

Bulmer Parish Council

Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Meeting

Held on 16th July 2018 in the Village Hall, at 7.45pm

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

18/096 Resignation.

Bulmer Parish Council has received and accepted resignation from Cllr Stella Buchanan as Chairman and Councillor of Bulmer Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr. S.Morgan, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/097 To Elect the Chairman

Cllr. P. Benns volunteered to be Chairman - no proposer or seconder – Clerk asked three times for a proposer – no one voted.

Cllr. C. Bennett volunteered to be Chairman for the evening (so meeting could proceed) proposed by Cllr. R. Raymond, seconded by Cllr S. Morgan, 5 in favor, Cllr.P. Benns abstained.

18/098 Chairman's declaration of Office – Not Signed – Deferred until September.

18/099 To Elect the Vice-Chairman – Deferred until September

18/100 Vice-Chairman's declaration of Office – Not signed – Deferred until September

18/0101 Apologies of Absence. None received.

18/102 Declaration of Interests.

Received from Cllr. R. Raymond and Cllr. S. Morgan relating items 18/114, 18/117 and 18/118

18/103 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A member of the public made a statement as follows: "I would like to thank the vast majority of councilors for their hard work and dedication, for no reward, over the past 20 years we have been in the village. There is, however, an element on the council which seems to have a completely different agenda which has nothing to do with actually helping the people of this parish. This agenda seems to be divisive and sets out to humiliate and embarrass the other councilors. The agenda is vile, vicious and bullying it seems to seek the downfall of the whole of the council and has directly contributed to the resignation of not one, not two but three chairman.

When the council does fall, and I am fairly sure that it will, there will have to be an election. Consider very carefully where you vote goes. I would urge you to vote for councilors who genuinely wish to help the village. I urge you to reject any element, which seeks to implement its own agenda along with those benighted nasty minded people who support it". Members of the public applauded.

A member of the public referred to a complaint that she had made to the Parish Council, FOI request was made on 8th February. Cllr Bennett was appointed the nominated officer, to handle this complaint. The member of public wrote to Cllr Bennett on the 11 April, asking when a meeting would be held, (Cllr Bennett responded to the member of public email on the 12 April 2018 and suggested a meeting on the 30 April). Two more emails from the member of public received on the 15 and 27 April 2018, asking why her complaint had not been dealt with. An e-mail was sent to the member of the public on the 1 May 2018 and stated that the Council were waiting for advice from the insurers and that Parish Council would deal with her complaint as soon as it was received.

The member of public has now passed her complaint to the ICO, which will be carrying out an investigation.

Signed..........Chairman

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18/104 County Councillor David Finch & District Councillor Wendy Scattergood to address the members if present.

Cllr C. David Finch updated members on financial surplus that ECC have which has been allocated for potholes schemes, to improve verge cutting and litter picking. Update regard the Western By-Pass, a 6,000 named petition had been issued to Suffolk County Council against the proposal. More meetings likely to take place in the future regarding this issue, updates can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/consultations-and-studies/>

18/105 Minutes.

To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 21st May 2018.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. C. Leigh, 5 in favour, Cllr.P.Benns abstained

To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st May 2018.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Morgan seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond 5 in favour, Cllr.P.Benns abstained.

18/106 Salt Bag Partnership 2018/2019.

The Parish Council do not require salt this year but would like to remain in the scheme.

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

18/107 Financial Matters.

- 1) Financial Statement (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule).

| | CHEQUE No. | TOTAL |
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| BHIB Ltd (Insurance Inv.No. LC00230-150907)) | 101446 | 1,821.43 |
| Simpson Accountancy Ltd (Inv. 2503 for June) | 101447 | 9.60 |
| D. Jacob (Salary for June) | SO | 267.00 |
| Essex Pension Fund (For June) | SO | 85.05 |
| D. Jacob Expenses for June/July | 010448 | 73.46 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (For June) | 101449 | 66.80 |
| Top Marques Ltd Inv. 8021 | 101450 | 83.52 |
| D. Jacob (Salary for July) | SO | 267.00 |
| Essex Pension Fund (for July) | SO | 85.05 |
| Essex Pension Fund (Adjustment for July/Admin fee) | 101451 | 1.99 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (For July) | 101452 | 66.80 |
| Simpson Accountancy Ltd (Inv. 2568 for July) | 101453 | 9.60 |

All above payments approved

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

- 2)Balance in Hand.

