



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00PM AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

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

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

Members of the public:- 13

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 26 August 2026, previously circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Blowers **Seconded:** Cllr Mander

3. By-election result

Members noted formal notification from TDC's Returning Officer of the result of the by-election held on Thursday 3 September 2026, whereby Cllr Sands was elected as a member of Great Bromley Parish Council.

4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Sands signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was then countersigned by the Clerk.

5. 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 Sands declared a personal interest in items 7 and 9.

6. Public Participation

A resident asked whether a reply had been received to the letter sent to Sir Bernard Jenkin MP; the Clerk confirmed that no response had yet been received.

A resident congratulated Cllr Sands on her election to the Parish Council.

7. Environmental issue – fly infestation

Cllr Scott advised that no updates on the issue had been received from Tendring District Council (TDC).

Cllr Sands reported that members of the Great Bromley Fly Action Group had attended a meeting with Tendring District Council to discuss the fly issue. Two sites had been identified for further investigation, and a further meeting had been arranged for 22 September to visit these locations. It had been agreed that the Fly Action Group would act as the main point of contact.

Cllr Sands also advised that Compassion in World Farming had become involved with the group to help shape policy moving forward, including work on a new poultry-farming strategy, with the Minister for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs engaged at national level.

Cllr Scott thanked Cllr Sands for her update and expressed appreciation to her and the Fly Action Group for the work they had undertaken.

Cllr Sands further reported that Anglian Water was working on an issue at the pumping stations, with a large back up of sanitary items such as baby wipes and nappies.

8. Planning Determinations – for information only

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
26/01114/FULHH	Householder Planning Application -	Holly Lodge	Approval -

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Mrs Clare Lochore	Single-storey rear and two storey side extensions. Detached car port/games room and outdoor swimming pool.	Colchester Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TN	Full 26.08.2026
26/00948/OUT Mr Steward	Outline Planning Application (Access/Layout to be considered) - Erection of 6no. detached dwellings.	Land Fronting Ardleigh Road and Mill Lane Great Bromley CO7 7TL	Refusal - Outline 24.08.2026
26/00993/COUN OT Mr and Mrs Craven	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the conversion of an agricultural building into two residential dwelling units.	Willow Farm Hilliards Road Great Bromley CO7 7US	Prior aprv req - deemed appl approved 20.08.2026

The planning determinations were noted.

9. Planning Application

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
26/01228/FUL HH Mr Burfoot	Householder Planning Application - New front boundary wall and entrance gates. Great Bromley Parish Council objected for the following reasons: Out of keeping with the rural character and established street scene Hall Road is defined by soft, green boundary treatments such as hedges and low timber fencing. A solid brick wall would introduce a hard, urban feature that is visually intrusive, inconsistent with surrounding properties, and harmful to the rural appearance of the road. There is no precedent for brick boundary walls along Hall Road. Departure from the approved plans The original permission for the dwelling did not include a brick boundary wall. The proposal appears to follow removal of an established hedge, altering the approved boundary treatment and further eroding the rural character of the lane. Conflict with Local Plan policies The proposal does not respect local character or the established pattern of boundary treatments, contrary to policies requiring development to be sympathetic to its rural context and setting.	Grange Hall, Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TS

10. Local Plan Submission Consultation

Members noted that Tendring District Council had agreed to proceed to public consultation on the Submission Version of the Local Plan, with the consultation period commencing on 7 September 2026.

The consultation invited residents, community groups and other interested parties to submit representations on the legal compliance and soundness of the Plan. All representations made during this stage would be forwarded directly to the Planning Inspector for consideration as part of

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the formal examination process.

Parish Councils had been asked to assist by publicising the consultation locally and encouraging residents to review the documents and submit their own comments. Details, links and guidance had been published on the Parish Council's website and would be added to social media.

The Parish Council response would be discussed at the 14 October meeting.

11. Appointment of Lead Councillor for Grid Upgrade Projects

The Council considered the appointment of a lead member for matters relating to National Grid upgrade proposals affecting the parish. The role would include monitoring project updates, liaising with relevant authorities and stakeholders, and reporting back to the Council as required.

Cllr Mander volunteered to take the lead and agreed to report back to the next meeting, at which time the Council would consider whether a second councillor was needed to assist.

