



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 19th January 2015

Present:

Cllr Tina Clark
Cllr Tom Hoy
Cllr Mike Darling
Cllr Mike O'Neill (Vice- Chairman)
Cllr Patrik Garten
(5)

Gail Gosden – Parish Clerk

Cllr O'Neil opened the meeting at 7.35pm

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr T Baker – Illness
Cllr M Lovell – Family Commitments
Cllr P Page – Family Commitments
Cllr J Tandy – Family Commitments
Cllr J Whittle, KCC – Maternity leave
PCSO Ryan Waring – Other Work Commitments

Min No	Action
208	<p>Councillors Declarations (Regarding Agenda Items)</p> <p>145.1 Lobbying 145.2 Personal Interest 145.3 Prejudicial Interest (Councillor to leave meeting table whilst such item is under discussion)</p> <p>There were no declarations.</p>
209	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>209.1 Minutes of the PC Meeting held 15th December 2014 209.2 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 15th December 2014 209.3 Minutes of the Planning meeting held 13th January 2015</p> <p><i>All the above minutes, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</i></p>
210	<p>Actions & Outcomes</p> <p>The Clerk apologised that this item was unavailable and would be carried over to the next agenda.</p>
211	<p>Kent County Council - County Councillor, Jenny Whittle, Maidstone Rural East</p> <p>Apologies received</p>
212	<p>Maidstone Borough Council - Leeds Ward Councillor, Peter Parvin</p> <p>No report received</p>

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Clerk

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Policing

213.1 Crime figures and Police report – 15th December 2014 to 17th January 2015 - 0 Crimes reported. 2 Non-crime incidents were reported - 16/12/2014 – Nuisance Youths – Charlesford Avenue, 05/01/2014 – Nuisance Youths – Gravelly Bottom Road

213.2 Residents complaint to the Police Commissioner – the response received by a resident from the Police Commissioner regarding a complaint about the unsatisfactory policing of HGV's on the rural roads in this area, was felt to be totally inadequate and unhelpful.

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Finances

214.1 Responsible Finance Officer's report was read and retained on file - the following items were resolved:-

(i) Payments were agreed.

(ii) It was agreed to set up an annual direct debit to the ICO for Data Protection registration

214.2 Bank reconciliation – December 2014 was agreed and signed by the Chairman

214.3 To propose the Precept requirement for 2015/16 – Councillors agreed unanimously to a precept application of £55,500 for 2015/16 which remains the same as last year.

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Proposed Leeds Bypass

Cllr Hoy had received reports via the Leeds & Broomfield magazine that KCC and MBC have come to an agreement regarding the Leeds bypass.

The Clerk has made enquiries and requested Cllr Whittle to investigate further and (2) spoken with the Langley Clerk who has directed Councillors to a statement published on the Langley PC website which categorically states the PC do not support the proposal.

(3) Subsequently the Leeds Clerk confirmed the statement was correct and was made by Cllr Gary Cooke, KCC to a Leeds PC meeting, Leeds PC is now requesting feedback to the proposal from neighbouring parishes.

Councillors discussed and agreed that improvements to the local basic infrastructure was required, however before offering support they would require to know the route of the proposed by-pass/spur road, whether or not there was any associated funding attached to the proposal, what upgrading of neighbouring single track roads that would feed onto any spur road is planned. Would this proposal create any additional housing plans?

Clerk

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Neighbourhood Plan

Following further discussions and agreements with the Edmeds, before Christmas, a final proposal for the NP has been put forward to MBC. The amended plans have now been forwarded to MBC for their agreement so that their consultation period can commence.

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Village Speed Restrictions

Cllr Page was unable to attend this meeting; therefore this item will be carried over to next agenda.

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Sports Field

Cllr Lovell was unable to attend this meeting; therefore this item will be carried over to next agenda. Councillors agreed that a sports field committee meeting is required.

Clerk

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Emergency Planning

Cllr Clark reported that this item had not progressed as it had been requested to be an agenda item on the Village Hall Committee agenda and their last meeting had been cancelled, therefore this item will be carried over to next agenda.

