



# Great Bromley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2025 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

**In attendance:** Cllr Murch (Chairman), Cllr Blowers, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Mander, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Smith  
**Also in attendance:** Lizzie Ridout (Parish Clerk & RFO)  
**District Councillors:** Cllrs Scott and Wiggins  
**Members of the public:** 2

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Hardy and ECC Cllr Guglielmi.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 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. Co-option of councillors

Following the publication of vacancy notices and the absence of any requests for an election, members were to consider any applications for co-option to the Parish Council. It was noted that no applications had been received.

### 5. Public Participation

There was none.

### 6. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<a href="#">25/00156/COUNOT</a> Mr S Brazier	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the change of use of an agricultural building into three dwellings.	Bush Farm Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TR	Determination prior approval not reqd 18.03.2025 Delegated Decision

The planning determinations were noted.

### 7. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<a href="#">25/00260/DETAIL</a> Elemento (Hamilton Lodge) Limited	<p>Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission 20/00547/OUT - considering Access/Layout/Design/Scale/Landscaping for residential development (use class C3).</p> <p>Cllr Fairley proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded and all agreed that Great Bromley Parish Council objected to the application for safety reasons for vehicles accessing and exiting the village hall on just one entrance. Members also suggested that a lower speed limit on Parsons Hill be</p>	Hamilton Lodge, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley CO7 7JB

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	<p>implemented.</p> <p>Cllr Wiggins abstained from the vote and discussion.</p> <p>It was further agreed that the Clerk contact the Tree Officer at TDC, as concern was made about the planned removal of 75 trees, and the fact that some could be memorial trees, including memorial plaques. Members also asked to visit the site with the Officer.</p> <p>Members also wanted to know if the issue of drainage on to a neighbouring property had been resolved. Clerk to speak with the Planning Officer.</p>	
<a href="#">25/00472/FUL</a> Mr and Mrs Volf	<p>Planning Application - Change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage, and erection of barn for use incidental to the enjoyment of the existing dwellinghouse.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.</p>	<p>Morants Hall, Colchester Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TN</p>
<a href="#">25/00497/FUL</a> Mr Wayne Knowles	<p>Planning Application - Erection of replacement detached chalet bungalow following demolition of existing bungalow (Alterations to approved planning permission 24/00001/FUL including revisions to door/window combinations, size of entrance lobby and roof including dormer windows).</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.</p>	<p>Byeways, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley CO7 7TZ</p>

## 8. Future planning applications and potential gain

Cllr Fairley facilitated a discussion on the preparation for upcoming planning applications, focusing on their potential benefits and impacts on the development of the village.

It was proposed that a strategic priorities list be created to benefit key initiatives, including:

- Reduced speed limits and the promotion of a safer environment.
- Establishing a pre-school.
- Investment in St George's Primary School.
- Enhancing connectivity between areas within Great Bromley.
- Land acquisition opportunities.

The approach aimed to ensure proactive planning for the village's future development.

## 9. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report - Previously circulated
- b) District Councillors' Reports - Previously circulated – Cllr Scott had received correspondence from a developer from the Harwich Road application.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Smith reported that the Community Speedwatch team had conducted a monitoring session outside the school. The session led to two vehicles being reported for speeding violations. It was noted that two volunteers had stepped down from their roles in delivering The Messenger.

Cllr Fairley reported on attendance at a recent TDALC meeting. It was noted that TDC will no longer provide play equipment inspections. The benches in Church Meadow had been cleaned and re-oiled as part of ongoing maintenance efforts.

Cllr Blowers reported ongoing efforts to work with HSBC to complete a safeguard review of the council's accounts. This process was continuing. Also;

- Maintenance work needed to be carried out on the tarmac between the path and the

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church.

- Improvements were underway on Parsons Hill to widen the path where feasible.
- A new storage facility for maintenance equipment had been sourced.
- It was agreed that Cllr Fairley would assume responsibility for the line management of the Maintenance Team.

Cllr Nicholls reported that the Rectory hedge had been cut as requested by Essex Highways.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
- Request to site bee apiaries on parish council land was refused.
- Church notices can be included in the noticeboards if sent in time to the Clerk.

## 10. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

## 11. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

## 12. Grass and hedge cutting tender

Members reviewed the tenders submitted for the grounds maintenance contract. Following consideration, the contract was awarded to Bland Landscapes.

## 13. VE Day – event update

Cllr Murch updated on event plans for VE80 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to produce a further flyer with more details of the events and to deliver with the next Messenger, a week earlier than the normal delivery.

## 14. Highways update

New 40mph signs had been installed near The Cross, along with chevron signs.

## 15. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£649.49
HMRC	£162.20
Employer's NI	£65.91
LGPS – ECC Pension	£250.74
Great Bromley Village Hall	£26.00
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£289.79
Chris Morgan – Village Maintenance	£225.40
Tuckwells	£25.74
*Microsoft package	£138.24

\* paid

The payments were approved.

## 16. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

Members considered the effect of any decisions on our Carbon Footprint and Climate Change in general.

## 17. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

- Parish Assembly 7pm
- Annual and Ordinary meeting – 7.15pm

Items of business should be sent to the Clerk before Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The meeting closed at 8.43pm.