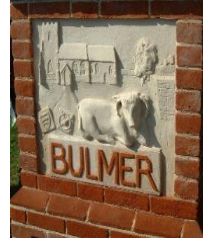




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Minutes of a Meeting of Bulmer Parish Council held at 7.15pm on Monday 17th July 2023 at Bulmer Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Crawshay, Harvey, Nichols, Morris, Raymond.
In the Chair: Cllr Raymond
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: 3 parishioners

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1.1 Councillor Vacancies: Two Councillor seats are currently vacant.

Action: A notice inviting residents to join the Parish Council will be included in the next What's Going On

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd May 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Proposed: Cllr Harvey

Seconded: Cllr Crawshay

Agreed unanimously

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Despite being reported to Highways, the footpaths along the A131 have still not been cut and pedestrians have to walk in the road. **Action:** Clerk to ask ECC Cllr Peter Schwier to raise this with Essex Highways again

5. PROGRESS CHECK

Village maintenance issues and update on actions from last meeting

Platinum Jubilee bench: The oak bench installed at the village hall is designed to weather naturally and does not need maintenance, although it will be monitored regularly.

6. HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Update on Highways issues and any new problems to report

6.1 Footpaths: Cllr Raymond expressed thanks to the Auberies estate team for cutting their footpaths. FP 3 behind Bulmer Street & St Andrews Rise is not Parish Council responsibility but is on the Essex Highways Public Rights of Way cutting schedule. A Service Level Agreement had been offered by the PROW officer, which will be considered when the Parish Grass Cutting contract is reviewed in autumn 2023.

6.2 Local Highways Panel (LHP): A LHP application was approved for a traffic management/road safety audit at the A131 Bulmer Tye and junction with Hedingham Rd, due to speeding and dangerous driving

6.3 SID sign at Bulmer Street: The sign has been monitored and is working. It had been noted that it obscures the pedestrians warning sign. **Action:** Clerk to submit a second LHP application for improvement of pedestrian & playground signage at Coes Meadow entrance in Bulmer Street

7. REPORTS

7.1 Police/PCSO/Neighbourhood Watch.- A recent police report will be sent to Councillors

7.2 Essex CC report – Cllr Schwier apologised for absence due to a BDC meeting and referred Councillors to his email reports

7.3 Braintree DC report – Cllr Hollend apologised for absence due to a BDC meeting and referred Councillors to his emails regarding green bin collection charges, verge cutting and the National Grid proposals for Butlers Wood and a possible plan to install solar panels across 11km of local agricultural land.

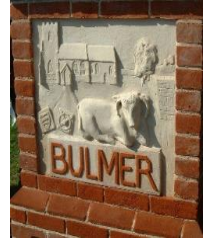
8. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

8.1 Allotments report: Mr Mike Crome, Allotments Officer sent a written report



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All plots are rented, including the recent termination. An agreement will be issued shortly to an existing tenant for a second plot. A further refundable deposit of £50 will be requested. One tenant has given notice that their plot will be vacated in September, due to relocation to Norfolk. A tenant has had all their ripe strawberries removed. In order to achieve this a large cage had to be removed. Unfortunately there were no witnesses to the event. All tenants have been asked for info and advised to be vigilant. A similar incident that occurred last year. Whilst on site recently the allotments officer met a representative from a company called "Ipsum", who had recently been awarded the contract for the transformer and cables to be installed for UKPN on the allotments. He indicated the work will start in few months' time.

With regards to the main gate damage, thanks for the excellent efforts of Cllr. Nichols in resolving this, it is much appreciated. A notice has been put on the gate to stop some tenants who have been observed climbing over. With regards to the standpipe quotes, the long route is preferred as it will cause the least disruption to tenants. An extra standpipe at the top lefthand corner is not currently required. Because a 20mm pipe has been used for the second standpipe there should not be any significant reduction in pressure.

8.2 Allotments water supply: Three quotes for an additional standpipe were considered

RESOLVED: With sincere thanks from the Parish Council for quoting on a "not for profit" basis as a service to the Bulmer community, the quote of £579.60 inclusive of VAT from Liston Trading Company Ltd was accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Raymond

Seconded: Cllr Morris

Agreed unanimously

9. PLANNING

Applications received:

23/01488/VAR Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) & Condition 3 (Surface Water Drainage) of approved application 22/01147/FUL granted 25.10.2022 for: A new 400/132 kilovolt (kV) Grid Supply Point (GSP) substation including two supergrid transformers, associated buildings, equipment and switchgear, a single circuit cable sealing end compound, a new permanent vehicular access to the public highway, associated landscaping (including boundary fencing, an area for Biodiversity Net Gain, and landscape mounding) and drainage. Condition 2:- Would allow a reduction of substation footprint, improved cable alignment, rationalisation of the number and location of buildings, revised position and alignment of the supergrid transformer gantry moving it further from the A131. Condition 3 to be reworded
Butlers Wood & Waldegrave Wood West of A131 Sudbury Road *Objection as previously*

23/01363/HH Proposed timber weatherboarding to first floor external walls
Church Cottage Church Road CO10 7EL

No objections

23/01792/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - T1 x1 Cherry tree - Carry out a 1m to 1.5m crown reduction
New Mains Bulmer Street CO10 7EW

No objections

Applications determined:

23/01360/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area:- Removal of Ash tree | Land Adjacent To Griggs Farm Bulmer Street CO10 7EW *Application PERMITTED*

23/01090/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: 6No. Limes - Reduce by 4.572 meters to remove dead top sections and make uniform
St Andrews Church Church Road CO10 7EL *Application PERMITTED*

23/00689/HH & 23/00690/LBC Single storey rear extension
Laurel Cottage Bulmer Street CO10 7EP

Application PERMITTED

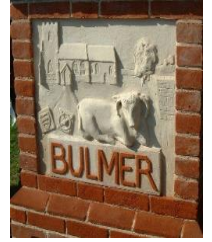
23/01091/TPOCON To carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: 1No. Hawthorn tree – Fell
Belchamp Brook House Bulmer Street CO10 7EW

Application PERMITTED



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23/00758/HDG Notice of intent to remove a hedgerow - To ensure existing access has visibility splay required by Essex County Council Highways
Hog Barn The Old Piggeries Hedingham Road *Application PERMITTED*

10. FINANCE

10.1 The monthly payments were approved for authorisation by two Councillors - *Financial report Appendix 1*

Proposed: Cllr Nichols

Seconded: Cllr Crawshay

Agreed unanimously

10.2 The full report from the Internal Audit was noted, with no recommendations for action. It is available to view on the website at <https://e-voice.org.uk/bulmerpc/parish-council/finance/finance-2022-2023/>

10.3 A grant application request was considered from the Kernos Centre in Sudbury, which provides psychological and emotional support, with a particular focus on seeing those on benefits or very low incomes who would not otherwise afford help.

Action: In line with the grant awarding policy, clerk to respond requesting a grant application form is completed and submitted in time for consideration at the November meeting for the 2024-2025 budget.

11. DEFIBRILLATORS FOR BULMER

RESOLVED: To accept the final quotation for £10,150.00 to be financed from capital reserves to install four defibrillators, to be sited at 1. Kitchen Hill, 2. Limes Avenue, 3. The Fox at Bulmer Tye and 4. Church Road by St Andrews Primary. A defibrillator recently received by St Andrews Primary school was considered but this is not suitable for general public access so does not affect the final decision on defibrillator locations.

Proposed: Cllr Raymond

Seconded: Cllr Morris

Agreed unanimously

Cllr Morris will ask Auberies estate to confirm in writing their offer to make a donation towards the defibrillators. Donations from other Bulmer residents will be invited towards the ongoing running costs

As a qualified paramedic, Cllr Morris offered to run introductory defibrillator sessions for residents. These are available from the supplier Community Heartbeat Trust, but at an additional cost of £175 per session.

12. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE – PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

ECC Electric Vehicle Charge Point Strategy: Public consultation now open until 30th July at

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/essex-electric-vehicle-charge-point-strategy> Further information at <https://www.essexhighways.org/uploads/downloads/safer-greener-healthier/Essex-Electric-Vehicle-Charge-Point-Strategy.pdf> or contact the project team at ElectricVehicleStrategy@essexhighways.org.

National Grid, Norwich to Tilbury pylons: 183 km of new electricity transmission reinforcement between Norwich and Tilbury, made up mostly of overhead line and pylons, along with some underground cables and a new 400 kV substation in Bulmer. This is part of “The Great Grid Upgrade” – the largest overhaul of the grid in generations. A public consultation is now open until Monday 21 August 2023. Essex County Council, Norfolk County Council and Suffolk County Council have already raised concerns to the initial consultation undertaken last year and are calling for a coordinated offshore centred approach to energy transmission in the UK. Find out more at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/norwich-to-tilbury>

ECC Passenger Transport: Consultation on Supported Local Bus Services 2024-2028. People’s views are requested to help shape the ECC supported bus network across the County. **Bulmer services at risk of being withdrawn: DaRT3 F315 Sudbury Halstead service, Monday to Saturday.**

Please note this consultation does not include the commercial bus network. The consultation **closes on 5th October 2023**. Complete the survey online by visiting the web site <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/2023>
People unable to complete the consultation online can request a hard copy of the consultation from passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk or telephoning 0345 743 0430 or 0345 603 7631.

Essex Wellbeing Service – Social Isolation: Bulmer residents and other north rural Braintree District (wards listed below) are being invited to be part of a Community Reference Group for the Levelling Up project in rural

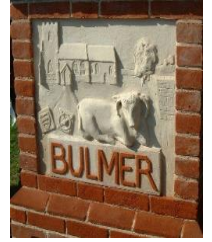
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Braintree. You would be involved in conversations about the barriers of living in a rural village and the impact this has on accessing local services/schools/employment opportunities etc. Ideas and solutions to the problems faced are welcome, so any Levelling Up funding can support projects and services designed by the residents. **Please contact:** Amy Melton, United in Kind Coordinator, Essex Wellbeing Service – Social Isolation amy.melton@ceessex.org.uk or on 07458 300900

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Grass Cutting & Hedge Cutting contracts review for 2024-2027

14. MEETING DATES 2023

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Monday 18th September 2023 | Ordinary Parish Council | Bulmer Village Hall |
| Monday 20th November 2023 | Ordinary Parish Council | Bulmer Village Hall |

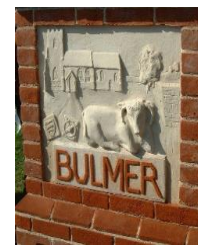
Signed.....

