

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the General Meeting held on
Thursday 10th August 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. C. Cole (Chairman); S. Browne; J. Burkinshaw; C. Davies.
County and Dist Cllr. R. Cox, Dist. Cllr. T. Marshall.

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

Public Session: Seven members of the public were present.

Forum. PCSO Tracy Horton was present and updated the meeting with the latest crime report. Several questions were asked of her by the Councillors and public. She added that three more officers were being trained to use the speed monitoring equipment. The chairman thanked her for attending. She then left the meeting.

1. Apologies and approval of absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Crawley and Till (both on holiday).

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. Burkinshaw on item 7 as he is involved in roadworks that will affect the parish in September.

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 Annual Meeting held on 13th July 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.

1. Email from resident concerning the War Memorial funding. After discussion it was decided that the old accounts as used for the village hall refurbishment work are used for this project. Clerk to contact Allan Howard to obtain account details and to pass these to Cllr. Burkinshaw, Item 8 ii below.

2. Email from Cllr. Till in response the clerks draft letter / notice regarding traffic issues. A lengthy discussion took place on the issue of speeding traffic in the village. Various ideas were put forward on actions that could be taken, including setting up a small working group to involve all interested parties. Cllr. Cox explained the issues around speed enforcement and the lack of police officers due to funds. PCSO Horton has already mentioned that more officers were being trained. It was proposed to look at obtaining 30mph stickers to be placed on refuse bins. Cllr. Burkinshaw will look into this. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** The draft letter written by the clerk will be kept on file as a record and a new document devised with five main bullet points – this to be

placed on the website, notice boards and in social media. **Actions: Clerk and Cllr. Burkinshaw.** It was suggested that perhaps childrens speed posters could be attached to lamp posts but SCC have said this is not appropriate.

3. Email from PCSO Tracy Horton with a police report. She was in attendance and gave a verbal report.

b) **Finance.**

i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £4,867.90 Reserve a/c £20,544.43.

ii) Payments Received. None.

iii) To authorise payments.

1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £623.30

2. Perennial Landscapes – grass cutting - £247.50 plus vat

3. Donations to KB PCC £250 and KB Gardening Guild - £150.

4. SPCA training - £76.00. **Clerk to query.**

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

(iv) To co opt a Councillor to fill the current vacancy. The clerk said that one application had been made from Ashley Farrington. After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Cole and seconded by Cllr. Burkinshaw that his application is accepted. His appointment was welcomed by those present. Clerk to write to formally offer him the role. **Action: Clerk.**

(v) Broadband update. The clerk has contacted BT. The best price they can offer is £37.99 per month. It was suggested that perhaps the broadband could be dispensed with. Cllr. Burkinshaw said that there is a proposal to control the village hall heating via an app and that the broadband link will be required for this.

(vi) Donations to local organisations. The clerk explained the history behind this. The donation to the PCC is to help towards the upkeep of the churchyard and the one to the Gardening Guild to pay for plants at the hall and War Memorial.

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

Dist. Cllr. Marshall reported. The multi storey car park is to be demolished and 381 spaces lost. Survey indicates that there are unused spaces elsewhere but not enough to cover this loss. There are no immediate plans to replace these lost spaces. The area will get temporary planning permission for around 15 food huts and there will be tree planting in containers. The pedestrianisation of the city centre is unpopular amongst blue badge holders, however they will be granted access on Monday to Wednesday. The Knife Angel has now gone and proved popular amongst visiting schools. A series of drop-in sessions have been arranged regarding the siting of the new leisure centre. County and Dist Cllr. Cox reported. An exercise has been launched to help advise people with ways to cope with the current cost of living crisis. LDC will appoint a 'food champion'. SCC has purchased a new machine (JCB designed) to tackle road potholes. The chairman thanked the Councillors for their report.

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

Cllr. Cole reported. The Treasury has reported that the project is 'unachievable; and undeliverable'. HS2 has issued a project update on its website. A meeting needs to be arranged with HS2 Phase 1 for an up-date on their plans going forward following the postponement of Phase 2a for 2 years. There is an issue with Wood End Lane as part is in phase 1 and part in phase 2. The section in phase 2 may have to be completed by the County Council. He and Cllr. Cox met with Cemex and promises were made that no lorry movements would pass through Kings Bromley. They also complained that the

parish council were not informed of the proposed road closure of the A513 (now withdrawn).

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

Cllr. Burkinshaw informed the meetings that his company will be working outside numbers 58 and 60 Alrewas Road on 11th to 15th September when temporary traffic lights will be in place.

8. To hear an update on progress on the identified key projects for 2023/4.

(i) Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Cole apologised and said there was nothing further to report.

(ii) War Memorial fence replacement. The clerk referred to an email received from Allan Howard asking for account details where funds raised can be placed (from the Open Gardens and the Jubilee Committee). It was agreed that the existing account used for the village hall refurbishment should be used. Clerk to inform Allan Howard. Mr. Howard also mentioned the name of some residents, one of whom may be able to help with funding and also a request was made to ensure the existing dedication on the fence is retained. Cllr. Burkinshaw said he will try to get a date when all interested parties can meet and to make a temporary 'repair' to the existing fence by removing the defective posts. Clerk to send account details to Cllr. Burkinshaw. **Action: Clerk.**

(iii) Community Engagement and Communications. Cllr. Davies will lead on this. Cllr. Burkinshaw said that new social media administrators have been added and one removed. A brief will to be written outlining what needs to be achieved.

(iv) Manor Park quarry access. Cllr. Till, by email, said he would like to lead on this.

9. To update council on the work to be undertaken by Carnell.

The clerk said he met with a representative from Carnell and went over the work that they could help with. This was at the rear of the village hall and in front of the houses fronting the Leofric Close open space. The work will be done when labour is available. Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk.**

10. To consider the village hall accounts and agreements.

Cllr. Burkinshaw said that the AGM is due to be held in September. He is waiting on an invitation but will remind Julie Bamber soon. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**

11. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Browne said that Yoxall Health Centre will run a wellbeing clinic on 19th August.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 19th September 2023.