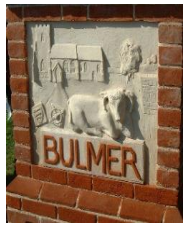




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**Dear Councillor:** You are summoned to attend a meeting of Bulmer Parish Council to be held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.15pm at Bulmer Village Hall, Church Rd CO10 7EH** for the purpose of transacting the business **ONLY** shown on the agenda.

Signed: *Claire Waters*

Clerk to the Council

Date: 13th November 2023

*THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND*

## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**1.1 Councillor Vacancies:** To note two current Councillor vacancies and actions needed to publicise them

### **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda

### **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

15 minutes of public participation. 3 minutes for each contribution.

### **5. PROGRESS CHECK**

Village maintenance issues and update on actions from last meeting

**5.1 Defibrillators:** Update on defibrillator installation at 4 locations in Bulmer, sited at

1. Kitchen Hill, 2. By Bulmer Street noticeboard, 3. The Fox at Bulmer Tye and 4. Church Road by post box

### **6. HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Update on Highways issues and any new problems to report

**6.1 Local Highways Panel (LHP):** To note a LHP application submitted for improvement of pedestrian & playground signage at Coes Meadow entrance in Bulmer Street

**6.2 A131 Footpath Bulmer Tye:** To review correspondence about maintenance of the footpath and decide on any further action to be taken

### **7. REPORTS**

**7.1** Police/PCSO/Neighbourhood Watch.

**7.2** Essex CC report

**7.3** Braintree DC report

### **8. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS**

**8.1 Allotments report:** Mr Mike Crome, Allotments Officer

### **9. PLANNING**

*Applications received: Decisions to be ratified*

**23/02574/TPOCON** Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1 Blue Cedar Tree -

1.Remove lowest limb. 2.Remove dead wood. 3.Thin crown. G3 Conifer Trees X 3- Reduce to height just below power line. T4 Cherry Tree -Remove to ground level

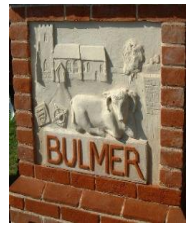
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*No objections*



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**23/02508/HH** Erection of single bay cart lodge with open lean to  
Inglefield Bulmer Street CO10 7EW *Question raised about proximity to boundary, otherwise no objections*

*Applications determined:*

**23/01500/VAR** Variation of condition 2 'Approved Plans' of permission 23/00373/FUL granted on 04/05/2023 for: Erection of 2 No. replacement dwellings & associated outbuildings. Improvements to existing vehicular access. Variation would allow 1:-Removal of single-storey link roof (to create detached dwellings) and removal of high-level timber detail to rear facing gables (plots 1 & 2).

4 & 5 Smeetham Hall Lane CO10 7EU

*Application PERMITTED*

**23/01848/OUT** Outline planning application with all matters reserved for - Erection of 8no. 2 Bedroom dwellings and associated development.

Land Rear Of The Tye Ryes Lane

*Application REFUSED*

**23/01999/FUL** Proposed ground mounted solar PV system

Smeetham Hall Smeetham Hall Lane CO10 7EU

*Application PERMITTED*

**23/02165/LBC & 23/02164/HH** Proposed alterations to existing single storey extension including roof alterations and re-surfacing, modification to window opening for insertion of french doors

Clement Cottage Bulmer Street CO10 7EW

*Application PERMITTED*

## 10. FINANCE

**10.1** The monthly payments to be approved for authorisation by two Councillors

**10.2 Budget 2024-25:** To review 2023-24 budget progress in preparation for January 2024 budget meeting

**10.3 Local Government Pay Review 2023:** to note final NJC pay agreement, with pay scale and increase to clerk to be backdated to April 2023 in line with the terms of the employment contract

## 11. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

**11.1 Tenders for 3-year contract:** To resolve to accept the JPB Landscapes quote as the only one received, for a period of one year. This is a similar cost to the current contract. To be reviewed November 2024.

## 12. BDC POTENTIAL OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Formerly known as the Open Space Action Plan, this is a key document used by Braintree District Council as Local Planning Authority to demonstrate the need for additional and improved open spaces when seeking S.106 monitory contributions for Public Open Space improvements across the district. S.106 contributions now apply to housing development of 10 or more properties. The current Open Spaces Action Plan is available to view at <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/homepage/113/opens-spaces-action-plan> Updates required by 26th January 2024. *Agenda item for January meeting*

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

**National Grid Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement** The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13 Notification of Hearings taking place in the week commencing 11 December 2023. All relevant documents are online at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/bramford-to-twinstead/?ipcsection=docs>

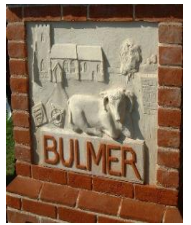
## 14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- **Budget and Precept** to be set for the 2024-2025 financial year
- **BDC Potential Open Space Improvements plan** to approve updates due by 26th January 2024



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## 15. MEETING DATES 2024

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	7.15pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall
<b>Councillors:</b>	CLLR VACANCY	CLLR VACANCY	
	Cllr Antonia Crawshay	Cllr Christine Harvey	Cllr Rebecca Morris
	Cllr Laurence Nichols	Cllr Rose Raymond	
Copy to:	<b>County Councillor:</b>	Cllr Peter Schwier	
	<b>District Councillor:</b>	Cllr David Holland	