



**Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: -

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

Also in attendance: -

Mrs Mylène Linwood, Clerk & RFO to the Village Council

23/21 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

23/22 Declarations of Interest & Register of Members Interests

No declarations were submitted.

23/23 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 4th January 2022, were received, agreed with one correction on the attendance list and duly signed by the Chair of the meeting as a true record of the meeting

23/24 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters, which are of mutual interest. No decisions to be made.

No member of public attended the meeting.

23/25 Finance

The following payments were unanimously approved:

Month	Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
February	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk salary January 2022	£705.55
February	022505	SLCC	Annual membership renewal	£146.00
February	022506	Mr R Jackson	Cllr Expenses – Travel & parking expenses for new Cllr 2 day training course at EALC	£57.40
February	022507	EALC	Cllr Jackson 2 Day Councillor training course December 2022	£216.00
			Total	£1124.95

The Village Council bank balances on 1st February 2023 were:

Current account: £71,073.60 and Savings account: £49,673.57

23/26 Planning Applications

Planning App. Ref	Address	Planning Request	Comments
22/01803/FULL	26 Noak Hill Road, Great Burstead	Proposed two storey front extension and construction of detached outbuilding in rear garden	No objection, although it was noted that the use of the outbuilding was not noted on the plans.
22/01751/FULL	21 Outwood Common Road, Billericay	Detached summer house/gym situated at rear of garden (part retrospective)	No objection
23/00022/FULL	63 Grange Road, Billericay	Single storey front and rear extensions, two storey side extension	No objection
22/01050/FULL	19 St Agnes Road, Billericay	Proposed two storey side extension	No objection
22/01806/FULL	64 Noak Hill Road, Great Burstead	First floor rear balcony, new wall and metal fence with gate to the front of the site	No objection
23/00063/FULL	107 Church Street Billericay Essex CM11 2TR	Single storey side/rear extension, single storey front extension to existing integrated garage with pitched roof over -	No objection
23/00080/FULL	17 The Redinge Billericay Essex CM11 2QH	Replacement single storey rear extension -	No objection
23/00106/FULL	1 Lorraine Close Billericay Essex CM11 2QG	Proposed replacement of conservatory with single storey rear and side extension, addition of rear and front dormer and rooflights including demolition of existing garage -	No objection

23/27 Councillor Vacancy

No applications had yet been received. The advertising of the casual vacancy of Councillor to be filled by co-option will continue.

23/28 Christmas Lights 2023 – South Green

The full proposal for the 2023 light display is awaited.

23/29 Christmas Lights 2023 – Great Burstead

A vote was held for all those in favour of enquiring about putting Christmas lights on the trees near the Great Burstead Village Sign. The result was: 5 – for, 1 – abstention

Clerk is to make enquires with At Last Events and report back to Council with a quote.

23/30 Basildon Borough Council Local Plan – Focus group

Cllrs Dear, Boyce, Cowles, Crowe and Thomas all agreed to be involved in the focus group. Further information on meeting dates are awaited from Basildon Council.

23/31 South Green Memorial Hall Coffee Morning – Sunday 29th January 2023 – 10am – 12pm

Thanks were given to the Cllrs Cowles, Dear and Thomas for attending the event to represent the Village Council. The event was held to give visitors the opportunity to see the facilities available for hire and for the local groups held in the hall to advertise, such as the Women's Institute and Grenfell Pre-school.

23/32 Replacement bench – Passingham Park

It was agreed to write a letter to the residents living closest to Passingham Park to consult with them before the Council considers replacing the bench in the park that is now worn and broken. Residents have previously experienced and informed the Council of problems with anti-social behavior in the park. It was raised that replacing the bench may encourage this area to be used as an area for offenders of anti-social behavior to gather.

23/33 No. 9 & No. 300 Bus Routes

The Clerk had received a response from First Essex Bus Company regarding these routes providing the timetable. It was felt that further correspondence with the bus company was needed to clarify and confirm that there are no plans to reduce or remove these routes in the future.

23/34 Jubilee Trees, South Green Village Green

Cllr Boyce and the Clerk met with a member of staff and contractor from Basildon Council to discuss the relocation of the trees. The trees are scheduled to be moved within the next 5 weeks and location was assessed to ensure continued health of the current trees as well as the trees being moved.

The two dying conifer trees are to be removed at the same time.

Basildon Council will be able to provide watering for the trees during the summer.

23/35 Wooden Bollards on Village Green, Grange Road

Cllr Jackson had reported that some of the bollards along the Village Green and Grange Road have become dislodged. The Village Council proposed to straighten/replace the bollards and the Clerk is to report back with a quote for the work. All present also approved Cllr Boyce's suggestion of the addition of reflective markers on the bollards to make them more visible to drivers at night.

23/36 Billericay Community Event – 24th March 2023

Members expressed an interest in the Village Council having a presence at the event, which is being sponsored by Billericay Town Council. Clerk to inform the Billericay Town Clerk and Cllrs attending to be confirmed at the next Village Council meeting.

23/37 South Green Recycling Point Removal

The public consultation regarding the removal of the recycling point is now live on the 31 January 2023 and will be open until 28 February 2023. Following receiving numerous reports and complaints of excessive litter, noise disturbance and anti-social behavior at the recycling point, the Village Council having been working with Basildon Council to resolve the problem. Basildon Council's waste collection services have changed over the years and recycling of many items is now available via a kerbside collection. The removal of the recycling point seeks to avoid the problems it is causing for residents and proposes that the space could be repurposed as additional parking spaces for customers of the South Green shopping parade.

The survey can be accessed via Basildon Council website: www.basildon.gov.uk/SouthGreenConsultation.

All are encouraged to complete the short survey to share their views on the future of the recycling area.

For those unable to complete the survey online please call 01268 533 333 for assistance.

23/38 Garage Refuse Southend Road

The Clerk has now received a response from the garage management company and is in correspondence with them regarding the schedule of the emptying of the bins on the fuel station forecourt.

23/39 Placement of Bollards around the Parking Bay at South Green Parade of Shops - Tescos to Tylers Estates

The Chair proposed the suggestion of installing bollards on the pavement to stop vehicles mounting the kerb and obstructing the pavement in front of the shops. All agreed to proceed with the idea and that the Village Council could consider part funding the project for the safety of residents.

Clerk to contact Cllr Moore to raise this with the Highways.

23/40 20's Plenty Road Speed Reduction Campaign

The Clerk continues to correspond with the campaign organisers to schedule a Zoom meeting with them.

23/41 Fun Day 2023 – The King’s Coronation - 8th May 2023

The working party held its first planning meeting on 18th January 2023. It had been decided the chosen charity to be beneficiary of the event was St Luke’s Hospice. The format is to be the same as the 2022 Fun Day and the same suppliers are being contacted for availability and quotes.

If anyone would like to get involved in the Fun Day please contact the Clerk or Cllr Crowe.

23/42 Basildon Council Housing Strategy 2023-28 Stakeholder Event

Thanks were given to Cllrs Dear, Boyce and Cowles for attending the event. They reported back that the core topic of the event was on the plans for social housing in the borough.

23/43 Training

No training requests were made.

23/44 Social Media

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

- South Green Recycling point public consultation.
- Cllr Vacancy
- Repairs to wooden bollards
- Proposed new safety bollards on pavement in front of shops
- Rural Crime event on 10th March
- Proposed Christmas lights at Great Burstead

23/45 Date of the next meetings -

1st March 2023, 5th April 2023, 3rd May 2023, 7th June 2023, 5th July 2023

Note: The normal meeting start time will now be 7pm (Minute ref: 22/42)

23/46 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

Minutes agreed and approved:

Signed:

Date: