



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2023 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Nicholls (Chairman), Blowers, Fairley, Hardy, Lord, Mander and Smith.

Also present: ECC Cllr Guglielmi, TDC Cllr Scott and Lizzie Ridout (Parish Clerk)

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 Heaney and Cllr Robinson.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th December 2022, 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 was none.

4. Public Participation

Two residents were in attendance to speak about planning application 22/02049/FUL, with concerns about increased traffic, parking issues on the highway, and biodiversity issues.

5. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
22/01054/FULHH Mr Neil Atkinson	Proposed erection of cartlodge and annex.	22/02082/FULHH Badley Hall, Great Bromley CO7 7UU	Approval - Full 05.12.2022 Delegated Decision
22/01776/FUL A Lochore and Sons	Proposed agricultural storage building.	Holly Lodge Colchester Road Great Bromley CO7 7TN	Approval - Full 21.12.2022 Delegated Decision

The planning determinations were noted.

6. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
22/02014/FULHH	Retrospective application for a detached single garage for private use. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Plot 6, 8 Paddock House, Little Paddocks, Frating Road
22/02049/FUL Mr Neil Napthine - BrandArt Ltd	Proposed construction of buildings to serve a class E use (including offices; financial, professional, and medical services). Plus ancillary site works (car parking, landscaping, new vehicular access points off Harwich Road and stopping up of existing access). Great Bromley Parish Council objected to the application for the following reasons:	Land adjacent Cliphedge Farm, Harwich Road, Little

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new proposal contravenes what the previous appeal allowed regarding landscaping; - There would be increased traffic on 60mph road, and increased deliveries etc; - There was insufficient parking onsite, and no overflow area near by other than the roadside; - Loss of wildlife and damage to the environment; - It will set a precedent for building from the A120 down to the bridge on A133 slip road; and - Out of character for the local open landscape. 	Bentley CO7 8SZ
22/02082/FUL HH Mr Oliver Burfoot	Proposed erection of new garden room and workshop following demolition of existing sheds. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Grange Hall, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TS

7. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – previously circulated.
District Councillors' Reports – previously circulated. Cllr Wiggins further reported that there was a supply issue with recycling boxes until at least April 2023.
- b) Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Smith reported that he had repaired the noticeboard in Church Meadow and would provide receipts to reclaim expenses incurred. A Speedwatch information pack had been received with flyers to be put in noticeboards.

Cllr Fairley had sent images of potholes to ECC Cllr Guglielmi and repairs had started. Dumped tyres and car parts had been fly tipped near the Harwich Road roundabout. Cllr Scott undertook to report to TDC and to ask about mobile CCTV deployment. It was agreed to find out costs of mobile cameras and discuss at the next meeting.

Cllr Mander reported that bulbs had been planted around the pond at Bromley Cross. Footpath 1 was blocked by a fallen tree and had been for some time. It had been reported but some makeshift planks had appeared as a diversion which looked unsafe. Clerk to contact ECC PROW team.

Cllr Hardy advised that Footpath 26 from Chapel Lane to Furze Lane had had a signpost knocked down. An enquiry had been received about recycling with concern that TDC recycling was going to landfill. Cllr Scott and Cllr Wiggins to raise.

Cllr Blowers advised that the bridleway at Cock Lane had become overgrown with brambles and required two days' work for the maintenance team which was approved. It was further approved that the maintenance team address the potholes in Church Meadow car park. Parsons Hill had lots of litter currently and it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain some litter picking bags from TDC.

Cllr Nicholls spoke of a news report elsewhere in England whereby a decayed tree had fallen in winds and tragically killed a child, with the Council being held responsible and heavily fined. Cllr Nicholls also reported on the successful Festive Afternoon Teas delivered just prior to Christmas.

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

8. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

9. Accounts and Budget Setting for 2023/24

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The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

Cllrs Lord and Fairley, along with the Clerk, had reviewed and discussed the Budget for 2023-24. Cllr Lord presented the budget setting statement to Members as followed:

Financial planning for GBPC set a budget for financial year 2022-2023 of £34,506. The actual expenditure for same period is projected to be £36,145. This overspend of £1,639 or 5% is largely explained by higher expenditure on Community Projects (in what was the Platinum Jubilee year), mandatory yet unexpected Government pay awards and financial subsidy to The Messenger publication. These cost pressures were diluted by lower expenditure on Grounds Maintenance (explained by lower demand). The overall gap between income and expenditure being addressed by draw-down on GBPC reserves which independent auditors had previously recommended (as good practice).

In setting the budget for financial year 2023-2024, GBPC has studied our expenditure from past year and also factored known 'one-off' expenditure; the latter including financial provision for things like public elections and a contingency fund to deal with any financial risk associated with the Hare Green Improvement Project (which has now been instructed with suppliers). The net outcome of that exercise sees a projected expenditure of £37,433 for next year, an increase of £1,288 or 4% against past year expenditure. GBPC can confirm that this additional budget will require an increase of 2% in precept tax; in absolute terms this only represents an annual increase of £1.14 to individual households. The gap between income and expenditure will be closed from Parish financial reserves (in line with best practice recommendation) and also income from a larger addressable tax base (explained by more households).

GBPC thanks Parishioners for their support and is confident that our expenditure is concentrated on what matters most to residents. A practical illustration being that 33% of total expenditure is spent on Grounds Maintenance which for a 'Green' community is a priority.

Members agreed to increase the parish precept for 2023/24 by 2% for submission to Tendring District Council.

10. Highways update and Essex 20 is Plenty campaign

Members discussed and considered support for the Essex 20 is Plenty campaign with all in agreement to register the Parish Council's interest.

11. Plans for the King's Coronation celebrations

Members considered plans to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May 2023. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to St George's PCC to offer support for a joint initiative for a church service followed by refreshments. It was further suggested that an oak tree be planted for the occasion with a commemorative plaque, a celebratory cake to be ordered, and quotes for commemorative mugs to be obtained.

12. Quote for low maintenance tree works following survey

Members considered and approved a quote for the low-level maintenance identified in the recent survey of trees within Great Bromley and approved expenditure of £860.

13. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£622.55
HMRC	£155.60
Great Bromley Village Hall	£25.00
Clerk's expenses – paper and toner	£63.12
Patisserie4U – festive afternoon teas	£958.50
VCS websites – GBPC website hosting	£110.00
Clacton Business Services – payroll	£45.00

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The payments were approved.

14. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

Members considered the effect of any decisions on our Carbon Footprint and Climate Change in general. It had previously been suggested to plant a tree to commemorate the King's Coronation.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7:30pm, Great Bromley Village Hall

16. Items for next meeting

There were none. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.