwares. A small wildlife area has been created at the rear of the hall. Fruit tress planted on open space in Leofric Close. WiFi installed at village hall with a future link to CCTV proposed. Looking at installing car charging points. Jubilee in June being coordinated by the Parish Council. Will enter Best Kept Village again this year. Last year was a report where we won a tree.
- 4. Parish Council Finance.**
(i) Budget 2021/22 and (ii) Unaudited Summary of Accounts for the year to 31/3/21.
A copy of the unaudited accounts for the last financial year is available by request from the clerk. He went on to explain the accounts in detail. No questions were forthcoming.
- 5. District Councillor's Report and questions.**
Cllr. Cox said that Unity Funding was available to support village groups. Also a Climate Change fund. SCC Highways has put an extra £15m into road maintenance.
- 6. County Councillor's Report and questions.**
Cllr. Crosse said that a Community Fund was available and that Kings Bromley has benefited. The Birmingham Road improvement project will commence in the next 12 months. There will be changes to how recycling is handled to prevent contamination.
- 7. Policing in Kings Bromley.**
No report received.
- 8. Kings Bromley United Charity – report by Mrs. Howard.**
Mrs. A. Howard made a report. Two meetings have taken place through the year. Mr. O'Dea is chairman and Mr. Price vice chairman. A copy of the report and accounts is available from the clerk.

9. High Speed Rail 2

Cllr. Cole updated the meeting on the latest situation. Work continues around the village. Hubs and haul roads being constructed. National grid are moving pylons. Gas pipes being re-routed. Main works will start in 2025. regular meetings with HS2 and SCC are being held. Discussions taking place around traffic issues, the widening of Wood End Lane and borrow pit locations amongst many others. Information is on the website to keep all informed. Major impact on local landowners causing trauma and anxiety. Cemex quarry will be constructed near Orgreave, SCC passed the plans disappointingly. The planning does come with conditions which should prevent traffic from the quarry coming through the village.

A full copy of the report is available by request from the clerk.

10. Village Organisation Reports.

Written reports were read out by the clerk and verbal reports were delivered by members of the organisations present.

The clerk added that copies of the full reports were available from him upon request.

Best kept village – we shall enter again. Judging commences on 1st May for 3 months. Bowling club – has 77 members. Social bowling on Tuesday and Saturday. Matches are held but not in the league. Inter club cup matches held. A social will be held to mark their 90th year. An open day is planned for the Jubilee celebrations, all welcome. Some funding has come from local grants, thanks for this.

Gardening Guild - met via 'zoom'.

Choir – lockdown so met via 'zoom'. Did meet behind the pub but now back in the village hall.

Historians – has 20 members and a well used website. The archive is mostly completed and is well used.

Medical Transport Scheme – Mrs. Hutchings is running this but more drivers are required.

Open Gardens – will be on 18th and 19th June. Funds will go to the Air ambulance.

Show Society – intend to hold a large show next year. Fete is on 10th Sept in the village hall. There will be competitive classes, stands and a BBQ at the pub. Jubilee Committee is meeting and went over plans for a four day celebration.

School – written report provided.

Speedwatch – run by Pauline Greatrex. Permanent signs being erected soon.

Wednesday club – membership is falling and new members are required. The club has existed for 60 years. To celebrate, 20 will be going on a steam train trip near Leek.

11. Open Forum

The chairman asked for questions from the floor.

None were forthcoming.

There being no further business the open meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.

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Date _____