
KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, 13th April 2023 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllrs. A. Howard (Chairman); C. Cole; J. Bowman; S. Browne; J. Burkinshaw.
Ten members of the public.

1. Apologies: County and Dist Cllr. R. Cox; Dist. Cllrs. T. Marshall and R. Crosse, Parish Cllrs. N. Crawley. Mrs. G. Pitchford.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 14th April 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2022 were taken as read. All in favour.

3. Annual Report of the Parish Council – Cllr. A. Howard (Chairman)

The chairman reported in detail about the work the council had undertaken in the last 12 months. A full report is available on request. Briefly he said:

“This year was more ‘normal’ with Covid restrictions being lifted. Queens Jubilee was celebrated with the lighting of the beacon and other activities. CCTV is now installed at the Village Hall. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has been very active – thanks in particular to Cllr. Bowman. Warm Space initiative worked well – again thanks to Cllr. Bowman. Lanes Close open space has been seeded with wildflowers by the Gardening Guild. Leofric Close open space now has a sign indicating use. Several trees have been planted to replace those felled. Investigations continue as to the ownership of the service road behind the War Memorial – potholes have been filled in but the PC takes no responsibility. Best Kept Village resulted in a ‘highly commended’ award. Large litter pick has been organised. Looking in to electric vehicle charging points at the village hall. Also sound deadening material to the main hall. The grass cutting contract has been renewed. Blocked gullies in the village centre have been attended to.”

4. Parish Council Finance.

(i) Budget 2023/24 and (ii) Unaudited Summary of Accounts for the year to 31/3/23.

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.

The District Councillors were not present at the meeting and no written reports had been submitted.

6. County Councillor’s Report and questions.

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting and no written report had been submitted.

7. Policing in Kings Bromley.

No report had been received.

8. Kings Bromley United Charity – report by Mrs. Howard.

Mr. K. Price made a report. Two meetings have taken place through the year. Mr. O’Dea is chairman and Mr. Price a trustee. A copy of the report and accounts is available by request.

9. High Speed Rail 2

Cllrs. Cole and Browne updated the meeting on the latest situation.
A full copy of the report is available by request.

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 written reports were available from him upon request.

Verbal reports

Churchyard Team – short of helpers. Average age is 79. Its is important to keep this team going.

Cricket Club – continues to grow on the back of youth membership. There is a girls team and possibly a ladies team soon. Two senior teams. Play in Derby County League. First eleven are doing very well. All welcome to attend matches. The club house has been refurbished.

Harmony Choir – meet in the village hall each Monday evening. Have put on several concerts including outside the village.

Historians – have monthly meetings including speakers. The website and archive is well used and maintained. Exhibitions are held.

Medical Transport – this is running smoothly. Thanks to those that help.

Open Gardens – there will be 10 or 11 gardens this year including some new ones. Money raised will go to local charities and some to the Ukraine appeal.

Show Society – there will be a show this year. A brochure has been published.
PTA – may still continue. Holding an annual fayre on the show field.

Speedwatch – the team regularly goes out. No advanced warning signs are now required. Information collected goes to the police and letters sent to offenders. If three are accumulated then a fine is issued. More volunteers needed.

WI – are doing very well now with 30 members. Programme set for the year with regular outings. The Parish Council warm space was well received.

11. Open Forum

The chairman asked for questions from the floor.

A question was asked regarding the removal of the roadside hedges along Wood End Lane. Cllr. Cole understands that these will be replaced but offered to find out.

There being no further business the open meeting was closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed

2024 Chairman Date: 11th April 2024