



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 2023 AT 7:30PM AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Blowers, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Mander, Cllr Smith, Cllr Tovell and Cllr Lord (items 8 (part) to end).

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

Members of the public: 3

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Hardy. Cllr Lord had advised he would be late to the meeting due to work commitments.

2. Co-option of a councillor

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st June 2023, previously circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. 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 Fairley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 23/00834/FUL insofar as he was a neighbour to the applicant.

5. Public Participation

A resident raised the recent fire at Hamilton Lodge which had affected the water supply for much of Great Bromley while the Fire Service were in attendance. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Affinity Water to highlight the concerns about reduced water supply, loss of pressure and concern at an increasing number of new homes, as well as future emergencies.

A resident asked about the plans for play equipment at Church Meadow. It was explained that the plans were for small wooden low-level activities.

Two members of the Plymouth Brethren attended the meeting and provided an overview of their charity work, particularly their food resources, supply of food boxes to low income households via charities, litter picks and willingness to consider any help needed in the village.

6. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
23/00216/LUEX Mr and Mrs Beech	Proposed application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use to establish that the occupation of the dwelling at The Bungalow can be occupied without complying with an occupancy condition imposed upon planning permission TEN/97/1073. Namely condition 2 restricting the occupation to a person employed solely or mainly employed in agriculture locally.	The Bungalow Hilliards Road CO7 7US	Lawful Use Certificate Granted 23.06.2023 Delegated Decision

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23/00534/FULHH Mr and Mrs John Butcher	Proposed single storey rear extension	Orchards Frating Road CO7 7JW	Approval - Full 19.06.2023 Delegated Decision
23/00168/FULHH Mr William Kempster	Demolition of precast concrete single garage and construction of new brick double garage.	Newhouse Farm Hall Road CO7 7TP	Approval - Full 27.06.2023 Delegated Decision

The planning determinations were noted.

7. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
23/00834/FUL	Proposed erection of one dwelling in lieu of 22/01217/COUNOT. Cllr Fairley had declared a non-pecuniary interest under agenda item 4. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Willow Farm, Hilliards Road
23/00845/FUL HH	Proposed replacement detached garage / outbuilding, single storey. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Great Bromley House, Hall Road

8. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – the report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Harwich Road Highways scheme was scheduled to be delivered in Q4 (Jan – March 2024). An application to replace cats' eyes would be dealt with under maintenance.
- b) District Councillors' Reports – the report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports
 - **Cllr Smith** had attended two Speedwatch sessions on Harwich Road and outside St George's School. Fly tipping on Spratts Lane had been reported.
 - **Cllr Fairley** asked for an update on a hedge issue. The Clerk advised that all evidence had been sent to ECC's Enforcement team. A resident had been asked for access to their land for a survey to be carried out by a sewerage works.
 - **Cllr Mander** reported local haulage lorries had been seen at Costcutters parked on double yellow lines at the bus stop. Cllr Guglielmi advised that evidence could be forwarded to him. National Grid consultation underway at local venues and online. Cllr Guglielmi advised that TDC had aligned with the ECC objection.
 - **Cllr Tovell** reported travellers at Frating roundabout to Cllr Guglielmi.
 - **Cllr Nicholls** had received a letter of thanks from Great Bromley Village Hall for the Parish Council's display and support at the centenary event. He had also received a letter concerning Council Tax on mobile homes which he would forward to TDC as this was under their remit.
- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
 - Thank you letter from Great Bromley Village Hall;
 - Bench repairs required at the Village Hall – Cllr Blowers to inspect.

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- Refund received for the pin badges and Court proceedings discontinued.
- Insurance letter regarding tree roots undermining an extension. Awaiting advice from the Council Insurers. Clerk to ask TDC's Tree Officer for an opinion.

9. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

10. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

11. Admission to the Local Government Pension Scheme operated by Essex County Council

Members considered and RESOLVED to admit Elizabeth Ridout (Great Bromley Parish Clerk and RFO) to the Local Government Pension Scheme operated by Essex County Council, following the publication of the required Notice of the decision dated 5th July 2023.

12. Poorlands Charity

Cllr Blowers volunteered to take over the administration of the charity in the event of the current secretary standing down.

13. Highways update

Cllr Guglielmi advised that Essex Highways was carrying out pothole repairs and to report any that required attention to him.

14. Hare Green Play Area annual inspection report

Cllr Lord updated Members following the annual report of play equipment at Hare Green. Nothing of significant risk had been flagged other than routine maintenance to the rowing machine, and levelling of some ground. It was agreed that the Maintenance team could undertake the tasks.

15. Church Meadow play equipment

Cllr Nicholls updated the plans to install low-level play equipment at Church Meadow and was awaiting quotes. Cllr Fairley was appointed to the working group along with Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Mander.

16. The following payments were approved and the receipt noted:

Payments	
Clerk's salary	£622.55
HMRC	£155.60
Great Bromley Village Hall	£30.00
Bland Landscapes Ltd	£244.38
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£428.00
Bill Kempster - Village Maintenance	£362.00
Clacton Business Services - payroll	£48.00
VCS Websites – website hosting	£110.00
Cottage Landscapes – watering	£132.00

Receipt	
Depth Charge Design - refund	£320.16

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 9th August 2023 at 7.30pm

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19. Items for next meeting

Cllr Hardy and Cllr Lord submitted their apologies for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.51pm.