



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Fairley (Vice-Chair in the Chair), Cllr Blowers, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Mander, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Smith.

Also in attendance: Cllr Wiggins (items 8 to end only)

Members of the Public: 3

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Murch and Cllr Scott.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th August 2025, previously circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record. The previously approved minutes from Wednesday 9th July were 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 pecuniary interest in item 16 insofar as she was the spouse of a member of the Village Maintenance Team.

4. Co-option of councillors

There were no applications however two observers were present at the meeting. The Clerk invited both to approach after the meeting if they had any questions or required further information, or an application form.

5. Public Participation

There was none.

6. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
25/00798/FUL Brazier	Planning Application - Erection of three dwellings (in lieu of Prior Approval for three self-build dwellings approved under 25/00156/COUNOT).	Bush Farm Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TR	Refusal - Full 18.08.2025 Delegated Decision
25/00928/COUNOT Rolt	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for conversion of two agricultural buildings into two dwellings.	Roline Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7UL	Determination prior approval not reqred 14.08.2025 Delegated Decision

The planning determinations were noted.

7. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
25/01183/FULHH Mr N Miller	Householder Planning Application - Two storey front and rear extensions. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Brundells Farm Brundells Road Great Bromley CO7 7JP

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25/01018/FULHH Mr Scott Mulcahy	Householder Planning Application - Side, rear and first floor extension to existing garage including one bedroom annex with balcony, roof lights and dormer windows. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Bay Trees, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley CO7 7JF
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8. Reports

- County Councillor's Report - circulated
- District Councillors' Reports - circulated. Members requested more detail on queries raised in relation to Great Bromley, subject to General Data Protection Regulations.
- Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Blowers reported that replacement defibrillator pads had been re-ordered.

Cllr Hardy advised that football activities at Hare Green were progressing well. Speeding vehicles remained a concern along Harwich Road - **Action:** Cllr Smith to notify PCSO Sue Groves.

Members noted the appointment of a new Rural Police Officer and the new Tendring District Commander, Chief Inspector Stuart Austin.

Cllr Mander raised two matters:

- The hedge at St George's Close was overhanging the pavement - **Action:** Maintenance team to trim; Cllr Fairley to coordinate.
- The footbridge on footpath 17 was found to be in a state of collapse - **Action:** Cllr Mander had reported the issue to Essex Highways; Clerk to follow up with Simon Taylor (EH).

Cllr Smith reported on a recent Speedwatch session at The Cross, during which nine vehicles were recorded. Additionally, incidents of fly tipping had been reported to Tendring District Council.

Cllr Fairley reminded that signage was required at the bottle bank to instruct removal of the fence panel. The Clerk advised this would be ordered.

- Clerk's Report and Correspondence received.

Tendring District History Recorders had requested donation to support their work. The Clerk undertook to find out details of what the money would be spent on and for more information.

9. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

10. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order. The Clerk reported that the External Auditor had completed its work.

11. Highways update

There was none.

12. Donation of a Defibrillator

Members considered the offer of a defibrillator unit for community use. It was agreed to find out more about the item and to defer to the next agenda.

13. Councillor Training Opportunities – Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC)

This item was deferred to the next agenda. **Action:** Clerk to circulate latest training to members.

14. Local Government Pay Award 2025-26

Councillors noted the nationally agreed pay award for local government employees effective from 1 April 2025, and its implications for budget planning and staff remuneration.

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15. Clerk's Salary Review – Consideration for April 2026 Implementation

It was agreed to appoint a Personal Sub-committee made up of Cllr Blowers, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Mander and Cllr Nicholls to discuss the options for reviewing the salary, and to make recommendations for Council at the October meeting.

16. Village Maintenance Team pay review

Councillors reviewed and approved updated hourly rates to £17.50 and £16.62 respectively per hour for the Village Maintenance Team.

The adjustment reflected the council's commitment and recognition for the essential work carried out in keeping the village tidy and well-maintained.

17. Proposal to Host a Village Fete in 2026

The item was deferred to the next meeting.

18. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£766.86
HMRC	£191.80
Employer's NI	£89.24
LGPS – ECC Pension	£297.61
Great Bromley Village Hall	£26.00
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£322.00
Chris Morgan – Village Maintenance	£299.80
Signs Made Easy Limited	£63.52
GB Farm Services Limited	£131.72
Bland Landscapes Ltd	£389.40
*Bland Landscapes Ltd	£269.40
*PKF Littlejohn LLP	£378.00
*Owen Blowers – reimbursement for defib pads	£139.39

The payments were approved.

*late invoices

19. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

20. Date and venue of next meeting – Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 7pm, Great Bromley Village Hall.

Items of business should be sent to the Clerk before Monday 29th September 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.21pm.