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| Community Account as at 29th June (Revenue) | 10,852.43 |
| Business Premium Account as at 29th June (Capital) | 37,002.06 |
| CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (Capital) | 30,264.70 |
| Total as at 29th June 2018 | 78,119.19 |

To confirm, standing orders set up with the bank for Mrs D. Jacob and the Essex Pension Fund have been cancelled.

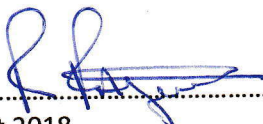
18/108 Bank Accounts.

Item 1. To instruct the Clerk to remove Cllr.S.Buchanan as a signatory from all bank accounts.

Item 2. To appoint a new signatory for Barclays and CCLA (Public Sector Deposit Fund).

Item 3. New signatory to complete Bank Mandate forms and to take into Barclays with ID. Clerk to send completed signed form to CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund.

Deferred until September.

Signed..........Chairman
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18/109 Planning Matters.**Ref. No: 18/00981/FUL**

3 Bulmer Tye, Bulmer Essex CO10 7EB
Erection of two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extensions.

Ref. No: 18/00991/LBC

The Cottage, Bulmer Street, Bulmer, Essex CO10 7EW
Erection of a single storey building to be used as an artist's studio.

Ref: 18/00661/FUL

4 The Cottages, Finch Hill, Bulmer, Essex CO10 7EX
Erection of two storey side extension

Ref: 18/00771/OUT

Land adjacent to Five Acres Cottage, Hedingham Road, Bulmer, Essex
Outline application for the erection of detached dwelling, with associated garage and new vehicular access.
No comments to be submitted to Braintree District Council Planning Department.
Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.S.Morgan, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/110 Allotments.

Cllr.S.Morgan appointed the new Allotment Officer.
Proposed by Cllr.R.Raymond, seconded by Cllr. C. Street, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/111 Newsletter What's Going On & Welcome Letter/Pack.

To appoint a new editor.
Deferred until September.

18/112 Village Hall.

To appoint a new Village Hall Representative.
Deferred until September.

18/113 Coe's Meadow.

Cllr. C. Leigh resigned as Chairman of Coe's Meadow – Coe's Meadow Committee to continue, and so will continue to be involved in village events, activities etc.

18/114**Garden Allotments.**

To consider offering tenants a five-year tenancy agreement.
Unable to make a decision - Deferred until September.

18/115 S106 Funding.

To consider nominations from Councillors.
Deferred until September.

18/116 Noticeboards.

1. Update re locks – quotes considered – but no decision made.
 2. To consider the Parish Council notice boards to be used strictly for Parish Council business and not for advertising local events.
- Unable to make a decision - Deferred until September.

18/117 Drainage Issues at Bulmer Grazing.

Further information required - Deferred Until September.

18/118 Access to rear of "Carters" Blacksmiths Lane.

To discuss access. Clerk asked if this was a Parish Council Issue or a neighbour despite Cllr R.Raymond did not reply – Further information required - Deferred until September.

18/119 Clerk's Report.

Received and noted, the Clerk gave an explanation to the Council and members of the public for her resignation and thanked everyone. Members of the public applauded.

Signed..........Chairman

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To confirm Resignations received from the following:

Cllr. S. Buchanan – Chairman, Allotment Officer, Village Hall Representative, Editor for newsletter

Cllr. C. Leigh – Chairman of Coe's Meadow Committee and Planning Officer

Cllr. C. Bennett – Chairman of Personnel Committee

Cllr. C. Street – Member of Personnel Committee

Mrs Diane Jacob – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

(All resigned from Bulmer Parish Council)

18/120 Date of Next Meeting

17th September 2018 at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed..........Chairman

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