



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2025 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Murch, Cllr Fairley, Cllr, Hardy, Cllr Mander, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Smith.

Also in attendance: Lizzie Ridout (Clerk) and Lewis Mander (Village Maintenance Team)

Members of the Public: 12

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 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.

Cllr Fairley declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 25/00911/AGRIC.

4. Co-option of councillors

Following the notice of vacancies and no request for any election, to consider any applications to become a co-opted member of the Parish Council. There were no applications. Cllr Murch encouraged those in attendance to consider applying and to speak to the Clerk for further information.

5. Public Participation

A resident raised concerns about speculative plans to convert a local residential property into a care home. The Parish Council confirmed that no formal documents or notifications had been received to date. It was noted that, should an application be submitted, the Parish Council would be invited to comment as part of the statutory consultation process.

Residents also reported that they were not receiving notification letters from TDC's Planning Department regarding planning applications. The Clerk undertook to raise this issue with TDC's Head of Planning.

6. Planning update for the Harwich Road Scheme

Daniel Rapson and Jen Carroll attended the meeting to provide an update on the proposed Longmead Paddocks development on Harwich Road. They reported that pre-application submissions had been made and that survey work was being updated.

It was noted that a full planning application was expected to be submitted in September 2025. A second public consultation was planned, with details to be published in The Messenger.

7. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
25/00472/FUL Mr and Mrs Volf	Change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage, and erection of barn for use incidental to the enjoyment of the existing dwellinghouse.	Morants Hall Colchester Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TN	Approval - Full 24.06.2025 Delegated Decision
25/00835/NMA Mr C Rouse	Non Material Amendment to 24/00787/FUL - Addition of window to gable wall and change of materials.	Land Adj Police Mast, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley CO7 7US	Approval Non Material Amendment 24.06.2025

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The planning determinations were noted.

8. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
25/00683/FULHH Mrs Dionne Wilson-Fairwade	Placement of domestic oil tank. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Meyrick, Colchester Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TN
25/00928/COUNOT	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for conversion of two agricultural buildings into two dwellings. FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Roline, Harwich Road, Great Bromley
25/00911/AGRIC	Application to determine if prior approved is required under Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for a new barn in line with previous application (23/01704/AGRIC). FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Park Farm, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley
25/00903/NMA	Non Material Amendment to 20/00547/OUT - To delete 'three' and replace it with 'five' so that it states: Application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the Local Planning Authority before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission. FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Hamilton Lodge Parsons Hill Great Bromley CO7 7JB

9. Reports

- County Councillor's Report – previously circulated.
- District Councillors' Reports – previously circulated.
- Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Smith reported that one Speedwatch session had taken place on Harwich Road and confirmed support for the national day of action on Friday. It was noted that random speed checks on Parsons Hill would be requested from PCSO Sue Groves. Cllr Smith also undertook to submit a statement of support for the SERPS 20mph project near the school.

Cllr Mander raised concerns about continued overuse of the dog waste and litter bins in Church Meadow, including disposal of domestic waste. Cllr Scott offered to raise the issue with TDC if the bins were not being emptied regularly.

Cllr Nicholls reported that the Rectory was currently unoccupied. It was also noted that an oak tree on the rear boundary appeared to be diseased. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with the Diocese. It was noted that the Village Maintenance Team had cleaned the bus shelter.

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d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received – none.

10. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted. The no parking sign had been ordered.

11. Accounts

In the absence of the Accounts Monitoring Officer, the Clerk confirmed the accounts were in order. It was noted that the HSBC Safeguarding Review had been successfully completed, and further noted that the monthly £8.00 account fee would be removed from July 2025.

12. Highways update

Cllr Mander reported a visibility issue with the temporary diversion signs when at the Harwich Road/Parsons Hill junction. The Clerk undertook to report to Essex Highways.

13. Maintenance team update

- Closed Churchyard – add tree to the survey. It was agreed to bring forward the tree reduction to the summer holiday period.
- Replacement waste Bin at Hare Green required.
- Matting surrounding the seesaw had holes – explore options to repair/replace.
- Add Heras fencing across the empty ditch holes.
- Football nets – Cllr Murch to speak to the football team.

14. Abandoned vehicle at Church Meadow

It was agreed to place a Notice to Remove Abandoned Vehicle on a vehicle at Church Meadow which had been in situ for a number of weeks.

15. Emergency planning documents

The information held within the Emergency Planning documents had been reviewed. Cllr Murch encouraged those in attendance to help in any way they could.

16. VJ Day – 80th Anniversary commemoration

It was agreed to commemorate this significant event with a flag and wreath laying service. The Clerk undertook to liaise with St George's Church and to order a flag.

17. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£649.49
HMRC	£162.20
Employer's NI	(£65.91)
LGPS – ECC Pension	£250.74
Great Bromley Village Hall	£26.00
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£570.00
Chris Morgan – Village Maintenance	£779.21
Cottage Landscapes – watering	£180.00
Clacton Business Services – payroll	£138.00
VCS Websites Ltd – secure web hosting 6 months	£110.00
Bland Landscapes Ltd – grass cutting x 2	£538.80
Tuckwells – oil	£25.74

The payments were approved.

18. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

19. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 13th August at 7pm, at Great Bromley Village Hall

Items of business should be sent to the Clerk before Monday 4th August 2025. The meeting closed at 8.28pm.