



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Nicholls (Chairman), Cllr Blowers, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Heaney, Cllr Lord, Cllr Mander and Cllr Smith.

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

Members of the public: 10

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th December 2021, 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 Mander declared an interest in planning applications 21/02032/FUL and 21/02033/FUL insofar as she was a neighbour.

4. Hamilton Lodge development

Daniel Rapson, from DRD Consulting Services Ltd, was in attendance to provide Members with an update on the proposed development.

Mr Rapson advised that a decision notice was expected in the next two weeks from Tendring District Council's case officer. Following that notice, work would start on meeting the planning conditions which included various surveys and protection for nesting bats, dormice, newts etc, along with an arboricultural plan. All planning conditions needed to be satisfied and then the landscaping work could begin, with the layout of the village green and the pond. It was envisaged that building would start in late summer 2022, with new homes available in 2023. Mr Rapson advised that 30% of the homes would be affordable housing, with the majority of the development being 2, 3 and 4 bedroomed homes.

A further stakeholder event was proposed to be held in the Village Hall, with another open day for those interested. Mr Rapson also undertook to attend another parish council meeting, suggested for April, to provide a further update.

Cllr Nicholls thanked Mr Rapson for his update.

5. Public Participation

There was none.

6. Planning Determination – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
21/01679/VOC Mr Gary Duncan LPCo	Vary conditions 2, 5, 11 and 15 of 20/00859/FUL by way of the rewording of the timescales of conditions 2 and 11 and the substitution of drawing number 058/2019/SK250920 with 058/2019/14/P5	Little Paddocks Frating Road Great Bromley	Approval - Full 22.12.2021 Delegated Decision

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	(facilitates relocation of bus stop and associated works) for condition 5 and 15 (approved plans).	CO7 7JL	
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The planning determination was noted.

7. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
21/02032/FUL	<p>Provision of new 5 Bed, 9 Person detached house with integral garage and improvements to existing vehicular access.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council strongly objected to the planning application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside development envelope and in contrary to Policy SPL2 (Settlement Development Boundaries) in TDC's Local Plan; • Severely out of keeping with street scene and much higher than bungalows either side with a steeply pitched roof which will loom over neighbours leading to loss of light in neighbouring back gardens; • Close proximity of building to neighbouring properties. • Loss of privacy for neighbouring properties. • Concern over potential damage to neighbouring footings which are on clay • Flooding concerns, with multiple issues of historical flooding. • Dangerous vehicle access onto the B1029; • No evidence of demand for large housing. • Ecology impact with loss of wildlife habitats. • GBPC also questions the use of dwellings, the proposed number of residents is not normally included in applications and would appreciate a response on this query. 	Weeping Ash, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley
21/02033/FUL	<p>Removal of existing single garage, provision of 4 Bed, 7 Person detached house with integral garage, improvements to vehicular access and provision of new double garage to Weeping Ash.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council strongly objected to the planning application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside development envelope and in contrary to Policy SPL2 (Settlement Development Boundaries) in TDC's Local Plan; • Severely out of keeping with street scene and much higher than bungalows either side with a steeply pitched roof which will loom over neighbours leading to loss of light in neighbouring back gardens; • Close proximity of building to neighbouring properties. • Loss of privacy for neighbouring properties. • Concern over potential damage to neighbouring footings which are on clay 	Weeping Ash, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley

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21/02065/FUL	<p>Replacement of an agricultural building with a 3 bed bungalow (To amend approval 20/00552/FUL)</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	Willow Farm, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley
21/02072/FUL HH	<p>Front porch</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	Westward House, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley

8. Planning Appeal

Appeal reference	Site Address	Description of development	Previous comment
APP/P1560/W/21/328 4103 Mr John Askew	Land adjacent 4 Boulton Cottages Frating Road	Proposed erection of one dwelling and associated parking (all matters reserved).	No objection to the application

The planning appeal was noted.

9. Reports

a) County Councillor's Report

Cllr Guglielmi advised that the proposed Harwich Road speed reduction was progressing and it was hoped that Essex Highways could deliver the scheme via its Direct Delivery Team, rather than a Local Highways Panel scheme. Cllr Nicholls advised he had contacted the Chairman of the Tendring LHP to request to speak on the item at its next meeting in March 2022. A survey had taken place of the Harwich Road roundabout on the outstanding planting scheme and improvements which were required. A new contractor had been appointed which was being overseen Nigel Allsopp from Essex Highways. A meeting had also taken place to discuss the safety concerns of the Tendring Rally.

b) District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Scott and Cllr Wiggins had attended various TDC committee meetings including scrutiny of TDC's proposed budget, approval of the adoption of Section 2 of TDC's Local Plan and the recent proposed closure of joint use centres in Brightlingsea and Harwich. They had visited new local residents and given out recycling boxes, received emails on flooding and fly tipping, and had visited the new shop opposite the Court House.

c) Parish Councillors' Reports

- Cllr Smith reported that Speed Watch sessions would resume this month. It was also agreed to submit an article to the Messenger reporting on activity and recruitment of volunteers.
- Cllr Fairley reported that a 300m section of hedging had been planted to offset the carbon generated from a local running club.

