

# KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the General Meeting held on  
Tuesday 19th September 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 (arrived 8.05pm); P. Till;  
A. Farrington; N. Crawley.  
Dist. Cllr. T. Marshall.

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

**Public Session:** Seven members of the public were present.

**Forum.** A member of the public asked about extending the 40mph zones in the Wood End Lane area. It was decided to wait on the outcome of a recent traffic survey on the A515. Clerk to contact the local policing team to make them aware of the speeding issues. **Action: Clerk.** It was noted that Carnell's speed camera van has been seen in and around the village.

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

Apologies had been received from Cllr. C. Davies. County and Dist Cllr. R. Cox.

**2. a) in accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any Dis closable 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 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. Safer Roads Partnership – 30mph bin stickers application form. The clerk has made the application and is waiting for contact from the police. 2. Email from resident concerning work being undertaken at the rear of the village hall. Clerk to reply to questions raised. **Action: Clerk.** It was stated that the local school now has no interest in maintaining the area behind the hall as a wildlife area. It was suggested that it is now laid to grass and maintained by the council's contractor. Clerk to contact Allan Howard for his views and to place an item on the October agenda. 3. Email from resident concerning overgrown hedge. **Action: Clerk.** 4. LDC CIL return. The chairman signed the return. Clerk to send to LDC. **Action: Clerk.** 5. Treeworks quote. To remove and grind out stumps of trees rear of number 17 Leofric Close and to remove regrowth from 2 no. other stumps. £400 inc. vat. It was agreed to go ahead with this work. All in favour. Resident offered to pay to replace the trees removed.

Clerk to contact. **Action: Clerk.** 6. Email from Allan Howard regarding Best Kept Village. After discussion it was decided to invite the organiser to a future parish council meeting and to place an item on the next agenda. Clerk to reply to Mr. Howard.

**Action: Clerk.** 7. Police report. This was read out by the clerk. 8. Email from Julie Bamber regarding Village Hall and Village Hall Trustees. Item 10 below.

b) **Finance.**

i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £3,510.86.90 Reserve a/c £20,544.43.

ii) Payments Received. None.

iii) To authorise payments.

1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £614.38

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

3. SPCA training - £36.00

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

The invoice to Perennial for filling the hole on Leofric open space was not paid as the hole is not yet fully filled. Clerk to inform contractor. **Action: Clerk.**

(iv) To update council on the work undertaken by Carnell. The clerk said that some of the work had been done but that the removal of the strip adjacent to the side wall had not been tackled yet. Neither has the work in Leofric Close open area. Clerk will contact Carnell again to see if they are to return to complete the work. **Action: Clerk.**

(v) Draft Tree and Maintenance Tender. This had been distributed to all. One comment was made regarding house No 1 in Leofric Close which does not exist. Clerk to correct. **Action: Clerk.** With the amendment made it was agreed that the tender can be issued.

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

Dist. Cllr. Marshall reported. There is to be a bye election on 19<sup>th</sup> October in Tamworth. He referred to the tragedy in Stonnall where a man was killed following an attack by two dangerous dogs. Unfortunately the issue was filmed then released on social media. Much trauma has been caused by the incident and this action. The LDC Local Plan is to expire in 2040 but council feels that it is now no longer fit for purpose because central Government guidance is changing. Full council will debate its future but it may mean the old plan is torn up and a new one developed. If this were to happen, no plan would be in place and it could open the door to developers. It was suggested that everyone completes the recent survey issued by LDC. A question was asked as to why there could not be a 'halfway house' where part of the old plan remains and part is new. This idea would be taken back by the Cllr.

The chairman thanked Cllr. Marshall for his report.

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

Cllr. Cole reported that there will be restrictions and lane closures on the A5 at Hints to allow a bridge to be built to take the new railway line. Discussions have been held with Staffordshire County Council, and further ones are being arranged with HS2 Phase 1 and 2a to up-date on the latest plans following the Government's announcement of a 2 year delay and the impact that this will have on the Parish. District Cllr. Marshall commented that Michael Fabricant MP had said in the House of Commons that the management of HS2 had been 'dysfunctional' Further information may be made available at the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement.

7. **To receive reports on current highway issues.**  
(i) Speeding traffic. 30mph stickers for bins are on order. A 5 step approach has now been drafted and will be sent to the clerk for publication when finalised. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.** Discussion took place around the '20 is plenty' campaign. The clerk was asked if he could find any statistics that show the impact of a 20mph limit. **Action: Clerk.** (ii) Diversions. Nothing to report.
8. **To receive reports on current footpath issues.**  
Nothing to report.
9. **To hear an update on progress on the identified key projects for 2023/4.**  
(i) Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Cole said that he will arrange a date for a meeting of the working group.  
(ii) War Memorial fence replacement. Cllr. Burkinshaw said the fallen post has been removed. Mr. Bancroft has quoted £250 to remove the remaining posts and, as a temporary measure, to fill the holes with sand. It is estimated that it could take 9 months until the fence is replaced. Local village organisations have been invited to attend a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the final design and update their pledges of funding. It was proposed that Mr. Bancroft is asked to remove the posts and that a price is sought to jet wash the area prior to the Remembrance in early November. Clerk to contact Mr. Bancroft and obtain numbers for those who can undertake the cleaning work. **Action: Clerk.** It was decided that the funds should be kept in the parishes accounts despite the clerk warning against this. Clerk to contact Allan Howard who has funds waiting. **Action: Clerk.**  
(iii) Community Engagement and Communications. Cllr. Burkinshaw and Davies proposed that a sub group is set up to look at this with representatives from the local village organisations. The meeting will be held twice a year.  
(iv) Manor Park quarry access. Cllr. Till said he knew little about the history and what had gone on in the past despite searching through archived minutes. Cllr. Cox is known to be keen to get involved in this project. It was suggested that a fresh start would be the best way forward and this was agreed. Locality will give free advice. The area could be registered as a community asset. A Community Ownership fund may be available with funding up to £2m. This is available until 2025 and would be classed as an 'exceptional project'.
10. **To consider the village hall accounts and agreements.**  
Cllr. Burkinshaw reported. There was concern over some of the working in the main document. An updated version was emailed out yesterday. This needs to be agreed. It was proposed by Cllr. Cole and seconded by Cllr. Crawley that the document as circulated is approved. All were in favour. A meeting is scheduled for next month with Julie Bamber. A policy document covering the CCTV needs to be written. Other documents are required too.
11. **To consider the future maintenance policy of parish owned areas.**  
Cllr. Burkinshaw said he will circulate a document 'Policy Adoption of Friends of Greens'. **Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw.**
12. **To consider Councillor reports – for information only.**  
Cllr. Crawley reported that the Cricket Club are not getting their bins emptied. Cllr. Marshall will investigate. Cllr. Cole said that the defibrillator requires a software update and it will be out of action for about a week soon.

The meeting closed at 10.08pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023.