

CHAIRMANS REPORT

BY Councillor Jon Buxton

Overall I believe a positive year for the village and the Parish Council. A summary of some of the activities are as follows:-

- The PC reviewed 6 x planning applications for the village, 2 of which are still with Tendring DC. We have one new property planned for the village in the plot next to Brook House.
- The 4th Little Bromley 10K run took place on the 14th April with more entrants than the previous year. Just over 600 runners took part. Thanks to Roly Knott for organising and arranging many villagers to assist. Funds raised will be passed to Little Bromley Church.
- The Friends of Little Bromley Church continued to organise varied events throughout the year, making the church a real hub for the village. Thanks to Gregory Frostick and the Friends Committee for all their hard work.
- As previous years 2 litter picks took place. Many bags of rubbish were collected at each of the picks. Our thanks to Ann Clark, Ken Hatch for organising and to the villagers that took part.
- The village planters continue to be supported and maintained, providing a nice display where located. Thanks to Roly Knott & Ken Hatch, and others villagers for their upkeep.
- Ken Hatch and other continue to maintain the War memorial – Thank you. In addition to the normal maintenance they are having to contend with accident damage from the lorries turning and running over the kerbs.
- Tendring Road Rally took place last month with minimal reported incidents. We understand that there are very polarised views on this event taking place within the village. However, the PC has no say in this as it is a Tendring DC organised event and I understand that they view it as a great success.
- The village has been adopted by Harwich & District Speed Watch, and we can expect their continued presence in the village at times. Hopefully this will continue to reduce speeds through the village.
- The most eagerly awaited village improvement is the installation of Fibre Broadband. Open reach continue to install their cabling and we expect that connections should be available from July. County Broadband will install if they have enough applications, and if this takes place we will be well served with high speed broadband at last.

Ongoing topics which the PC will continue to work on –

- Fly Tipping continues to blight the village and surrounding areas. Please continue to report this to Tendring District Council.

- Heavy lorry traffic continues to be a concern. The Council has written to Rose Builders as we believe some of the lorries are working from Lawford Green. We understand that Rose's have put in place some mitigations steps which we hope will help. Heavy lorries are also being drawn into the village by the steelworks & other operations at Mully's Farm. Cllr Smith who has now become an expert on the regulations can explain in detail the difficulty in stopping this traffic.
- We continue to work with Essex Highways and TDC on extending the 30mph limit down Bentley Road for safety reasons. Cllr Spall is pushing this project forward.
- We were advised this month to expect the a120 crossing to be closed very soon. This will affect the traffic profile through the village and it would be helpful if villagers can advise the PC of any issues so we can discuss with Highways and TDC.
- We are still looking for a Little Bromley Local History Recorder – If you are interested please contact the PC

Finally I would like to remind everyone that all Council agenda's, minutes, reports and interesting articles are published on the Little Bromley web site. littlebromley.org.uk also we now have our own Face Book page – Thanks to those that set this up, and for the continued information and conversations.