



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

In attendance: Cllr Fairley (Vice-Chair in the Chair), Cllr Bashir, Cllr Mander, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Pirie.

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

Members of the Public: 2

1. Welcome and meeting protocols

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the meeting protocols to support clarity, consistency and the smooth running of council business. The fire exits were highlighted in case of an emergency.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllrs Blowers, Hardy, Murch, Smith and ECC Cllr Guglielmi.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Mander seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 January 2026, previously circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. 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.

5. Public Participation

A member of the public attended to observe the meeting and raised concerns about large-scale development across the district, particularly the impact of new housing on infrastructure, services and planning gain. He noted that many developments appeared to progress without corresponding improvements to roads or community facilities, and expressed interest in how effectively planning processes were being managed across the area.

Councillors discussed several local examples, including stalled developments, inadequate road improvements and the challenges posed by developer viability. The importance of responding promptly to the Local Plan consultation was emphasised, and councillors noted the dates of upcoming consultation events in the district.

6. Planning Determination – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
25/01706/FULHH Mr Josh Hunt	Planning Application - Single storey rear, side and front extensions. Detached building containing cartlodge and additional living accommodation.	Blue Gates Farm, Carringtons Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UZ	Approval - Full 28.01.2026 Delegated Decision

The planning determination was noted.

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7. Planning Application

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
26/00156/WTPO Mr Lacey	Works related to Tree Preservation Order (78/00028/TPO) - G1 and G2 - 16 Lime Trees. Trimming the overhang approx. 2m and balance the garden side of the trees to the same width. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Copley Dene, Parsons Hill Great Bromley

8. Reports

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

Cllr Pirie reported that the edge of the road adjacent to the Orwell Housing development had been damaged and had collapsed into the ditch. He would take photographs and continue to monitor the situation. He also noted further deterioration on Harwich Road, where approximately a ten-foot section of the road surface had crumbled away. The Clerk undertook to send the link to Essex Highways to Cllr Pirie so the issue can be logged and photos uploaded. Cllr Pirie additionally raised concerns about ongoing flooding on Back Lane East.

Cllr Fairley informed the Council that St George's Church would be holding a Flower Festival on 27th and 28th June. A request for permission to use the Church Meadow during the event would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

The Clerk reported that the recent manhole surge at Hare Green had been caused as a result of high rainfall. It was noted that the drains serving the football pitch would require the end of the outflow pipe to be re-terminated. The damaged glass recycling bin at Church Meadow had been reported to Tendring District Council's recycling team for assessment and action.

9. Action Sheet review and update

The only outstanding action was covered under agenda item 12.

10. Accounts

The Clerk confirmed that the accounts were in order. A VAT126 reclaim had been received for £1,442.02.

11. Adoption of Tree Management Policy

Members considered the draft Tree Management Policy for formal adoption by the Council, establishing a clear and consistent framework for the care, maintenance and protection of trees on parish-owned land. Cllr Pirie proposed, Cllr Bashir seconded, and all were in agreement. It was **RESOLVED** that the Tree Management Policy be adopted.

12. Review of Glass Recycling Options and Future Provision

Members reviewed the Clerk's report on options for the future provision of glass recycling. The Council noted that Tendring District Council's planned introduction of kerbside glass collection would supersede local bottle-bank provision, and it was agreed that the parish would be unable to compete with or replicate this service.

13. Village Litter Pick

The decision to agree a date for the next litter pick and confirm any initial arrangements required to support the event was deferred to the next agenda.

14. Hare Green Playing Area

No issues were raised. It was noted that no football games had taken place recently due to the

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high rainfall.

15. Highways update

There were no updates.

16. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's salary	£668.79
HMRC	£167.40
Employer's NI	£69.80
LGPS – ECC Pension	£258.54
Great Bromley Village Hall	£39.00
VCS Websites LTD – email and website hosting	£255.00
Mythic Beasts – domain hosting	£230.40
Clacton Business Services – payroll	£42.30

Village Maintenance team costs:

Name	Expenses	Total cost
Lewis Mander	£24.00	£231.75
Chris Morgan	-	£183.75

Cllr Mander proposed, Cllr Goni seconded, and all were in agreement. It was **RESOLVED** that the payments be approved.

17. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

18. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 7pm

Members were reminded that items of business for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the Clerk by Monday 2 March 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.