

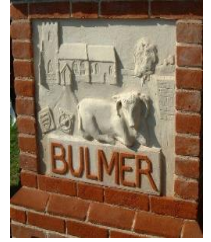


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instructions here: <https://www.travessex.co.uk/about-bus-services/consultations-supported-services>. The F315 Sudbury-Halstead service which serves Bulmer will continue for the time being.

7.3 Braintree DC report – Cllr Holland apologised for absence and sent a written update:

- **Budget:** BDC has a £2m budget deficit within the Medium Term Financial Strategy that needs filling and this is being addressed. Cllr Holland is keen to ensure this does not result in further funding reduction for Parish Councils
- **ECC Bus Network Consultation 2023:** the DaRT3 on demand bus service to our communities has been saved. The funding for the service runs till 2026 and we must by then have demonstrated its value to our communities here in the north of Braintree District. Parish Councillors and residents are urged to help by making sure the service is promoted to all local residents, including those that are hard to reach.
- **National Grid substation, Butlers Wood:** issues include heavy vehicle movements, their regulation and control and also the routing of local “haul roads” by which NG’s contractors will move the sometimes enormous pieces of hardware to the various sites near Bulmer. The wider Bramford to Twinstead Tee project is before the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) heading for a decision expected in the autumn

8. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

8.1 Allotments report: Mr Mike Crome, Allotments Officer apologised for absence and sent a written report. UKPN have excavated a 3ft x 6ft x 3ft hole for the transformer base, which is now full of water, and no progress on the standpipe installation, also probably due to the wet weather. All rent is paid, except for one who as in previous years is still late in paying.

8.2 Allotment greenhouse query: A request to use taped glass in a greenhouse was considered

RESOLVED: To refuse permission to use taped glass on the allotments due to inability to monitor and ensure it is consistently safe in all cases

Proposed: Cllr Raymond

Seconded: Cllr Nichols

Agreed unanimously

8.3 Garden allotment query: Consideration of a correspondence from garden allotment tenant

Action: The tenant will be contacted directly to resolve the query.

9. PLANNING

Applications received:

23/03001/LBC Proposed replacement of external sand and cement render with traditional lime render and isolated repairs

The Old Vicarage Sudbury Road CO10 7TA

No objections

Applications received: Decision ratified

23/02895/COUPA Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3), and for associated operational development - Change of use to 2 no. residential dwellings.

The Piggeries Hedingham Road

Request application goes to full planning

Applications determined:

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

Suffolk Hall Bulmer Street CO10 7EW

Application PERMITTED

23/02508/HH Erection of single bay cart lodge with open lean to

Inglefield Bulmer Street CO10 7EW

Application PERMITTED

23/02369/FUL Proposed development of 2no. detached 3 bedroom dwellings, with off road parking, utilising existing access from highway

Back House Croft Bulmer Street CO10 7EW

Application PERMITTED

23/02225/FUL Erection of Agricultural Building

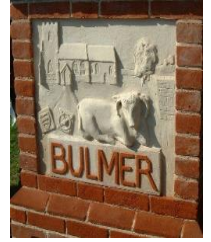
Auberries Church Road CO10 7DY

Application PERMITTED



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23/00455/OUT Outline planning application for 8no. dwellings with all matters reserved
Land Adjacent Kitchen Hill

Application REFUSED

10. FINANCE

10.1 The monthly payments were approved for authorisation by two Councillors. The bank reconciliations were checked and signed by Cllr Harvey - *Financial report Appendix 1*

Proposed: Cllr Crawshay **Seconded:** Cllr Nichols Agreed unanimously

10.2 RESOLVED Budget 2024-25: The 2024-2025 Parish Council budget was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Raymond **Seconded:** Cllr Crawshay Agreed unanimously

10.3 RESOLVED Precept 2024-2025: A precept claim of £11,140.00 was approved for the coming financial year. This represents a Band D parish rate of £41.08 per year, a 2.5% increase over 2023-2024. This is an increase of 2p per week, or £1 per year.

Proposed: Cllr Raymond **Seconded:** Cllr Morris Agreed unanimously

10.4 Parish Council Reserves: Decision on allocation of earmarked reserves and level of general reserve was deferred until a future meeting.

11. BIODIVERSITY POLICY

A draft Biodiversity Policy was reviewed for future adoption. Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

Action: Cllr Morris will tailor the Biodiversity Policy for the specific needs of Bulmer Parish and circulate to Councillors for a final decision. *Agenda item for March meeting*

12. BDC POTENTIAL OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Minor updates to the BDC POSI Plan were approved, due by 26th January 2024. 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>

13. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE – a query from a resident about shooting at Auberies estate had been received. Both parties had been spoken to but this is not a Parish Council matter

14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Biodiversity Policy – to decide on adoption of final version
- Annual Parish Assembly – to confirm a date, probably in May and review plans for public participation

15. MEETING DATES 2024

Monday 18th March 2024	7.15pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall
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The meeting closed at 8.18pm

Signed.....

Cllr Rosemary Raymond

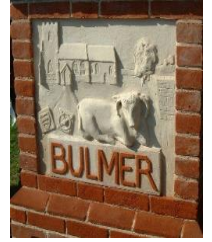
Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th January 2024

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Financial Report Appendix 1

PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION JANUARY 2024

Jan-24		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
15-Jan	B/P	HMRC	475SA894912409	£251.39
15-Jan	B/P	E C Waters	Clerk final pay December	£855.61
31-Jan	B/P	E C Waters	Clerk pay temporary work January	TBC
TOTAL in month				£1,107.00

Jan-24		Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
		Unity Trust	Deposit a/c interest	£0.00
		Unity Trust	Reserve a/c interest	£0.00
03-Jan		CCLA PSDF	Interest to Unity Trust deposit a/c	£139.72
			Total interest	£139.72
		None		
TOTAL in month				£0.00

Accounts balances at 15th January 2024

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		Interest 2023-24
BPC Unity Trust Current account	£19,132.59	N/A
BPC Unity Trust Allotment Deposits	£437.49	£6.94

BPC Capital Reserves

BPC Unity Trust Deposit account	£26,885.26	£603.63
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	<u>£31,211.46</u>	£1,255.60
	£58,096.72	

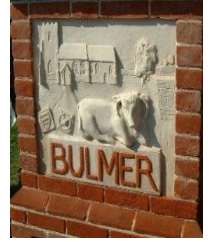
Coes Meadow

LCRT Unity Trust Current account	£2,614.57	N/A
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RECONCILED PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS DECEMBER 2023

Dec-23		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
05-Dec	B/P	HMRC	475SA894912408	£94.00
15-Dec	B/P	Hedingham School	Printing What's Going On	£90.00
31-Dec		Unity Trust	Service Charge	£18.00
TOTAL in month				£202.00

Dec-23		Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
		Unity Trust	Deposit a/c interest	£2.90
		Unity Trust	Reserve a/c interest	£183.70
04-Dec		CCLA PSDF	Interest to Unity Trust deposit a/c	£8.97
04-Dec		CCLA PSDF	Interest to Unity Trust deposit a/c	£126.03
			Total interest	£321.60
13-Dec		UKPN	Lease Allotments substation	£250.00
		HMRC	VAT reclaim to end Nov 2023	£2,648.53
TOTAL in month				£2,898.53