

Bulmer Parish Council

Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Meeting

Held on 18th July 2016 at the Village Hall, at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr. P. Fulcher, Cllr. S.Morgan, Cllr. S.Buchanan, Cllr. R. Raymond, Cllr. C.Leigh, Cllr.P.Benns, Cllr.C.Bennett and Mrs D.Jacob (Parish Clerk)
14 members of the public.

16/113 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Fulcher welcomed everyone, no apologies for absence received.

16/114 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

16/115 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

A member of the public wanted to know why all Councillor Information was not listed on the website. Chairman confirmed that all communication and correspondence should go via the Clerk.

16/116 COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVID FINCH, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WENDY SCATTERGOOD, TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS.

Apologies for absence received from County Councillor David Finch.

District Councillor Wendy Scattergood reported on the following:

Local Plan, and that sites put forward could still be considered if targets are not meet.

Funding for local communities is also available in September, to apply direct for an application form.

16/117 To CONFIRM THE MINUTES

1. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH MAY 2016

To note that under item 16/082 Cllr.P.Benns made a Non-Pecuniary Interest.

To note that under item 16/097 The Telephone Box at Turnpike Piece, Park Lane to be deferred and discussed if and when notification received from BT that they wish to decommission it.

Minutes signed by the Chairman after these notes had been considered.

Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.S.Buchanan, 6 in favour, 1 abstained, resolution passed.

2. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH HELD ON 16TH MAY 2016

Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.S.Morgan, all in favour, resolution passed.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH JUNE 2016.

Proposed Cllr.S.Buchanan, Seconded Cllr.S.Morgan all in favour, resolution passed.

16/118 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Guest speaker Edward Rigby from Rural Community Council of Essex. Not present.

16/119 HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90TH BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL FOR SCHOOLS

The Parish Council would like to place a new order for 15 commemorative medals for the children within the village at a cost of £47.35 Plus VAT

Proposed Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond, 6 in favour, 1 abstained, resolution passed.

16/120 COE'S MEADOW

Maintenance to be carried out to the play equipment, at a cost of £3,915.65 Plus VAT

Proposed Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.C.Bennett, 4 in favour, 1 abstained, 2 objected, resolution passed.

The Willow Den needs repairing by Graham Nicholls at a cost of £175.00

Proposed Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.S.Morgan, all in favour, resolution passed.

Cllr.C.Leigh reported that the paths will be sprayed, and a Fun Day proposed for next year.

16/121 Item 1. The Mayor of Sudbury, has been invited to attend a welcome meal on Friday 16th September 2016 at Bulmer Village Hall, for the guests of our twin town in Hoxter, Germany.

The Parish Council agreed to give permission for the Mayor to wear the Chain of Office in the parish of Bulmer.

Proposed by Cllr.S.Morgan, seconded by Cllr.S.Buchanan, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 2. To give delegated authority to Clerk to decide these applications in the future.

Proposed by Cllr.R.Raymond, seconded by Cllr.S.Buchanan, all in favour, resolution passed.

Signed.....

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16/122 PLANNING MATTERS**Ref. No: 16/01207/FUL**

The Dower House Smeetham Hall Lane Bulmer Essex CO10 7EN

Demolition of existing and erection of new single storey extension to rear

As this application had only just been received it was delegated to Cllr.C.Leigh as Planning Officer, to submit the comments direct to Braintree District Council

Proposed by Cllr.P.Benns, seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond, all in favour, resolution passed.

16/123 FREEDOM OF THE VILLAGE

To consider offering Mike Crome the Freedom of the village for work carried out within the local community.

Proposed by Cllr.S.Morgan, seconded by Cllr.P.Fulcher, 6 in favour, 1 abstained, resolution passed.

16/124 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Received and noted.

16/125 ALLOTMENT REPORT

Received and noted.

16/126 ALLOTMENTS**New quote from DB Security as previous quotes not adequate.**

To consider the purchase of 4 padlocks and extra keys

4 x IFAM 83mm Laminated padlocks keyed alike £12.5 4 £50.00

17 extra keys at £3.00 each £51.00

Subtotal £101.00

VAT 20.20

Total £121.20

Proposed by Cllr.S.Buchanan, seconded by Cllr.C.Bennett, all in favour, resolution passed.

