



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Blowers, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Lord (items 5 to end only), Cllr Mander, Cllr Smith and Cllr Tovell

Also in attendance: TDC Cllr Scott and Lizzie Ridout (Clerk)

Members of the public: 1

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Hardy, TDC Cllr Wiggins and ECC Cllr Guglielmi.

2. **Co-option of a parish councillor**

Members considered the co-option of Ian Murch to a vacant seat on the Council. Cllr Blowers proposed, all were in favour and Cllr Murch signed his Declaration of Acceptance and undertook to complete the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form and return to the Clerk. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Murch to the Council.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th February, previously circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record, subject to an amendment on item 8 which should have read a quote on 'ditch clearance'.

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. There were none.

5. **Update on proposed development at Harwich Road**

Representatives from Privo Land Ltd were in attendance to provide an update on the proposed development at Harwich Road and the public consultation event scheduled for Thursday 21st March at Great Bromley Village Hall.

6. **Public Participation**

There was none.

7. **Planning Determination – for information only**

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
24/00001/FUL Mr Wayne Knowles	Erection of replacement detached chalet bungalow following demolition of existing bungalow.	Byeways, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley CO7 7TZ	Approval - Full 16.02.2024 Delegated Decision

The Planning Determination was noted.

8. **Reports**

- a) County Councillor's Report – to be circulated when received.
- b) District Councillors' Reports – previously circulated
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports
- Cllr Smith asked if there was an update on the Speedwatch signs to attach to village gateway signs. The Clerk advised that Cllr Guglielmi had been referred to the Safer Essex Roads Partnership. Two Speedwatch sessions had been carried out since the last meeting. Cllr Smith undertook to invite PCSO Groves to another session.

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- Cllr Fairley suggested writing to CSI Ella Latham to request an attendance at the next Parish Council meeting or CSI Glen Pavelin, North LPA Commander, Colchester Police Station. Fly tipping at Hilliards Road had been reported to TDC.
- Cllr Mander had attended a Village Hall committee meeting. The Hamilton Lodge developers were looking at its access and how it would affect the access to the Village Hall. Cllr Mander suggested that PC meetings be added to the Facebook page. It was also agreed for Cllr Mander to arrange a plaque for the Coronation rose.
- Cllr Lord thanked Cllr Fairley for his help with the removal of the fly tipped commercial bin.
- Cllr Blowers reported that grass cutting was needed across the village.

d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- A copy of the King's portrait had been ordered and would be hung in the Village Hall once received.
- Invitation to tender for grounds maintenance contract had been sent out.
- Public consultation event

9. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting had been circulated and were noted. Updates were to be sent to the Clerk.

10. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

11. Highways update

There was none.

12. Alternative Defibrillator Cabinets

Cllr Blowers reported that the Defibrillator Cabinet at the Courthouse could no longer be opened. Cllr Blowers and Cllr Smith undertook to inspect the cabinet and repair if possible.

13. Flower tubs

Councillors reviewed the current provision of eleven flower tubs throughout the village and associated costs. It was agreed to place an article in the Messenger asking if anyone was interested in adopting a flower tub, and to consider relaunching the sponsorship scheme.

14. The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary	£626.52
HMRC	£156.60
LGPS Pension Scheme	£240.51
Great Bromley Village Hall	£30.00
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£290.88
Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance	£309.60
GB Farm Services – Ride-on Mower full service	£307.09
GB Farm Services – Mower full service	£123.66

15. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

16. Date of next meeting and items of business

Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7.30pm at Great Bromley Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 9.47pm