



**Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council meeting, held at  
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present: -**

Councillor M Dear – Chair  
Councillor A Boyce  
Councillor B Chapman  
Councillor L Cowles  
Councillor S Crowe  
Councillor L Thomas

**Also in attendance: -**

Mrs Mylène Linwood, Clerk & RFO to the Village Council

**24/63 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jackson.

**24/64 Declarations of Interest & Register of Members Interests**

No declaration were received.

**24/65 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were received, and duly signed by the Chair of the meeting as a true record of the meeting

**24/66 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters, which are of mutual interest. No decisions to be made.**

**24/67 Finance**

The following payments were unanimously approved:

| Month | Cheque No      | Payee         | Description   | Amount          |
|-------|----------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| April | Standing Order | Mrs M Linwood | Clerk salary March 2024   | <b>£766.22</b>  |
| April | Standing Order | Mrs M Linwood | Clerk reimbursement for EE data connection for CCTV. (11 March – 12 April 2024) | <b>£16.10</b>   |
| April | 022588         | Mrs M Linwood | Clerk Home Working Allowance Q4 (Jan, Feb, Mar 2024)                            | <b>£200.00</b>  |
| April | 022589         | Mrs M Linwood | Clerk expenses: Fun Day 2024 – Face painter deposit                             | <b>£30.00</b>   |
|       |                |               | <b>Total</b>  | <b>£1012.32</b> |

**24/68 Planning Applications**

| Planning App. Ref | Address               | Planning Request  | Comments   |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| 24/00146/FULL     | 7 Outwood Common Road | Construction of a new dwellinghouse with car parking and amenity space, | The Village Council have severe road safety concerns regarding this application. The vehicles leaving the site would need to |

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|-------------------|---|--|--|
|                   | Billericay Essex<br>CM11 2NH  | the demolition of rear garage, a proposed vehicular crossover and a single storey rear extension to existing dwellinghouse   | reverse onto a busy main road which is already hazardous enough, but in addition to this the suggested dropped kerb would be extremely close to the bus stop and busy junction.  |
| 24/00332/FULL     | 4 The Hoe<br>Billericay Essex<br>CM12 9XB                             | Alterations to previously approved drawings: 21/00544/FULL with changes to elevations, including new chimney, alterations to fenestration, porch and final finishes details. New landscaping, steps and side privacy screen onto No. 3, new front wall and gates with alterations to crossover | No objection   |
| 24/00301/FULL     | Grimshill Farm<br>House Southend<br>Road Great<br>Burstead Billericay | Development of 4 affordable dwellings -  | Objection due to the following concerns:<br>1) This is greenbelt land and it is the Village Council's policy to oppose further building on greenbelt land.<br>2) The exit/entry point off the A129 (Southend Road) to the site will cause traffic concerns as the volume of vehicles leaving and entering the site will be far in excess of current usage. The A129 is a very busy road used by buses and other heavy vehicles in addition to cars. The site may cause congestion at this point when traffic is entering and leaving the site.<br>3) This is overdevelopment at the frontage of an existing property.<br>4) Flooding has always been a problem in this area with water running off. The additional hard standing at the site could cause extra flooding problems so much so that attenuation tanks, may not be able to cope with the extra water run-off.<br>5) This application was previously refused and other than the exclusion of dormer windows no other significant changes have been made to this application to overcome the many concerns raised. |

#### **24/69 Land North of Kennel Lane, Billericay**

It was noted that a letter had been sent to the Council from Hill Residential confirming the submission to Basildon Planning Authority of the application for reserved matters, however Members had not been able to find the application on the Planning portal. The Clerk was asked to ask the Planning Officer for the application number and planning request.

#### **24/70 Notice of Election – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

The Elections taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 were noted and that nomination papers must be submitted by 4pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### **24/71 Tyrells Road – Flood Prevention Works**

No further update had been received on this matters from residents or Essex County Council.

#### **24/72 Housing Developments within and surrounding the parish of Great Burstead and South Green.**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a letter sent by MP John Baron in response to the Village Council's letter raising concerns on the multiple housing development planning applications being submitted to Basildon Council. Mr Baron said he "*shares the concerns of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, particularly in relation to infrastructure and 'big ticket' items such as medical and dental provision, education settings and transport links.*

*However, as you may be aware, planning is a devolved matter for the local Council and your elected Councillors, who are best placed to ensure that the needs of the local community are met. It remains my belief that planning decision should be made on a local basis, by those who have to live with the results.*"

Members were grateful to Mr Baron for his sympathetic response and instructed the Clerk to reply expressing that the Village Council concerns continue to go unrepresented by Basildon Council. When important elements of resident's daily lives that will be affected by these housing developments, such as road safety or lack of doctors are raised, the planning authority fail to address these valid concerns, deferring them as not their remit and directing the Village Council towards the Highways department or the NHS.

It was felt that the decisions made by the planning authority are made by those who do not live within the parish and do not have any interest in our local area.

#### **24/73 St Mary Magdalen Great Burstead Church Summer Event – 15th – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

Further discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting as we await to hear if Cllr Jackson had a resident interested in making a flower display for the event. Members expressed an interest in attending the event.

#### **24/74 Family Fun Day 2024 – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Further entertainment bookings were discussed, it was agreed to continue to work with the same company as last year but to add further sporting activities for children to participate in.

Cllr Dear had made enquiries about suitable outdoor banners and had circulated images of possible models. It was agreed to take advice from Crystal Print on the best models and go ahead with the purchase.

The chosen charity remains to be decided upon.

#### **24/75 Great Burstead Cemetery Theft Awareness Notice**

The quote to have a new warning sign installed in the cemetery car park is still awaited. The Clerk will continue to chase up on this matter.

#### **24/76 Placement of Bollards around the Parking Bay at South Green Parade of Shops - Tescos to Tylers Estates**

No further update.

#### **21/77 Road safety – Hickstars Lane service road**

The Clerk gave the update that Essex Highways had conducted an assessment and due to the road being relatively short in length and the parked cars it would not be possible to carry out a speed survey and therefore could not put in place any speed calming measures.

The faded road markings have also been reported, however Cllr Moore noted that unfortunately these probably will not get done any sooner than Essex Highway's normal repainting cycle.

#### **24/78 South Green Recycling Point Removal**

There continues to be no results on the public consultation on the removal of the recycling point, or conclusion from Basildon Council

#### **24/79 Defibrillator Government Grant**

The Clerk met with DPJ who will be fitting the defibrillator to discuss the best suited locations. The outside wall of the Doctors surgery was put forward as the best location if the building owner would be agreeable to this, however the Clerk will continue to liaise with the other shop owners to find a position for the equipment to be installed.

#### **24/80 King Charles' III Official Portrait**

South Green Memorial Hall Committee have kindly agreed to have the portrait of HM King Charles III hanging in the main hall. This will be arranged once it has been delivered.

**24/81 Training**

No requests were received.

**24/82 Social Media**

The following suggestions were put forward as possible ideas to add to the Village Council Twitter page:

- Letter to MP John Baron regarding excessive and unwarranted housing developments in the parish.
- Defibrillator at South Green Shopping Parade.
- Great Burstead Church Flower event – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Family Fun Day – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Continue to support residents in Tyrells Road.
- HM King Charles III portrait

**24/83 Date of the next meetings -**

It was raised by Cllr Chapman that the date of the next meeting would be before the local elections and so therefore it may be advisable to adjust the meeting date. All agreed to move the meeting date to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 subject to the hall having availability. The Clerk is to check the availability and confirm.

8<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**24/84 Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 8:24pm



**Minutes agreed and approved:**

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....