



# Great Bromley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA SKYPE AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020

**Present:** Cllrs Nicholls (Chairman), Blowers, Fairley, Hardy, Heaney, Lord and Mander

**Also present:** TDC Cllrs Scott and Wiggins, and Lizzie Ridout (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** None

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence had been submitted from Cllr Robinson and ECC Cllr Guglielmi.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020, previously circulated, were approved, and would be signed at the next physical Council meeting.

### 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 Fairley declared an interest in planning application 20/01572/FUL insofar as he was the applicant.

### 4. Public Participation

An email from a resident concerning planning application 20/01290/FUL had been circulated to all members, which was noted. Cllr Nicholls reported that the TDC Planning case officer had advised that there had been a number of amendments on the original application. Due to the number of variations, a new application had been requested from the applicant to regularize all alterations, and the case officer was dealing with the application accordingly. It was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm to discuss the application.

### 5. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
20/00854/FUL Mr B Day	Proposed conversion of vacant barn into a four bedroomed dwelling with associated garaging and landscaping works.	Blue Gates Farm, Carringtons Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UZ	Approval - Full 11.11.2020 Delegated Decision
20/00872/FUL Mrs Hilary Read	Change of use from preschool back to residential dwelling.	Church Meadow Bungalow, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TR	Approval - Full 13.11.2020 Delegated Decision
20/01228/FUL Mr & Mrs Richmond	Variation of condition 2 of approved application 17/01706/FUL to reflect minor alterations to the siting and depth of the proposed utility room.	Grange Hall Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TS	Approval - Full 04.11.2020 Delegated Decision

The planning determinations were noted.

### 6. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
20/01170/FUL Mr John Williamson	Erection of 2 no. single storey pitched roof side extensions, erection of chimney to existing extension, and conversion of agricultural land to residential garden, including removal of existing metal barn, erection of 3 bay cart lodge with log store, green house, pergola, playhouse, summerhouse, shed and landscaping.  Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Landmark House Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JN
20/01491/OUT Mr John Askew	Proposed erection of one dwelling and associated parking.  Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Land adjacent 4 Boulton Cottages Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JJ

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20/01572/FUL Mr A Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Limited	Proposed general purpose agricultural building.  Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Park Farm Hilliards Road Great Bromley CO7 7US
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## 7. **Planning Appeal Notification - Field House Parsons Hill Great Bromley - 19/00875/OUT**

Description of development: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of three dwellings and associated garages.

Appellant's name: Mr & Mrs G and S Bennett

Appeal reference: APP/P1560/W/20/3260946

Appeal start date: 27 November 2020

Members held the same view as previously made.

## 8. **Reports**

- a) County Councillor's Report – previously circulated.
- b) District Councillors' Reports – previously circulated.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports
  - Cllr Heaney reported some scam telephone calls. It was agreed to include an article in The Messenger and on Facebook, asking people to disseminate the safety message further.
  - Cllr Lord reported that some parents from St George's were keen to be involved in the development of Hare Green playing field.
  - Cllr Mander reported:
    - Footpath 14 - Broken footbridge had been repaired. Maintenance team to add chicken wire if required.
    - Resident had reported flytipping of grass cuttings into ditch opposite Bromley Cross.
    - Crossroads at the Courthouse. Cars parked on hatching area and visibility hindered. It was agreed to contact the occupier at Selectacars and ask to encourage customer parking away from the hatchings.
    - Flower tub missed at Selectacars – Clerk to ask Deans' to plant up.
    - County Broadband – one of the temporary fillings had not been replaced near the Cross Inn. Clerk to report to County Broadband.
  - Cllr Blowers reported the lights in the churchyard had been repaired.
  - Cllr Fairley reported companies were targeting areas looking for solar farm potential.
- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
  - The Clerk reported that the Council's Internal Auditor, Mr W Marshall, was leaving the village shortly and therefore unable to continue in that role. Members thanked Mr Marshall for his services and support to the Council in the many years that he had undertaken the role.
  - The Clerk reported that the Council's Speedwatch representative, Mr N Skinner, was unable to continue in his role due to work commitments. Members thanked Mr Skinner for his dedication and support to the group.
  - Noticeboards quotes were being obtained.

## 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.

## 11. **Highways update**

There was none.

## 12. **Essex Climate Action Commission - Interim Report**

Members considered a response to the interim report from Essex County Council's Climate Action Commission. It was agreed that planning for new build homes should include more sustainable energy use reduction such as built-in solar panels, heat exchange pumps, wind generators on each development, more use of renewable building materials like wood and high-grade insulation, while continuing to research innovative energy options.

## 13. **Census 2021**

It was reported that the next census would take place on Sunday 21st March 2021. For the first time everyone would be encouraged to complete the census online. Help would be available to those who needed support to complete the census online and paper questionnaires would still be available if necessary. Members considered the support that may be required in the community to enable census returns.

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## 14. Maintenance issues

It was agreed that a reminder be included in the next Messenger about the availability of flood barriers and locations they were stored at. It was further agreed to purchase more flood water snakes to help protect residents' homes in the event of flooding. A budget of £500 was agreed for this purpose.

Cllr Blowers undertook to check the use by dates of the two defibrillators in the village, and it was suggested to mention the locations of the defibrillators in the Messenger.

## 15. Remote meeting options

The Clerk advised members that the Skype remote meeting platform currently used would no longer be available from February, and it was suggested that MS Teams training for Members be held in January.

## 16. Closed Churchyard - Wildflower seed sowing and play area options

It was considered that the churchyard already had some wildflowers and it was thought that one habitat might be destroyed for another. It was agreed that other areas in the village should be considered.

In an effort to prevent damage to gravestones it was decided to research potential play area options such as a low-level wooden agility trail, and to discuss further at the next ordinary meeting.

## 17. Broadband update

An update from County Broadband had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. It was expected that customers would be connected between early January and end of March 2021. It was agreed to contact County Broadband to advise that the delays were disappointing, and to obtain a higher resolution map showing the phases of connections.

## 18. Parish Council Archive options

A proposal had been received to archive parish documents in a digital format for a fee of £250. This would benefit the Council by having its own digital copy of important historical documents in addition to those sent to the Essex Records Office in Chelmsford. Members considered and agreed the proposal.

## 19. Festive afternoon tea update

Almost 60 people had requested a festive afternoon tea which would be delivered on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Cllrs Blowers, Mander, Fairley and Nicholls, along with the Clerk, volunteered to help with deliveries.

## 20. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£574.55
HMRC	£143.60
Great Bromley Village Hall	£22.50
Collection for Royal British Legion	£49.20
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£297.48
Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance	£125.78
Deans' Nursery – Flower tubs	£342.00
EALC – Local Councils Explained book	£20.99
Tending District Council – Playground inspection	£55.20

The payments were approved.

## 21. Date of next meeting

- Extraordinary meeting - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm via Skype.
- Ordinary meeting - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm via Skype.

## 22. Items for next meeting and any other business

There was none. The meeting closed at 9.13pm.