



Great Bromley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00PM AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

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

Also in attendance: Lizzie Ridout (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public:- 1

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Goni, Hardy and Sands.

2. **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.

3. **By-election – arrangements and issue of poll cards**

The Clerk advised that notification had been received from Tendring District Council (TDC) confirming that a by-election would be held in the parish on Thursday 22 October 2026. The Council was required to decide whether to issue poll cards to all electors in the parish (over 900 registered voters). The estimated cost of printing and posting poll cards was approximately £1,100. The total cost of the election would be around £500 if uncontested, rising to approximately £2,500 if contested.

As this expenditure had not been included in the current budget, the Council noted that a second contested election would require a review of planned spending and potential reductions elsewhere, as TDC's invoice would need to be paid within three months.

Members discussed the implications of not issuing poll cards, noting that while they were not legally required, failing to issue them risked some electors being unaware of the election. It was agreed that issuing poll cards was the most appropriate course of action.

RESOLVED: To request TDC to issue poll cards in the event of a contested by-election.

Proposed: Cllr Mander **Seconded:** Cllr Smith **All in favour.**

4. **Date of next meeting – Wednesday 14 October 2026**

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

The meeting closed at 7:01pm.