12. Reports

- a) County Councillor's Report – The Clerk was asked to request a report from Cllr Murray.
- b) District Councillors' Report –

Cllr Scott congratulated Cllr Sands on her election result. He reported that the Local Government Reorganisation would no longer be proceeding as previously planned, although devolution arrangements would continue. Mayoral elections were expected to take place in May 2028. He advised that an Extraordinary TDC meeting had been held on 1 September, at which a motion calling on Essex County Council to direct that Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism for all staff across schools in the District of Tendring be implemented urgently, to which all members had agreed. Cllr Scott also reported that fortnightly waste-glass collections would commence from 5 October.

- c) Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Goni reported he had been progressing the Emergency Plan.

Cllr Smith reported that deliveries of The Messenger had been completed following a new volunteer recruited last month. No Community Speedwatch sessions had been undertaken.

Cllr Blowers reported that there had been misleading reports regarding usage of the defibrillator at The Court House. He agreed to make enquiries regarding defibrillator training.

Cllr Pirie asked whether there had been any feedback from Cllr Scott regarding rubbish along the A120. Cllr Scott advised that he sat on a Waste, Recycling and Litter Working Party. It was reported that National Highways was responsible for the A120, but litter was not currently being addressed.

Cllr Mander reported fly-tipping of three discarded trailer tyres on Stone Road.

Cllr Sands reported that outreach workers and the SOS Bus would be visiting Great Bromley Village Hall to speak with young people on the dangers of nitrous oxide, with the date to be confirmed.

Cllr Fairley reported that three nitrous oxide gas cannisters had been removed from Chase Road East.

- d) Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- The Clerk reported that a thank-you message had been received from a resident regarding the recent hedge-cutting on Parsons Hill.
- It was noted that a deceased cat had been found in a shallow grave at Springhill Close; however the owner could not be identified.
- Tendring District Council had confirmed that that a further by-election had been called for by ten residents, which would take place on 22 October 2026.
- Play area inspection reports for Church Meadow and Hare Green had been received, although costings had not yet been completed.
- The Clerk advised that TDC's Code of Conduct training had been deferred following the

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announcement regarding Local Government Reform.

13. Action Sheet review and update

The actions agreed at the last meeting had been completed.

14. Accounts

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

15. Appointment of Budget Working Group

Members agreed to appoint a Budget Working Group to undertake an in-year review of the 2026/27 budget, including projected expenditure, reserves and any emerging financial pressures. The Group would also consider whether an in-year precept demand might be required under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and prepare recommendations accordingly.

The Working Group would further develop the draft budget for 2027/28 and advise on the Council's precept requirement for the next financial year. Findings and recommendations would be reported back to full Council for consideration and decision.

All members agreed to sit on the Working Group, and meeting dates would be circulated.

16. NJC Pay Award 2026/27

Members noted the National Joint Council (NJC) pay award for 2026/27, effective from 1 April 2026, which applied a 3.30% increase to all NJC pay points in accordance with Green Book Part 2, paragraph 5.41. The Clerk's salary would be updated automatically in line with the NJC award, with backpay applied from 1 April 2026.

17. Highways update

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a resident raising concerns about the deteriorating condition of Harwich Road, including missing road markings, defective signage, absent reflective studs and a number of longstanding unresolved defects recorded on the Essex Highways Track It system. The resident had requested that the Parish Council escalate the matter to Essex Highways due to the cumulative safety impact and the road's accident history.

Members noted the concerns and agreed to support the resident's request by the Clerk writing to Essex Highways seeking clarification on the outstanding enquiries and the actions proposed.

18. Hare Green Playing Area

Cllr Hardy reported that the ditches had been cleared and the grass cut. The Clerk reported that no contact had been received from the football club.

19. 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
Great Bromley Village Hall	£	26.00
Great Bromley Village Hall (ext meeting)	£	13.00
Tuckwells Invoice No. 231241 – oil	£	29.60

Village Maintenance team costs:	Expenses	Total
Lewis Mander	£30.70	£ 429.58
Chris Morgan		£ 358.75

Grand total	£	2,077.65
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Proposer: Cllr Blowers, **Seconder:** Cllr Smith.

20. Climate Change and Carbon Footprint

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

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general.

- 21. Date of next meeting – Extraordinary meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall car park.**

Cllr Sands gave her apologies for this meeting.

Members were reminded that items of business for inclusion on the October agenda should be submitted to the Clerk by Monday 5 October 2026.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8:39pm.