



Great Bromley Parish Council

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

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

Also in attendance: Lizzie Ridout (Parish Clerk & RFO), and TDC Cllrs Scott and Wiggins

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 and ECC Cllr Guglielmi.

Cllr Nicholls informed of the sad news that Henry Fairley, Cllr Andrew Fairley's father and former Chairman of this Council, had recently passed away. Henry's funeral would be held at St George's Church on Friday 15th November at 11am.

Cllr Nicholls also informed of the sad news that Cllr Ros Tovell had passed away since the last meeting.

Tributes were read and a moment of silence took place to remember Ros and Henry.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 October 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.

- Cllr Mander declared a personal interest in Planning Application [24/01610/FULHH](#) insofar as she was a close neighbour of the property.
- Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in item 12 insofar as he was a member of the Messenger Management committee.

4. Public Participation

There was none.

5. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
24/01293/OHL Daniel Cooper - UK Power Networks	Overhead Lines Application - erect new single wooden electricity pole within an existing overhead line to re-supply two residential properties.	Hobbles End Ardleigh Road Great Bromley CO7 7TL	Application Closed 10.10.2024 Delegated Decision
24/00897/FULHH Mr Craig Burden	Householder Planning Application - The construction of a new boundary wall and alterations to existing boundary fencing.	4 Little Paddocks Great Bromley Essex CO7 7GN	Approval - Full 23.10.2024 Delegated Decision

The planning determinations were noted.

6. Planning Applications

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REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
24/01530/FUL Mr T Frary	<p>Planning Application - Construction of agricultural building for hay and machinery storage.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council objected to the application as the same justification for 21/01277/FUL which within 12 months the applicant applied for B2 commercial use, which demonstrates there wasn't a need for the agricultural requirement in the first place. The highway is becoming congested as a result of the other commercial buildings.</p> <p>GBPC is concerned at the application and would like to make the planning officer or Planning Committee aware of the history of other applications on the site.</p>	Pond Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TP
24/01547/FUL HH	<p>Householder Planning Application - Installation of air source heat pump.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	Draco, Back Lane East, Great Bromley
24/01572/CO UNOT FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class MA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for three commercial buildings to be converted to three residential dwellings and an additional existing building used in association with the existing commercial buildings to be converted into a cycle store for use by the residential dwellings.	The Old Marconi Works, Store and Premises, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley
24/01618/VO C Colchester Development 2 Limited	<p>Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 9 (Boundary Planting) of application 20/00859/FUL to ensure highways compliance.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	Land at Little Paddocks Frating Road, Great Bromley CO7 7JL
24/01610/FUL HH	<p>Householder Planning Application - Single Storey Rear Extension.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	Weeping Ash, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley

7. Reports

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

Cllr Smith advised that the Courthouse defib pads had been replaced. Two Speedwatch sessions had been completed, with 10 motorists reported, and a top speed of 69mph.

Cllr Nicholls asked if festive teas would be provided this year. It was agreed that the cost would be established and it was suggested to limit the number due to budgetary constraints.

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Cllr Murch thanked the volunteers who attended the litter pick and the Plymouth Brethren for providing bacon rolls. Cllr Murch advised he would be raising the issue of speeding on Hall Road with Essex Highways.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
 - a. Quote received for ditch clearance at Hare Green of £995.00+VAT
 - b. Quote for tree surgery works of £1,698.75+VAT
 - c. Request from a team to play football at Hare Green. Cllr Scott advised he would send through a copy of the agreement at Alresford. Clerk to contact the Play Officer at TDC for guidance.

8. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

- A tree outside Costcutters had been reported to Essex Highways who had agreed it should be felled as soon as possible.
- The War Memorial repair had been completed in time for Remembrance Sunday.
- The missing dog waste bin at Church Meadow was still outstanding with TDC.
- The advert for a Maintenance Team member had received several applicants.

9. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

10. Salary increases – Clerk and Maintenance Team

Members noted the NALC 2024-25 National Salary Award for the Clerk and Maintenance Team, which was backdated to April 2024.

It was further noted that the recent Budget would mean an increase of employers' national insurance contributions from April 2025 and that this would need to be included in the budget and precept setting process.

11. Highways update

To receive an update regarding local highways issues. Cllr Guglielmi has arranged for engineers to look at the drains in Frating Road.

12. S137 grants

Members considered the applications submitted for S137 grants and approved the following payments:

The Messenger	£1200.00
PCC of the Bromleys	£1000.00
Great Bromley Friendship Club	£300.00

13. The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary	£807.73
HMRC	£202.40
Employee's NI	£1.60
Employer's NI	£42.79
LGPS – ECC Pension	£314.88
LGPS Pension adjustment	£39.24
Great Bromley Village Hall	£24.00
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance (inc back pay)	£408.19
Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance (inc back pay)	£313.09
Bland Landscapes – grass cutting	£259.04

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Tuckwells – oil	£50.00
Lodge Builders – war memorial repairs	£666.00
James Choat – tree survey	£660.00

The following receipt was noted:

TDC Recycling credits	£344.36
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14. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 7pm

Items of business should be sent to the Clerk before Monday 2 December 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm.