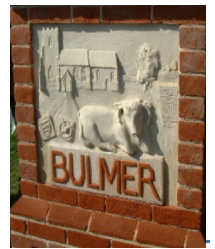




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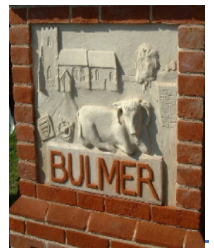
Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Full Council meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. November 2019 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr R. Raymond (Chairman), Cllr A. Lyes, Cllr M. Crome, Cllr E. Penn, Cllr D. Finch & BDC Cllr W. Scattergood, Shelley Boydell (Clerk). Also, present were approx. 15 members of the Public

- 089/2019 Chairman Welcome** – Introduces new locum clerk following previous clerk's resignation.
- 090/2019 Apologies for Absence** – none
- 091/2019 Declaration of Interest**  
Declaration of interest received from Cllr. M Crome regarding item's 100 & 101.
- 092/2019 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council**  
Parish Council meeting minutes 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – approved and signed  
Planning meeting minutes 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – approved and signed  
Cllr A. Lyes proposed and Cllr M. Crome seconded that both sets of minutes are a true and accurate record of the meetings. **All Agreed**
- 093/2019 Public Participation Session**  
Queries regarding allotment agreements Cllr. M Crome to investigate allotment agreements.  
Road closure signs not collected Cllr. R Raymond suggests to chase ECC Highways. Cllr. Finch confirmed he would remove the signs if emailed the locations (PC to email locations).  
Street lights remaining on – discussion followed but to no conclusion.  
Loss of habitat regarding development – Cllr. W Scattergood explained that with a large development a study of habitat would be carried out. Cllr. D Finch confirms that any changes to habitat would be in a planning application and agreed or refused at the time.  
Public request to note previous clerk was an asset to the PC – general agreement.  
County Broadband – PC to approve location of poles – discussed in item 101.  
Telephone Box removed, why? – PC did receive information regarding phone box removal but not regarding this specific phone box. Cllr. W Scattergood notified BT this phonebox needed to remain until better phone signal was available in the area and requested that a decision to removal was not made without agreement from the PC. Suggestion to ask BT to reinstate phone box to enable in relation to defibrillator. PC will write to BT.
- 094/2019 Strategic Lorry Route**  
Cllr. E Penn explained the current HGV route passes residents in Halstead (Head st.) close to their front doors, then goes towards Cross Street Sudbury via Bulmer causing a danger on route. Consideration of changing the strategic lorry route to come off further up the A12. Halstead Town Clerk would like to meet with BPC and Sudbury Town Council to discuss matters further. Cllr. E Penn proposed to take this meeting, PC unanimously agreed.  
- Cllr. D Finch will request police to perform a speed check on A131 by Bulmer Fox.
- 095/2019 V/E Commemoration 8/10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
The village hall and the church are both commemorating this event and BPC proposes the possibility of working together. Cllr. E Penn will discuss and report back as is a member of the village hall committee.



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## 096/2019 Essex County Councillors report – Cllr D. Finch

- ECC sits in the top 10 of 140 most productive councils in the country.
- Children's services is the most outstanding in the county.
- Adult social care service awarded outstanding in recent audit.
- Environmental matters – reducing CO2 emissions, reducing plastic usage. Working with recycled materials for pot holes. Recycle 90% of materials from roads for use with filling pot holes. Investigating using warm tarmac instead of hot which will reduce CO2 emissions further. Protecting properties from flooding. Looking at bus companies using more energy efficient and environmentally friendly vehicles. Leaving verges for wild flowers and planting trees. 375,000 trees due to be planted in Essex, the first will be planted at Notley Discovery Centre. Set up an independent commission to explore new ideas and ways of working to reduce CO2, including experts, public and various political parties – due to be in place by May 2020.
- Highways – will speak to police re item 094 and speed check following discussion regarding speed limits and motorists not adhering.

## 097/2019 District Councillors report – Cllr W. Scattergood

18<sup>th</sup> October update on strategic investment projects –

- Open spaces – all open spaces need to be identified, this is very important as is a list of priorities on how any money given would be spent.
- January – 9 days of discussions on the Local Plan in Colchester.
- £1,500 left to invest in local villages and suggests applications. Used for repairs, projects etc.
- An application for 7 new houses has not appealed but has a number of objections.
- Suggests to apply for defibrillator and repairs to children's playground.

## 098/2019 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

- Resignation of clerk and locum clerk starting
- Resignation of Cllr A Bott – PC accepted resignation. Clerk to notify BDC.

## 099/2019 Clerks Report

- a. Clerk's resignation letter – accepted and last working day confirmed 31.11.2019
- b. Chris & Kevin contribution at Coe's Meadow – Plaque / Bench / Seat – Cllr R. Raymond – to be reviewed as agenda item next meeting.
- c. Village Green memorial – Cllr R. Raymond – to be reviewed as agenda item at next meeting.
- d. RoSPA inspection report – to be reviewed as agenda item at next meeting.
- e. Website replacing essexinfo.net – Cllr M Crome – quotes obtained and currently meeting with possible providers and looking at options, update at next meeting.

## 100/2019 Representative Reports

Allotments - Cllr M. Crome

Installation of UKPN Substation in the proposed location within the allotment area.

Cllr E. Penn proposes, Cllr A Lyes seconds, Cllr M Crome fully supports.

UKPN confirmed that any damage will be compensated for and the firm will cover all legal costs required.

Coes Meadow

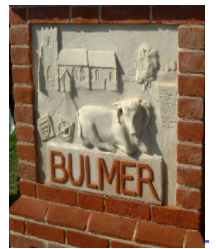
The gate is being left unlocked and is a concern. Suggestion to close gate over Christmas period to avoid parking on the field, PC all agreed.

## 101/2019 County Broadband – Two Representatives from County Broadband

Cllr E Penn queried where the three discussed poles will be erected and asked if underground is an option, this will be considered. The current poles are electric and not BT and at this time these poles cannot be used. The maximum distance between any two poles is 67m. Poles are 9m in length and 7m above ground. The expectation to be connected was by Christmas but delays by Highways and road closures has impacted this and the new expectation to be connected is Feb/March 2020.



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**102/2019**

**Planning Applications**

**19/01842/11** – no objections

**19/01901/OUT** – no objections

**103/2019**

**Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications**

Permission for velux windows at 3 Church Road has been granted

BDC has visited the site and advised that planning is required for the 3 portacabin containers on Hedingham Road.

**087/2019**

**Finance**

- Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and 2019/20 budget account
- Councillors discussed 2020/21 budget / precept and suggested 1, 2 or 3% increase
- Decision regarding internet banking postponed to next PC meeting
- Noted that a cheque is required for refund for allotment tenant.

**088/2019**

**Items for Next Agenda – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Village Green

Chris & Kevin contribution at Coe's Meadow – Plaque / Bench / Seat – Quotation

Councillors to agree the quotation to replace plywood and 3 signs on the noticeboard

Find in minutes - Garden Allotment 3 year lease

Full discussion on Coe's Meadow

Discussion of 75 years to the end of WW2

Essexinfo.net update

Discussions/decisions outside the meeting

Planning Councillor/sub. Committee

**Date of Next Full Council meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020:**

**2020:** 16.03.20: 20.04.20 Annual Electors meeting: 18.05.20 PC AGM: 20.07.20: 21.09.20: 16.11.20

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Rosemary Raymond**