



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 2026 AT 7PM AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Fairley (Acting-Chairman), Cllr Blowers, Cllr Goni, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Mander, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Pirie and Cllr Smith.

Also in attendance: TDC Cllr Scott and Lizzie Ridout (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 5

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Acting-Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and outlined the purpose of the Parish Assembly.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from TDC Cllr Wiggins.

3. Minutes of the Previous Parish Assembly

The minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 14th May 2025, previously circulated, were noted and signed.

4. Report from the Acting- Chairman of the Parish Council

It has been a busy year, with National Grid and the wind farms gaining momentum, the evolving Local Plan all needing to be considered and responded to, we have also had two new housing developments to be considered for the village.

The village is very lucky to have such a team of dedicated Councillors to deal with the work load.

I would like to thank our Clerk, Lizzie, for guidance in keeping the Council compliant with Assertion 10 requirements regarding emails and the Council's Risk Management Policy regarding Information Technology, Digital Governance & Data, also for editing the popular village magazine, The Messenger, which is vital for those residents without Wi Fi or smart phones to be informed of what is happening in and around the village. I must also thank the sponsors and contributors to the magazine.

I would like to thank the following:

Carole, for her time spent reading reports, keeping a close watch on Public Rights of Way and the general appearance of the village and expressing her thoughts at meetings.

Owen, for keeping a watch on the Parish Council finances and organizing the village litter pick.

Graham, for his tireless contribution to Speed Watch making our roads a safer place and for managing the distribution of The Messenger.

Fred, for continuing to serve on the Parish Council with the wealth of knowledge he brings after serving not just at Parish level, but District as well.

David, I would like to thank for his time spent keeping an eye on our village playing field, Hare Green.

With James and Bashir joining us, we now have a full complement of Councillors. I welcome you both.

We, as a Parish, are very lucky to have two very capable handymen, Lewis and Chris. With their skill base we now do more jobs in house round the village quicker, saving the parish money whilst maintaining the appearance.

I would also like to thank the Plymouth Brethren Rapid Relief Team and their church members for the support they have given the Parish in the recent litter-pick. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to thank the Councillors for the support I have received over the last year.

The report was noted.

5. Reports from Appointed Officers:

Footpath Report 2026 – Cllr Mander

A few complaints received over the last year with regards to the state of footpaths within Great Bromley. The Maintenance Team deal with most issues relating to footpaths and where necessary, reports are made to ECC Rights of Way team to deal with.

Outstanding issues

- Footpath 17 Boudge Hill - Defective footbridge in very poor condition reported August 2025

Response 15th December 2025 from ECC Highways that they have investigated, risk assessed and will be working to resolve it. No further update received. At time of writing this report the footbridge is still in a very poor, unsafe condition.

Recommend that PC contact Rights of Way Officer to complain about the long delay in repairing both these footbridges, especially footpath 17 as this is in urgent need of repair.

- Footpath 23 - Finger post leaning and vegetation needs facing back in places.
- Footpath 15 - Finger post needs replacing Mary Lane North end.
- Cock Lane Bridleway - Needs clearing and on list for the Maintenance to action.

Messenger report 2026: Cllr Smith

Messenger deliveries have run smoothly this year with minimal disruptions. The printers notify me when to expect the bulk delivery and they are sorted and distributed to the volunteer team, normally within 48hrs. The printed quantity remains at approx. 720 copies although this may need reviewing as the number of properties increases in Great & Little Bromley.

Looking forward, I have received notice that one of our larger sub distributors is moving out of the area and will no longer be able to help. They are kindly trying to find a volunteer to step in so hopefully this will be successful and disruption will be minimal.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) report 2026: Cllr Smith

The CSW team has not been active so far this year. This is mainly due to a change in my personal circumstances that is consuming a lot of my time. It is hoped that CSW sessions will resume at some time in the near future especially as reports of vehicles travelling around the village.

The reports were noted.

6. Questions from Members of the Public

A resident spoke about speeding vehicles in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Essex Police Commissioner, Roger Hirst, with concerns about speeding through Great Bromley and ask for random speed checks. It was further agreed for the Clerk to invite the newly-elected ECC Councillor for Tendring Rural West to attend the June meeting of the Parish Council to discuss concerns of speeding vehicles near the school, and the possibility of introducing a 20mph zone around the school.

Another resident reported a hedge protruding near the flyover in the Harwich direction. Cllr Fairley undertook to investigate further.

Fly tipping over Back Lane East was increasing. The resident was advised to report each occasion so that TDC could monitor activity and take necessary action.

7. Resolutions of the Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly notes the Parish Council's commitment to maintaining and improving services for the community, and encourages residents to support and participate in the Council's work wherever possible.

8. Date of the next Annual Parish Assembly

Wednesday 19th May 2027 at 7pm, due to the 2027 Parish Elections taking place on Thursday 6th May. The meeting closed at 7.33pm.