



**Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council meeting, held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 8:00 p.m.**

Present: -

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

Also in attendance: -

Mrs Mylène Linwood, Clerk & RFO to the Village Council
Residents from Tyrells Road.

24/20 Apologies

No apologies were received

24/21 Declarations of Interest & Register of Members Interests

No declaration were received.

24/22 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 3rd January 2024 were received, and duly signed by the Chair of the meeting as a true record of the meeting

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

Residents from Tyrells Road attended the meeting to explain their distress at the latest situation following the flood preventions works that were carried out by Essex County Council in the road in 2023. The planted rain garden area had recently been sprayed with industrial weed killer leading to the area looking in a terrible state and residents felt that prior warning should have been given to keep pets and children safe from the area. The raised edging of the rain garden has also led to several residents tripping and falling. Overall, there have not actually been any improvements to the flooding issues, and new pools of water are forming in places they did not prior to the works.

Residents explained they have continued to contact Essex Flood Department but only receive a standard response back. The Chair advised that further complaints must be made to try to get a resolution to both the visual amenity of the road and the flooding issues. Cllr Crowe suggested contacting the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman. Residents felt strongly that Cllr Moore as Cllr for Burstead Ward and County Councillor for the Billericay & Burstead Division should come to visit the road and help residents. Clerk to contact Cllr Moore and assist the residents with their efforts where possible.

Prior to the meeting a resident from Church Street had contacted the Clerk wishing to make an official complaint regarding the new refuse collection system. She explained she had several missed collections, which she reported but to no result. Hers and her neighbours' bags had also often flown around the street. The residents of Tyrells Road present at the meeting agreed with these comments.

Members noted the complaint and sympathised with the resident's discontentment of the new recycling service.

24/24 Society of Local Council Clerks Membership

It was unanimously agreed to renew the membership to the SLCC.

24/25 Finance

The following payments were unanimously approved:

Month	Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
February	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk salary January 2024	£766.22
February	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk reimbursement for EE data connection for CCTV. (11 Jan – 10 Feb 2024)	£16.10
February		EDF	Electricity bill for festive lighting 2023	£160.76
February		SLCC	Annual membership fee Feb 2024 – Jan 2025	£148.00
February		SLCC	Annual subscription renewal	£148.00
February		Billericay Nurseries	Winter planting & root barrier installation at Church Street flower bed	
			Total	£

The invoice from Billericay Nurseries was an addition to the February finance received after the publication of the agenda, all agreed to process payment to pay within the required time frame.

The Village Council current account balance on 7th February 2024 is: £71, 711.85 and savings account balance is: £50, 138.35

24/26 Planning Applications

Planning App. Ref	Address	Planning Request	Comments
23/01554/FULL	7 Margeth Road Billericay Essex CM12 9UT	Front hip to gable roof alteration, conversion and alterations of existing garage to habitable space and erection of single storey side and rear extension -	No objection
24/00038/FULL	13 Mill Road Billericay Essex CM11 2SF	Single storey rear extension	No objection
24/00005/FULL	5 St Agnes Road Billericay Essex CM12 9UR	First floor rear extension, alteration to fenestration (including Juliet balcony) and insertion of rooflights	No objection
24/00027/FULL	One Stop 12 Grange Parade Grange Road Billericay	Change of use from Newsagent to Take away pizza shop and installation of extraction flue	The Village Council has no objection to the change of use of this premises, however would like to request that careful consideration is taken to minimise noise pollution from the extraction flue as there are residential properties nearby.
24/00004/OUT	Land South Of London Road Billericay Essex	Hybrid planning application comprising detailed planning permission for a new food store (Use Class E) with access, car parking, landscaping and other associated works; and outline planning permission (all matters reserved except means of access) for the	The Village Council object to this application for the following reasons: 1) causing the loss of more green belt land in the area.

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		erection of up to 130 dwellings (Use Class C3) (including market, affordable and self-build/custom build dwellings) with access, parking, public open space and associated landscaping and infrastructure works.	<p>2) No additional infrastructure such as doctors/schools etc... has not been planned which will put more strain on the already stretch resources.</p> <p>3) New food store will attract more vehicles to an already busy road causing more pollution in the area and possible road safety issues.</p> <p>The Village Council has grave concerns that this application will be reviewed in insolation which does not allow for an informed decision taking into account the other multiple planning applications on land nearby, accumulating to at least another 366 homes and a loss of hundreds of hectares of green belt land</p>

24/27 Housing Developments within and surrounding the parish of Great Burstead and South Green.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had shared a draft of a letter to MP John Baron to raise the concerns of the deluge of housing developments both proposed and approved within and surrounding the parish, without any plans for improvements to infrastructure and at the loss of green belt land. Following a few amendments to be made the Clerk is to send the letter to MP John Baron and Cllrs Baggot, Blake, and Moore.

24/28 Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation

Thanks were given to Cllr Crowe for explaining to all some of the finer details of the consultation. The Village Council have no official comment to make on the consultation.

24/29 Naming of 5 Roads on the Southend Road Development

It was decided the names should have a theme based on the history of the green at South Green where archery was practiced on a Sunday by men/boys during Tudor times. The following ideas were put forward:

Archer (Close/Way/Road)	Longbowman (Close/Way/Road) - an archer who uses a longbow
Bow (Close/Way/Road)	Bowman (Close/Way/Road) - an archer
Bracer (Close/Way/Road) - an arm-guard	Fletcher (Close/Way/Road) - an arrow maker
Quiver (Close/Way/Road) - a container for carrying arrows	Yew (Close/Way/Road) - the wood used to make a bow

24/30 Parish Council Elections 5th May 2024

The forthcoming elections were noted and the Clerks advised of a briefing session being held for candidates by Basildon Council on Tuesday 5th March 6 - 7pm via Microsoft Team.

24/31 Family Fun Day 2024

The date confirmed for the 2024 event is Saturday 6th July with a budget unanimously agreed as £7,000.

24/32 Great Burstead Cemetery Theft Awareness Notice

The quote to have a new warning sign installed in the cemetery car park is still awaited.

24/33 Placement of Bollards around the Parking Bay at South Green Parade of Shops - Tescos to Tylers Estates

The latest update received is that the engineers are checking the underground STATS. The Design Team Leader is due to visit the site.

21/34 Road safety – Hickstars Lane service road

Members discussed the concerns for safety along this stretch of road following reports of vehicles travelling along here. Cllrs also raised the concern that some vehicles are entering the shopping parade car park from the wrong entrance due to the road markings being worn away. The Clerk had contacted Essex Highways and been advised that a speed survey would need to be carried out (at a cost of £400). Clerk to contact Cllr Moore to request traffic calming measures be investigated and all agreed that the Village Council could help finance these road safety improvements.

24/35 South Green Recycling Point Removal

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

24/36 Defibrillator Government Grant

The Clerk is working on finding a suitable location to install the defibrillator along South Green Shopping Parade.

24/37 Proposed Closure of Billericay Police Station

All comments have been sent to the Chief Officer Team to be reviewed and considered.

24/38 Councillor Vacancy

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

24/39 Training

No requests were received.

24/40 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.
- Cllr Vacancy
- New road names for Southend Road housing development
- Family Fun Day – 6th July 2024
- Tyrells Road residents let down by Essex County Council Flood Team.

24/41 Date of the next meetings -

7th February 2024, 6th March 2024

24/42 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9:04pm

Minutes agreed and approved:

Signed:

Date: