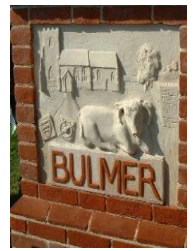




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Minutes of the Bulmer Annual Parish Assembly Meeting held on Tuesday 30th. April 2019 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr R. Raymond (Chairman), Cllr A. Lyes & Cllr S. Morgan. ECC Cllr D. Finch, BDC Cllr W. Scattergood.

Also, present was Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk) and 13 members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. This is not a Parish Council meeting and is for residents to inform Councillors of village activities.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – No apologies were received

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON 30th. APRIL 2018

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Assembly meeting were approved and signed

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR BULMER PARISH COUNCIL 2018/19

First, I would like to thank you all for coming tonight.

Tonight, is not about the Parish council but about the people and clubs and activities that go on in your village

Before they all speak, I would like to say a few words

Over the last year we have had some rough times and have lost some very good Councillors.

Chris Lea who if it was not for her hard work and money that both Kevin and Chris put in would not be as good as it is.

We do need to find a committee to help look after Coe's meadow it was left to the village not the Parish Council the Parish Council will help where ever possible but it is the village to run and shape. So please think if you could help.

We also lost Carol and Stella both who gave their time and energy and had the best interest of the village at heart.

Carol is still helping/running "What's On"

Thank you, Carol, for this and if you have anything to add to it, she would love to hear about what's going on in the village. I think the village gossip is good

Sadly, Steve Morgan did not stand this term to be a Councillor. Steve has been a Councillor for 12 years and has worked hard with the allotments sorting them out and mapping them giving a lot of his time.

We are very sorry to have lost a good Councillor and hope one day he will come back.

We also lost Peter Folger who has helped the Church and Coe's Meadow in many ways. Peter is still helping cut the allotments and sorting Coe's Meadow out organising Stour Valley volunteers to cutting the wild flower area.

We are lucky to have a wild life area on Coe's Meadow a corridor from the Church to the Meadow people are quick to forget that we need insects and wild life to survive and I think they should have a place of safety.

Peter arranged for native flowers and plants to be planted in this corridor to help them survive. That is why this part of Coe's Meadow is left to grow and should remain that way.

We are lucky that Mike has decided to re-join us and bring a lot of knowledge to the Council.

Phil also left due to work commitments

As a village we are lucky to have a village as good as we have near to town but not to near a school which is small enough to care.

A Church and a post office so if you can help support them, they would be grateful. It is better to use them than lose them.

NEWS FROM ECC BY CLLR. DAVID FINCH

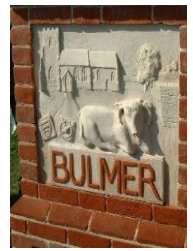
Cllr David Finch informed the meeting that he had supplied a 5 page report for the meeting to the Clerk.

This report will be attached to the minutes and placed on the BPC website.

<https://www.essexinfo.net/bulmer/>



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The recent important issue is the disruption of the A131 and A134 road. Cllr Finch informed the meeting of the possible reason and his reply from Essex Highways would be sent to the Clerk and a link for any insurance claims against damage to vehicles.

Cllr Finch outlined a few sections of his report. Namely
ECC most efficient/effective Council of its size in the Country
Broadband rollout (£1.4m investment)
Essex's youth Offending team

Footways

County Lines in Essex working closely with the Police in relation to Gang related crime prevention.

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Cllr Finch then took questions from the residents.

Residents were concerned about the lack of progress with County Broadband putting fibre superfast broadband in the village of Bulmer.

A resident thanked his intervention into the A131 traffic issue.

A resident asked about the immediate issue with social care homes in Essex. Cllr Finch informed the meeting that ECC have not been affected by the possible closure of a large care home.

Cllr D. Finch then left the meeting

NEWS FROM BDC BY CLLR. WENDY SCATTERGOOD

District Cllr Wendy Scattergood gave an update on recycling rates, fly tip removal, 1,200 dwellings granted, 154 affordable homes, 5 council sites found and approved for development, business engagement strategy, 99% superfast broadband coverage, tourism plan, handyperson scheme, hopper bus trips, investment programme. Wendy was thanked for her report.

Cllr Scattergood then took questions from the residents

A resident asked if any pieces of land has been identified in Bulmer. She answered that no land has been identified.

A resident spoke about the high rental price of the affordable homes.

GUEST SPEAKERS.

