



**Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, held at  
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay  
on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 7:00pm**

**Present:** -

Councillor Dear (Chair)  
Councillor A Boyce  
Councillor R Jackson  
Councillor L Thomas (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Sarbutt

**Also in attendance:** -

Mrs Mylène Linwood, Clerk & RFO to the Village Council

**25/53 Apologies**

Apologies had been received Cllr Cowles and Cllr Crowe

**25/54 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

**25/55 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, were received, and duly signed by the Chair of the meeting as a true record of the meeting

**25/56 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters, which are of mutual interest. No decisions to be made.**

No members of the public were present.

**25/57**

The following payments were unanimously approved:

Month	Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
April	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk salary March 2025	<b>£804.44</b>
April	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk reimbursement for EE data connection for CCTV. (12 March to 11 April 2025	<b>£17.38</b>
April	Cheque	South Green Memorial Hall	Hall hire costs – February-March 2025	<b>£115.50</b>
April	Cheque	DPJ Electrical Services	Completion of electrical work for installation of defibrillator cabinet	<b>£270.00</b>
April	Cheque	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk expenses – Cllr gift	<b>£30.00</b>
April	Cheque	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk expenses – Stamps	<b>£13.20</b>
April	Cheque	Mrs M Linwood	Home working allowance Q4 – Jan, Feb, Mar 2025	<b>£200.00</b>
April	Cheque	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk expenses: HRMC Employer PAYE & National Insurance 2024-25	<b>£33.81</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£821.82</b>

The Village Council's bank accounts balances on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 are:

Current Account - £82,075.97

Savings Account: £50,748.79

It was noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of the precept of £16,240.65 had been received on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

## 25/58 Councillor Vacancies

No further enquiries or applications had been received. Advertising of the vacancy will continue.

## 25/59

### Planning Applications

Planning App. Ref	Address	Planning Request	Comments
25/00187/FULL	8 Mill Road, Billericay	Single storey rear extension	No objection
24/00980/OUT	Land South of London Rd	Demolition of existing buildings; Outline planning permission (all matters reserved except means of access) for the erection of up to 130 dwellings (Use Class C3) (including market and affordable dwellings) with access, parking, public open space and associated landscaping and infrastructure works	<p>The Village Council OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:</p> <p><b>Loss of green belt land</b>  The government states that the “fundamental aim” of the green belt “is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open” around urban areas, and to preserve the character of existing settlements and encourage development within existing built-up areas. The excessive scale of proposed planning applications for this area will certainly create an urbanising effect on what is currently open countryside and therefore completely change the character of the existing settlement.</p> <p>Cumulative effect with other development sites:  The cumulative effect of the all the other large planning applications around Billericay must be considered when this application is reviewed.</p> <p>The continued process of reviewing housing development applications in isolation of each other, is leading to a disastrous outcome for the future of Billericay and the surrounding area.</p> <p>The deluge of applications already approved will put additional pressure on the services in the area , to add another large housing development to this will only add to the problem.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure:</b>  Billericay and the surrounding areas cannot accommodate any more residents without the proper provision of infrastructure. The schools are all already either over-subscribed or at capacity, dentists are no longer taking on anymore NHS patients and the doctors’ surgeries will not be able to accept any further new patients after the closure of one surgery in March 2025.</p> <p><b>Roads and congestions:</b>  The road networks in and around Billericay are regularly congested and at a standstill. The addition of more homes and more residents is going to add to the congestion issues and make travelling around</p>

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			Billericay impossible.  <b>Environmental impact:</b> The emissions from all the extra vehicles that this development would bring, will affect the air quality for residents across Billericay with potential to cause health issues.
25/00217/FULL	16 Windmill Heights, Billericay	Proposed front dormer	The Council was not against the installation of a dormer, it was discussed that as the proposed design was not subservient to the roof, it would be out of keeping with the street scene.
25/00153/FULL	1 Post Meadow, Billericay	Retrospective application for the installation of Air Source Heat Pump to first floor side elevation	No objection, providing there are no objections from the neighbouring properties and the pump has an acoustic shroud.

### Local Plan Consultation Part 2:

It was noted the deadline for comments for Part 2 of the public consultation is 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Cllr Dear is to compose a response on behalf of the Village Council. Members to send anything they wish to be included to Cllr Dear.

### 25/60 Village Council Meeting with MP Richard Holden

Members and the Clerk are to attend a meeting in April.

### 25/61 Open Consultation Greater Essex Devolution

The consultation seeks view on a proposal to form a Mayoral Combined County Authority for the local government areas of Essex County Council, Thurrock Council and Southend-on-Sea City Council. It is open for comments until 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and all are encouraged to add their comments.

### 25/62 Closure of Santander Bank in Billericay High Street

The closure of this bank marks the closure of the last bank in Billericay High Street, as well as being the bank of the Village Council. Cllr Dear updated Members that Cash Access (who also run Billericay Post Office) will be organising a Banking Hub. Santander Bank will not close the branch until the Banking Hub is up and running.

### 25/63 Basildon Borough Council Liaison Meeting

Cllr Dear attended the meeting on behalf of the Village Council and as the Chair of the Association of Basildon Local Councils. Members of Local Councils were given the opportunity to put forward questions to Cllr Gavin Calahan, Leader of Basildon Council.

### 25/64 South Green Shopping Parade Car Park

The Clerk has contacted Cllr Moore regarding replacing the damaged bollards and the resurfacing of the car park and awaits a response.

The Clerk also updated Members that following several outages of the CCTV system, it has been determined that a part needs replacing. All agreed to give the Clerk approval to proceed with the purchase of the part to a budget of £1000.

### 25/65 Additional car parking at South Green Shopping parade

The Village Council is keen to make improvements to the car parking facilities at the shopping parade and a request has been put on the Facebook page asking if any residents have professional knowledge in this area to get in contact.

Cllr Dear suggested she write to Basildon Council as the Chair of the Council to try to resolve the outstanding request to have the recycling point removed and parking put in its place.

The Clerk is to write to Essex Highways to request assistance to improve the parking facilities and support the local shops.

### 25/66 Compactor Bin – Grange Road

The bin has now been repaired following the incident of being hit by a delivery lorry.

**25/67 Benches at Kennel Lane/Selworthy Close**

Following debate of the merits and disadvantages of re-installing one of the removed broken benches on the greensward it was suggested that the Clerk write to the residents closest this area to receive their views on the matter.

Cllr Jackson volunteered to deliver the letters.

**25/68 Village Council/St Mary Magdalene Church Fete- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

The working party met again on 9<sup>th</sup> April and arrangements for the event continue.

Cllr Jackson agreed to organise prizes for the Grand Draw and ask volunteers to run the Grand Draw on the day of the event.

**25/69 Greensward opposite Stockwell Close**

The Clerk awaits further correspondence from Essex Highways to see if evidence of the parking problem has been documented.

**25/70 South Green Memorial Hall – VE Day Anniversary Celebration – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Cllrs to liaise over email by next week to see if enough Cllrs would be available to man a stall at the event.

**25/71 Training**

There were no requests for training.

**25/72 Social Media**

The following suggestions were put forward as possible ideas to add to the Village Council's social media pages:

- Meeting with MP Richard Holden
- Village Councillor Vacancy
- Summer Fete

**25/51 Date of the next meetings -**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2025,**

**25/52 Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 8:42pm

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**Minutes agreed and approved:**

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....