



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Murch (Chairman), Cllr Blowers, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Mander, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Smith

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

Members of the public: 1

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the last meetings

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2025, previously circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 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 Mander declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 25/00173 insofar as she was a close neighbour.

4. Public Participation

There was none.

5. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
24/01856/FULHH Mr Oliver Barber	Householder Planning Application - first floor extension over existing front porch and single storey side and rear extension.	Marks Farm Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JN	Approval - Full 07.02.2025 Delegated Decision
25/00096/NMA Mr Wayne Knowles	Non Material Amendment to 24/00001/FUL - Alterations to door/window combinations, size of entrance lobby and roof including dormer windows.	Byeways Mary Lane North, Great Bromley CO7 7TZ	Refusal Non Material Amendment 06.02.2025 Delegated Decision
24/01577/FULHH Mr Andrew Wendon Smith	Householder Application for First floor attic storage added to existing approved application (23/00984/FULHH) with rear window and staircase access.	Paddocks House 8 Little Paddocks Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7GN	Approval - Full 19.02.2025 Delegated Decision
24/01812/FUL Mr J Connor - Inova (UK) Ltd	Conversion, alteration and extension of existing barns and cottages to form 5 dwellings, including alterations to existing vehicular access and frontage wall.	Newhouse Farm Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TP	Approval - Full 21.02.2025 Delegated Decision

The planning determinations were noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would advise TDC's Planning Enforcement team about continued building works on 25/00096/NMA despite the application being refused.

6. Planning Appeal Decision - 24/00680/VOC - Little Paddocks, Frating Road, Great Bromley, Essex, CO7 7JL

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Members noted the appeal had been dismissed.

7. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
25/00197/FU LHH	Householder Planning Application - Single storey front extension, single storey rear extension, new porch, replacement cladding, and revised windows. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	Michaelmas House, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley
25/00173/FU LHH Mr Roberts and Miss Eagle	Householder Planning Application - two storey side extension, and first floor and single storey rear extensions (following demolition of existing side and rear extensions). Great Bromley Parish Council objected to the application due to the size and the scale of the additional buildings, and was concerned about overdevelopment, loss of light to neighbouring property, and impact on the next-door neighbour.	Lynton, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TL
25/00108/FU LHH Mr Robert Cobb	Householder Planning Application - Erection of porch. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	1 Field Mews, Great Bromley CO7 7JX
25/00247/FU LHH Mr David Snazell	Householder Planning Application - Oak framed cartlodge/gym/store with home office over. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	Mousetraps, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley CO7 7JA

8. Reports

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

Cllr Smith reported that the Community Speedwatch Team had conducted two sessions on Harwich Road. Numbers of those speeding were lower than usual, and it was thought this may be due to higher police presence recently. The team had also supported Tendring's Vision Zero day.

Cllr Mander, on behalf of the Maintenance Team, asked about disposal of hedge cuttings. Cllr Fairley undertook to speak to a local disposal company and report back to the Clerk. Cllr Mander had also attended a Village Hall Committee meeting as a representative of GBPC. The committee had discussed the possibility of a Village Appraisal and had suggested that the Parish Council might lead on this. Members were happy to hold an informal meeting to discuss and to report back to the next meeting.

Cllr Blowers reported that the annual defibrillator checks had been completed with no issues.

Cllr Nicholls reported that a local young resident would be collecting rubbish in areas away from roads. Advice was provided about litter pick devices and rubbish bags. The efforts of the young resident were applauded. Cllr Nicholls also asked about flower tubs and the plans to protect the War Memorial. The Clerk undertook to arrange planting, and to contact Essex Highways for an update.

Cllr Murch had attended the Pride of Tendring Awards at Clacton Town Hall with Cllr and Mrs Nicholls. He had also attended a meeting at Frating Parish Council to observe.

- Clerk's Report and Correspondence received – under agenda items.

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9. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted. The Clerk advised that a site meeting was being arranged with ECC Cllr Guglielmi and Platt to look at pavement defects along Parsons Hill, Brook Street and Hall Road.

10. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order. The Clerk advised that a VAT refund had been received of £2008.20.

11. Hare Green Football Pitch

Members reviewed the usage of the pitch at Hare Green by the Youth Football Club. The pitch has been cut with cuttings removed. Some minor parking issues had been experienced. It was agreed that if using the pitch on a Saturday for training, then parking should be on the road. There had been no direct complaints to the Council. It was agreed to monitor the parking.

12. 80th Anniversary of VE Day celebrations

Members considered how to mark the occasion on Thursday 8th May and decided to hold a BBQ at 7pm ahead of a beacon lighting at 9.30pm. The following actions had been agreed:

- Clerk to design flyers and posters.
- Clerk to purchase a flag for the flagpole.
- Clerk to invite the church to ring bells at 6.30pm
- Clerk to invite a Choir for the singing of I Vow To Thee My Country
- Cllr Nicholls to speak to Seven Rivers about a venue
- Cllr Blowers to speak to the Plymouth Brethren re BBQ
- Cllr Fairley to oversee the beacon lighting at 9.30pm
- Clerk to share the cake recipe with the WI.
- Ask all village groups to get involved.
- Invite Little Bromley and Frating Parish Councils.

A sub-committee comprising of Cllrs Murch, Fairley and Nicholls was agreed with a budget of £750.

13. Church Meadow recycling bins

Cllr Mander reported that broken glass around the bins continued to cause issues. It was agreed that the Maintenance team would clear and check the area once a week.

14. Highways update

It was noted that Essex Highways had installed some drainage solutions to the sides of some roads in the village.

15. Tarchon Interconnector Project

Members discussed the presentation held on Monday 10th March with representatives from Tarchon. It was noted that a consultation was underway.

16. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£649.29
HMRC	£162.40
Employer's NI	£13.58
LGPS – ECC Pension	£221.47
Great Bromley Village Hall	£36.00
Carole Mander – Dog bin sticker	£4.78

To note the following receipt:

Tendring District Council – recycling credits	£ 307.52
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The payments were approved and the receipt 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 9th April 2025 at 7pm

Items of business should be sent to the Clerk before Monday 31st March 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.