



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Blowers, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Mander and Cllr Tovell

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

Members of the public: 2

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Nicholls welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Lord, Cllr Smith and TDC Cllr Wiggins.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023, 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.

- Cllr Blowers declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 23/01626/FULHH insofar as he was a resident of the property concerned.
- Cllr Fairley declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 23/01704/AGRIC insofar as he was the applicant of that application, however the application had already been decided by Tendring District Council.
- Cllr Mander declared an interest in planning application 23/01598/FULHH insofar as she was a close neighbour.

4. Public Participation

Cllr Sadler from Thorrington Parish Council asked about the process of reducing the speed limit in their village. Cllr Guglielmi outlined the process and advised Cllr Sadler to speak to ECC Cllr Goggin.

Lewis Mander asked about potholes in the back lanes of Great Bromley and undertook to send a list of sites to Cllr Guglielmi via the Clerk. Cllr Nicholls advised the War Memorial repairs were in hand.

5. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
23/01243/COUNOT Mr and Mrs Rolt	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for proposed conversion of an agricultural building into one dwelling.	Roline, Harwich Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UL	Determination prior approval not req'd 01.11.2023 Delegated Decision
23/01390/FULHH Platt	Proposed single storey rear extension.	2 Meadow Close, Great Bromley CO7 7UG	Approval – Full 17.11.2023 Delegated Decision

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23/01491/NMA Mr Ny Moughal – Elemento Group	Non Material Amendment to application reference 20/00547/OUT for alterations to windows and materials on plots 1-11.	Land Site of Former Hamilton Lodge Parsons Hill Great Bromley CO7 7JB	Refusal Non Material Amendment 20.11.2023 Delegated Decision
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The planning determinations were noted.

6. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
23/01609/FUL Mr S Brazier	The erection of two self-build dwellings (in lieu of Prior Approval for two dwellings, subject of application 23/00249/COUNOT) Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Bush Farm Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TR
23/01626/FULHH Mrs S McNeill	Proposed extension to the existing store including recladding and re-roofing existing roof. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	Bottle House Carringtons Road, Great Bromley CO7 7XA
23/01598/FULHH Mr and Mrs Mason	Erection of front porch, 1.5 storey rear extension, and raising of roof to create additional bedrooms including front dormer windows (following demolition of existing side and rear extensions) Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Rose Lea Ardleigh Road Great Bromley CO7 7TL
23/01704/AGRIC Mr Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Ltd	Prior Approval Application under Part 6, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for replacement barn. Great Bromley Parish Council noted that the application had already been approved within three days of the parish council receiving notification.	Park Farm Hilliards Road Great Bromley

7. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – previously circulated
- b) District Councillors' Reports – previously circulated
Residents in Chapel Lane had contacted Cllr Scott about flooding on the bend, which had been reported to TDC and Essex Highways. Cllr Guglielmi undertook to check where the pipes go and report back to Clerk.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports
 - Cllr Fairley had attended TDALC and discussed topics including 20mph speed limits, recycling boxes, fly tipping and pylons.
 - Cllr Mander reported fly tipping in Carringtons Road which had been cleared by TDC the same day. The oak tree at Hare Green had been felled.
 - Cllr Blowers was exploring alternatives for the defibrillator cabinets. It was agreed to add this to the next agenda. It was also agreed for hedge cutting to be undertaken at Church Meadow and Cock Lane, and for maintenance on the equipment used.
 - Cllr Nicholls advised of his intention to stand down as a parish councillor in May 2024 and he had been assured that memorial items at Hamilton Lodge had been kept safe.
- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received – under agenda items.

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8. Action Log review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

9. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

10. Freedom of Information Policy

Councillors considered the approval of a Freedom of Information Policy, previously circulated, and all agreed to adopt the policy, with a review at each Annual meeting.

11. Tree Survey results

Cllrs were asked to note the comments and recommendations following the tree survey. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Chelmsford Diocese to request a tree in the Rectory garden is pruned.

12. To consider the play equipment for open space at Church Meadow prior to a consultation

Members considered a selection of play equipment items from proposals submitted for the open space at Church Meadow. Five items were agreed, and it was further agreed to include fencing to protect users from the car park.

13. Highways update

There were no updates.

14. Poorlands Charity

Members considered the future of the charity following the pending resignation of one of the trustees. Cllr Blowers volunteered to take over the financial administration of the charity. It was agreed that the Clerk would organise a meeting to formalise the resignation of one trustee and the appointment of Cllr Blowers.

15. To approve the following payments and receipt:

Clerk's salary (inc back pay)	£948.69
HMRC (inc back tax)	£242.00
Employers NI (inc back NI)	£81.86
Great Bromley Village Hall	£30.00
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance (inc back pay of £174.50)	£445.40
Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance (inc back pay of £147.00)	£317.28
Defib Warehouse – replacement pads (already paid)	*£77.94
Bland Landscapes – grasscutting	£244.38
Bland Landscapes – tree felling	£840.00
TPS – Tree survey	£550.00

Receipt	
TDC Recycling credits	£402.20

The receipt and payments were noted.

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 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm at Great Bromley Village Hall.

18. Items for next meeting

To be forwarded to the Clerk. The meeting closed at 8.51pm.