BULMER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Maggie Skipper explained that this is run by The Village Hall Management Committee, which is a charity, the Parish Council are custodial trustees. The Village Hall provide competitively priced facilities for events, they have a few clubs which use the hall as a regular venue. The small room has recently been redecorated; curtains have been replaced with blinds. They organise and run the Village Lottery and various fund-raising events. More members are from outside the village

The roof leaks and will be fixed in the future but the cost is high. The VHMC do not want to put up the hire charges. So, Fund Raising needs to be undertaken.

A village fete is being planned and being sited at Coe's Meadow but to involve the whole of the village.

The date has been set for 8th June 2019. All donations are welcomed.

Horticultural event will be organised again this year.

BULMER ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

Jinnie Nichols (Headteacher) of both schools (St. Andrews Primary and Maplestead) are moving together in a better way and more financial savings have been made.

With the Ofsted inspection last year there has been a further marked improvement in the standards.

More children are coming in from outer areas. 5 children are leaving year 6 this year but 9 new children have joined the school. A specialist sports coach comes to the school. An England BMX champion will visit the school together with Essex Cricket Club and a local hockey club.

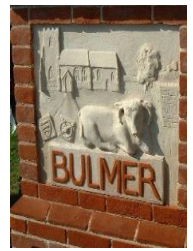
A new server has been purchased with new laptop per child being supplied.

Christmas was a very time with the children attending the local church

A musical show will be put on in the future at the local church.



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A family support worker has been employed across the 2 schools.
A new federation website is being designed in-house.

SKYLARKS

Barbara Rawlins reported that Skylarks started in 2009 for residents to come along for a few hours. It was a club for anyone, female/male, young or old. It is a good opportunity to meet other people in the village. They meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, they have outing days, and hold fund raising events. 33 members at present having various lunches arranged during the year and various outings have taken place. Good relationship with the school and has at each meeting has a guest speaker.

BOWLS CLUB

Barbara Rawlins

11.04.1991 meeting took place to form a carpet bowls club in Bulmer.
£5.50p per members per session. After 28 years the fees are still the same.
A light-hearted evening is always achieved.
Extremely friendly club.
More members are required.

BULMER ST. ANDREWS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The church of St. Andrew Bulmer is part of the North Hinckford Team Ministry – with 15 churches in the Team. The Team Rector is Revd Margaret King and Revd Paul Grover is a non-stipendiary minister. The Team Vicar Revd Gill Morgan will be joining the Team and will be licensed at the end of June 2019. (Revd Sally Womersley has moved to another post in Kent).

The monthly pattern of services offered is set within the context of a Team Ministry. At St. Andrew's, services are provided on the first three Sundays of the month: these consist of a lay led family service on the first Sunday and then services of Holy Communion for the next two Sundays led by a member of the clergy. On the 4th Sunday a Combined Service is held within a small group of churches on a rota basis. We do have a connection with Bulmer School although this tends to be for services run by the school during the week for special events such as: Harvest, Easter, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

We have arranged for some members of the parish who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age/mobility to be collected by car.

The PCC has written a letter to all houses in the parish inviting people to respond to a Questionnaire on how they perceive the church; what they would like from the church; how they could assist either by practical help or financially. We hope that people will respond as we wish to be inclusive to all.

In an initiative by the War Graves Commission the PCC applied for notices to be erected indicating that there are 4 war graves in the Churchyard. This was granted and a plaque was installed at each of the two entrances to the Churchyard in time for the Centenary of Remembrance Day.

As part of the Stour Valley Church Arts/Crafts Festival being held around the Team in October 2019 there will be an Art Exhibition in St. Andrews on the weekend of 19th October 2019.

Strawberry Cream Tea afternoons will once again be held on each Sunday in August in St. Andrew's Church.

ALLOTMENTS

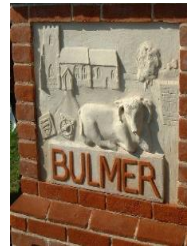
Stephen Morgan informed the meeting that the allotments need addressing. Some issues are still about. Much better well-kept allotments. More attention needs to be addressed. The allotments are looking better. A new allotment person being responsible is required. There are still some vacant plots. Plot holders should be encouraged to keep their plots clean and tidy. There are 4 plots vacant.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Residents asked questions throughout the meeting to guest speakers.



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2020 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – To take place in May 2020.
This to be confirmed and arranged by Bulmer Parish Council.

Closing remarks by the Chairman of Bulmer Parish Council

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.35pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....May 2020

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