

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Haywain Public House, on Thursday 20th March 2025 @ 7.30pm

In Attendance: **Councillor I Smith (Chairman)**
 Councillor C Barrett
 Councillor T Monger

Clerk – D Sauka

Meeting commenced @ 19.30pm

26 members of the public attended.

86/1. Apologies to be received and accepted

Cllr C Guglielmi
Cllr N Stock
Mr G Knott – Footpath Warden

86/2. Members Interests

- To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interests
None

86/3. Reports

a) County Councillor – Submitted February 2025 & February 2025 reports, to be published on website and entered into records

b) District Councillor – sent a report covering the agenda item 85/16 (see below)
Stated that devolution/Local Government Review (LGR) are progressing in the background.

c) Parish Councillor's - None

d) Footpath Warden – (Report sent) Footpath to New Hall the Bridge need repair, New bridge erected down Barn Lane.

e) Police Report – Attended Meeting – Since January 25, there have been 2 reported incidents in Little Bromley, Alarm and a non-Residents Public Order.

86/4. To agree:

- Minutes of the PC meeting held on the 23rd January 2025
Cllr Smith Proposed minutes to be correct, 2nd Cllr Barrett- Unanimously agreed
Signed by Cllr Smith

86/5. LBPC Council member

Casual Vacancy - Kate Hodgkiss was co-opted as Councillor.

Cllr Smith welcomed her and invited her onto the Council.

Kate introduced herself, stating that she had lived in the village for the past 15 years, has 2 children that attend the local school, and is involved with various village activities.

86/6. LBPC Communications

- **Auto response** – Up and running

86/7. St Mary's Church

- **Churchyard Planting (LBPC Conservation fund)** On Hold
- **Memorial Garden** – No update, Clerk to make contact with PCC
- **S137 Grant monies – Grass Cutting** – on Hold

Saturday the 19th April at 8pm, the PCC of The Bromley's will hold the **Easter Vigil Service** led by Reverend Stephen Carter. Beginning outside the church then finishing inside.

Sunday the 25th May between 3pm and 5pm - Friends AGM with refreshments and music.
If anyone would like to join the Friends Committee, we are very friendly and would love to meet you. We only have a few meetings a year and some social events, all very informal.

Saturday the 21st June between 4pm and 7pm, - Midsummer Tea Party. Bring your own picnic, and we will have Pimm's and Strawberry scones to enjoy. There will be informal music and games for children to play scattered around the churchyard. The day will finish with a **Concert** inside the church.

Wednesday 17th September 7pm - This is my Theatre' will be performing 'Pride and Prejudice' in the churchyard.

Tuesday the 23rd December at 3pm - Little Bromley Carol Service

86/8. Invoices to be paid

Plaque – D Sauka £29.99 Item 86/13
Insurance - £198.58 Item 86/17
VE80 – Great Bentley Council £100 Item 86/17

86/9. Planning

- **See below 86/18.**

86/10. Lorries (Over 7.5 Tonn Lorries)

Ongoing No Updates

86/11. Bus Stop / Shelters – Love your Bus Grant Fund

- Sent application to ECC for a community Grant - Awaiting a response.

86/12. Notice Board

New lock fitted and a cork backing inside.

86/13. Major Downes MBE

- **Plaque 1930 – 2023 (in Memory of)**
Plaque has been received, awaiting install. (Cost £29.99 to be repaid to Clerk)

86/14. Village Sign

Oak post has been sanded and treated.

86/15. War Memorial

Applied for War Memorial to become a Historic Monument -This has now progressed to Secretary of State – Awaiting for their decision.

86/16. P.O.W.E.R – People Opposing Widespread Electrical Ruin Campaign Group

- Great Grid Upgrade - Pylons and Proposed Substation

- Five Estuaries Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation
- North Falls Windfarm - Underground Cables and Proposed Substation
- Tarchon
- Village Signs - Will be updated and repositioned – More signs to be created
Request for help with signage.

Asked for more people to join the campaign, Explained that they are a group of people, that are gathering information regarding the above projects, and getting the information out to local residents. Keeping people updated via the Facebook page, but will also email out the information to those that have registered their email addresses. Website is also kept updated.

