



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2025 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Murch (Chairman), Cllr Hardy, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Mander and Cllr Smith

Also in attendance: Lizzie Ridout (Parish Clerk & RFO), ECC Cllr Guglielmi (items 1-11 only) and TDC Cllr Scott (items 1 – 4 and 7 only)

Members of the public: None

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Blowers, Cllr Nicholls and TDC Cllr Wiggins.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 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. Public Participation

There were none.

5. Planning Determinations – for information only

| REFERENCE | PROPOSAL | LOCATION | DECISION |
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| 24/01572/COUNOT Mr and Mrs Beech | Application to determine if Prior Approval is required under Part 3, Class MA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for three commercial buildings to be converted to three residential dwellings and an additional existing building used in association with the existing commercial buildings to be converted into a cycle store for use by the residential dwellings. | The Old Marconi Works, Stores and Premises, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley CO7 7US | Prior aprv req – deemed appl refused 18.12.2024 Delegated Decision |
| 24/01610/FULHH Mr Wynne | Householder Planning Application – Single Storey Rear Extension. | Weeping Ash, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TL | Approval – Full 19.12.2024 Delegated Decision |
| 24/01530/FUL Mr T Frary | Planning Application – Construction of agricultural building for hay and machinery storage (retrospective). | Pond Farm, Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TP | Approval – Full 11.12.2024 Delegated Decision |
| 24/01547/FULHH Barry Goody | Householder Planning Application – Installation of air source heat pump. | Draco, Back Lane East, Great Bromley CO7 7UE | Approval – Full 13.12.2024 Delegated Decision |
| 24/01682/WTPO Mr Barber | 1 No. Field Maple – crown lift by 2m. | Marks Farm, Frating Road, Great Bromley CO7 7JN | Approval – Full 13.12.2024 Delegated Decision |

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The planning determinations were noted.

6. Planning Applications

| REFERENCE | PROPOSAL | LOCATION |
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| 24/01856/FULHH Mr Oliver Barber | Householder Planning Application - first floor extension over existing front porch and single storey side and rear extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment. | Marks Farm Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JN |
| CC/TEN/31/21/3/4 | Details pursuant to Condition 3 – Project/construction schedule (initial construction of Phase 1 only) for planning application ref: CC/TEN/31/21 (New link road between the existing A120 and A133) Great Bromley Parish Council emphasized that the infrastructure should be established first. | Land between the A120 and A133, to the east of Colchester and west of Elmstead Market |
| 24/01812/FUL Mr J Connor - Inova (UK) Ltd | Conversion, alteration and extension of existing barns and cottages to form 5 dwellings, including alterations to existing vehicular access and frontage wall. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment. | Newhouse Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley |

7. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – previously circulated.
 - a. An Extraordinary Full Council meeting was scheduled to take place on 10th January to discuss devolution and local government reform. Cllr Guglielmi advised he would convey the outcome of this meeting to Members.
- b) District Councillors' Reports – previously circulated.
 - a. Cllr Scott was scheduled to meet with the developer of the Little Paddocks site and would provide an update to Members at the next meeting.
 - b. Residents at Balls Green raised concerns about a damaged 30mph sign leaning towards the road, as well as faded speed signs in The Cross area.
 - c. Concerns raised about the re-surfacing of the A120.
 - d. Several reports of missed rubbish and recycling bins.
 - e. Incidences of Christmas trees not being collected.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports
 - Cllr Smith
 - One Speedwatch session had been carried out in December. The police had also conducted speed checks in the village. Cllr Smith had contacted PCSO Groves to arrange another session.
 - The culvert wall at Tenpenny Brook on Badley Hall Road had collapsed into the stream. Essex Highways had assessed the area following the incident.
 - Cllr Mander
 - Parsons Hill Pavement Width - Issues with pavement accessibility on Parsons Hill had been reported due to vegetation overgrowth, causing difficulties for wheelchair users. Cllr Smith and Cllr Murch volunteered to assess the area to determine the necessary actions to improve accessibility.
 - Brook Street Flooding - Flooding on the pavement across Brook Street had been a historic issue, caused by the low height of the kerb stones. The Clerk undertook to send photographic evidence of the issue to Cllr Guglielmi for review and further action.

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- Sponsorship of flower tubs – The Clerk undertook to include an article to the Messenger.
- Cllr Fairley
 - Had received contact from Essex Wildlife Trust about new digital notifications from mink traps.
- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received – covered under agenda items.

8. Action Sheet review and update

The actions of the last meeting were reviewed and noted. Cllr Guglielmi agreed to organize a site visit with the Essex Highways Liaison Officer to explore options for protecting the War Memorial against further damage.

9. Accounts, budget and precept for 2025-26

- a) The Clerk confirmed that the accounts were in order.
- b) Cllr Fairley proposed, Cllr Smith seconded, and all agreed on the budget for 2025-26, including a 5% increase in the precept to £33,520. In absolute terms, this represented an annual increase of £3.63 for the average Band D household.
- c) Cllr Murch was appointed as the lead for Community Engagement.

10. Highways update

No further update.

11. 'Call for Heritage Sites' consultation

It was agreed to include information about the consultation in the next Messenger.

12. Church Meadow Recycling area

Cllr Mander reported that the area was becoming unsightly due to misuse, with domestic waste frequently left by the waste bin and glass discarded beside the bottle bank. It was agreed to explore the possibility of relocating the bin to the opposite side of Church Meadow and to monitor the situation. Cllr Mander also volunteered to write an article for the Messenger, reminding users of the acceptable items for disposal. Additionally, it was suggested to ask the school if they would like to contribute by creating educational posters to help brighten the area, and to add a "No Household Waste" sticker to the bin.

13. The following payments were approved:

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| Clerk's salary | £649.49 |
| HMRC | £162.20 |
| Employer's NI | £13.58 |
| LGPS – ECC Pension | £250.74 |
| Reimbursement – E Ridout – paper | £9.80 |
| Great Bromley Village Hall | £24.00 |
| Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance | £104.65 |
| Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance | £80.50 |
| Patisserie 4U | £192.50 |
| GB Farm Services | £152.50 |
| Hybrid Ecology Ltd – survey | £1140.00 |
| Clacton Business Services – payroll | £87.00 |
| VCS Websites – website hosting | £110.00 |
| Total | £2,976.96 |

14. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7pm

Items of business should be sent to the Clerk by Monday 3rd February 2025.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm