



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

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

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

Members of the public: 2

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Fairley and TDC Cllr Wiggins.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 September 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. Update on the Hamilton Lodge development

Representatives from HGH Consulting (Project Planning Consult) and Elemento attended the meeting to provide Members with an update on the development at Hamilton Lodge.

Work had temporarily stopped on the site due to the need for a reptile fence. Once installed it was hoped that work would continue at the end of October, subject to approval of an Ecology officer and an Enforcement Officer from.

Surface water flooding had been a serious issue at the site and had affected a neighbouring property. Temporary pumps had been arranged, and an attenuation tank and pumping system would be installed as part of the final scheme.

5. Land to the West of St George's Close

Members noted that a plot of land had been to auction but did not reach its reserve.

6. Public Participation

Two residents had attended the meeting and had spoken under item 4.

7. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
24/01301/WTPO Mr Richard Pepperell - Spring4	Works related to Tree Preservation Order (13/00014/TPO) - Required pollard cut back and tree reduction to required enforcement notice height along length of Springhill Close. Associated cut back to ensure tree stability and balance.	Street Record Springhill Close, Great Bromley CO7 7HU	Approval - Full 27.09.2024 Delegated Decision
24/01323/NMA Colchester Developments Limited	Non Material Amendment to 20/00547/OUT - To change the description of development to include the wording 'up to' 67 dwellings (as oppose to fixing the number of dwellings allowed by the outline consent at 67) and amend the wording of planning condition 15	Hamilton Lodge Parsons Hill Great Bromley CO7 7JB	Approval Non Material Amendment 17.09.2024 Delegated Decision

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	to include the following words: 'or c) if no activity is proposed that requires a bat license, then a statement from a suitably qualified ecologist to confirm a license is not necessary.'		
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The planning determinations were noted.

8. Planning Application

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
24/01422/VOC Mr Andrew Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Ltd	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application 23/01213/FUL to allow for a minor adjustment to the position of the barn to avoid an electric pole. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Woods Barn Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7US

9. Reports

- County Councillor's Report – circulated. Eol for Devolution may or may not include local government. Deadline for secondary school places is 31 October.
- District Councillors' Reports – circulated.
- Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Smith had undertaken a Speed Watch session outside the school with no issues recorded. 20mph signs in Robinson Close had appeared, it was noted how new housing developments all had this requirement. No footpath issues reported. Messenger deliveries had been carried out as normal. The Five Estuaries meeting had been attended.

Members discussed the new highways scheme at Dedham Village School. The Clerk undertook to find details regarding the scheme.

Cllr Mander had viewed a poplar tree at Costcutters entrance whereby one side was hanging over Harwich Road and appeared to be dead. The issue had been reported to Essex Highways, and the Clerk undertook to contact the Tree Officer at TDC.

Cllr Blowers had organised the litter pick for Saturday 2 November. TDC would be loaning the equipment. The Plymouth Brethren were also going to help. The Maintenance Team's push mower was beyond economic repair and needed to be replaced.

Cllr Tovell asked about the War Memorial possibly being fixed, and it was reported that a repair was being carried out.

Cllr Murch had received an email about road flooding at Frating Road/Chapel Lane. Cllr Guglielmi undertook to raise with engineers at ECC.

Cllr Nicholls asked about the missing dog bin at Chrich Meadow, and the Clerk advised that TDC was considering the replacement. A meeting to discuss the scheduled works on the A120 was also noted.

- Clerk's Report and Correspondence received - None

10. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

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11. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order. The external audit had been received and published on the Parish Council website.

12. Highways update

Reports had been made to the Parish Council regarding the overgrowth along Parsons Hill pavement, making it difficult wheelchair users to access the local amenities. It was agreed that Cllr Smith would assess the required work, and that a working party would clear the overgrowth.

A120 Crown Interchange to Little Bentley roundabout concrete life extension – a link to an information meeting at Elmstead village hall on Friday 11 October had been circulated to members.

Cllr Guglielmi left the meeting.

13. Church Meadow Play Area

The closing mechanism on the gate was faulty, Cllr Smith undertook to look at a repair. Parking remained a safety issue on the site.

14. Vacancy on Maintenance Team

It was agreed to place an advert in the Messenger.

15. Health and Safety Policy

Members approved the Health and Safety Policy.

16. To approve the following payments and note receipts:

Payments	
Clerk's salary	£626.52
HMRC	£156.60
Employer's NI	£9.40
LGPS – ECC Pension	£240.51
Great Bromley Village Hall	£24.00
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£247.68
Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance	£190.28
Lizzie Ridout – toner	£24.03
Bland Landscapes – grass cutting	£518.08
PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit	£252.00
Clacton Business Services – payroll	£51.00
Tuckwells – oil	£25.00

Receipts	
Tendring District Council precept and LCTSS grant	£16,114.00
Essex County Council – grass cutting	£185.21

The payments were approved and the receipts 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 13 November 2024 at 7pm, Great Bromley Village Hall

Items of business should be sent to the Clerk by Monday 4 November.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

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