



BROOMFIELD AND KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood.
Monday 17th March 2014

Present:

Cllr Terry Baker (Chairman) Cllr Keith Bennett Cllr Mike Lovell
Cllr Mike O'Neill Cllr Janet Tandy (5)

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Baker opened the meeting at 19.30pm

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Jenny Whittle – KCC - Other Commitments
Cllr Peter Parvin – MBC – Other Commitments
Cllr Tina Clarke – Work Commitments
Cllr Mike Darling – Other Commitments
Cllr Peter Page – Other Commitments
Gail Gosden – Clerk – Family Commitments
PCSO Richard Kirby – Other Commitments

Min No		Action
276	<p>Councillors Declarations (Regarding Agenda Items)</p> <p>Cllr Bennett – Declared a personal interest in item 287 – Handyman Job Specification</p>	
277	<p>Minutes of PC Meeting held 17th February 2014</p> <p>Councillors resolved that the minutes were a true record; signed by Cllr Baker</p>	
278	<p>Minutes of Planning Meeting held 17th February 2014</p> <p>Councillors resolved that the minutes were a true record; signed by Cllr Baker</p>	
279	<p>Minutes of Planning Meeting held 6th March 2014</p> <p>Councillors resolved that the minutes were a true record; signed by Cllr Baker</p>	
280	<p>Actions & Outcomes</p> <p>280.1 – Replies from Jenny Whittle and Hugh Robertson MP, regarding bus timetables. 280.2 – Letter received from building contractor at the Stumps, reassuring that the verges outside the sports field will be repaired towards the end of the project. 280.3 – See copy of letter of welcome to residents for approval</p>	
281	<p>Kent County Council - County Councillor, Jenny Whittle, Maidstone Rural East</p> <p>Apologies received but no report.</p>	

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282 **Maidstone Borough Council - Leeds Ward Councillor, Peter Parvin**

Apologies received but no report.

283 **Policing**

Crime figures and Police report - PCSO Kirby

Kingswood – 12/03/14 – Vehicle interference – Bell Way, 04-05/03/14 – Burglary - Bell Way, 18/02/14 – Burglary Other than a dwelling – Lenham Road.

Sutton Valence – Burglary other than a dwelling – 3, Theft – 2, Theft from a motor vehicle – 1, Attempt theft – 1, Criminal damage - 2

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Langley – Burglary – 1, Theft – 1, Arson – 1.

East Sutton – Burglary other than a dwelling - 1

284 **Finances**

284.1 Responsible Finance Officer's report was read to Councillors, the following were agreed:-

- (i) Payments were ratified and agreed
- (ii) Agreement to self -invoice payments for room hire of the village hall for PC meetings
- (iii) Agreement for the Clerk to purchase replacement keyboard and mouse

284.2 Bank reconciliation for February 2014 was not available

284.3 Rental Review for Tall Trees 2014/15 – Councillors agreed unanimously to increase the rent at Tall Trees in line with the current RPI of 2.8% to £111.51 per annum.

Clerk

285 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Baker updated councillors that the current negotiations between MBC and Designscape were progressing. Therefore the public consultation will commence at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 17th May 2014, at the Village Hall from 10am

286 **Sports Field**

286.1 Sports Field Users – a report was given by Cllr Baker on a meeting with the Scouts & Maidstone Mavericks was held on Thursday 6th March.

286.2 Table Tennis equipment – The Clerk has not had a reply from the youth club whether there might be interest in an outdoor table tennis table, therefore Cllr Bennett proposed 'no further action', this was seconded and agreed.

286.3 Portacabin – The Clerk has obtained two quotes for the work, Matthew Bennett - £180.00, Mark Reynolds £200.00, Tim Cowan – handy man for Sutton Valence declined to quote as he felt that there was too much work involved for him to take on at this time. There is still enough of the original paint that was purchased to do two coats of the Portacabin. It was ascertained that adequate insurance was not available for one of the candidates, therefore Councillors agreed to offer the work to the candidate who has already supplied insurance details.

286.4 MBC Investment in play areas.

The Clerk has spoken with MBC about the grant funding for parishes under this initiative. There is £40,000 per annum available over five years for up to £10,000 to be match funded by parishes. Amanda Scott recommends that the PC obtain quotations for any projects that are envisaged ready for application when decisions regarding NP are concluded.

Amanda has also recommended a much cheaper alternative to wet pour for the Levercrest area which MBC are going to use and is already installed at the Otham play area and is a third of the price. The Clerk has spoken to the Otham Clerk who states they are very happy with the installation from www.matta.co.uk. Councillors agreed that no further action was required at the moment

Clerk

287 **Handyman job specification**

The Clerk has contacted the Sutton Valence handyman to see if he would be interested in applying for the handyman job at B&K, but he has stated he is too busy to take on any additional projects.

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Councillors discussed and agreed that a price should be obtained from a potential contractor to carry out initial one off job in specified areas to demonstrate their work and thereby reduce any further delays in smartening up the villages.

288 Twinning Group

Cllr Clark had forwarded her apologies, there was no report.

289 Highways

Clerk advised that there is a Road Safety/Speed Watch Planning Seminar, Monday 14th April at the Village Hotel. There is no councillor available to attend

290 Pensioners Outing 2014

The clerk had spoken with some residents and narrowed down to two ideas for the outing, Brick Lane Music Hall or the Pocahontas to Southend on Sea, the coach prices make the Brick Lane visit too expensive and therefore recommend the Pocahontas. There will need to be a contribution of £10 from individuals but the trip will include the coach to and from Gravesend, the river trip to Southend, the pier mini rail journey to the mainland and cream tea on the return boat trip. Full details will be advertised in advance.

291 Reports

Police Forum – Cllr O’Neill & Lovell

292 Items for next Meeting’s Agenda

Dog Warden – April 2014

Any Other Information

292.1 – KALC Area meeting – 19th March – Cllr O’Neill attending.

292.2 – Spot Travel invitation to Tourism Show on 7th April, two tickets available. No-one able to attend

292.3 – B & K can go ahead and co-opt a replacement councillor as a letter with ten signatures has not been received by MBC requesting an election.

292.4 – Letter of thanks from Co-op bank for ‘standing by them’ in their difficult times

The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 28th April 2014 at The Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood at 7:30pm.

There was no further business, Councillor Baker closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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