



Great Bromley Parish Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 2024 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

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

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

Members of the public: 5

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2024, 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. Rural crime issues

PCSO Sue Groves and PCSO Lucy Seager from Essex Police were in attendance to discuss rural crime issues.

PCSO Groves reported that since April there had been one theft of a vehicle and two alarms which had been attended. A Speedwatch session had resulted in a court appearance for one driver having reached 51mph. The Rural Engagement Team covered the whole of Tendring and as far as South Essex and dealt with issues such as theft from farms and hare coursing. The Community Policing Team covered 23 villages in Tendring along with Harwich and Manningtree. Patrols through Great Bromley took place every other day.

A resident raised concerns about cats being shot in Frating Road and PCSO Groves undertook to liaise with the resident.

5. Public Participation

There was a discussion with two members of Little Bentley Parish Council about speeding vehicles and Essex Highways.

6. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
24/00565/TELLIC	Intention to upgrade the existing telecommunications installation - Add 3 no. antennas, remove 3 no. MHA, add 6 no. RRUs and 3 no BOBS at height, add 3 no. BOBS and 1 no. GPS at ground level and swap 1 no. cabinet. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Land at Strutts Farm Parsons Hill Great Bromley
24/00508/FUL	Planning Application - Replacement dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling following construction. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Kenley Harwich Road Great Bromley

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24/00574/FULHH	Householder Planning Application - side extension containing garage. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Heath Dene Ardleigh Road Great Bromley Colchester
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7. **Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Relevant Representations**

Members considered and agreed to registering as an interested party.

8. **Reports**

- County Councillor's Report – circulated previously
- District Councillors' Reports – Cllr Dan Casey is now Chairman of TDC. Gary will be a Cabinet Member, portfolio not yet known.
- Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Fairley reported that fly tipping had been collected from Hilliards Road. There had been an issue with a horse rider on a footpath instead of bridleways.

Cllr Mander raised an issue whereby Essex Highways had installed two drains on Brook Street which drained on to grass at St George's Close, making it difficult to cut the grass. The Clerk undertook to raise with Essex Highways and Cllr Guglielmi. The tree at the Rectory had been pruned however the grass had been damaged by the cherry picker used and an oak tree pruned to allow access. The National Grid consultation event was on 17th May from 1pm-6pm at the Village Hall.

Cllr Smith reported that the Messenger delivery had been successfully completed, and two speed watch sessions had been undertaken.

- Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

The Clerk had received an invitation from Tendring District Council to attend a briefing on their draft Sport and Activity Strategy.

9. **Action Sheet review and update**

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted. It was agreed that Cllr Nicholls would approach the local shop about the litter issue opposite the Courthouse.

10. **Accounts**

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts are in order.

11. **St George's Flower Festival**

Members considered support for the St George's Flower Festival in June and agreed to make a donation for the sum of £100 and that Cllr Murch would perform a reading.

12. **D-Day 80th anniversary commemorations 2024**

Members considered and agreed to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6th June with a flag flown at St George's Church, and to hold a beacon lighting for the International Tribute to take place at 9.15pm at Church Meadow. The Clerk undertook to produce flyers for the event.

13. **Highways update**

Ahead of the Ride London event through the village, it was reported that some potholes had been repaired.

14. **The following payments and receipts were approved:**

Payments:

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Clerk's salary	£626.52
HMRC	£156.60
Employer NI contribution	£9.40
Clerk's Pension scheme	£237.07
Great Bromley Village Hall	£30.00
Clerk's reimbursement – Microsoft Office 365	£148.32
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£383.28
Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance	£278.64
Clear Councils – insurance	£1,161.99
Clacton Business Services – Internal Audit	£240.00
Tuckwells – oil	£25.00

Receipts:

S106 funding	£2,229.83
VAT refund	£2,591.90

It was further agreed to pay an invoice received since the agenda was published to Bland Landscapes (£777.13), and to pay the Messenger printers' invoice (£455) which would be reimbursed once Cllr Blowers had been added to the Messenger bank account in order for the payment to be approved.

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 12th June 2024

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.