



**Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council meeting, held at  
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay  
on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7:00 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

**24/41 Apologies**

No apologies were received

**24/42 Declarations of Interest & Register of Members Interests**

No declaration were received.

**24/43 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were received, and duly signed by the Chair of the meeting as a true record of the meeting

**24/44 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters, which are of mutual interest. No decisions to be made.**

A resident had spoken with Cllr Cowles prior to the meeting to express that the youth shelter on the Village Green was looking in a poor state and in need of repainting. The Clerk was asked to contact Basildon Council to see what could be done.

**24/45 Finance**

The following payments were unanimously approved:

Month	Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
March	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk salary February 2024	<b>£766.22</b>
March	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk reimbursement for EE data connection for CCTV. (11 Feb – 10 March 2024)	<b>£16.10</b>
March	022584	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk expenses: Book of 8 stamps	<b>£10.80</b>
March	022585	London Hearts	Defibrillator – match funding purchase	<b>£750.00</b>
March	022586	Basildon Borough Council	The supply & installation of a new goal post and bench at Passingham Park	<b>£2702.21</b>
March	022587	DPJ Electrical	CCTV 6 monthly maintenance	<b>£115.80</b>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£4361.13</b>

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

#### 24/46 Planning Applications

Planning App. Ref	Address	Planning Request	Comments
23/01347/FULL	101 Grange Road Billericay Essex CM11 2RL	Demolition of an existing bungalow and double garage. Construction of two new detached dwellinghouses, layout parking and amenity space -	Objection - Due to the proposed plans being overdevelopment of the site, out of keeping with the street scene and would over look neighbouring properties.
24/00107/FULL	29 Nuthatch Close Billericay Essex CM11 2PQ	Single storey side extension (attached to rear of existing garage)	No objection
24/00114/FULL	20 St Agnes Road Billericay Essex CM12 9UR	Proposed extensions to rear, new roof to accommodate habitable space inclusive of balconies/terrace and rooflights, alterations to elevations, new detached garage at rear -	Objection due to concerns that the elevations and balcony will be intrusive and will overlook the neighbouring property.
19/01725/OUT	Land North Of London Road Billericay Essex	Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except access for the development of the site to provide up to 480 new homes, with primary access from London Road and secondary access from Mountnessing Road, with associated infrastructure, landscaping, open space and drainage -	<p>Objection due to:</p> <p><b><u>Loss of green belt land</u></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><b><u>Cumulative effect with other development sites:</u></b> The cumulative effect of the all the other large planning applications around Billericay must be considered when this application is reviewed. 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. The deluge of applications already approved will put pressure on the services in the area such as doctors, hospitals, dentists, schools, to add another large housing development to this will only add to the problem.</p> <p><b><u>Roads and congestions:</u></b></p>

Planning App. Ref	Address	Planning Request	Comments
			<p>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 Billericay impossible.</p> <p><b><u>Environmental impact:</u></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.</p>

#### **24/47 Tyrells Road – Flood Prevention Works**

Following the last meeting residents had approached The Echo newspaper about the situation and an article was published.

The Clerk shared with members an email response received by Cllr Moore advising that the Capital Programme Team are working on making improvements to the site. The Clerk had also been liaising with one of the residents who gave an update that a Essex County Council had come to speak with residents at the site and are making plans to modify the raingardens. We await to hear what the new designs will be and the time scale of when works will be carried out.

#### **24/48 Housing Developments within and surrounding the parish of Great Burstead and South Green.**

The Clerk had received acknowledgement of receipt of the letter from MP John Baron.

Cllr Dear raised that she had attended a Local Councils Liaison meeting and was very disappointed at the continued process of reviewing the housing development applications in isolation of each other. Basildon Council as the Planning Authority has a responsibility to protect its residents, and sadly the Council is totally focused on reaching the housing targets set by Government rather than thinking about the dramatic changes to our landscape these large developments will make. Only 450 people took part in the Local Plan survey sent out by Basildon Council last year, this is not a true representation of people views. It was felt by Members that the Public no longer have faith in taking part in consultations when people's views are not actually taken into account.

#### **24/49 St Mary Magdalen Great Burstead Church Summer Event – 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

Members discuss the change of the event from a fete to the flower display and will consider if a display could be put together and who would like to attend the event.

#### **24/50 Naming of new road on Maitland Lodge housing development**

The ideas put forward were Maitland Muse for the road and Maitland Lodge for the apartment block.

#### **24/51 Family Fun Day 2024 – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Prior to the meeting Cllr Crowe had shared out some organisational tasks. Update were given on the booking of stalls and entertainment. A theme was discussed and the 2025 Olympics was agreed.

The chosen charity remains to be decided upon. Members were asked to research local charities for discussion at the next meeting. It was agreed that new banners need to be purchased.

#### **24/52 Great Burstead Cemetery Theft Awareness Notice**

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

#### **24/53 Placement of Bollards around the Parking Bay at South Green Parade of Shops - Tescos to Tylers Estates**

Following the last meeting the Clerk had contacted the team working on the project to inform them Cllr Jackson would be happy to meet with them on site.

#### **21/54 Road safety – Hickstars Lane service road**

The Clerk had written to Cllr Moore regarding the Council's concerns and was awaiting a response.

**24/55 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

**24/56 Defibrillator Government Grant**

The Clerk is liaising with the shop keepers along the parade of shops to find a location.

**24/57 Councillor Vacancy**

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

**24/58 Training**

No requests were received.

**24/59 King Charles' III Official Portrait**

The Chair explained that all local councils are being offered a portrait of HM King Charles III, and if the Council wished to take up this opportunity a suitable location needed to be found to display it. South Green Memorial Hall Committee had been asked if it could be displayed within the premises and the committee had suggested it could be placed in the Committee room. Members agreed to the ordering of the portrait and discussed that suitable locations would be within the main hall of South Green Memorial Hall or at St Mary Magdalen Church.

The Clerk is to make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

**24/60 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

**24/61 Date of the next meetings -**

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024, 1st May, 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.

**24/62 Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 8:21pm

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**Minutes agreed and approved:**

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....