



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM, VIA MS TEAMS

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

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

Members of the Public: 4

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were submitted from ECC Cllr Guglielmi, TDC Cllr Wiggins and Cllr Fairley.

2. 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.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021, previously circulated were approved as a correct record and would be signed at the next physical meeting.

4. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

5. Public Participation

Four members of the public were in attendance for a planning application.

6. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
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.	Landmark House Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JN	Approval – Full 19.03.2021 Delegated Decision
21/00214/FUL Mr and Mrs Hearn	Erection of single storey rear extension (sun room) and cart lodge/store (following demolition of existing conservatory and garage)	Sparlings Hall Hilliards Road Great Bromley CO7 7UT	Approval – Full 22.03.2021

The planning determinations were noted.

7. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
21/00432/FUL Sarah and Antony Dean	Demolition of existing storage building and erection of new retail building Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to this application.	Dean's Nursery and Garden Centre Mill Farm Harwich Road Great Bromley

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21/00438/FUL Mr and Mrs M Shaikly	Erection of summer house outbuilding and pool Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to this application.	Lilleys Farm Carringtons Road Great Bromley CO7 7XA
21/00476/FUL Mr and Mrs Steward	Proposed single storey rear extension and two storey side extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to this application.	7 Fairfield Close Great Bromley CO7 7UF
21/00445/FUL	Erection of a single bungalow and garage Great Bromley Parish Council strongly objected to this application for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area has been a focal point at the very heart of the village. • The land has been maintained by the Parish Council for over 25 years. • The land is currently safeguarded open space in TDC's current and emerging Local Plan. • The street scene of St George's Close would be severely impacted. • It would a be a loss of a visual amenity for entire village. It should be noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDC gave permission to the Parish Council to maintain the land. • The Parish Council is exploring if it can acquire the land as a designated village green. 	Land On The West Side of St Georges Close Great Bromley

8. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – none, due to pre-election period
- b) District Councillors' Reports – none, due to pre-election period
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports
 - Cllr Mander
 - roadworks signs had been left around the village. It was agreed to gather all signs and contact the owners to collect.
 - Verge cutting at the Pond. It was agreed that the grass between the pond and the barriers should be left to grow wild, as it helped wildlife and provided a natural barrier between the pond and the road.
 - Footpath 17 repair has been reported by Clerk at Elmstead. Cllr Mander to monitor.
 - Footbridge on Footpath 23 has been replaced.
 - Cllr Lord
 - Flytipping on Honeygot Lane has been reported twice but not yet collected.
 - Cllr Blowers
 - Flower tubs have been watered by maintenance team.
 - Clerk to check dates of contracts and advise Cllr Blowers.
 - Maintenance team to continue maintaining the land at St George's Close.
 - Litter picking will take place on the left hand side of Hall Road from The Cross to Village.
 - Two litter pickers collected by residents.

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- Cllr Heaney
 - Query on footpath through Cold Hall farm. Cllr Mander to check and report back.
- Cllr Robinson
 - Parking issue at Little Paddocks has been resolved.
 - Potential interest from Orwell Housing of further development.
- Cllr Nicholls
 - Request to all Members to report any pavement damage to Essex Highways online.
 - Litter pickers collected by five residents.
 - Cllr Scott to collect spare recycling boxes from Cllr Nicholls.
 - New bus stop has appeared in Brook Street.
 - St George's Day service at the Church on Friday 23rd April.
- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received –
 - update on remote meeting legislation;
 - forthcoming PFCC and ECC elections on Thursday 6th May.

9. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed the accounts were in order.

10. Highways update

Cllr Nicholls had attended a meeting with the Portfolio Holder for Highways and been successful in obtaining a reduction to 30mph along Harwich Road.

The Clerk undertook to provide an update on the 20's plenty schemes.

Members discussed the recent removal of cats eyes along some local roads. It was thought that potential road surfacing may be the reason.

11. Retail shop at Little Paddocks

Members considered and agreed to support an application for a Post Officer counter.

12. Proposed litter bin on Parsons Hill

Members considered the costs associated with the purchase, installation (approx. £410) and emptying (approx. £75 per annum) of a 110l bin, which would be emptied twice a week by Veolia. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase.

13. Replacement flower tubs

Members considered the cost for replacement wooden flower tubs which had been sourced locally for £25 per tub. Eleven tubs were required and this was agreed. It was further agreed to move the flower tub at Selectacars further along the road to a more enhanced position.

14. The following expenditure and income was noted:

Expenditure	
Clerk's salary	£574.55
HMRC	£143.60
Great Bromley Village Hall	£22.50
Clerk's expenses - Microsoft 365 renewal	£135.36
Clerk's expenses – 48 2 nd class stamps	£31.68
Clerk's expenses – Laptop (chq issued)	£599.00
Clerk's expenses – Litter pickers (chq issued)	£228.20
Clerk's expenses – Flood defences (chq issued)	£179.91
EALC/NALC subscription	£329.44
Clacton Business Services (payroll)	£45.00
Lewis Mander – Village Maintenance	£304.75

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Bill Kempster – Village Maintenance	£205.22
The Messenger – sponsorship	£135.00
BHIB Insurance	£968.29
Income	
Flower tub sponsorship	£400.00
TDC Precept 1 st instalment	£11,087.00

15. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

16. Date of next meeting

The Chairman advised that the date of the Annual Meeting, Parish Assembly and Ordinary meeting would be **Wednesday 19th May 2021**, held at the Village Hall, to align with the next lifting of restrictions in the Government's road map. The Annual meeting would commence at 7pm, followed by the Parish Assembly at 7.20pm, and the Ordinary meeting at 7.30pm.

17. Items for next meeting and any other business

There was none.

18. Exclusion of Press and Public

Members were asked to consider the following resolution:

“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 19 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, as amended, of the Act.”

Cllr Hardy proposed the motion, Cllr Heaney seconded and all members agreed.

19. Grounds maintenance contract tender return

Members considered the tender returns received for the Grounds Maintenance contract for 2021-22.

Cllr Hardy proposed, Cllr Heaney seconded and members unanimously agreed that Bland Landscapes be awarded the Grounds Maintenance contract for 2021-22.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm.

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