



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE 2026 AT 7.00PM AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

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

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

Members of the Public: 16

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Members were advised that Cllr Smith would be a few minutes late.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Mander, seconded by Cllr Pirie, and agreed by all that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2026, previously circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

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.

Cllr Fairley declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 26/00790/AGRIC insofar as he was the applicant.

4. Code of Conduct

Members received a general reminder regarding the expectations placed upon councillors under the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

Members were asked to note that:

- Councillors must take care when discussing planning matters informally, particularly where comments could be interpreted as representing the Council's position.
- Councillors should avoid offering views that could be perceived as influencing private decisions or transactions.
- When approached by residents about planning issues, councillors should signpost them to the appropriate authority and avoid expressing personal opinions that may be misinterpreted.

This item was for information only.

5. Public Participation

Residents raised concerns regarding the ongoing fly infestation and odour issues affecting parts of the parish and neighbouring areas. Reference was made to questionnaire responses, evidence gathered by residents, and the need for a coordinated response involving the relevant agencies. The Council agreed to support residents by contacting the appropriate authorities and forwarding the evidence supplied. Residents were invited to share their questionnaire results, photographs, videos and other information with the Clerk.

6. Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
26/00608/FULHH Mr and Mrs Williams	Householder Planning Application – Single storey garden room and home office. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	Michaelmas House, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley CO7 7JA
26/00718/VOC	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans and Documents), Condition 4 (Rainwater Goods), and Condition 7 (Fenestration	Blue Gates Barn, Carringtons Road, Great Bromley

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	Details) of application 22/01597/FUL to enable/allow wording of the conditions to align to specification choices made by the applicant. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	
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26/00768/FUL	Location Land North of Harwich Road, Great Bromley CO7 8SZ	
Proposal Application for Full Planning – Development of a roadside services facility comprising a service station with fuel forecourt and canopy, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, drive-through restaurant, flexible Class E commercial units, HGV parking and associated access, parking, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure. Great Bromley Parish Council made the following comments: Unsuitable Location for Roadside Services Roadside service areas tend to be located at strategic road network junctions, not rural or village edge locations. Has the need for a facility of this scale in this location been justified? Impact on Rural Character and Landscape he development introduces large scale built form, lighting columns, signage and 24 hour activity that would urbanise the countryside and erode rural character. Is the landscape mitigation proposed sufficient for a development of this intensity? Noise, Light and Disturbance A 24 hour service station, HGV parking and drive through restaurant will generate continuous noise, lighting and vehicle movements. Access Opposite Residential Driveway The proposed site access is positioned directly opposite an existing residential access. This arrangement creates an unacceptable conflict point, with increased turning movements, queuing and restricted visibility for residents attempting to enter or exit their property. Given the scale and intensity of traffic associated with a service station, HGV parking and drive through restaurant, the access design fails to demonstrate safe and suitable access for all users, contrary to national and local highway safety policy. Air Quality and Emissions Concentrated HGV idling, increased traffic and drive through queuing will worsen local air quality. Has a robust air quality assessment been provided to demonstrate compliance with national standards? Highways and Traffic Impact The proposal introduces significant additional vehicle movements, including HGVs, EV chargers and drive through traffic. Has the cumulative impact on the local road network been demonstrated as acceptable? Particular concern is raised regarding the Ravens Green area, which is a single track road already experiencing dangerous daily traffic issues. Impact on Local Businesses This proposal would divert trade from existing businesses, harming local vitality. Has a retail impact assessment been provided? Litter and Environmental Impact The nature of the development, including a drive through restaurant and 24 hour operation, presents a high risk of litter dispersal, waste accumulation and environmental harm. Without a clear and enforceable strategy, the proposal risks damaging the rural environment, local lanes and nearby residential areas.		
26/00790/AGRIC	Prior Approval Application under Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for new barn.	Park Farm, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley

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	FOR INFORMATION ONLY – NO COMMENTS ARE INVITED FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL	
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7. **Essex Shed Network (ESN) enquiry: Men's Shed opportunity**

Dan Thompson, Project Lead for the Essex Shed Network, gave a short presentation outlining the potential to establish a Men's Shed or Community Shed within the parish. He explained that sheds were primarily social spaces which could include woodworking, crafts, community projects, grounds maintenance or other activities depending on local interest. Members noted the benefits for reducing isolation and supporting physical and mental wellbeing.

