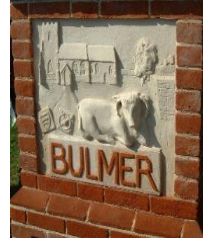




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Minutes of a Meeting of Bulmer Parish Council held at 7.15pm on Monday 20th March 2023 at Bulmer Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Crawshay, Hall, Harvey, Nichols, Raymond,
In the Chair: Cllr Raymond (except item 10.2, when Cllr Nichols chaired)
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: 18 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1.1 Councillor Vacancies: There are now two vacant Councillor seats and the resignation of Cllr Ponty was noted with regret. The vacant seats will hopefully be filled at the Parish Council elections in May 2023.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Proposed: Cllr Crawshay

Seconded: Cllr Nichols

Agreed unanimously

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Raymond declared a pecuniary interest in item 10.2 Grazing & Garden rents review as a grazing tenant

4. PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 A resident spoke in objection to planning application 23/00455/OUT at Kitchen Hill. The clerk read out a statement supplied by the planning applicants who were unable to attend the meeting. See Item 9

4.2 A resident requested Parish Council support in preventing damage to the kerb and sewage/water infrastructure at Bulmer Street near St Andrews Rise, due to large parked vehicles. See item 6.1

5. PROGRESS CHECK

Village maintenance issues and update on actions from last meeting

5.1 Church Meadow: Erosion of the soil caused by waste collection vehicles at the entrance to Church Meadow had been reported Braintree District Council waste and refuse who have agreed to consider repair. Photos of the damage have been sent for them to assess.

Action: Councillors to monitor and keep a photographic record of progress.

6. HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Update on Highways issues and any new problems to report

6.1 Kerb Damage, St Andrews Rise: The frustration of residents was noted, with damage to kerbs as well as water supply and sewage pipes by large traffic mounting the kerb to pass parked vehicles. This is a difficult problem to solve as vehicles are not illegally parked, and any parking restrictions might shift the problem to a different location in Bulmer Street.

Action: Clerk to raise the issue again with Cllr Schwier, Essex County Councillor, and ask for a Highways assessment to identify possible solutions.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Police/PCSO/Neighbourhood Watch. Weekly police reports had been forwarded to Councillors. A recent break in at Bulmer Village Hall and theft of cash from the electricity/heating meters was noted.

7.2 Essex CC report. Cllr Schwier sent apologies due to a conflicting meeting at BDC

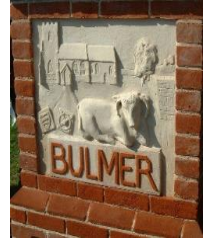
7.3 Braintree DC report Cllr Scattergood sent apologies due to a conflicting meeting at BDC. Cllr Scattergood is retiring so this would have been her last meeting at Bulmer

Action: At the request of the Chairman, the clerk will write to Cllr Scattergood thanking her for all her support



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8. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

8.1 Allotments report: Mr Mike Crome, Allotments Officer, had sent a written allotment report which had been circulated to Councillors. One new tenant since January but there are still 2 vacant plots, with a further one about to be vacated. The plot that has not been worked on in the corner near the footpath for the last 2 years, although continuing to pay their rent is now being cleared. The plot that is covered in wood chip is not being worked, but rent has been paid. Vacant plots have been advertised frequently, with an article submitted for the last 2 "What's Going On?", but neither had been published at the time of the report. The request to consider installation of another standpipe near the A131 side of the allotments was noted

Action: Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for standpipe installation. Tenants will be asked to consider all possible ways of harvesting rainwater. It was noted also that following difficulties with printing the Autumn edition, the most recent Spring edition of What's Going On has now been delivered to residents.

9. PLANNING

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

Land Adjacent Kitchen Hill Bulmer

Objection: Outside development boundary,

proximity to the border with Sudbury and Babergh, traffic and highways issues.

23/00373/FUL Erection of 2 No. replacement dwellings & associated outbuildings. Improvements to existing vehicular access

4 & 5 Smeetham Hall Lane CO10 7EU

No objections providing original footprint is maintained.

