



**Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council,
held as a virtual meeting via Zoom
on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: -

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

Also in attendance: -

Mrs Mylène Linwood, Clerk & RFO to the Village Council

21/43 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J Dear.

21/44 Declarations of Interest & Register of Members Interests

There were no declarations of interest received.

21/45 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 2 February 2021, were received, agreed as a true record of the meeting. The Chair is to sign the Minutes after the meeting.

21/46 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters, which are of mutual interest. No decisions to be made.

No members of the public attended; however, a member of the public contacted the Clerk regarding an incident earlier that day. A mother and children using the pedestrian crossing on Southend Road by the King's Head Pub had almost been knocked down by a vehicle overtaking a bus. The father of family sought advice on improving the safety of the pedestrian crossing. The Chair advised the resident should contact Borough and County Councillors. Members agreed and assisted with details of Borough and County Councillors. The Clerk to provide the contact details for the relevant Borough and County Councillors for the resident.

21/47 Finance

The following payment were unanimously approved:

Month	Cheque	Payee	Description	Amount
March	Standing Order	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk Salary February 2021	£633.36
March	022411	Mrs M Linwood	Clerk Expenses February 2021 (Including the purchase of the replacement trees for the Village Green in South Green at the agreed cost of £107.98)	£114.98
			Total	£748.34

It was recorded that, as at 2 March 2021, the Village Council's current account held **£49,139.27** and the savings account held **£49,608.35**.

21/48 Planning Applications

Planning App. Ref	Address	Planning Request	Comments
21/00146/FULL	59 Mill Road, Billericay Essex, CM11 2SD	Proposed single storey rear extension, single storey front porch and extension to rear dormer incorporating Juliette balcony	The Village Council have reservations about agreeing to this proposal due to concerns about highways safety should additional vehicles need to be parked in the area, especially as it is situated near a junction and on a bus route.
21/00225/FULL	6 Passingham Avenue Billericay Essex CM11 2TD	Front extension	No objection

The following planning application was received after the distribution of the March agenda, however to meet the comment deadline Cllrs agreed to add it to the March agenda as an emergency item.

21/00208/FULL	60 Bell Hill Close	Single storey rear extension	The Village Council would like to note that this is on Greenbelt land, however providing the build does not exceed the percentage of building authorised on greenbelt land and as it is to replace patio area there is no objection.
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The Chair noted the effort Cllr Cowles has been putting into reviewing the planning applications each month and how it is a great help to the Council, this includes reviewing the weekly Members Bulletin sent out by Basildon Borough Council. Cllr Cowles kindly agreed to create a list of the relevant planning applications from the Members Bulletin that she would send to the Clerk monthly. All Cllrs expressed their gratitude also.

21/49 Autumn Litter Pick

The difficulties of organising a community litter pick due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the insurance rules of such an event were discussed. It was decided the subject will be reviewed again at the April meeting.

21/50 Tree Warden Role

The recent events of a tree being illegally cut down created a lot of public interest on social media so it is hoped that this will help in the search for volunteers. The role will be advertised on in the Village Voice, the website, twitter and the notice boards. It was also suggested that the Village Council could approach the Billericay Tree Wardens to ask them to include Great Burstead & South Green within the area they already cover.

21/51 Newsletter - Village Voice

The Chair updated the Council on behalf of Cllr J Dear that the next edition of the Village Voice is currently in draft form at the moment and will be shared with members when ready.

21/52 Communicating with Essex Police

Essex Police would like to encourage residents to contact them with any concerns they may have. Essex Police can be contacted for non-urgent matters by dialling 101 and they also offer a 'Live chat' service via the website homepage: www.essex.police.uk. The Village Council will continue to post the key messages of the local area police via the notice boards, the website and the twitter account.

21/53 CCTV – South Green Parade of Shops

No further information has been received by the Clerk from ClearView on securing an NRSWA certified supervisor to oversee the CCTV installation work. Members expressed frustration that ClearView have still not resolved this issue and are especially eager to get the CCTV in place given the recent spate of burglaries to the South Green parade of shops. The newsagents had been targeted twice by thieves and at the bakery charity collection boxes had been stolen.

21/54 Bench replacement

Cllr Chapman reported to Basildon Borough Council that a bench beside the bus stop near South Green Memorial Hall was in a state of disrepair and unusable. Basildon Council have confirmed receipt of the information and will progress the request to replace the bench to a contractor. The Chair suggested that the Village Council could fund the replacement of the bench, all Members agreed and asked the Clerk to contact Basildon Council.

21/55 Trees on the Green, South Green

Two new trees have now been planted on the Village Green. Thanks were given to all those involved, especially to Mr Nathan Hume who kindly planted the trees.

21/56 Social Media

Cllr Crowe updated members that the Village Council Twitter account now has 55 followers.

21/57 Training

No requests for training were received.

21/58 Next Meeting

Tuesday 6 April 2021

21/59 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7:41 pm



Minutes agreed and approved:

Signed:

Date: