

KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on

Thursday 12th January 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. A. Howard; (chairman); C. Cole; S. Browne; J. Bowman; N. Crawley;
J. Burkinshaw.

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

Public Session: Four members of the public were present.

Forum. No members of the public wished to speak at this point, choosing to contribute as the items were discussed.

1. **Apologies and approval of absence.**
Cllrs. Mrs. G. Pitchford. (work commitments). County and Dist. Cllr. R. Cox;
Dist Cllr. Cross. Dist. Cllr. T. Marshall.
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. J. Bowman on item 8(i)

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 8th December 2022 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.**
 - i) Flier re Coronation mugs. This was handed to Cllr. Howard who would determine if any were required.(ii) Email re 'blown windows' at rear of village hall. This was noted and would be discussed in a future meeting with Julie Bamber. Clerk to contact Kevin Masefield to obtain a quote for the work. **Action: Clerk.** (iii) Co Op Bank – Fraud Prevention Guide booklet. (iv) Email from resident regarding closure of A38 for 7 months. After discussion the clerk was asked to contact National Highways asking if it would be possible to install a temporary sign on the A38 preventing turns onto the A513. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr. Cole said that there is a meeting on the subject of diversions at Alrewas village hall on 18th and 19th February. (v) Email from Local Gov. Boundary Commission regarding possible changes to boundaries. - consultation. (vi) Email from LDC regarding Crawley Lane kennels. After discussion it was felt that the original questions the council had asked have still not been answered. Clerk to write again. **Action: Clerk.** (vii) Letter from Joy Hutchings with suggestions to improve the Medical Transport Scheme. After discussion clerk to send copy of letter to new organiser and ask that she monitors the situation and reports to the council after three months. **Action: Clerk.** (viii) Email from local police with report of incidents. Clerk to contact police to ask them to attend future meetings or at least provide a report. Every

three months. **Action: Clerk.** (ix) Email from Perennial Landscapes with quote for tidying work at rear of village hall. After discussion it was decided not to go ahead with this work.

b) **Finance.**

i) Financial Statement. Current a/c £6,847.16 Reserve a/c £9,805.71

ii) Payments Received. None.

iii) To authorise payments.

1. Clerks net salary, income tax, expenses and postage costs - £577.64

2. Smiths of Derby – 3 year contract to maintain the church clock - £643.20 inc. vat. The chairman said he had looked into the historical reasons as to why the parish council pays for this but could find nothing. After a long discussion it was proposed that the annual donation to the church (PCC) is stopped and the contract to maintain the clock taken up for the next 3 years but to review thereafter. Clerk to write to Glen Wright to inform of these actions. **Action: Clerk.**

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

(iv) To set the precept for 2023/4. The clerk had distributed a copy of the accounts and projections for the next financial year in advance. He explained how the figures had been derived and asked for questions. A long debate ensued. Cllr Howard proposed an increase in the precept of 5%, this was seconded by Cllr. Crawley. A vote was taken with 3 in favour and 3 against. The chairman used his casting vote and the proposal was adopted. Clerk to reply to LDC. **Action: Clerk.**

(v) Grass cutting tender for the next 3 years. The clerk has drafted a tender document and Cllr. Crawley has approved it. The tender will be issued to at least 3 contractors soon with a return date set in mid February. **Action: Clerk.**

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

No Councillors were present and no reports received.

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

Cllr Cole reported that he and three other councillors had attended a meeting yesterday where phase 2a was discussed. Nothing new came from the meeting. There was talk about the poor communications within HS2 and in particular with their Land and Property Team. This is causing much despair with local landowners. Work at the Orgreave quarry has commenced. The first liaison meeting will be held in March.

7. To hear an update on the proposed installation of CCTV / EVC points / sound deadening material at the village hall.

Cllr. Burkinshaw said that the CCTV was up and running. He just needs to erect signs. Julie Bamber has agreed to sound deadening material being installed in the main hall – cost expected to be around £150 and also to press ahead with the installation of an electric vehicle charging point/s. He will redistribute cost estimates and options.

Action: Cllr. Burkinshaw. Mrs. Bamber also added that there would be no cost for the use of the hall during the 'warm space' project. Cllr. Burkinshaw reported that he has looked at the hall roof and that there is no immediate action required. Cllr. Browne requested a meeting between himself, Mr. Bancroft and the clerk to look at work required around the play ground area. Clerk to arrange date. **Action: Clerk.**

8. To receive reports on current highway and footpath issues (I) update on the maintenance of the unadopted road outside No1 Lichfield Road.

Cllr. Howard produced an email and photos of a damaged bridge and stile on the footpath between Crawley Lane and the A515 (that will soon be closed by HS2 work). Clerk was asked to contact landowner and SCC to report the issue. **Action: Clerk.** After discussion it was decided that the council should, as a temporary measure, fill the potholes in the lay-by near the War Memorial but make it clear to SCC and residents that the council is taking no responsibility for this work or any future work and will not be liable for any future maintenance or incidents that might result from this action. Clerk to inform SCC and proved notices to this effect. Cllr. Crawley offered to obtain suitable materials and the chairman will organise a small working group to undertake the work. A budget of £100 was set. All in favour of this action. **Actions: Clerk and Cllrs. Crawley and Howard.**

9. To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working group.

Cllr. Bowman said that copies of the main document were available in the village hall and on the website. He warned that if the council wishes to take this further next year that there will be a cost implication.

10. To receive an update on proposals to manage the village hall by setting up Trustees.

Julie Bamber has agreed to the proposals.

11. To receive an update on the proposals to fund and replace the fencing around the War Memorial.

Cllr. Howard suggested that a meeting is called with all village organisations, including the Jubilee Committee and local businesses to see how funding can be arranged. Date of meeting to be 1st February at 7pm. A quote of £8,000 has been received to undertake the work. Clerk to invite village organisations and to ask Glen Wright to place a notice in the Parish Magazine. **Action: Clerk.**

12. To hear a further report from the 'Long Hard Winter' working group.

Cllr. Bowman reported. The initiative was launched today and 17 attended in the village hall along with several volunteers. Drinks and cake was served. It was a team effort and he thanked everyone for their input. He said that giving individual support was a lot more difficult but help could be given with obtaining lower energy cost through the internet etc. He is looking at ways to get younger people involved. The Wednesday Club, at their meeting on 1st Feb will talk about what can be claimed. Cllr. Burkinshaw has arranged for a speaker from CAB to come along one evening.

13. To hear an update on the maintenance responsibility for the church clock.

This was covered above.

14. To consider Councillor reports – for information only.

Cllr. Browne – Yoxall Health Centre has produced a newsletter and are now undertaking face to face appointments again. They still rely on locum doctors but the service has improved through better communications within the practice. Fran is to leave the pharmacy.

Cllr. Cole – Nothing has been received from LDC about this years refuse collections..

Cllr. Burkinshaw – at the next meeting he would like to know what subscription the council pays at present and asked if the council is still a member of Support Staffordshire. Clerk to check. **Action: Clerk.**

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date: 9th February 2023.

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