



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2022 AT 7.30PM AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Nicholls (Chairman), Cllr Blowers, Cllr Heaney, Cllr Lord, Cllr Mander, Cllr Robinson and Cllr Smith.

Also in attendance: ECC Cllr Guglielmi (items 1-11 only), TDC Cllrs Scott and Wiggins, and Lizzie Ridout (Clerk).

Members of the public: 0

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and requested those present to stand for a moment to consider the atrocities currently being experienced by the people of Ukraine. Cllr Guglielmi advised that Pallet Plus had organised an aid collection, and also encouraged to donate to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Fairley and Cllr Hardy.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 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 were none.

4. Public Participation

There was none.

5. Planning Determinations – for information only

| REFERENCE | PROPOSAL | LOCATION | DECISION |
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| 21/02072/FULHH Michael & Tracey Elmes | Front porch | Westward House, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley CO7 7TZ | Approval - Full 10.02.2022 Delegated Decision |
| 20/00547/OUT Daniel Rapson - Colchester Development Ltd | Hybrid Application for Outline application for residential development including: 67 dwellings including up to 30% as affordable housing and all necessary access roads (Outline), All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities, footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage, and infrastructure works including gas and electricity apparatus (Outline), Residential development for 12 dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated access roads including formation of new junction to Parsons Hill (Detail), Formal and informal open space including village green and meadow (Use Class D2) including landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities, footpath links (Detail). | Hamilton Lodge, Parsons Hill Great Bromley CO7 7JB | Approval - Outline 15.02.2022 Committee Decision |

The planning determinations were noted.

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6. Planning Applications

| REFERENCE | PROPOSAL | LOCATION |
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| 22/00091/FUL Mr Lamb - Selectacars Ltd | Proposed new building for car valeting. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application. | Selecta Cars, Harwich Road, Great Bromley CO7 7JG |

7. Planning Appeal

| REFERENCE | PROPOSAL | LOCATION | APPEAL REF |
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| 21/00445/FUL Mr Simpson – Lexden Homes (Colchester) Limited | Erection of a single bungalow and garage | Land On The West Side of St Georges Close Great Bromley | APP/P1560/W/21/3284886 |

The planning appeal was noted. The statement previously submitted remained the position.

8. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – previously circulated.
- b) District Councillors' Reports
Dates of exhibitions. Village Halls getting remaining funds from Covid funding.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Smith reported the Speedwatch team had undertaken two sessions in the last month. He had also undertaken some clearance of undergrowth on Footpath 27.

Cllr Mander advised that the oak tree in Church Meadow had been felled without incident, and a large cavity had been exposed through the trunk. Cllr Nicholls thanked Cllr Mander for leading on the issue.

Cllr Lord provided an update on the plans for Hare Green playing area. The tree warden had met with Cllr Lord to discuss tree planting ideas, rewilding areas and bird and bat boxes. Cllr Lord would look at costings for boxes and liaise with the tree warden on positioning. Cllr Hardy had met with a play equipment provider and was awaiting a costed proposal, before obtaining comparable quotes. Cllr Lord also undertook to speak with TDC's Head of Public Realm, Ian Taylor, to discuss maintenance of the football pitch. Cllr Lord had also reported the abandoned caravan under the A120 bridge, and the damaged concrete bollards at bottom of Parsons Hill.

Cllr Blowers reported a car parked on Carringtons Road which had been reported to Essex Police, Cllr Scott undertook to report to TDC. A hedge on Badley Hall Road needed cutting near War Memorial as it was restricting visibility.

Cllr Heaney advised the dumped road planings were still in place. Cllr Scott undertook to contact TDC to look at Hilliards Road.

The subject of tree planting was discussed at length and it was agreed that the tree warden be asked to design a tree planting scheme to encompass the Queen's Jubilee Canopy, the Hare Green play area and Church Meadow.

Cllr Robinson reported a large amount of litter on A120. Cllr Guglielmi advised he would raise the issue with TDC. Cllr Blowers undertook to write an article on litter picking in the Messenger.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
 - Flower Festival request for support – it was agreed to donate the sum of £100.
 - Rubbish – an email about rubbish being left by Veolia, this had been sent to Cllr Scott as TDC ward member.

9. Action Sheet review and update

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The action sheet from the last meeting was reviewed and noted.

10. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order. The Clerk reported that the NJC pay scales for 2021-22 had been received and implemented. It was agreed to arrange back pay for the maintenance team.

11. Highways update

Cllr Guglielmi advised that he and Cllr Nicholls had met with Essex Highway's design team on Monday in Harwich Road and the scheme to reduce the 40mph to 30mph looked to be going ahead, subject to costings and design work, and was hoped to be completed within the next few weeks. Cllr Nicholls thanked Cllr Guglielmi for his efforts in securing the speed reduction.

12. Bat boxes in Church Meadow

Cllr Mander was awaiting further information from a contact at the Essex Wildlife Trust. It was agreed to add to the next agenda.

13. Replacement waste bin at Hare Green playing area

A replacement waste bin at Hare Green play area was approved.

14. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Nicholls updated on the event planning. Further actions to be completed were a risk assessment, notifying the Emergency Services, and purchasing a fire extinguisher. Cllr Scott and Cllr Wiggins announced they had funding for the Beacon which was gratefully received. It was agreed to establish the cost of providing mugs for the children at St George's school.

15. To approve the following payments:

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| Clerk's salary | £574.55 |
| HMRC | £143.60 |
| Clerk's back pay from 01/04/2021 | £91.84 |
| HMRC – back pay tax due | £24.20 |
| NI contribution | £4.92 |
| Great Bromley Village Hall – includes 1 month arrears | £52.50 |
| Bland Landscapes – tree fell and removal | £1020.00 |
| Frostick Publishing – archiving PC records | £250.00 |
| Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance | £198.60 |
| Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance | £139.02 |
| 21CC Group Ltd – Jubilee Beacon | £588.00 |

The payments were approved.

16. To note the following receipts:

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| National Lottery Funding – Awards for All | £2800.00 |
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The receipt was noted.

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 13th April 2022 at 7:30pm at Great Bromley Village Hall.

19. Items for next meeting and any other business

There was none. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.