



**Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: -

Councillor M Dear – Chair
Councillor A Boyce
Councillor L Cowles
Councillor D Sarbutt
Councillor L Thomas

Also in attendance: -

Mrs Mylène Linwood, Clerk & RFO to the Village Council
Two officers from Basildon Borough Council Waste Collection Team

24/151 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor S Crowe and Councillor R Jackson.

24/152 Declarations of Interest & Register of Members Interests

No declarations were received.

24/153 Minutes

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

24/154 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters, which are of mutual interest. No decisions to be made.

Item 9 on the agenda was brought forward by the Chair.

24/155 Basildon Borough Council Waste Collection Consultation

Members were pleased to welcome two representatives from Basildon Borough Council Waste Collection team who shared information on the purpose of the current public survey and the possible changes that may be put in place. For example: Will the black sack collection continue as fortnightly? Will the recycling bags be redesigned? The public survey is open until 29th September 2024 and residents are encouraged to take part to share their views. The survey is available online: <https://basildon.gov.uk/article/10076/Basildon-Council-Waste-Consultation-2024> or paper copies are also available at local libraries.

Cllr Thomas entered the meeting at 7:12pm

24/156 Finance

The following payments were unanimously approved:

Month	Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
August	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk salary July 2024	£766.22
August	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk reimbursement for EE data connection for	£17.38

			CCTV. (10 July – 11 August 2024)	
September	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk salary August 2024	£766.22
September	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk reimbursement for EE data connection for CCTV. (12 August – 11 September 2024)	£17.38
September	022610	First Aid Cover Ltd	Family Fun Day: First Aid Cover	£550.00
September	022611	Billericay Nurseries	Flower bed watering – Summer 2024	£576.00
September	022612	Vision ICT Ltd	Annual fee for email hosting	£240.00
September	022613	ABLC	Annual subscription	£20.00
September	022614	Vision ICT Ltd	New email account set up for Cllr Sarbutt	£6.00
			Total	£2959.20

The Village Council bank balances on 11th September 2024: current account: £67838.85 and savings account: £50,444.05.

The Clerk shared a quote provided by DPJ to carry out work to repair the CCTV cameras. The quote to install and supply 1 x monitor with mounting bracket is £1296.00 + VAT. All agreed to proceed with the repair.

24/157 Annual Governance and Accountability Audit – 2023/24

Item deferred to next meeting as the conclusion of the Village Council annual audit had not yet been received.

24/158 Planning Applications

Planning App. Ref	Address	Planning Request	Comments
24/00744/FULL	3 Noak Hill Close Billericay Essex CM12 9UZ	Replacement detached dwelling	No objection
24/00720/VAR	Fairview Coxes Farm Road Billericay Essex	Variation of condition 2 (Approved Drawings and Supporting Documents), condition 4 (Ecological Impact Assessment and Reptile Mitigation Strategy), condition 13 (Access Arrangements) and condition 19 (Noise Assessment) of planning permission reference 21/00744/FULL granted on 19/05/2023 for the demolition of existing dwelling and redevelopment to provide a new 76 bed care home (Use Class C2) together with associated access, car and cycle parking, landscaping and amenity space provision. -	Objection due to the following: Ecological Assessments: Members raised that this building work would have an extremely detrimental impact on this species of wildlife. Made worse by the other nearby loss of greenbelt this wildlife would have difficulty to find suitable new habitat. Should this species die out in the area, this would affect the food chain link of other wildlife. Noise assessments: Members feel that the proposal to lower noise pollution with shrubs is a minor attempt that in reality will not have a significant enough impact. Shrubs planted would unlikely be established and grown enough, especially during the building period. It was noted that the current hedgerow on the site is in a state of ill health.

Planning App. Ref	Address	Planning Request	Comments
24/00764/FULL	94 Church Street Billericay Essex CM11 2TS	Proposed extension to existing cattery with an additional single storey building incorporating two cat chalets with exercise pens suitable for boarding up to 8 cats -	No objection
24/00980/OUT	Land South Of London Road Billericay Essex	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, affordable and self-build/custom build dwellings) with access, parking, public open space and associated landscaping and infrastructure works	Great Burstead and South Green Village Council object to this application for the following reasons: 1) Loss of greenbelt land. The Village Council is strongly opposed to the loss of greenbelt land. Greenbelt land was but in place to prevent urban sprawl, which is being disregarded by the proposal of this site. 2) No additional infrastructure such as doctors/schools etc... The new residents will put more strain on the already stretch resources. 3) Highway safety concerns - there is already heavy congestion at the junction of Western Road at certain times of the day. The several hundred more cars coming and going from this site will have a big impact and make this congestion worse. Getting to and from Billericay High Street will become impossible for residents. 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.

24/159 Land to the East of Greens Farm Lane – Housing planning proposal

It was agreed by all to arrange a meeting with Commercial Estates Group to discuss the proposed application.

24/160 Councillor Vacancies

No applications had been received. The vacancy to be filled by co-option will continue to be advertised.

24/161 Archaeological Investigation of Land for the Development of 179 Homes North of Kennel Lane on 18th July 2024

Prior to the meeting Cllrs Cowles had shared photos taken on the day and Cllr Dear had distributed a report.

24/162 Family Fun Day 2024 – Saturday 6th July 2024 – 12 – 4pm

The weather on the day meant that events could not take place as planned. The bouncy castle could not go ahead for safety due to high winds that day. As many stalls as possible were moved into the hall.

Although overall attendance was understandably much lower than normal due to the adverse weather, those that attended very much enjoyed the entertainment and stalls. The raffle raised £235.65 for Basildon Hospital via the Mid-Essex Hospital Charity.

Members wished to express thanks to everyone involved with the event, especially Cllr Crowe without who's organisation the event would not be such a great success.

24/163 New Village Council Facebook Page

The Clerk advised Members that the Village Council's new Facebook page was now live and encouraged everyone to share the page with residents so it can become a good platform to share local information. The page name is Great Burstead & South Green Village Council.

24/164 Village Voice Newsletter

It was proposed that the next edition of the newsletter would be published in November. The following ideas for articles were put forward: New Cllr / Compositing bin / New pavement bollards / Fun Day 2024 / Facebook page / Archaeological dig / Defibrillator

24/165 Placement of Bollards around the Parking Bay at South Green Parade of Shops - Tescos to Tylers Estates

Members were pleased to report that the new bollards along the Tesco Metro pavement of Grange Road shopping parade had now been installed and thanks were given to Cllr Moore for supporting the Village Council's request and Essex Highways for carrying out the investigative work and installation. Cllr Sarbutt raised concerns that some mobility aid scooters may have difficulty passing between the bin and scooter and will provide photos to the Clerk.

24/166 Defibrillator Government Grant

No update on the date on the installation of the defibrillator.

24/167 Association of Basildon Local Council – AGM – Thursday 18th July 2024

Cllrs Cowles, Dear and Thomas attended the ABLC AGM and enjoyed the evening with informative talks from guest speakers and interesting questions from Cllrs across the Borough.

24/168 Training

No training requests were received. Cllr Sarbutt is due to attend the new Cllr training course in September.

24/169 Social Media

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

- Bollards
- Visit from Basildon Borough Council Waste Collection Officers
- Archaeological Dig

24/170 Date of the next meetings -

2nd October 2024, 6th November 2024, 4th December 2024.

24/171 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

Minutes agreed and approved:

Signed:

Date: