



Great Bromley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Assembly for Great Bromley held at Great Bromley Village Hall at 7.20pm on Wednesday 19th May 2021

In attendance: Cllrs Nicholls (Chairman), Blowers, Fairley, Hardy, Heaney, Lord (items 7 to 9 only), Mander, Robinson (items 4 to 9 only) and Smith.

Also in attendance: ECC Cllr Guglielmi and Lizzie Ridout (Clerk)

Members of the public: 5

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Robinson and TDC Cllrs Scott and Wiggins.

3. To note the confirmed minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 19th May 2021, previously circulated.

The minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

"Parish Councillors have had a different year during the past 12 months. Covid restrictions have eased and we are back having face to face meetings instead of Zoom. A big Thank You to Lizzie our clerk for keeping all councillors updated and ensuring council business and our finances run smoothly.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022 will take place in Church Meadow during the first week in June. I hope residents come along and celebrate a once in a lifetime event. A Beacon will be lit on 2nd June at 9.45pm during which time a free BBQ will be made available and a performance by the Black Cactus Choir. A free Hog Roast on Sunday 6th June following a Celebratory Church Service at 10.30am all invited. Children's entertainment is provided, face painting, music by the Motley crew. Our school children will all be presented with a Jubilee Commemorative Mug.

I would like to give special thanks to our village handymen, Lewis and Bill for the excellent work they carry out on keeping the village looking spick and span. The areas owned by the Parish Council are kept in very good order. A big thank you Lewis and Bill, I am aware our residents value your work greatly. Unfortunately fly tipping continues to blight our Parish from time to time. Lewis and councillor Carole Mander carried out a litter pick on Parsons Hill and collected a total of 18 black bags of rubbish, thank you, I am sure it amazes all of us that certain people still deposit vast quantities of rubbish in ditches and verges in our village. Our usual litter picks have been unable to be arranged this year but hopefully they will start again soon. We have though been able to supply local residents with litter picking equipment. Anybody witnessing fly tipping please report to our clerk or to Tendring District Council. It appears the County Broadband have completed their work within the village and moved on. I understand the majority of complaints regarding their contractors have been dealt with. Our free village magazine, The Messenger, continues to be delivered to all properties in our Parish. It is worth reading to find out what is happening in the village. Big thanks to all the advertisers and to our editor, Lizzie and the committee.

Essex County Council Highways have carried out works along Hall Road and Brook Street in an attempt to alleviate flooding issues, time will tell if the work has been successful. Our District Councillors Gary and Ann have assisted residents with various problems, thank you to both of them.

At long last Highways have agreed to start work on extending the 30mph speed limit along Harwich Road, extending it into Rectory Road and Frating Road. They will also erect bend warning signs when entering the village from Harwich and roundels with 30 will be painted

on Harwich Road. The junction at Harwich Road, Frating Road and Rectory Road will have new lines painted on the road. I would like to thank our County Councillor Carlo for all his hard work in helping to secure these safety measures. The Development at Hamilton Lodge has been agreed by Tendring District Council planning committee. Work is expected to commence very shortly.

The council are still receiving planning applications for extensions, alterations and new building, although the number of new building applications has decreased during the year, perhaps because of Covid, but time will tell.

The Parish Council are looking at adding more facilities at Hare Green recreation field. A sub committee has been set up to look into various suggestions it is being led by Councillor Rob Lord and Councillor David Hardy. The village were asked for their suggestions in a survey which took place earlier this year.

Our annual budget review has taken place, thank you to those involved, no increase in our precept was necessary this year.

The Corbeau Tendring Rally has recently taken place and there have been mixed reviews by Residents. This will be discussed by Councillors at our next Parish Council meeting. The village now has a new Cost Cutter shop on the Little Paddocks development. The shop keeper, V J is very pleased with the support he has received. The Court House Pub has new owners and following an extensive refit has reopened. A number of our Village Flower tubs have been replaced and the tubs planted. Two new benches have been installed in Church Meadow and have been favourable received.

The Woman's International cycle road race came through our village twice in one day. It was quite spectacular with all the cyclists accompanied by police motor cycles outriders and all the support vehicles.

I am very pleased to say the Parish Council were again able to provide an afternoon tea to our senior citizens and other nominated residents. Section 137 grants were awarded to various voluntary groups.

Our Parish Council website has been updated. Finally I would like to thank all councillors for their support and hard work throughout the past difficult year."

