



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY 2021 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Nicholls (Chairman), Cllr Blowers, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Lord, Cllr Manders, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Smith.

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

Members of the public: 25

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Hardy, Cllr Heaney and ECC Cllr Guglielmi.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th June 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 a personal interest in planning application 21/00949/FUL insofar as she was a close neighbour of the applicant.

4. Public Participation

A number of residents were in attendance to discuss ideas for the use of S106 monies at Hare Green Play area, under item 12.

5. Hamilton Lodge – planning application update

Daniel Rapson and Gary Duncan provided an update on plans for the site at Hamilton Lodge. Their planning application was scheduled to be considered at TDC's Planning Committee on 3rd August 2021. Also planned for the site was the provision of a Pre-school by construction of a building, provided by S106 provision which would hopefully be ringfenced. There were concerns that it may be difficult to ensure the funding would be ringfenced for Great Bromley, and Cllr Scott and Cllr Wiggins said they would support the ringfencing of educational funding in S106 monies if required.

In recent weeks and months there had been a number of trespassing issues on the site, resulting in cameras being installed and security teams employed. Each incident needed reporting to Essex Police, resulting in a drain on that resource.

Mr Rapson and Mr Duncan explained that the number of dwellings has been reduced from 92 to 79 homes, made up of 12 homes around the lake, and 67 in the outline part of the planning application, with 30% of these being affordable housing, across 16 acres. The actual development is around 6 acres of land in total. There was potential for two homes within the existing coach house. A new crossing and priority junction was planned, and the existing entrance walls were going to be retained for pedestrian access, and it was the intention to retain the main building if possible. Cllr Nicholls thanked Mr Rapson and Mr Duncan for their informative update and attendance.

6. Land South of Harwich Road Great Bromley – potential planning application

An enquiry from a developer had been made for an affordable housing development on Land South of Harwich Road. Cllr Nicholls had responded to the developer that there was already enough affordable housing in the village.

7. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
21/00604/FUL Mr Xander Barber	Erection of single storey side, rear extensions, porch, chimney along with weatherboarding and render to	Cedarwood (Formerly Vandora)	Approval – Full 01.06.2021

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	existing house. (Following demolition of existing garage)	Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7UL	Delegated Decision
20/01097/OUT Mr Stephen Walmsley-Moore	Erection of two storey, four bedroomed detached house with cart lodge style garage and open driveway.	Land adjacent Nettlecroft Chapel Lane Great Bromley CO7 7UJ	Refusal – Outline 21.06.2021 Delegated Decision
21/00432/FUL Sarah and Antony Dean	Demolition of existing storage building and erection of new retail building	Dean's Nursery and Garden Centre, Mill Farm, Harwich Road, Great Bromley	Approval – Full 21.06.2021 Delegated Decision
21/00582/FUL Mr Thomas Frary	Proposed construction of a building for B8 commercial use at Pond Barns.	Pond Barns Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TP	Approval – Full 24.06.2021 Delegated Decision

The planning determinations were noted. Members agreed the approval of 21/00582/FUL was disappointing, in terms of the extra HGV vehicles expected in the area.

8. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
21/01150/TPO Mr James Choat - Tree Planning Solutions	1 No. Lime - Clean basal growth and raise crown to 4m removing sublaterals only. Carry out further examination of stem. 1 No. Oak - High pollard at 12m approx 2m above the large tear wound. All laterals and folaige below to remain to ensure vasular connectivity, lower laterals shortended / reduced by 1-2m. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Little Dragons Pre School Church Meadow, Bungalow, Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TR
21/00949/FUL Mr Marcus Tinworth	Erection of single storey extension (following demolition of existing rear ground floor flat roof extension and outbuilding) Great Bromley Parish Council had no comments on the application.	Arethusa, Ardleigh Road Great Bromley CO7 7TL
21/01006/FUL Mr Olly Pittman	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear including roof terrace (following demolition of existing conservatory) and alterations to existing fenestration Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Lanner, Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JW

9. Potential Tree Preservation Orders and Village Green status

Cllr Nicholls advised that TDC's Tree Officer, Clive Dawson, was checking trees at St George's Close for potential required TPO's. It was noted that the recent planning application in that area had been refused, but an appeal was expected. It was agreed that the application for Village

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Green status would not go ahead due to costs, and unlikely chance of a successful outcome. It was agreed to continue maintaining the land for the benefit of residents.

10. County Broadband update

Lloyd Felton, CEO of County Broadband, had been invited to provide an update on the installations across the village but did not attend.

Members discussed the increase in complaints of poor broadband and customer service. It was agreed to outline the issues to Mr Felton, and Aviva, and question the lack of response.

11. Church Meadow Play Area

There was no update on the play area at this time. This item would be considered as part of the planned sub-committee for Hare Green Play Area.

12. Hare Green Play Area

Cllr Nicholls explained that S106 monies were available to spend in the village, with the majority of funds available ringfenced for the Hare Green recreation area. Some ideas had been discussed such as parking bays and extra picnic tables but no firm plans had been made, as it was always intended to hold a consultation with residents.

Local residents in attendance highlighted concerns such as potential unauthorised encampments and an increase in antisocial behaviour, particularly at night, and a loss of green space as a result of any additional parking.

It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed of councillors and residents to undertake a consultation with residents and local school pupils and explore options before bringing some plans back to Council.

13. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – to be circulated
- b) District Councillors' Reports – previously circulated
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Lord reported a continuing surge of fly tipping in the Honeypot Lane area, and a resident who had concerns on the Pallet Plus application, to which the PC's response had been forwarded.

Cllr Smith reported two Speedwatch sessions had been completed on Harwich Road. When the proposed 30mph was approved, the current site might need to be reassessed. A Speedwatch session was planned at the Cross area over the next week or so. A hedge was encroaching onto a pavement and it was agreed the Clerk to write to request it be cut back. An anti-slip surface had been installed on footpath

Cllr Blowers reported that Footpath 17 had some extremely slippery steps and bridge, with two reports of people slipping, one of which had to attend an A&E department. It was agreed to further report to ECC and to raise with ECC Cllr Guglielmi. Speed limit repeater signs and poles were also missing along Parsons Hill.

The recent work on drainage at Bush Farm may not be effective due to missing pipework, and this would be checked during the next significant rainfall.

A resident had a complaint with County Broadband about a cable passing a window, and that County Broadband may be undertaking tree works without permission. The Clerk undertook to raise with County Broadband.

It was agreed to purchase a battery powered hedge trimmer for the Maintenance Team with a budget of £250.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

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The Clerk reported the new website had been completed and encouraged all to explore. It was asked if there could be a subscription function, which the Clerk undertook to find out.

14. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

15. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

16. Highways update

Cllr Mander reported that the Carringtons Road sign opposite Cross was leaning.

17. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£574.55
HMRC	£143.60
Great Bromley Village Hall	£22.50
Land Registry deeds fee (E Ridout)	£29.94
Bland Landscapes	£422.97
Information Commissioner – Data Protection fee	£40.00
Lewis Mander – village maintenance	£662.91
Bill Kempster – village maintenance	£562.70
VCS Websites Ltd	£380.00
GB Farm Services – brushcutter	£423.19
TDC – Play area inspection	£55.14
Clacton Business Services – payroll	£45.00

The payments were approved.

18. To note the following receipts:

ECC – grass cutting payment	£166.18
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The receipt was noted.

19. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

Members considered the effect of any decisions on our Carbon Footprint and Climate Change in general. Two members had cycled to the meeting.

20. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th August 2021 at 7.30pm.

21. Items for next meeting and any other business

Maintenance to be a regular item.

The meeting closed at 21.25pm.