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- Cllr Lord raised the issue of which recyclables were accepted under the current Tendring contract with Veolia. Cllr Scott advised that a task and finish group from the Resources & Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee was going to be reviewing this issue and looking at potential improvements. There was a report of Veolia contractors disposing of recycling with household waste, which Cllr Scott undertook to raise with recycling officers at TDC.
 - Cllr Blowers reported that the defibrillator door at the Cross Inn had been checked and was in good working order.
 - Cllr Heaney reported that the fly tipping still in Honeypot Lane remained in situ. Cllr Scott undertook to raise this with TDC.
 - Cllr Nicholls reported that the new notice boards in Church Meadow and Hare Green had been installed.
- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
- Many positive responses and thank you notes had been received following the Festive Afternoon Tea in December.
 - HSBC had commenced charging for the bank account and cheques. It was agreed to research alternative options for banking and to attempt to reduce the charges.

10. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

11. Hare Green Sub-Committee

Cllr Lord, on behalf of the sub-committee, presented the outcomes from the user survey undertaken during November 2020.

There had been 29 responses to the digital survey with headline outcomes as follows:

- There is a shared desire to obtain more benefit from the space, whilst preserving and enhancing the green space and encouraging more use by wildlife.
- The park needs to cater for all age groups in the community, although satisfaction levels were reasonable, there is an acknowledgement for improvement needed across the age ranges.
- Features to enable and facilitate more uses that may bring the community together were noted in comments.

There was clear support for:

- Additional Seating (predominantly picnic benches);
 - Wildlife focused features (wild grass area, more trees, wildlife boxes);
 - Additional Play Equipment (particularly for under 11s);
 - More sports facilities / a multi use hardcourt surface;
 - Extension of the path feature.
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- No additional gym equipment is required; there was a good level of satisfaction with what has previously been provided.
 - The survey results are completely split with regards dogs.
 - There was little opposition to the idea of a Queen's Jubilee Beacon however many had no view.
 - There was satisfaction with the parking available in the surrounding roads to the park, however some access issues noted for consideration in later design phase.

Cllr Lord reported that the sub-committee would now look at formulating proposals which met those outcomes, and thanked Cllr Hardy and the sub-committee members for their hard work.

12. Accounts and Budget Setting for 2022/23

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

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Cllrs Lord and Blowers, along with the Clerk, had reviewed and discussed the Budget for 2022-23. Cllr Lord presented the budget setting statement to Members as follows:

Financial planning for GBPC set a budget for financial year 2021-2022 of £29,622. The actual expenditure for same period is projected to be £33,180. This overspend of £3,558 or 12% is largely explained by additional and deliberate investment in grounds maintenance (notably tree surgery). The deficit here being addressed by compensatory draw-down on GBPC reserves which independent auditors had recommended (as good practice).

In setting the budget for financial year 2022-2023, GBPC has studied our expenditure from past year and also factored known 'one-off' expenditure; the latter including financial provision for a public event to mark the Queen's Jubilee 2022, as well as festive teas to support those more vulnerable within our community. The net outcome of that exercise sees a projected expenditure of £34,506 for next year, an increase of £1,326 or 4% against past year. GBPC is pleased to confirm that this additional budget will require no increase in precept tax to individual households as the variation can be addressed from reserves (in line with best practice recommendation) and also income from a larger addressable tax base (explained by more households).

It is anticipated that one of our greatest areas of expenditure for financial year 2022-2023 will be the Hare Green improvement project. That opportunity is just emerging from a period of public consultation and user needs analysis. Whatever is determined by way of instruction or cost will not conflict with anything explained above as any cost is likely to be met from S106 funding sources.

GBPC thanks Parishioners for their support and is confident that our expenditure is concentrated on what matters most to residents.

Cllr Lord proposed, Cllr Heaney seconded and Members unanimously agreed the precept proposal for 2022/23.

13. Queen's Jubilee celebrations

- Price for marquee had been requested;
- Children's entertainer had been booked;
- The Cricket Club would be running the bar;
- The Church had been booked; and
- Commemorative Tree planting in Hare Green was suggested, and Cllr Nicholls undertook to discuss with the tree warden.
- Members were requested to submit their choice of beacon to the Clerk.

14. Highways update

This item was covered under Cllr Guglielmi's report.

15. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£574.55
HMRC	£143.60
Great Bromley Village Hall	£25.00
Clerk's reimbursement – toner	£15.99
Bland Landscapes – Tree removal and stump grind	£480.00
TDC Print Unit - Christmas cards	£18.00
Patisserie4u – Festive afternoon teas	£976.80
Clacton Business Services – payroll	£45.00
Lewis Mander - Village Maintenance	£192.12
Bill Kempster - Village Maintenance	£205.36
Graham Smith – sign for Church Meadow	£23.10
VCS Websites Ltd – website hosting	£110.00

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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 9th February 2022 at 7.30pm

18. Items for next meeting and any other business

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9:04pm.