



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 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) and TDC Cllrs Scott and Wiggins

Members of the public:

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

Cllr Blowers introduced Chris Morgan, who would be joining the Council's Maintenance Team. Members welcomed Chris to the Parish Council.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 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

There were no applications.

5. Public Participation

A resident raised the issue of the footpath along Parsons Hill and the difficulties that a lot of people are having with the overgrown vegetation. Cllr Fairley said he had raised the issue with Cllr Guglielmi at a meeting last week. Clerk to contact Highways to arrange a site visit.

Cllr Scott undertook to email TDC's Enforcement team with a view to removing the large Orwell Housing Association sign from Robertson Close.

6. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
24/00508/FUL Mr and Mrs Brooks	Planning Application - Replacement self/custom built dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling following construction.	Kenley Harwich Road Great Bromley	Approval - Full 16.01.2025 Delegated Decision
24/01696/FULHH Mr and Mrs Shimwell	Householder Application - single storey rear/side extension.	Essex House Harwich Road Great Bromley	Approval - Full 14.01.2025 Delegated Decision
24/01618/VOC Colchester Development 2 Limited	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 9 (Boundary Planting) of application 21/01679/VOC to ensure highways compliance.	Land at Little Paddocks Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JL	Approval - Full 31.01.2025 Delegated Decision

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The planning determinations were noted.

7. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
25/00096/NMA	Non Material Amendment to 24/00001/FUL - Alterations to door/window combinations, size of entrance lobby and roof including dormer windows. For Information only	Byeways, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley
24/01577/FULHH Mr Andrew Wendon Smith	Householder Application for First floor attic storage added to existing approved application with rear window and staircase access. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comments.	Little Paddocks Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7GN

8. Hamilton Lodge update

The Clerk advised that despite asking the developers for an update, nothing had been received. Clerk to contact the Planning Officer at TDC.

9. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – previously circulated
- b) District Councillors' Reports - previously circulated
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Smith reported on the recent Speedwatch session held on Harwich Road. He provided information on the process for introducing a new site, noting that each site must be assessed for suitability. He also mentioned that Friday 7th March was a planned Tendring Vision Zero Day, during which the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) had requested all groups to conduct a Speedwatch session on the same day.

Cllr Fairley had met with ECC Cllr Guglielmi and the Highways Liaison Officer regarding the War Memorial. They were receptive to a project under £15k, proposing the installation of street furniture, which would need to be added to the Council's assets. Cllr Fairley also reported that new electronic mink traps had been installed locally.

Cllr Mander reported that more tree work was needed, specifically mentioning a large oak branch in Church Meadow that was hanging low over the play area. It was agreed to remove the branch for safety reasons. Cllr Mander also emphasized the need to be more proactive about litter.

Cllr Hardy asked about the proposed use of the Hare Green football pitch. It was agreed to hold an Extraordinary meeting on Thursday 20th February at 7pm at the Village Hall.

Cllr Blowers reported that the large flood barrier had been located and would be stored at Cllr Fairley's property.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received – under agenda items.

10. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted. Outstanding actions were the flooding issues on Brook Street and the sponsorship of flower tubs.

11. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

12. Highways update

Cllr Fairley had provided an update following the site visit at the War Memorial with Essex

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Highways and Cllr Guglielmi last week.

13. Promoting the work of the Parish Council

The Clerk had circulated a briefing note on ways of engaging residents and promoting the Parish Council. It was agreed to start with a Facebook page. The clerk encouraged Members to send through content regularly.

14. Maintenance

Members discussed quotes for a replacement mower. Cllr Fairley proposed, Cllr Murch seconded and it was agreed to continue using the current mower until it became unusable.

15. Tarchon Interconnector Project

The Clerk advised that Tarchon would hold non-statutory public consultation events in Tendring district in March 2025 but had offered the Parish Council an earlier opportunity to discuss the proposals. Members agreed they would like the opportunity to meet and the Clerk undertook to circulate dates and times.

16. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£649.29
HMRC	£162.40
Employer's NI	£13.58
LGPS – ECC Pension	£201.53
Great Bromley Village Hall	£24.00
Bland Landscapes Ltd (tree works)	£1,966.50
Cottage Landscapes	£99.00

The payments were approved, as well as the service for a ride-on mower for the sum of £678.12.

17. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

18. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 12th March 2025.

Items of business should be sent to the Clerk before Monday 3rd March 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.