



# Great Bromley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

**In attendance:** Cllr Murch, Cllr Blowers, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Mander, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Pirie and Cllr Smith.

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

**Members of the Public:** 2

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 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. There were none.

### 4. Ratification of Co-option Decision

Following confirmation of eligibility and the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, the co-option of James Pirie as Parish Councillor, as resolved at the meeting held on Wednesday 8 October 2025, was formally ratified.

### 5. Co-option of councillors

Following the notice of vacancies and confirmation that no election had been requested, an application for co-option to the Parish Council has been received for Members' consideration.

Cllr Nicholls proposed, and Cllr Fairley seconded, that Mr Bashir Goni be co-opted to the Parish Council. Members unanimously agreed and welcomed Mr Goni to the Council.

Following the meeting, the Declaration of Acceptance of Office would be signed, the Register of Interests completed, and the co-option formally ratified at the December meeting.

### 6. Public Participation

There was none.

### 7. Planning Determination – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<a href="#">25/01183/FULHH</a> Mr N Miller	Householder Planning Application - Two storey front and rear extensions.	Brundells Farm Brundells Road Great Bromley CO7 7JP	Approval - Full 07.10.2025 Delegated Decision

The planning determination was noted.

### 8. Planning Application

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<a href="#">25/01578/FULHH</a> Mr and Mrs Crisell	Householder Planning Application - Front porch.  Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Denique, Mary Lane South, Great Bromley CO7 7UD

### 9. Reports

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

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- It was noted that no comment could be made regarding a recent dog incident due to an ongoing investigation.
- A resident had enquired about efforts to improve broadband provision within the village; the matter had been referred to the Head of IT at Tendring District Council.
- Multiple concerns had been raised regarding the impact of fireworks, including out-of-hours displays, on pets, livestock, and residents living with PTSD. Cllr Scott advised that there had been a previous motion to Tendring District Council on the impact of firework displays.

## c) Parish Councillors' Reports

- Cllr Smith reported that recent Speedwatch activity with Cllr Hardy on Harwich Road had recorded significantly lower speeds than in previous sessions. Cllr Smith had also attended a workshop on the Norwich to Tilbury project at Tendring District Council.
- Cllr Nicholls advised that several residents had enquired about the return of the Festive Afternoon teas. A message would be issued to confirm, with regret, that the Parish Council would not be hosting a festive tea this year.
- It was reported that the gate bolt at the children's play area in Church Meadow was missing. The Village Maintenance team were asked to investigate a replacement.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received  
Matters were covered under relevant agenda items.

## 10. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted. Cllr Blowers to provide indicative costs to Cllr Mander for a potential defibrillator at the Village Hall.

## 11. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

## 12. Consideration of Section 137 Grant Applications

Members considered applications received for financial assistance under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Cllr Fairley proposed, Cllr Murch seconded, and all agreed that the following awards would be granted:

The Messenger magazine	£1300
PCC of the Bromleys	£700
Seven Rivers Leonard Cheshire	£500

## 13. Essex Shed Network

Members considered an approach from the Essex Shed Network regarding potential collaboration, support, or promotion of Men's Shed initiatives within the parish. It was agreed to invite the project lead to attend a future meeting to explore opportunities in further detail.

## 14. Hare Green Playing Area – Weekend Use and Associated Issues

Members considered feedback regarding parking pressures and reports of antisocial behaviour associated with weekend use of the Hare Green playing area by a youth football club.

An email from the responsible person at the football club was noted, apologising for the issues raised and a commitment to resolve them. A further email had been received outlining the club's interest in establishing Hare Green as its permanent base. Proposals included the construction of a single-storey building to accommodate toilets, changing rooms, and a small hut; improvements to parking through the use of matting on the grass; and a potential increase in rent.

The following actions were agreed:

- Cllr Murch would explore the possibility of using the Talisman yard as an overflow parking area.
- The football club would be advised to provide parking marshals and to supply matting for the grassed parking area.
- The club would also be advised to hire a mobile portaloo.
- The club would be asked to investigate, in principle, the process for erecting changing

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room facilities.

- The lease would be renewed for Sunday use only, with amended wording to clarify toilet provision responsibilities.

## 15. **Norwich to Tilbury Project - Planning Inspectorate Consultation**

Members considered the Planning Inspectorate's invitation to submit a representation regarding the Norwich to Tilbury electricity transmission project, with a submission deadline of 27 November 2025.

Key concerns raised included:

- The impact of an estimated 900 traffic movements through the parish
- Potential disruption to local wildlife
- The anticipated increase in worker population and associated accommodation requirements
- The need for an independent review of alternative routing options

A meeting to discuss the project further had been scheduled to take place at Ardleigh Village Hall on 21 November. The Clerk was asked to contact Little Bromley and Ardleigh Parish Councils to request sight of their responses. Cllr Mander and Cllr Smith were tasked with preparing a representation on behalf of Great Bromley Parish Council, opposing the proposal.

## 16. **Highways update**

A collapsed drain in Hare Green was noted, along with concerns regarding the enforcement of the 7.5 tonne weight limit in the area. Cllr Murch undertook to monitor the situation and report back as necessary.

## 17. **To approve the following payments:**

Clerk's salary	£668.99
HMRC	£167.20
LGPS – ECC Pension	£258.34
Great Bromley Village Hall	£26.00
Bland Landscapes – Closed churchyard hedge	£840.00
Bland Landscapes – grass cutting	£269.40
Owen Blowers – reimbursement of Defibrillator battery	£267.60
Expenses paid:	
Royal British Legion Poppy wreath	£24.49
Hi-viz vests	£32.16

Village Maintenance team costs:

Name	Expenses	Total cost
Lewis Mander	£15.90 - fuel	£481.26
Chris Morgan	-	£420.00

The payments were approved.

## 18. **Climate Change and Carbon Footprint**

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

## 19. **Date of next meeting and items of business – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7pm**

The meeting closed at 9:08pm.