Members were encouraged by the scheme and agreed that an item would be placed in The Messenger inviting residents to express interests and put forward suggestions. The Council noted that it may consider providing modest financial support, such as a Section 137 grant, should a viable local group emerge.

8. **Environmental issue – fly infestation and odour**

To discuss the latest developments and actions in relation to these ongoing issues. – Covered.

9. **Reports**

- a) County Councillor's Report – Essex County Cllr Pat Murray introduced himself and reported on current County Council matters, including emergency pothole works, a focus on fostering, and the County Council's approach to flying flags on public buildings. Members noted the update.
- b) District Councillors' Reports – Cllrs Scott and Wiggins reported on Local Government Reorganisation, Tendring District Council matters, recent environmental health correspondence, and local issues including road markings at The Courthouse, fly tipping and fly infestation concerns, and changes to local plan housing figures. Members noted the updates.
- c) Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Pirie reported concerns about electric bikes and motorcycles being used locally without lights or helmets.

Cllr Mander reported that the flower tubs had been planted and thanked those involved. She noted that the work had been completed under budget by carrying it out in-house. She also reported on the Village Hall Committee AGM and highlighted bottles left beside the bottle bank.

Cllr Blowers asked about compostable food waste bags. Cllr Scott advised that bags and caddies could be obtained from local town and parish council offices or from Tendring District Council offices, and noted that additional green boxes for glass recycling would be issued from September/October.

Cllr Smith reported that a planned Speedwatch session had been cancelled due to weather, but that a Vision Zero / Speedwatch event was due to take place later in the month.

ECC Cllr Murray left the meeting at this point.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

The Clerk reported that Little Bromley Parish Council was hosting a defibrillator training event delivered by Manningtree First Responders at The Haywain on Thursday 11th June at 18:30, and invited anyone wishing to attend to notify the Clerk so that numbers could be passed on.

The Clerk also reported that a resignation had been received from Cllr Ian Murch due to ill health. The Elections Team at Tendring District Council would be notified and the Notice of Vacancy would be published for the required 14 days. If no election was called, the seat could be filled by co-option.

10. **Action Sheet review and update**

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Members reviewed the Action Sheet. It was noted that the TDC Overview and Scrutiny work programme topics had been submitted. A donation to the Flower Festival had been made to St George's Church. The football contract had been drafted and sent to the club.

11. Accounts

The Accounts Monitoring Officer confirmed that the accounts are in order.

12. Highways update

The closure of Frating Road scheduled for 1 June had been delayed until 8 June.

13. Hare Green Playing Area

There were no issues to consider and it was agreed that this item could be removed from future agendas, with Cllr Hardy raising any concerns under his report.

14. Village Plan

Members discussed whether to commission an update of the Village Plan, last published in 2006. It was noted that Village Plans no longer carry planning weight and that, as advised by Cllr Scott, they have largely been replaced by Neighbourhood Plans. Members discussed that producing a Neighbourhood Plan would involve significant work, training, potential costs, consultation and possibly a referendum.

It was agreed that the matter would be added to the next agenda. The Clerk would prepare a briefing note, including information on potential costs, grants, training requirements, workload and examples from neighbouring parishes such as Ardleigh, Elmstead and Alresford.

15. To approve the following payments:

Staff costs	£224.10
HMRC PAYE	£149.60
Employer's NI	£76.13
Pension remittance	£550.85
Employer LGPS contribution	£220.04
LGPS – ECC Pension underpayment	£114.67
Great Bromley Village Hall	£26.00
Tuckwells – oil	£25.74
TDALC affiliation fee	£20.00
EALC/NALC affiliation fee	£398.81
Bland Landscapes – grasscutting	£280.80
Bland Landscapes – grasscutting x 2	£561.60
Carole Mander – flower tubs	£193.97

Village Maintenance team costs:	Expenses	Total
Lewis Mander		£382.26
Chris Morgan		£350.00

Grand total	£3,459.90
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The schedule of payments, totalling £3,459.90, was considered and approved. This was proposed by Cllr Mander and seconded by Cllr Hardy.

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 – Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7pm

Members were reminded that items of business for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the Clerk by Monday 29 June 2026.

Cllr Fairley closed the meeting at 9.28pm.

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