Cllr Rosemary Raymond



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PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION JULY 2023

Bulmer Parish Council Account

| Jul-23 | | Payments in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 06-Jul | B/P | HMRC | 475SA894912403 | £94.20 |
| 17-Jul | B/P | JPB Landscapes | Grass Cutting May | £415.20 |
| 17-Jul | B/P | JPB Landscapes | Grass Cutting June | £415.20 |
| 17-Jul | B/P | Ann Wood | Internal Audit 2022-23 | £125.00 |
| 30-Jul | B/P | E C Waters | Clerk pay July | £404.34 |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £1,453.94 |

| Aug-23 | | Payments in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 07-Aug | B/P | HMRC | 475SA894912404 | £94.00 |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £94.00 |

| Jul-23 | | Receipts in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| | | None | | |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £0.00 |

Lawrence Coe Recreational Trust Account

| May-23 | | Payments in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| | | None | | |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £0.00 |

| May-23 | | Receipts in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | Bulmer PC | Annual Grant | £1,500.00 |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £1,500.00 |

Accounts balances at 14th July 2023

Interest
2023-24

Bulmer Parish Council

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| BPC Unity Trust Current account | £12,823.32 | |
| BPC Unity Trust Allotment Deposits | £332.11 | £1.56 |

BPC Capital Reserves

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| BPC Unity Trust Deposit account | £36,242.21 | £201.63 |
| CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund | £31,211.46 | £445.93 |
| | <u>£67,453.67</u> | |

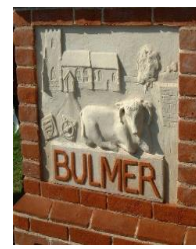
Coes Meadow

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| LCRT Unity Trust Current account | £3,539.20 |
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RECONCILED PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS APRIL 2023

Bulmer Parish Council Current Account

| Apr-23 | | Payments in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 05-Apr | B/P | HMRC | 475SA894912312 | £78.40 |
| 25-Apr | B/P | Bulmer Village Hall | Coronation grant | £100.00 |
| 25-Apr | B/P | EALC | EALC/NALC Affiliation fee | £227.61 |
| 25-Apr | B/P | D M Payroll services | Payroll 2023-2024 | £120.00 |
| 28-Apr | B/P | E C Waters | Clerk pay April | £404.34 |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £930.35 |

| Apr-23 | | Receipts in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 03-Apr | | BDC | S106 Picnic Benches Coes Meadow | £2,073.00 |
| 03-Apr | | Bone | Allotment deposit | £60.00 |
| 03-Apr | | King | Allotment deposit | £60.00 |
| 05-Apr | | S Thomson | Allotment rent (from Sept 22) | £49.40 |
| 05-Apr | | Bone | Allotment deposit | £50.00 |
| 27-Apr | | BDC | Precept 1st instalment | £5,557.00 |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £7,849.40 |

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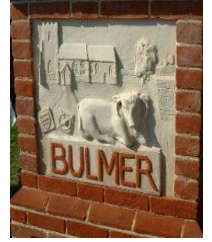
| Apr-23 | | Payments in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| | | None | | |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £0.00 |

| Apr-23 | | Receipts in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| | | None | | |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £0.00 |



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RECONCILED PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS MARCH 2023

Bulmer Parish Council Current Account

| Mar-23 | | Payments in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 28-Feb | | E C Waters | Clerk pay February | £420.14 |
| 05-Mar | B/P | HMRC | 475SA894912311 | £78.20 |
| 24-Mar | DD | Wave | Water Allotments | £33.09 |
| 20-Mar | | Earth Anchors Ltd | Picnic Benches Coes Meadow | £2,487.60 |
| 20-Mar | | Liverton Ltd | Hedge Cutting Allotments | £396.00 |
| 20-Mar | | Bulmer Village Hall | Meeting room hire 2022-23 | £80.00 |
| 20-Mar | | Castle Hedingham PC | Shared mobile phone 2022-23 | £65.25 |
| 20-Mar | | E C Waters | Office Expenses Jan-Mar | £10.80 |
| 31-Mar | | E C Waters | Clerk pay March | £419.94 |
| | | Unity Trust | Service Charge | £18.00 |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £4,009.02 |

| Mar-23 | | Receipts in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | Atkins Dellow | UKPN Lease 2022 | £139.69 |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £139.69 |

Lawrence Coe Recreational Trust Account

| Mar-23 | | Payments in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 24-Mar | | Wave | Water Coes Meadow | £14.24 |
| 31-Mar | | Unity Trust | Service Charge | £18.00 |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £32.24 |

| Mar-23 | | Receipts in Month | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| | | None | | |
| TOTAL in month | | | | £0.00 |