



# Great Bromley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2024 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

**In attendance:** Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Blowers, Cllr Fairley (item 6 to end), Cllr Hardy, Cllr Lord (items 1-12), Cllr Mander, Cllr Murch, Cllr Smith and Cllr Tovell

**Also in attendance:** ECC Cllr Guglielmi, TDC Cllrs Scott and Wiggins, and Lizzie Ridout (Clerk)

**Members of the public:** 1

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024, previously circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, or other interests, and the nature of them, in relation to any item on the agenda. There were none.

### 4. Public Participation

Cllr Val Guglielmi, Chairman of Lawford Parish Council, presented Cllr Nicholls with a gift to thank him for his service to the local community, ahead of his standing down at the next meeting. Members responded with a round of applause.

### 5. Planning Application

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<a href="#">24/00294/LUP ROP</a> Mr M Volf	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed works to create ancillary residential use to the main house that is an expansion of the use as accepted under 17/01289/LUPROP. <b>Information only</b>	Morants Hall, Colchester Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TN

The planning application was noted..

### 6. Reports

- County Councillor's Report – previously circulated.
  - o Cllr Guglielmi had spoken to Essex Highways regarding S106 and S278 funding for a potential safe crossing for Harwich Road. Cllr Guglielmi also updated on Cllr Smith's request to install speed camera signage, which remained an ongoing enquiry.
- District Councillors' Reports – previously circulated
- Parish Councillors' Reports
  - o Cllr Smith had been advised that the Trucam speed camera was being repaired and a police-attended session would be held once it was back in action. One Speedwatch session had been held near the school.
  - o Cllr Smith and Cllr Blowers had repaired the defibrillator door at the Courthouse. Footpath 15 between Mary Lane North to Back Lane West was partially blocked due to a fallen small tree which Cllr Smith intended to remove.
  - o Cllr Mander reported increasing HGV issues along Colchester Road. It was agreed to request TDC Planning Enforcement to investigate. Litter issues were ongoing opposite The Courthouse. Clerk to chase TDC for the bin.
  - o Cllr Lord asked Cllr Fairley about the fly tipping in Hilliards Road. The Clerk advised that TDC was liaising with Essex Highways for removal.

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- Cllr Fairley had attended a TDALC meeting where the Martell Pit was discussed. An increase of extraction could mean an increase of HGVs in the area.
- Cllr Nicholls advised the misaligned kerb stone at the War Memorial was a Highways issue which Cllr Guglielmi to investigate. Cllr Nicholls advised that a breach of planning notice had been served to the Hamilton Lodge developers as a result of ongoing works at Hamilton Lodge during heavy rain where pumped water/clay had ended up in a resident's garden.
- Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
  - HM The King's portrait had arrived and had been passed to the Village Hall to be hung.
  - Flower Festival at St George's request for support would be added to next month's agenda for consideration.
  - Essex Police would be attending the ordinary May meeting.
  - Annual meeting and Parish Assembly next month.

## 7. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed, updated and noted.

## 8. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

## 9. Highways update

There was no further update.

## 10. Grounds maintenance contract 2024-25

Members considered the tenders received for the grounds maintenance contract for 2024-25. Cllr Lord proposed that Blands should be awarded the contract, this was seconded by Cllr Fairley and all agreed.

## 11. Support for The Messenger

Councillors discussed appropriate support for the treasury and delivery functions of The Messenger, including payment for the printers. It was agreed that a signatory (Cllr Blowers) should be added to the bank account which the Clerk would arrange. Cllr Smith undertook to manage the delivery of the magazine, kindly supported by the group of distributors already in place.

## 12. Church Meadow play area

Cllr Fairley explained that some further work was required to complete the Church Meadow play area, specifically to make the area more accessible and to extend the fencing. It was agreed:

- to remove a section of sleeper in order that wheelchairs and buggy users could access the gate;
- to install additional signage to replicate the sign at the other entrance of the site;
- to hold a site visit to properly survey what was needed to complete the scheme; and
- to explore the use of a disability assessment.

## 13. Flower tubs

Members considered the provision of flower tubs throughout the village and agreed to provide in the summer months only.

## 14. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£626.52
HMRC	£156.60
Employer NI contribution	£9.40
Clerk's Pension scheme	£237.07
Great Bromley Village Hall	£30.00
Tuckwells – oil - 618310	£25.00

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Tuckwells – oil - 618661	£25.00
Tuckwells – oil - 619343	£25.00
Clacton Business Services - payroll	£54.00
Lewis Mander - Village Maintenance	£147.58
Bill Kempster - Village Maintenance	£162.54
Playquip	£12,975.60
EALC/NALC Affiliation fees	£375.69
Hotline Printers – April Messenger	£455.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£14,850.00</b>

**To note the following receipt:**

TDC Precept (1 <sup>st</sup> instalment)	£16,113.00
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The payments and receipt were noted.

**15. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint**

Members considered the effect of any decisions on our Carbon Footprint and Climate Change in general. Cllr Mander was re-potting the leylandii plants from the flower tubs for use elsewhere.

**16. Date of next meeting and items of business – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The meeting closed at 8.51pm.