



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 18th February 2013.

Present:

Cllr Paul Beaney Cllr Peter Corfield Cllr Mike Evans
Cllr P Forster Cllr O’Niell * Cllr Peter Page (6)

Mrs G Gosden – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

There were three member of the public present. It was requested that the Parish Council make people aware of the potential problems created by feeding foxes. It was suggested that there is an article in the next Village News. Also that something is done about the dangerous parking near the school at the end of the school day. The Parish Council was congratulated on the first edition of the Broomfield & Kingswood Parish News.

Cllr O’Niell opened the meeting at 7.45pm

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Terry Baker – Family commitments
Cllr Justin West – Work Commitments
Cllr Jenny Whittle – Family Commitments
Cllr Peter Parvin – Illness

Min No		Action
257	<p>Co-option of Councillor</p> <p>Mr Peter Page had put himself forward for Co-option and had attended the previous two Parish Council meetings. Cllr Corfield proposed that Mr Page be Co-opted, seconded by Cllr Beaney and agreed by all. Cllr Page* signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, witnessed by the Vice Chairman. Cllr O’Niell welcomed Cllr Page to the Parish team, Clerk to inform MBC Registration Officer accordingly. Clerk reported that the Council, now having eight Members. Website will be updated accordingly.</p>	Clerk
258	<p>Councillors Declarations (Regarding Agenda Items)</p> <p>There were no declarations</p>	
259	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 21st January 2013</p> <p>Cllr Corfield requested that the minutes be amended to state: - Cllr Corfield reported that since 90% of homes in the parish are now not designated as being in the 10% hardest to reach areas as BT have stated they intend to roll out fibre to the 2 main cabinets, it is unlikely that any general improvements to broadband facilities will occur in the short term. Other technologies such as as satellite would be needed to reach the remoter parts of the parish. It was resolved that the Chairman will write to Hugh Robertson MP.</p> <p>Councillor Corfield proposed these minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Beaney and agreed by all and signed by Cllr O’Niell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed _____</p>	

260 Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held 21st January 2013

Councillor Beaney proposed these minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Forster and agreed by all and signed by Cllr O’Niell

261 Actions & Outcomes

The following items had not yet been completed:- Letter to Hugh Robertson re broadband; Terms of Reference re email circulation; Contact of shop owners re noticeboard.

262 Kent County Council - County Councillor, Jenny Whittle, Maidstone Rural East

Apologies received. Cllr Whittle wished to thank the parish councillors for their kind emails following installation of the salt bins. KCC also had a marathon budget meeting last week where it was agreed to £95m of savings but to freeze the Kent County Council tax precept for 2013-14.

263 Maidstone Borough Council - Leeds Ward Councillor, Peter Parvin

Apologies received. No report.

264 Policing

Nothing received from PCSO Kirby

Cllr Evans joined the meeting at 8.10pm

265 Finances

265.1 Responsible Finance Officer’s report was read to Councilors and retained on file. Payments were agreed.

265.2 Bank reconciliation for January 2013 was agreed and signed by Cllr O’Niell

265.3 Staff costs - £1,375.86 – 100.25hrs, an increase due to holiday catch up pay. Average hours worked per month to date 83.3hrs

265.4 Rent at Tall Trees 2013/14 – current RPI as at Jan 2013 – 3.30%, CPI – 2.70%. Rent for 2012/13 was frozen at £105pa. RPI rise = £108.47, CPI = £107.84. It was unanimously agreed to increase the rent for 2013/14 by the current RPI to £108.47

265.5 Pensioners Trip 2013 – Councilors made several suggestions which the Clerk will investigate.

265.6 Other information

(i) MBC has announced their intention to consider an increase in council tax on 27/03, the first in two years. The proposal is for an increase of 1.9% or £4.23 a year for a Band D taxpayer.

(ii) Notification has been received from MBC that under the Parish Service Scheme Broomfield and Kingswood will receive in 2013/14 £2,060 for sports field maintenance, £200 for notice boards & £400 for play areas = Total £2,660.

Clerk

Clerk

266 Super-Fast Broadband

Cllr Corfield reported that his experience of satellite broadband was very mixed. He had not been able to ‘get online’ for a week and a half, it is now fixed but he is finding it quite expensive. Dependant on individual requirements it is still worth considering. He and Cllr Baker will write to Hugh Robertson MP.

Cllrs Baker & Corfield

267 Parish Council Meetings

Cllr Beaney proposed that the earlier decision to permanently move monthly meetings to the third Monday each month is agreed, seconded by Cllr Forster and agreed by all.

268 Recreation and Sports Field

268.1 Criminal Damage to Fresh-air Fitness equipment – replacement seat has arrived and will be installed as quickly as possible. Signed _____

268.2 Other Information

- (i) The hedge needs cutting at the Sports Field
- (ii) Rospa Safety Report for 2013- Cllrs agreed that alternate quotes should be obtained
- (iii) Councilors agreed to accept the quote received from Steven Waring for maintenance at the Sports Field for 2013/14
- (iv) It was agreed that the football nets would be erected before the Easter holidays.

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Cllr Beaney

269 Village News

Clerk advised that all but Broomfield have now had their Parish News delivered.

270 Website

Cllr Beaney proposed that the forum guidelines are updated. He requested the Clerk contact Maidstone Mavericks regarding including club information on website. Clerk to contact photo club for photos of the parish that can be included on the website. It was agreed that the home page should be changed at least monthly.

Clerk

271 Emails

The Clerk apologised that she had been unable to deal with this item at this time, it was agreed to carry over to next agenda

Clerk

272 Noticeboard

The Clerk apologised that she had been unable to deal with this item at this time, it was agreed to carry over to next agenda

273 Reports

- (i) Parish Conference – Retained on file
- (ii) Police forum – Cllr Forster gave a brief verbal report stating that he was disappointed with the response from officers regarding the potential tree danger. There is currently a shortage of PCSO's & officers and the boundaries have been enlarged. The public should be warned not to leave cars unlocked on their drives there has been an increase of thefts of vehicles. The Traveller & Gypsy unit is being reformed. There is no longer a requirement for street lighting for traffic calming schemes. There is a need for more individuals to telephone police with concerns.
- (iii) KALC meeting- Cllr Forster attended, minutes have been circulated
- (iv) Village Hall meeting – Cllr O'Niell attended – there was no agenda, the treasurer is due to resign, and the requested copy of the constitution has not been provided yet.

274 Items for next Meeting's Agenda

- (i) Monthly meeting dates
- (ii) Emails
- (i) Traffic Calming

Clerk

275 Any Other Information

275.1 An invitation to 'Meet the New Kent Police Commissioner' has been received. Cllr Forster is attending on behalf of the PC

275.2 Details of the new Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Proposed Mineral Safeguarding Areas has been received

275.3 Affordable Local Needs Housing Information from Kent Housing Group

275.4 The Kent Men of the Trees are holding a 'Trees in the Village' competition in 2013.

Cllr Forster

Cllr Evans

276 Parish Council Meetings

The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th March 2013 at The Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood at 7:30pm.

There was no further business, Cllr O'Niell closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Cllr Page

Signed _____ Chairman

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