5. Reports from the County and District Councillors

The reports had been previously circulated. Highlights from cllr Guglielmi's report included:

- There had been a record take up in adult social care. Two thirds of the ECC budget was spent on that care on 17,000 recipients, around £60k each per annum.
- New waste strategy emerging which sought to have zero waste to landfill.

6. Reports from Appointed Officers:

- **Tree Warden** - **Col M Frostick OBE**

"With the tree planting season now at an end, I am delighted to report that further trees and hedging have been planted at various locations in the village by the tree warden and volunteers. The most visible planting is a line of young oak trees alongside Badley Hall Road. All of the trees planted this year were surplus self-sown saplings dug up by volunteers from woodland within the village. My thanks go to Dean's Nursery in Harwich Road for donating compost for the planting programme and to the landowners and others for supporting and assisting with the planting and subsequent management.

Great Bromley Parish Council commissioned a formal tree survey in 2021 which mapped the trees on land owned or controlled by the Council and also reported on their condition. As a

result of this survey and some follow up study, contractors were instructed to undertake tree work as required to maintain the tree stock in a safe and tidy condition.”

- **Footpath Liaison**

- **Cllr Mander**

“Overall the footpaths and bridleways in Great Bromley are being well maintained thanks to the volunteer footpath warden, Graham Smith and the Parish maintenance team. Over the last year the footbridge on footpath 4 Badley Hall Road has been repaired. The steps at Boudge Hill (footpath 17) have still not been repaired despite being in a unsafe state. This issue has been reported numerous times to ECC Rights of Way, who are responsible for the maintenance of steps and bridges on public rights of way.

The Parish Council will act on any complaints regarding public rights of way so parishioners are encouraged to report any problems.”

- **Community Speedwatch Coordinator**

- **Mr G Smith**

CSW restarted in June 2021 following a suspension of activities due to the pandemic. At this time the Gt Bromley CSW resident volunteer team comprised of myself and Justin Brown. Since then, sessions have been run typically once every two weeks at one of our three approved sites. These are:

- Hare Green (40mph) Harwich rd. in the layby close to the playing field.
- Ardleigh Rd (40mph). Near the Bromley Cross on the border with Ardleigh.
- Brook Street (30mph) – At Junction with Saint George’s Close.

We normally run sessions every month at Hare Green and alternate the other session between the two remaining sites. Hare Green site is usually where most offenders are recorded so we have maintained a higher presence at this location. The feedback from residents is largely positive and complimentary at all sites.

Recordings from all sessions are recorded and sent to Essex Police via the CSW central co-ordinator. They will then check out the vehicle identity and owners and send letters accordingly. They also monitor or repeat offenders across all sites.

All results can be seen on the ‘Safer Essex Roads Partnership’ Web site at the link below. This shows data from all CSW sites in Tendring.

<https://saferessexroads.org/policecommunity/community-speed-watch/>

Speed limit change at Hare Green

I am advised that the long-awaited speed limit reduction at Hare Green to 30mph is due to happen very soon and when this is implemented I am expecting the site to be reassessed by Essex Highways. I believe this will just be a paperwork exercise so I do not think there will be any impact on the CSW team although I understand that the Police will probably monitor the area themselves for a while.

Recruitment

Attempts have been made to attract Gt Bromley residents to join our CSW team. Articles in the Bromley messenger have invited anybody interested to make contact but to date nobody has been recruited.

On the plus side we have, in the last month, regained the support of Neil & Val Skinner who temporarily left the group due to work commitments but have now returned so we can at least now operate with three people in attendance which is the recommend number. We still would benefit from more members as we then could run more sessions.

‘Surround a Town’ days.

In August we took part in the Clacton 'Surround a town day'. This is when all CSW teams in a specific area are encouraged to run sessions on a particular day. The Police also take part in these events identify offenders using their latest speed detection device known as a TrueCam. Our efforts were acknowledged in the report issued below."

- **Bromley Messenger Representative** - **Mr R Perry**

No report.

7. Questions from Members of the Public

There were two questions about the proposed reduction of the speed limit on Harwich Road, which were answered by ECC Cllr Guglielmi. It was suggested to invite to Inps. Martin Richardson to carry out speeding checks in the village.

8. Resolutions of the Parish Assembly

To continue maintaining and improving services by the Council to the Community.

9. Date of the next Annual Parish Assembly

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7:20pm.

The meeting ended at 7.37pm.