



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2021 AT 7.40PM

Present: Cllrs Nicholls (Chairman), Fairley, Hardy, Heaney, Lord, Mander and Robinson.

Also present: 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 were submitted from ECC Cllr Guglielmi, and TDC Cllrs Scott and Wiggins who were all attending a District Council briefing.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 15th December 2020, previously circulated, were approved and would be signed at the next physical 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. There were none.

4. Public Participation

There was none.

5. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
20/00859/FUL	Proposed 3no. dwellings (replacements: Plots 1, 2 and 7), internal road and turning head; shop with visitor car parking and new access from Harwich Road; associated landscaping and structures.	Little Paddocks Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JL	Approval – Full 03.12.2020 Delegated Decision
20/01290/FUL Mr & Mrs Brazier	Erection of replacement detached dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling with alterations to existing vehicular access. Demolition of existing agricultural/domestic buildings and erection of replacement agricultural/domestic buildings.	Bush Farm Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TR	Approval – Full 23.12.2020 Delegated Decision

The Planning Determinations were noted. It was agreed to write to TDC's Assistant Director for Planning to regarding the disparity between call-in and comments deadline dates.

6. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report; Previously circulated.
- b) District Councillors' Reports; Previously circulated.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports;
 - Cllr Heaney reported a large pothole on Hilliards Road from Spratts Lane. Footpath overgrown and slippery off Harwich Road towards the roundabout on the left. Clerk to report both issues.
 - Cllr Lord reported the flytipping Park Road had still not been cleared. TDC were aware and the Chairman and Clerk had been advised it would be done. A social media post from Essex Police advised that burglaries had significantly reduced during Covid-19 pandemic

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but still to be cautious. It was agreed to include the article in The Messenger.

- Cllr Mander had reported to ECC the footbridges in poor condition on footpaths 4 and 23.
- Cllr Nicholls reported the new pavement along Brook Street had surface flooding which was being addressed by developers at Orwell Housing. The Clerk was asked to contact Veolia to undertake a litter pick along the ditch on Parsons Hill.

d) Clerk's Report and correspondence received.

The Clerk provide an update on the worsening Covid-19 situation across the District.

7. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 were reviewed and noted.

8. Accounts

The Clerk confirmed the accounts were in order.

9. Budget 2021-22

Cllrs Nicholls, Lord and Blowers, along with the Clerk, had reviewed and discussed the Budget for 2021-22.

The Budget for 2020-21 had been set at £26,400. To achieve this, the Parish Precept was £21,829 and a decision was taken to draw down reserves should the need arise. The projected outturn budget for 2020-21 was £27,474.

Circumstances during 2020-21 had affected the budget for the year 2020-21 as follows:

- The Covid-19 pandemic had prevented the planned VE Day celebrations from taking place;
- An increase to the Clerk's salary following the additional hours required to produce the village magazine, The Messenger; and
- A Festive Afternoon Tea was purchased for elderly/vulnerable residents shortly before Christmas.

Based on the figures for 2020-21, the proposed budget for 2021-22 was £29,622. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Lord, seconded by Cllr Heaney, and unanimously agreed to increase the Parish Precept to £22,000, which was a small increase of 0.1%, or 5p, based on an average Band D property.

10. Highways update

A resident had reported a speeding issue along B1029/Hall Road which had been ongoing for some time. It was agreed to forward the issue to Acting Chief Inspector Martin Richards to request enforcement action.

The road markings near the Courthouse and on Parsons Hill were in need of refreshing. A sign at the bottom of Parsons Hill was at an angle and needed addressing. The Clerk undertook to report both issues to Essex Highways.

11. Festive Afternoon Tea

Sixty-three Festive Afternoon Teas were delivered to residents in Great Bromley just prior to Christmas. Many letters, calls and emails had been received expressing gratitude, and it had been good for councillors making the deliveries to engage with residents. It was agreed to repeat the initiative in December 2021.

12. Flower Tub Sponsorship

Sponsorship of flower tubs had decreased over the last two years. Cllr Nicholls advised he would hand deliver letters to potential sponsors.

13. Bromley 10K Run

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Members considered the proposal received and agreed to support the event, subject to TDC's Safety Advisory Group also supporting the event, and in line with Covid-19 Government guidelines at the time of the event.

14. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£574.55
HMRC	£143.60
Great Bromley Village Hall	£22.50
PKF Littlejohn (External Auditor)	£240.00
Clacton Business Services (payroll)	£42.00
Patisserie 4U – Festive afternoon teas	£787.50
Bland Landscapes (7 grass cuts and 1 hedge flail)	£1771.12

The payments were approved.

15. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7.30pm.

16. Items for next meeting and any other business

None. The meeting closed at 8.23pm.