Clerk

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Cessation of ACRK services

The Clerk reported that DEFRA Ministers are to decide if funding from central government should cease. ACRE (the parent body of the group) has created an e-petition at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/73418>.

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Councillors agreed that the CEO should be contacted with the offer of support from this PC and would ask individuals to sign the petition as groups as organisations could not do so.

Clerk

221 Review Standing Orders

Following discussion of a few minor amendments, Cllr Hoy proposed to accept the revised Standing Orders, seconded by Cllr Clark and agreed by all.

222 Peter Pease Close

The Clerk informed Councillors that advertising the vacancies at Peter Pease Close in the Village News had been very successful as the properties were all now under offer.

223 Electoral Review

The Clerk informed Councillors that there is due to be an Electoral Boundary Review and this was an opportunity for the PC to decide if they wish there to be any changes. It was resolved that Councillors would research online the information available and would discuss this item in full at the next meeting.

Clerk

224 Village Enhancement

Cllr O'Neill demonstrated some of the choices available for the proposed planters around the parish. It was resolved to speak with the Handyman and if he was happy with the proposed Manchester planter the Clerk would order 8. It was agreed that there would be a plaque with "Welcome to Broomfield & Kingswood" on one side of each planter.

Clerk

225 Reports

There were no reports received

226 Items for next Meeting's Agenda

Additional Sports Field Play Equipment
Village Speed Restrictions
Emergency Planning
Electoral Review
Village Enhancement

227 Any Other Information

227.1 Two documents have been received from DLG advising of protocols for (1) Transparency code for smaller authorities and (2) The Future of Local Audit

227.2 Gallagher Properties and others have appealed against the MBC decision against the proposed Development at J8, Waterside Park. With the Joint Parishes Group, CPRE have submitted a Statement of Case to the Planning Inspectorate against the proposal. CPRE have also submitted a formal complaint to the MBC Chief Executive, Alison Broom regarding the planning officers' report to the Planning Committee on 16th October as it was felt that the report included errors, prejudice, lack of balance etc., and the report should be regarded as unsafe or unsatisfactory.

227.3 The Kent Men of Trees Competition 2015 – if councils wish to take part in the competition applications should be received by 30th April

227.4 Came & Co has forwarded advice on Managing Seasonal Issues, such as gritting and clearing snow.

227.5 KALC has launched a media release to encourage people to become Councillors. The Clerk has been supplied with posters to display and suggests that information should be included in the next Village News.

227.6 The Chairman has been invited to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Viscount De L'Isle MBE annual Civic Service at Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 10 March 2015.

227.7 Operator Licensing – Wingham PC has proposed to the Department of Transport that Parish & Town Councils are made statutory consultants on vehicle operators' license applications and renewals.

227.8 A copy of the Draft Economic Development Strategy for 2104-31 by the NRBF, has been received.

227.9 KCC Consultation on the future of Library, Registration and Archive services in Kent. If you would like

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to be included in the consultation please contact KCC on 03000 413131 or go to the website at www.kent.gov.uk/lraconsultation

227.10 Spot Travel is offering the opportunity to event organisers to attend some sample events.

227.11 Rural Kent is holding a Village Hall Convention on Saturday 21st March

227.12 Oakwood Park Grammar School are inviting this PC to participate in a Volunteering Initiative

227.13 KCC Highways are progressing the repairs of the Milestone on the A20 following information received from the Milestone Society.

227.14 Boxley PC are campaigning against illegal lorry parking and is asking for the support of other PC's by requesting that they write to their MP's.

227.15 KALC has forwarded a copy of their letter to DCLG requesting that referendum principles are not applied in 2015/16 to Local Council.

227.16 Following agreement with Mr Derek Morgan regarding the permissive footpath to the sports field, KCC have been notified of the intention to pursue this option. The Clerk awaits further information from KCC

227.17 NALC has announced that The Quality Parish Council Scheme is being replaced by a Local Council Award Scheme

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Parish Council Meetings

The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th February 2015 at The Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood at 7:30pm.

There was no further business; Cllr O'Neil closed the meeting at 10.32pm

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