



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2025 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Murch, Cllr Bashir, Cllr Fairley, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Mander, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Pirie and Cllr Smith.

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

Members of the Public: 2

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2025, previously circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

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. Ratification of Co-option Decision

Following confirmation of eligibility and the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, the co-option of Bashir Goni as Parish Councillor, as resolved at the meeting held on Wednesday 8 October 2025, was formally ratified.

5. Public Participation

There was none.

6. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
25/01396/FULHH Mr Charlie Brownsdon	Householder Planning Application - Part garage conversion and rear single storey extension to create one bedroom annex.	Bromley House, Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7UL	Approval - Full 03.11.2025 Delegated Decision
25/01744/WTREX Nicky Robinson	An exception to the normal requirement obtain consent under the terms and conditions of the Tree Preservation Order as set out in Section 14 (1) (c) of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. Felling of Oak tree to ground level.	Mary Lane North, Great Bromley CO7 7TZ	Approval - Full 27.11.2025 Delegated Decision
25/01745/WTREX Nicky Robinson	An exception to the normal requirement obtain consent under the terms and conditions of the Tree Preservation Order as set out in Section 14 (1) (c) of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. Felling of Ash tree to ground level.	Stone Road Great Bromley CO7 7TX	Approval - Full 27.11.2025 Delegated Decision

The Planning Determinations were noted.

7. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION

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<u>25/01706/FULHH</u> Mr Josh Hunt	Planning Application - Single storey rear, side and front extensions. Detached building containing cartlodge and additional living accommodation. Members had no objection.	Blue Gates Farm Carringtons Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UZ
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8. Appeal Decision - 25/00798/FUL - Barn B at Bush Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley, CO7 7TR (25/00039/REFUSE)

Members were advised that the appeal was dismissed on 24th November 2025, and the application for an award of costs was refused.

9. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report - circulated
- b) District Councillors' Reports – circulated
 - Consultation for new Local Plan in February 2026 – Clerk to accept TDC's invitation to a meeting with members.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Smith reported that there had been no Speedwatch sessions. He had attended the Ardleigh meeting regarding the Norwich to Tilbury National Grid, and had drafted the consultation response which the Clerk had submitted.

Cllr Mander had attended the Village Hall meeting. The Village Hall had agreed to take on the two flower tubs outside the hall, and would also take on responsibility for the defibrillator, with the Parish Council providing the cabinet cover and replacement pads. The dog bin at Bromley Cross was overflowing; Cllr Scott had reported this.

Cllr Fairley reported that Church Meadow would need to be closed for one day and that some tree branches required pruning. A date would be agreed and publicised. A rough sleeper had been seen in Park Road and would be reported to Cllr Scott. A potentially abandoned vehicle had been noted in Church Meadow.

Cllr Nicholls reported that three residents had approached him regarding the dog bin in Church Meadow, stating that its current position was not desirable.

Cllr Murch reported on matters relating to the Hare Green Play Area. He had spoken with the football representative who had advised that matting for car parking was being sourced. A possible portacabin with a toilet was being considered. Cllr Hardy would liaise with the Club regarding the placement of the matting.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
 - A resident had reported a broken footpath sign.
 - A resident had reported a low flying helicopter in the area. The Clerk had suggested contacting the UK Civil Aviation Authority.

10. Action Sheet review and update

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed and noted.

11. Accounts, budget and precept for 2026-27

- a) The Clerk confirmed the accounts were in order.
- b) Cllr Fairley proposed, Cllr Murch seconded, and all Members agreed on the budget for 2026-27, including a 13.2% increase to the precept to £38,150. In absolute terms, this represented an annual increase of £10.07 for the average Band D household.

12. Tree Management policy

Members considered adopting a Tree Management policy, with the aim of establishing a consistent framework for the care, maintenance, and protection of trees within the parish.

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It was agreed for the Clerk to draft a policy in liaison with the Tree Surveyor and to present the policy for approval at a future meeting.

It was noted that the recent tree survey had found urgent work required on just one tree which the Maintenance team had addressed prior to the meeting.

13. Highways update

To receive an update regarding local highways issues.

Cllr Mander reported that Ardleigh Road had been closed last week without notice, for kerb and iron works by Essex Highways. The Clerk undertook to raise with Cllr Guglielmi. It was noted that the pothole repairs in Hilliards Road undertaken earlier this year had become loose.

14. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£668.99
HMRC	£167.20
Employer's NI	£69.80
LGPS	£258.34
Great Bromley Village Hall	£26.00
Bland Landscapes – grass cutting	£269.40
Tree Planning Solutions Ltd – tree survey	£485.00
Tuckwells – oil	£25.74
TDALC Affiliation fee	£20.00

Village Maintenance team costs:

Name	Expenses	Total cost
Lewis Mander	£6.80 - fuel	£224.37
Chris Morgan	-	£192.50

The payments were approved.

15. To note the following income:

Tendring District Council – recycling credits	£ 461.53
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The income was noted.

Members discussed the forthcoming changes to TDC's kerbside glass collections. There was further discussion regarding the income generated from glass recycling. The Clerk was asked to explore private options for recycling.

16. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

17. Date of next meeting and items of business – Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.