



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2024 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), ECC Cllr Guglielmi and TDC Cllrs Scott and Wiggins

Members of the public: None

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 13th November 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. Planning Briefing

Tending District Council's Director for Planning briefed Members about the Government's proposals to impose new mandatory housebuilding targets on all Councils.

Members were reminded that since the adoption of Tendring's Local Plan in 2022, the target for housebuilding in Tendring was 550 homes per year up to 2033. The Local Plan included the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community and the major expansion of Clacton. Local Plans needed to be reviewed on a five-yearly basis, and Tendring's Review was in the early stages. Local Plans needed to adjust to reflect changes in National Planning Policy (NPPF).

The new Government's proposed changes to the NPPF included the introduction of mandatory (as opposed to advisory) housebuilding targets, along with changes to the method by which housebuilding targets were calculated. There would be no scope to argue for a lower number, and there would be the reintroduction of the requirement to maintain an ongoing five-year supply of housing land. It would apply to all Councils reviewing their Local Plan.

Prior to the housebuilding targets being released imminently, a number of options had been drawn up, depending on what the new target might be. All of these options would be open for comment in a public consultation, thought to be in Spring 2025, followed by a further consultation on the Preferred Options Draft in Summer 2025. The final consultation on the Submission draft would be in Autumn 2025, with the Submission of Local Plan to the Secretary of State at the end of 2025.

Members asked a number of questions about the plans, and the Director for Planning advised he would attend another meeting of the Parish Council when he had further details to convey.

5. Public Participation

There was none.

6. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
24/01422/VOC Mr Andrew Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Ltd	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application 23/01213/FUL to allow for a minor adjustment to the position of the barn to avoid an electric pole.	Woods Barn Harwich Road, Great Bromley CO7 7US	Approval - Full 25.11.2024 Delegated Decision

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The planning determination was noted.

7. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
24/01682/WTPO Mr Barber	1 No. Field Maple – crown lift by 2m. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Marks Farm, Frating Road, Great Bromley CO7 7JN
24/01577/LUEX Mr Andrew Wendon Smith	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use or Development for First floor attic storage added to existing approved application with rear window and staircase access. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Little Paddocks, Frating Road, Great Bromley CO7 7GN
24/01696/FULHH Mr and Mrs Shimwell	Householder Application - single storey side extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Essex House, Harwich Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UL
24/00508/FUL Mr & Mrs Brooks	Replacement self/custom built dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling following construction. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Kenley Harwich Road Great Bromley Colchester

8. 'Call for Heritage Sites' consultation

Members discussed submitting any non-designated heritage assets to TDC for future consideration. Members wished to consider for longer and defer to the next two meetings, and to include the poster in the Messenger.

9. Consultation on proposed changes to the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm project

Members considered responding to the consultation and agreed to reissue the previous response.

10. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – circulated.
The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Guglielmi to obtain data and a formal response regarding the inability to change the speed restrictions on Hall Road.
- b) District Councillors' Reports – circulated.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports
- d) Cllr Smith reported that one Speedwatch session had taken place, and a new volunteer had joined the group, making six volunteers in total. Essex Police had also undertaken a session. Cllr Smith undertook to find out how to acquire another designated area for Speedwatch.
Cllr Fairley had attended a TDALC meeting where discussions had covered cycle route group Colchester orbital.org and TDC Emergency Planning.
Cllr Mander reported that the bat survey on an ash tree in Church Medow required a more detailed inspection before any tree surgery could be actioned. A further cost would be incurred.
Cllr Blowers had recruited a new maintenance team member from January onwards.
Cllr Nicholls reported that the dog bin had been replaced. Cllr Murch had attached a dog waste bin sticker. Clerk to email Cllr Scott and Cllr Wiggins about tree grants.
Cllr Murch had attended Ros Tovell's funeral service.
- e) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received.

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The recent repairs to the War Memorial had been damaged yet again.

11. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

12. Accounts

- a) The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.
- b) A sub-committee (Cllrs Murch, Smith and Blowers) was appointed to prepare the budget and precept, with the Clerk, for the 2025-26 financial year to present to Council at the January 2025 meeting.

13. Highways update

There was no update.

14. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£649.29
HMRC	£162.40
Employer's NI	£13.58
LGPS – ECC Pension	£250.74
Great Bromley Village Hall	£24.00
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£287.70
Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance	£201.25
Tuckwells – oil	£25.00
GB Farm Services – Strimmer repair	£70.00
GB Farm Services – mower repair	£179.12
Bland Landscapes – ditch clearance	£1194.00

The payments were approved.

15. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

16. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7pm, at Great Bromley Village Hall.

Items of business should be sent to the Clerk before Monday 30th December 2024.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.