
KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on

Thursday, 11th April 2024 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllrs. C. Cole (Chair); S. Browne; J. Burkinshaw; P. Till and twelve members of the public.

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

2. Minutes of the last open meeting held on 13th April 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2023 were taken as read. All in favour.

3. Annual Report of the Parish Council – Cllr. C. Cole (Chair).

The chair reported in detail about the work the council had undertaken in the last 12 months. A full report is available on request. Briefly he made reference to: Outgoing chair Allan Howard and his reasons for not standing again.

The tragic fatality when a resident was struck by a vehicle that did not stop.

The knock-on effect that this will have and what the parish council may be able to do including the purchase and erection of speed indicator devices.

The work done by the Speedwatch team.

The work done towards producing the Local Neighbourhood Plan with special thanks to Cllr. Bowman.

Post removal from around the War Memorial prior to a refurbishment of that area being led by Cllr. Burkinshaw.

Setting up of of a Community Engagement Team under the leadership of Cllr. Davies.

The work done by several councillors and in particular Cllr. Browne for his work monitoring and mitigating the impacts of HS2.

The possible effects that the opening of the Cemex quarry at Orgreave will have on the village of Kings Bromley.

Thanks to Allan Howard and the Gardening Guild for their commitment to the Best Kept Village competition. We were awarded a 'highly commended' award.

He then thanked the Parish and Districts and County Councillors for their hard work.

Thanks also to the many village organisations that support the village, especially the Medical Transport scheme, Churchyard gang and WI.

Cllr. Burkinshaw for sorting a Christmas tree.

Finally the Parish Clerk for his work.

4. Parish Council Finance.

(i) Budget 2024/25 and (ii) Unaudited Summary of Accounts for the year to 31/3/24.

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 from Ann Buckland.

The clerk read out a written report received from Ann Buckland.

9. High Speed Rail 2

This had been covered under the chair's report above.

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 – still short of helpers. Its is important to keep this team going. It only involves 2 hours per week on a Wednesday morning.

Cricket Club – doing well with some new junior members – the senior team stayed in their division – some youngsters are having county trials – beer festival planned – costs are increasing but keeping fees as reasonable as possible – some private functions are held at the club house – school sport day was held.

Best Kept Village – a judge was invited to speak regarding last years entry and highlighted areas where improvements could be made. An entry will be made again this year.

Gardening Guild – meet once a month and have guest speakers – 35 members – grant received from the Parish Council to help towards costs.

Open gardens will be held again this year on 22 and 23 June with proceeds being split – half to the cost of heating in the church and half to the food bank.

Harmony Choir – meet in the village hall each Monday evening – 2 or 3 concerts are held in the church and at village fayres. More members are welcome.

Historians – 20 members - have monthly meetings on first Friday of each month - speakers attend some meetings – trips out arranged. The website and archive

is well used and maintained and the BBC are using some of the information in a programme called 'Empire'. Fifth boundary walk of 18 miles will be held this year on 21 Sept.

Medical Transport – Yvonne Sheldon reported – in the last year over 100 journeys were recorded including trips to Derby and Good Hope – they have 17 volunteer drivers – prices held - thanks to those that help.

Speedwatch – the police need more help – there are currently 11 volunteers but only 5 are regulars – Oct to March saw 302 recorded – mainly cars and vans.

WI – ceased to exist as unable to get president and committee - is now known as Kings Bromley Ladies Club – same principle and will continue to help other village organisations – younger members needed – drop-in cafe will continue.

11. Open Forum

The chair asked for questions from the floor.

A question was asked regarding speed issues. Cllr. Till replied and said that the council was looking into technologies - ANPR is very expensive – talked about options and devices that can provide data to be used as evidence to present to the County Council.

Mention was made of the flooding that now affects the roads south of the village – ditches not being cleared. This has been raised with the County Council.

There being no further business the Open Parish Meeting was closed at 8.12 pm.

Signed * Cllr. Burkinshaw Date: 10th April 2025

* The chair in 2024, Charles Cole passed away in December 2024.