



# Little Bromley Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Assembly for Little Bromley held at The Haywain Public House on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 7pm

**In attendance:** Cllr Smith, Cllr Monger, Cllr Barrett and Cllr Stock

**Also in attendance:** TDC Cllr Zoe Fairley and Lizzie Ridout, Interim Parish Clerk

**Members of the public:** 7

### 1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Hodgkiss who would be arriving late due to work commitments.

### 3. Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 2025

The minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Thursday 22nd May 2025, having been previously circulated, were noted.

Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Monger.

### 4. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

*"The Parish Council has had a busy year what with attending all the meetings regarding the EACN and surrounding substations, big thank you to my colleagues for attending probably every single one, many of which have been on weekdays.*

*We are in the process of organising a Neighbourhood Plan for the village, this is an important item considering the local plan and the proposal of 17 houses in one area, rather than one or two scattered throughout the village to stay in keeping with the aesthetic of Lt Bromley. Thanks to Neil for spearheading this.*

*We had to increase the precept for the second year running, mostly because we now have employed a clerk to deal with the increased workload we have recently encountered. Thanks must go to Dawn for her hard work for the last (ahem) years but also to Lizzie for taking over in the interim until we can find a permanent person for the role, whom I'd like to add has already saved the PC money!*

*Speeding, HGV's and fly tipping continue to be an issue in and around Lt Bromley. Progress is very slow at times but we continue to beaver away behind the scenes to try and improve things where possible.*

*This isn't always easy to achieve, and we aren't sure what to expect when Devolution happens yet.*

*Whilst not directly linked to the Parish Council, I would like to say a few thank yous, to Roly and Ken for their efforts in seeding and organising the 6 planters in and around the village, as well as the volunteers who also help maintain them, and the volunteers who maintain the War Memorial site too.*

*I'd also like to thank Gregory for organising and executing the Memorial Day Service every year, the Friends of Little Bromley Church, the 10k organisers and the litter pickers who have been out twice so far this year who all help to make our little village a lovely place to live.*

*Speaking of that, I would also like to thank Graham Knott for getting the Parish Path Partnership Scheme off the ground. They have already been busy improving our village.*

*Apologies if I've missed anyone.*

*Lastly, we now have a new .gov website, please send your village related issues, concerns, comments and or idea's to us in person or via [www.littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk).*

*Thank you."*

**Cllr Iain Smith**

**5. Report by a member of the Friends of Little Bromley Church**

An update on the activities, projects and fundraising undertaken by the Friends group.

*"The CCT runs the church and the Friends of Little Bromley Church work in partnership with them.*

*Last year in May we held an Open Afternoon with music and refreshments. In June, a CCT coach tour visited the church.*

*In August we held a free concert performed by the Marenzio Singers and the Morley's. Over £1000 was raised at this event towards the bells.*

*In September 'This is my Theatre' performed Pride and Prejudice inside the church.*

*The Memory Tree went up on 1<sup>st</sup> December again and on 23<sup>rd</sup> December we held our Carol service to around 150 people.*

*This April we had a few morning services in the church, and then on 4<sup>th</sup> April we held our Easter Vigil at 8pm on a very windy night.*

*We are now looking forward to our Social Afternoon on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June between 3pm and 5pm which will have lovely music, refreshments and flowers.*

*Then on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Gavin is having an Open Garden between 12 noon and 5pm at 24 Erskine Road which will raise money towards the churchyard.*

*It has been a busy time, and we have now raised the money needed for the bells so we hope that the work will start in the church shortly.*

*A tree had to be taken down for safety reasons last September, and the wood was offered to the village.*

*We would like to thank all those who help and support our events at the church.*

*Please remember that the church is always open, through the Tower door for anyone wishing to visit."*

**Carol Cordwell**  
**Friend of Little Bromley Church**

**6. Report by a member of POWER (People Opposing Widespread Electrical Ruin)**

A summary of current activity being carried out by the Group.

The group reported that there had been no significant activity from POWER since the last meeting, as no specific actions had been required of the group. Some damaged campaign signs have been removed, although further tidying remains outstanding.

The Planning Inspectorate's Examination Authority (ExA) had published the itinerary for next week's Accompanied Site Visit. Despite hopes that Little Bromley would be included, the published route suggests it is unlikely the inspectors will even pass through the village.

**Shelley Bellett**

**7. Report by a member of the Parish Paths Partnership Group (P3 Group)**

The group reported that the bridge on the footpath from Shop Road to Bromley Hall had been repaired. Graeme had also taken down the pointer sign on Footpath 5 for repair and would replace it once the work was complete.

**8. Questions from Members of the Public**

An opportunity for residents to raise matters of interest or concern. There were none.

**9. Date of the next Annual Parish Assembly**

Thursday 20th May 2027 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.09pm.