16/127 ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT

To consider adding the following clause, under item 3, Tenancy and Rent on the agreement:-

Item 3.5 - Keys to gain access to the allotment plots require a £10.00 refundable deposit.

Proposed by Cllr.s.Buchanan, seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond, all in favour, resolution passed.

16/128 BDC HOUSING STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION

No comments to be sent in by the Parish Council, individual comments to be sent.

Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond, Cllr. C.Bennett abstained, resolution passed.

16/129 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**1) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY/JUNE/JULY/AUGUST.** (ITEMS TO BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND SIGNED AS PER PAYMENT SCHEDULE).

DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE NO.	TOTAL
Anglian Water (Feb-May) Coe's Meadow	101336	13.88
Anglian Water (Feb-May) Allotments	101337	6.36
Rural Community Council of Essex (Subscription)	101338	48.00
EALC Inv.No. 6956 (Training)	101339	75.00
Stephen Morgan (Expenses Mileage)	101340	21.15
Rosemary Raymond (Expenses Petrol for Strimmer)	101341	25.63
Colne Contracts Ltd Inv.No. 6122 (Dropped Kerb)	101342	2,791.20
Braintree District Council Inv. 6472799 (Election)	101343	1,321.57
Mortimer Contracts Ltd (Inv.No. 85)	101344	1,166.40
Made out incorrectly (Cheque Void)	101345	0.00
Essex Pension Fund (for July)	101346	84.96
Essex Pension Fund (for August)	101347	74.54
Diane Jacob, Salary for June, July and Expenses	101348	860.56
Bank Storage Charge	DD	1.00

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Also approved and signed the following:

Cheque no. 101347, made payable to Graham Nicholls for £175.00 (see minute number 16/120)

Cheque no. 101348, made payable to DB Security for £121.20 (see minute number 16/126)

Proposed by Cllr.R.Raymond, seconded by Cllr.S.Buchanan, all in favour, resolution passed.

2) BALANCE IN HAND

HSBC as at 30th June 2016	30,156.14
Business Savings Account as at 18th July 2016	41,374.60
Community Account as at 18th July 2016	12,282.74
Total as at 18th July 2016	83,813.48

16/130 CLERKS REPORT

Received and noted.

16/131 TRANSPARENCY FUNDING

Item 1. To consider issuing a cheque in advance to the Clerk, to purchase a new laptop and software, as per PC World quote £538.99 (to be issued in September).

Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.S.Morgan, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 2. To consider donating the existing laptop to Coe's Meadow Committee

Proposed by Cllr.S.Morgan, seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 3. To consider instructing the Clerk to purchase a mobile phone – On Contract approximately £16.00 plus VAT per month.

Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.S.Buchanan, all in favour, resolution passed.

16/132 TRAINING

Item 1. To consider if Councillors would like to attend training, and how they should apply. It was agreed that if sufficient funds in the budget then Cllrs could attend, if nothing remaining in the budget then this item to be brought to the next Parish Council meeting for discussion..

Proposed by Cllr.S.Buchanan, seconded by Cllr. C.Leigh, all in favour resolution passed.

Item 2. Agreed to purchase 1 New Councillor Pack at £17.00 each.

Proposed by Cllr.S.Morgan, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 3. To consider the purchase of the Good Councillor Guide Booklet at £3.00 each. This item can be and has been downloaded free of charge.

16/133 STRIMMER

Maintenance/repairs to the Strimmer, already undertaken, awaiting invoice.

16/134 ALLOTMENT FOOTPATH

To consider making the footpath across the allotments into a registered public footpath and a public right of way.

Further information required, to be on next agenda, proposed by Cllr.S.Morgan, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour.

16/135 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Further information required, to be on next agenda, proposed by Cllr.R.Raymond, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour.

16/136 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Allotment Footpath

Parish Paths Partnership

Drainage issues at Bulmer Grazing

Noticeboard at Park Lane

Stour Valley small orchard project

Parish What's On Magazine

16/137 Next Parish Council Meeting

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Meeting closed at 9.27pm.

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