



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 2026 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

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

Also in attendance: TDC Cllrs Scott and Wiggins, and Lizzie Ridout (Parish Clerk & RFO)

Members of the Public: 21

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and advised the housekeeping and health and safety messages.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr Murch, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Nicholls and ECC Cllr Guglielmi.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2026, previously circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

Minute 4 - A resident from the Ardleigh Road and Frating Road area attended to request support for reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph due to minimal footpaths and high pedestrian use. He presented a petition of 65 signatures in support. Although he resided in the Ardleigh parish, the affected area lay within Ardleigh and Great Bromley. Cllr Guglielmi undertook to pass the petition to the Cabinet Member for Highways and to send details of an upcoming ECC meeting.

Cllr Blowers proposed, Cllr Mander seconded and all were in agreement.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members were requested to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other relevant interests, and the nature thereof, in respect of items listed on this agenda. There were none.

4. Public Participation

A resident raised concerns about the emerging Local Plan. Cllr Scott made a note of the concerning sections and paragraphs, and advised that there would be a further consultation in the second half of this year.

5. Emerging proposals for land to the north and south of Carringtons Road, Bromley Cross

The meeting received a presentation from City & Country regarding emerging proposals for land to the north and south of Carringtons Road.

Members of the public were able to ask questions, and representatives also reminded of the public consultation being held at the Village Hall on Friday 10th April from 2pm-7pm.

The majority of the public left after this item.

6. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
26/00344/AGRIC Mr Matthew Robinson - K W Robinson	Application to determine if prior approved is required under Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for erection of a machinery barn next to existing barn.	Badley Hall Farm, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley	Determinati on prior approval not req'd 18.03.2026
25/00656/OUT Mrs Kathryn Ann Hayward	Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Replacement dwelling with detached garage	Firtree Cottage Carringtons Road,	Approval - Outline 02.03.2026 Delegated

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The Planning Determinations were noted.

7. Planning Application

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
25/01795/FUL	<p>Planning Application - Change of use from residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to a residential children's home (Use Class C2)</p> <p>The Council's comments remain as submitted on 7 January 2026.</p>	Oak Lodge, Hall Road, Great Bromley

It was agreed that Cllr Fairley would attend TDC's Planning Committee on Tuesday 14th April and speak on the application.

8. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – previously circulated.
- b) District Councillors' Reports – previously circulated.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Pirie reported that a set of goal nets belonging to the Parish Council had been found. It was thought that the nets were over 10 years old and could be donated to the football team. Members agreed.

Cllr Mander confirmed that the King's Coronation Rose had been planted in a tub at Church Meadow and the plaque installed. The front panel of the noticeboard at The Cross required replacement and the flower tubs would not need to be planted.

Cllr Goni confirmed that he had registered for free councillor training and would send the link to the Clerk.

Cllr Fairley raised concerns regarding an increase in dog walkers leaving bags of dog waste hanging on bushes and trees or leaving them at the roadside.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
Essex Shed Network had asked to attend a meeting.

9. Action Sheet review and update

The actions agreed at the last meeting had been completed, particularly the response to TDC's Local Plan consultation.

10. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed that the accounts were in order. The Clerk advised that the first instalment of precept had been received, and that the accounts and Annual Return had been submitted to the Internal Auditor.

11. Highways update

Cllr Scott to raise the issue of a long-term collapsed drain on the Harwich Road.

12. Draft Essex Safer Speeds Strategy

Members considered the draft Essex Safer Speeds Strategy, developed with the Safer Essex Roads Partnership, which set out a flexible, evidence-based approach to introducing safer speeds across the county.

It was agreed that a response would be prepared and finalised by email.

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13. Hare Green Playing Area

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

14. Village Litter Pick

Cllr Blowers to confirm the date and circulate to Members.

15. Grass and hedge cutting tender

Members considered the tenders received for the grounds maintenance contract. It was proposed by Cllr Pirie and seconded by Cllr Blowers that Tender A be approved.

16. Lawnmower purchase

Members considered the purchase of a walk-behind lawnmower for use by the Village Maintenance Team. The cost had been agreed in principle when setting the budget earlier in the year. It was approved that the lawnmower be purchased.

17. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£501.79
HMRC	£334.40
Employer's NI	£69.80
LGPS – ECC Pension	£219.07
Great Bromley Village Hall	£26.00
*Tuckwells oil x 2	£51.48
*GB Farm Services – ride on mower service	£336.62
*GB Farm Services – Strimmer service	£140.64
*Blands – grass cut	£269.40

Village Maintenance team costs:

Name	Expenses	Total cost
Lewis Mander	£15.53	£281.45
*Chris Morgan		£323.75

Members reviewed the schedule of payments. It was proposed by Cllr Mander and seconded by Cllr Blowers, and all agreed that the payments be approved.

(Items marked with an asterisk were received after the agenda was published.)

18. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

19. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 13th May 2026

- Parish Assembly - 7pm (agenda to be published on Thursday 30th April 2026)
- Annual and Ordinary meeting – 7.15pm

Members were reminded that items of business should be sent to the Clerk before Monday 4th May 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.