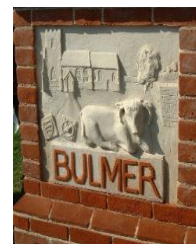




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Minutes of a Meeting of Bulmer Parish Council held at 7.15pm on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at Bulmer Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Crawshay, Hall, Nichols, Ponty, Raymond, Street
In the Chair: Cllr Raymond
Clerk: Absent due to illness. Notes taken by Cllr L Nichols.
Also Present: Mr M Crome, Allotments Officer
Cllr Peter Schwier, Essex County Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The clerk apologised for absence due to illness. Cllr W Scattergood BDC apologised for absence due to a conflicting meeting.

1.1 Councillor Vacancy: No applications had been received for the vacant Councillor seat

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

In the absence of the clerk, the approval of the minutes of the meeting of 18th July 2022 was deferred until the November meeting.

3. POLICY REVIEW

3.1 RESOLVED: The Reserves Policy was adopted for 2022-23. Monetary amounts to be reviewed for further discussion at November meeting, before final decision at the January budget meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Ponty **Seconded:** Cllr Hall Agreed unanimously

3.2 Launch of 'The Civility and Respect Pledge' by NALC and SLCC. *Deferred to November meeting*

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. PROGRESS CHECK

Village maintenance issues and update on actions from last meeting

5.1 Verge Cutting & weed killing: Concerns raised by a resident of Church Road regarding weedkilling of a verge were noted. This has been done due to damage to grass cutting machinery by rubbish dumped in the ditch. Councillors and clerk will investigate further. *Agenda item for November meeting*

5.2 Fly tipping: Barbara Rawlings and volunteers continue to submit fly tipping reports to Braintree District Council on behalf of the parish. Residents can report littering and fly tipping directly to Braintree District Council online at <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/streets-transport-parking/report-fly-tipping> Councillors reported fly tipping incidents in Sandy Lane, Dog Pit Corner, Upper Houses and 2 locations at Church Road.

Action: Clerk to ask Highways about Dog Pit Corner, if it can be adopted and closed via the Adopt a Layby Scheme. *Agenda item for November meeting*

6. HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Update on Highways issues and any new problems to report

6.1 Signpost at Bulmer Street crossroads: It was noted this has now been repaired by Essex Highways.

6.2 Community Speed Watch: The What's Going On appeal for residents to join a Community Speed Watch group raised no interest from volunteers. No further action can be taken unless volunteers come forward.

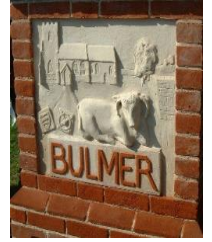
6.3 Bulmer Street parking: A concern raised by a resident over possible accidents caused by the number of vehicles parking along the street was noted. The Parish Council has no authority to act, as there are no parking restrictions.

Action: Clerk to investigate how to obtain a 20-mph limit on village roads.



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7. REPORTS

- 7.1 Police/PCSO/Neighbourhood Watch.** Weekly police reports had been forwarded to Councillors
- 7.2 Essex CC report.** Cllr Schwier reported that Essex County Council is under major cost pressures from their suppliers
Highways: Essex is trialling a new substitute tarmac to fill potholes.
Autumn vaccination programme in progress and going well.
Essex wide cycling event went well over two days but next year will be one day due to the amount of road closures.
Energy saving. County Council is installing Solar Panels on all its offices and schools to reduce energy costs.
- 7.3 Braintree DC report** Cllr Scattergood apologised for absence due to conflicting meetings
Verge Cutting: **Action:** Clerk to ask if Cllr Scattergood can confirm when autumn verge cutting will take place

8. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

- 8.1 Allotments report:** Mr Mike Crome, Allotments Officer
There are 4 vacant plots plus 2 unused.
Action: Clerk to write to tenants of unused plots reminding them of the terms of the tenancy agreement which requires an allotment plot to be cultivated or the tenancy will be terminated.
Action: New agreement to be drawn up including a £50.00 refundable deposit if the plot is left in useable condition at the end of a tenancy.
Action: Clerk to check to see if rent can be paid upfront.
Action: Annual invoices to be sent with accurate shared water charges following submission of a meter reading.
Action: Clerk to arrange a key for hedge cutting and grass cutting access.

9. PLANNING

Applications received:

22/02101/HH Single storey side extension
Carters Bulmer Tye CO10 7ED

Decision ratified: No objections

22/01147/FUL Re-Consultation 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
Land Adjacent Butlers Wood And Waldegrave Wood West Of A131 (In The Parishes Of Bulmer And Twinstead)
Sudbury Road Bulmer

Objection: Comment as previously

22/02323/FUL & 22/02324/LBC Conversion of farm building into a 1 No. dwelling, single storey extension, alterations to access and associated landscaping - (Amendments to 19/01231/FUL)
Griggs Farm Bulmer Street CO10 7EW

No objections

Applications determined:

22/01886/AGR Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - Steel framed agricultural building used for the storage of grain store and machinery store
Auberries Church Road CO10 7DY

Prior approval required and given

22/01828/HH Dropped kerb and paved driveway
9 Batt Hall Kitchen Hill CO10 7EZ

Application PERMITTED

22/01987/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Lift crown of large Oak
(a) removing selective weeping sub lateral branches only, and where necessary weeping branch tips to clear roof and gate and (b) Reduce Silver Birch trees by 8-10 ft shape sides as necessary

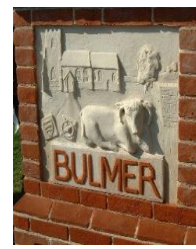
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Church Meadow House Church Road CO10 7EL

Application PERMITTED

18/01666/FUL Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of permission 18/01666/FUL granted 14/11/2018 for: Erection of one two storey dwelling and associated works. Variation would allow :- Alterations to fenestration and external finishes.

May Hill House, Park Lane

Application PERMITTED

22/01015/OHL Overhead line works associated with proposed grid supply point substation at Butlers Wood Land Adjacent Butlers Wood and Waldegrave Wood West Of A131 Sudbury Rd *Application PERMITTED*

22/01612/HH Front porch, pitched roof to existing two storey rear element and balcony
Church Cottage Church Road CO10 7EL

Application PERMITTED

10. FINANCE

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

Proposed: Cllr Raymond

Seconded: Cllr Crawshay

Agreed unanimously

Action: Clerk to thank Steed Doe for the Beacon lighting and the distributors of the leaflets for the National Moment of Reflection for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Church Meadow, which was well attended

10.2 Cancellation of the annual Zoom subscription for remote meetings was noted and approved.

10.3 Action: In line with the Reserves Policy adopted at item 3.1 Councillors to consider ring fenced reserve amounts to be for discussion at November meeting, for final adoption at January budget meeting

11. PARISH GRASS CUTTING

11.1 RESOLVED: Church Meadow Wild flower area to be created, cut once per year but grass to be cut in parking area when needed.

Proposed: Cllr Raymond

Seconded: Cllr Ponty

Agreed unanimously

Action: Clerk to respond to PCC concern about cutting of the parking area.

12. DEFIBRILLATOR, BATT HALL

A request had been received to support an application for a 5 year contract to install and run a defibrillator at Batt Hall, funded by the residents.

Action: Clerk to respond to explain that the Parish Council needs further investigation on appropriate site and costs of a defibrillator. If Batt Hall residents wish to go ahead, the Parish Council has no objection, but cannot commit to funding this yet. *Agenda item for November meeting*

13. NATIONAL GRID: BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD TEE CONNECTION

Further targeted consultation on proposals for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement. The consultation relates to changes made to the proposals following the statutory consultation held earlier in the year. The biggest changes to the plans are in the western part of the Stour Valley, in the parishes of Lamarsh, Alphamstone, Twinstead, Pebmarsh and Little Maplestead. There are also several smaller changes to proposals across the wider route of the proposed reinforcement.

The consultation launched on Thursday 8 September 2022. The deadline for submitting feedback is now 23:59 on Wednesday 19 October 2022. Details and ways to respond to the consultation are in public libraries in Sudbury and Halstead and at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/bramford-twinstead>

Action: Clerk to respond, original Parish Council objections to these proposals still stand

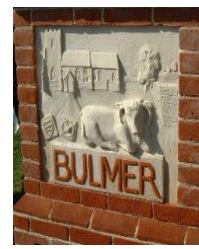
14. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

- **St Andrews Primary School:** Following consultation on forming a Federation between St Andrews & St Giles with Wethersfield C of E primary school, the Governing Boards of St Giles' and St Andrew's and of Wethersfield made a unanimous decision to proceed with the proposal to federate as published. The final



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decision rests with the Diocesan Board of Education and all stakeholders will be informed of the outcome after their meeting. *Update 6th October 2022:* Final approval has been given by the Schools Organisation and Resources Committee of the DBE, to proceed with the federation of the three schools as proposed from 1st January 2023.

- **EALC:** The Annual Report and Annual Accounts received in advance of September AGM were noted.

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Defibrillators for Bulmer Parish
- To consider ring fenced reserves for decision at January 2023 budget meeting
- Fly tipping, including action needed at layby at Dog Pit Corner
- Signing of 'The Civility and Respect Pledge' launched by NALC and SLCC
- Approval and signing of the minutes of the July 2022 meeting

16. LAURENCE COE RECREATIONAL TRUST – SOLE TRUSTEE MEETING

Cllr Nichols reported from Coes Meadow Management Committee to Bulmer Parish Council as sole trustee. A volunteer working party was held on 24th September which was not well supported. The few volunteers who did attend managed to stain most of the play equipment and conduct some repairs. New seating on the rocking horse is needed.

16.1 Update on status of S106 applications and decision on further actions to be taken as sole trustee. No response has been received from the S106 officer at BDC on the application for picnic benches and bins.

Action: Clerk to chase this up

17. MEETING DATES 2022-23

Monday 21 st November 2022	Ordinary Parish Council	7.15pm Bulmer Village Hall
Monday 16 th January 2023	Ordinary Parish Council	7.15pm Bulmer Village Hall
Monday 20 th March 2023	Ordinary Parish Council	7.15pm Bulmer Village Hall
Monday 15 th May 2023	Annual Parish Council	7.15pm Bulmer Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

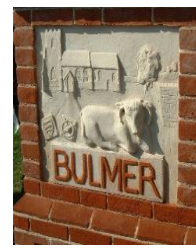
Signed.....

Cllr Rosemary Raymond



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PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION SEPTEMBER 2022

Bulmer Parish Council Account

Sep-22		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
05-Sep	B/P	HMRC	475SA894912305	£70.40
08-Sep		Mr A Sexton	Key Deposit refund Plot11	£10.00
28-Sep	DD	Wave	Water Allotments	£33.35
30-Sep	B/P	E C Waters	Clerk pay September	£388.55
28-Sep	B/P	C Street expenses	Memorial wreath	£60.00
28-Sep	B/P	Lyster Associates	Memorial flyer printing	£18.00
TOTAL in month				£580.30

Oct-22		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
05-Oct	B/P	HMRC	475SA894912306	£70.40

Sep-22		Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
29-Sep		BDC	Precept 2nd instalment	£5,359.00
TOTAL in month				£5,359.00

Lawrence Coe Recreational Trust Account

Sep-22		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
27-Sep		Wave	Water Coes Meadow	£12.84
TOTAL in month				£12.84

Sep-22		Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
		NONE		
TOTAL in month				£0.00

Accounts balances at 28th September 2022

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BPC Unity Trust Current account	£6,899.39	
Barclays Deposit account	£37,149.41	29-Jun
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	£30,828.72	31-Aug
	£74,877.52	

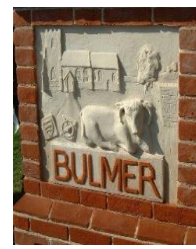
Coes Meadow

LCRT Unity Trust Current account	£3,125.53
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BANK TRANSFERS APPROVED FROM RESERVES: CAPITAL ASSETS

				TOTAL	VAT	NET
17-Feb	B/P	Dean Manning	Platinum Jubilee bench	£550.00		550.00
29-Apr		Richard Nice	Platinum Jubilee Beacon	£250.00		250.00
29-Apr		Cobblers & Keys	Platinum Jubilee Plaques	£105.26	17.54	87.72
29-Apr		Logmasters	Platinum Jubilee Beacon pole	£252.00	42.00	210.00
01-Jul	B/P	Ray Alston	Install bench & beacon	£1,003.20	167.20	836.00
TOTAL				£2,160.46	£226.74	1,933.72
Transfer from Capital Reserves to Current a/c						1,933.72

RECONCILED PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS AUGUST 2022

Bulmer Parish Council Account

Aug-22		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
10-Aug	B/P	HMRC	475SA894912304	£22.80
10-Aug	B/P	E C Waters	Clerk pay July	£436.15
10-Aug	B/P	JPB Landscapes	Grass Cutting July	£309.60
30-Aug	B/P	E C Waters	Clerk pay August	£370.96
TOTAL in month				£1,139.51

Aug-22		Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
04-Aug		BDC	S106 claim Goal Coes Meadow	£445.00
11-Aug		HMRC	VAT Reclaim 2021-22	£1,057.23
TOTAL in month				£1,502.23

Lawrence Coe Recreational Trust Account

Aug-22		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
		NONE		
TOTAL in month				£0.00

Aug-22		Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
		NONE		
TOTAL in month				£0.00