Applications received: Decision ratified

23/00078/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: 1 Holly (T1) - Complete removal. Apple tree (T2) - Complete removal. Both trees diseased and dying

Mulberry Tree Cottage Bulmer Street Bulmer CO10 7EP

No objections: Application PERMITTED

Applications determined:

23/00273/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of 9No. dwellings

Land Adjacent Kitchen Hill Bulmer

Application WITHDRAWN

22/03149/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of 5 No. dwellings

Tye Corner Farm Hedingham Road CO10 7EE

Application REFUSED

22/03195/HH Erection of part single part two storey rear extension and new window to south west elevation

1 Chapel Cottages Bulmer Street CO10 7EW

Application PERMITTED

22/03249/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for - Erection of 8no. 2 Bedroom dwellings and associated development

Land Rear Of The Tye Ryes Lane

Application WITHDRAWN

22/03302/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Ash Maple Leaf (A) - Fell Acacia (B) – Fell

The Old Vicarage Sudbury Road CO10 7TA

Application PERMITTED

Planning Enforcement:

23/00052/UBW3 Upper Houses Bulmer. Tree/hedge clearance and development at paddock

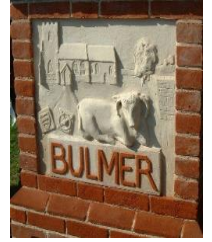
BDC Planning Enforcement officer has reminded landowner of responsibilities if there are any changes to the use of the land or development proposed for the land, but at the current time no breaches are taking place which require planning enforcement involvement. BDC Landscape officer to assess the hedgerow.

The clerk advised that residents report any further issues to BDC Planning Enforcement and copy in the clerk so the Parish Council can monitor the situation.



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10. FINANCE

10.1 The monthly payments were be approved for payment. *See Appendix 1 Finance*

Proposed: Cllr Nichols

Seconded: Cllr Raymond

Agreed unanimously

Cllr Raymond left the meeting for item 10.2 due to a pecuniary interest. Cllr Nichols chaired item 10.2

10.2 RESOLVED: Grazing & Garden rents review: To apply a 2% rent increase from September 2023. This represents an increased annual income to the Parish Council of just under £40. The rental agreements limit rent increases to no more than 2.5% per year and there have been no rent increases for the last 5 years.

Proposed: Cllr Nichols

Seconded: Cllr Crawshay

Agreed unanimously

Cllr Raymond returned and resumed as chair of the meeting.

11. DEFIBRILLATORS FOR BULMER

11.1 RESOLVED: Community Heartbeat Trust was chosen as the preferred provider due to quality of support given, and who can supply a defibrillator which does not need a local electricity supply to heat the defibrillator cabinet. Up to 5 public access defibrillators will be installed at accessible locations to serve the whole village, options considered included the Village Hall or Coes Meadow, Church Road near the school, Batt Hall, Bulmer Street near the Post Office and Bulmer Tye near the Fox. Advice on exact locations will be sought from Community Heartbeat Trust. The defibrillators and cabinets will be purchased using capital reserves at an approximate cost of £2,500 per site. Ongoing maintenance includes the cost of replacement pads and batteries which will need to be funded from the revenue budget at a cost of up to £135.00 per site per year.

Proposed: Cllr Nichols

Seconded: Cllr Raymond

Agreed unanimously

Action: Public training session to be discussed with the supplier and alternative options considered.

Action: Once installed, volunteers will be needed to carry out monthly site checks and report on the online monitoring system. Cllr Nichols volunteered but other resident offers of support will be welcomed.

12. CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

12.1 The clerk reported that grant applications to the National Lottery Communities fund would now not be granted until sometime in June, so too late for the Coronation weekend

12.2 RESOLVED To make a donation of £100 towards the Coronation afternoon tea in the Village Hall on Monday 8th May 2023

Proposed: Cllr Raymond

Seconded: Cllr Hall

Agreed unanimously

12.3 Beacon Lighting event was suggested, date and time to be considered.

Action: Councillors to meet to discuss, and let clerk know the details so they can be publicised to residents.

13. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE - None

14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING - None

The clerk reminded the meeting that the Annual Parish Assembly on April 26th falls during the pre-election period. During this period it is required that no public money is spent promoting individual candidates who may be standing for Parish or District Council at the May elections. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on May 22nd, following the elections.

The Parish Council meeting closed at 8.51pm

15. LAURENCE COE RECREATIONAL TRUST – SOLE TRUSTEE MEETING

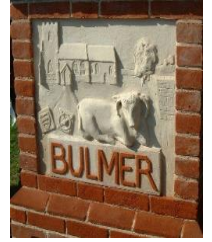
Cllr Nichols as Chair of Coes Meadow Management Committee reported to Bulmer Parish Council as sole trustee. New picnic benches including one wheelchair accessible have been delivered and a working party at Coes Meadow plans to install them, starting at 9.30 am on Saturday 25th March. The clerk confirmed that the S106 funding for the benches has been approved by BDC and will be received before financial year end.

The Sole Trustee meeting closed at 8.53pm



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16. MEETING DATES 2023

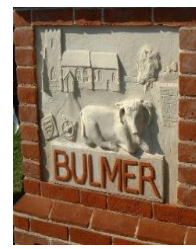
Wednesday 26th April 2023	7.30PM	ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY	Bulmer Village Hall
Thursday 4th May 2023		DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS	
Monday 22th May 2023	7.15pm	Annual Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall
Monday 17th July 2023	7.15pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall
Monday 18th September 2023	7.15pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall
Monday 20th November 2023	7.15pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall

Signed.....
Cllr Rosemary Raymond



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Financial Report Appendix 1: Payments & receipts March 2023:

Bulmer Parish Council Account

Mar-23		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
06-Mar	B/P	E C Waters	Clerk pay February	£420.14
06-Mar	B/P	HMRC	475SA894912311	£78.20
24-Mar	DD	Wave	Water Allotments	£33.09
20-Mar	B/P	Earth Anchors Ltd	Picnic Benches Coes Meadow	£2,487.60
20-Mar	B/P	Liverton Ltd	Hedge Cutting Allotments	£396.00
20-Mar	B/P	Bulmer Village Hall	Meeting room hire 2022-23	£80.00
20-Mar	B/P	Castle Hedingham PC	Shared mobile phone 2022-23	£65.25
20-Mar		E C Waters	Office Expenses Jan-Mar	£10.80
31-Mar	B/P	E C Waters	Clerk pay March	£419.94
TOTAL in month				£3,991.02

Apr-23		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
06-Apr	B/P	HMRC	475SA894912312	£78.40

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
TOTAL in month				£14.24

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

Accounts balances at 20th March 2023

Bulmer Parish Council

BPC Unity Trust Current account	£12,865.40
BPC Unity Trust Allotment Deposits	£110.15

BPC Capital Reserves

BPC Unity Trust Deposit account	£35,428.66
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	£31,211.46
	£66,640.12

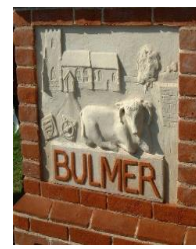
Coes Meadow

LCRT Unity Trust Current account	£2,104.67
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Reconciled Payments and Receipts February 2023

Bulmer Parish Council Current Account

Feb-23		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
05-Feb	B/P	HMRC	475SA894912310	£78.20
TOTAL in month				£78.20

Feb-23		Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
06-Feb		T Archer	Allotment deposit	£50.00

Lawrence Coe Recreational Trust Account

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

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

Reconciled Payments and Receipts January 2023

Bulmer Parish Council Current Account

Jan-23		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
05-Jan	B/P	HMRC	475SA894912309	£141.20
24-Jan		L Nichols	Newsletter materials	£69.38
31-Jan		E C Waters	Clerk pay January	£420.14
TOTAL in month				£630.72

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

Lawrence Coe Recreational Trust Account

Jan-23		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
		L Nichols	Stour Valley volunteers	£16.10
		L Nichols	Wood treatment	£50.00
		L Nichols	Postcrete for goal	£12.80
TOTAL in month				£78.90

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