Cllr Fairley (District Councillor) reported.

Five Estuaries – The examination closed 2 weeks ago. The Examining Authority now has three months to finalise its report and recommendation to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will then have a further three months to review the report and make a final decision on the Development Consent Order (DCO). This means we can expect a decision by the end of September.

North Falls – Reached Deadline 3 (of 8), and hearings are scheduled to begin on 1 April, lasting four days, including an accompanied site visit. TDC and ECC representatives will be present throughout the hearings. There will be further issue specific hearings scheduled in the coming months as well.

- TDC remains very concerned about the cumulative effects of both Five Estuaries and North Falls and believes that these impacts cannot be fully assessed, particularly as each DCO application is examined by a different authority.
- Clearly there are two DCOs (National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury and Tarchon Energy) yet to be submitted. Both targeting the same area for a connection to National Grid's EACN at Little Bromley/Ardleigh area. TDC has consistently raised this concern in its correspondence relating to both projects.
- **Norwich to Tilbury** – A targeted consultation on minor changes affecting the Tendring area is currently underway, with TDC's response due at the end of next week. This local consultation closes on 27 March. As part of their response,
 - TDC remains unconvinced that alternative sites for the East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) have been adequately considered. In particular, they believe National Grid's latest information lacks sufficient planning justification for its preferred location compared to alternatives such as the former RAF Boxted site.
 - They are not saying Boxted should be the site chosen, just that the planning argument/justification for siting the EACN at Ardleigh/Little Bromley has not been made. Information relating to how the other sites have been ruled out, while Ardleigh/Little Bromley has been preferred, has not been made available within their published documentation.
 - While TDC acknowledges the need for additional grid capacity, the Electric Systems Operator's (ESO, now NESO), East Anglia Network Study back in March 2024, identified multiple reinforcement options that could provide the same capacity, with potentially lower environmental impacts.
 - TDC believes that alternatives—such as an offshore-cantered approach or High Voltage Direct Current (the HVDC) undergrounding—should still be fully explored.
 - This is because a clear costs vs benefits illustration between the various options has not been produced, especially when a longer term view is taken.
 - If a viable alternative can be delivered in a timely manner without compromising Net Zero, renewable generation, and decarbonization targets, it would be welcomed by TDC. It would also be welcome by our communities which TD represent.

- Additionally, TDC remains concerned about various other aspects of this project, which will be outlined in their targeted consultation response.
- **Tarchon Project** – Last week, the Tarchon project team held a series of non-statutory consultation drop-in sessions at four locations across the district.
 - The project is still in its early, non-statutory consultation stage, but initial plans indicate a landfall area south of Harwich.
 - Underground cables would transport power from the landfall zone to a proposed Tarchon converter station (exact location unknown – although their maps, available online on their website show a red hatched area where they have indicated it will be). High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) from the landing point would be converted to High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC).
 - The Tarchon converter station would also connect to the EACN via underground cabling which will involve similar construction impacts to the other projects once their cable route is finalised.
- TDC met with Ardleigh and Little Bromley Councils, and have been discussing their response to the NG local consultation.

86/17. Correspondence

Received request from Chairman of Great Bromley Parish Council regarding VE80 day on the 8th May 2025, asking if LBPC would be interested in joining their activities, and for a donation. Cllr Smith proposed that we approach them to ask what they had in mind and give a donation of £100. 2nd Cllr Barrett, Unanimously agreed. Clerk to make contact.

Council Insurance – 2025 costing £198.58. Clerk stated that it had gone down by £24 Cllr Smith proposed, 2nd Cllr Barrett, unanimously agreed.

86/18. Urgent items

APPLICATION NO: [25/00353/FULHH](#)

PROPOSAL: Householder Planning Application - Cartlodge/garage with garden machinery store.

LOCATION: Braham Hall Bentley Road Little Bromley Manningtree

No objections -- Clerk to make representation

86/19. Public Participation

86/20. Next meeting date

Thursday 22nd May 2025 **AGM – Parish Assembly – LBPC Council Meeting (7pm Start) Change of date due to Councillor Holidays**

Meeting closed @ 20.30