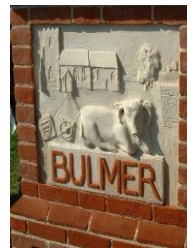




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Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th. July 2019 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R. Raymond (Chairman), Cllr A. Lyes, Cllr M. Crome and Kevin B. Money (Clerk)
Also, present was ECC Cllr D. Finch and 6 members of the Public

057/2019 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

058/2019 Co-option of Mr. Andrew Bott.

Cllr R. Raymond proposed Mr. Andrew Bott to be co-opted onto the Bulmer Parish Council. Cllr A. Lyes seconded. **All Agreed.**

Mr. Andrew Bott then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Register of Interest form and E Consent form.

059/2019 Apologies for Absence were received from BDC Cllr W. Scattergood & Cllr E. Penn

060/2019 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda
Cllr M. Crome NPI in item 67/2019 & PI in item 71/2019

061/2019 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 21st. May 2019

Cllr M. Crome proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **All Agreed**

To receive and agree the minutes of the planning meeting held on 17th. June 2019

Cllr M. Crome proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **All Agreed**

062/2019 Public Participation Session

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present.

Residents spoke about the church land is overgrowing. The residents were advised to contact the church direct to have the land cut back.

063/2019 Essex County Councillors report – Cllr D. Finch

Key Messages: 2019/20 – Summer Edition

Balanced Budget for 2018/19

As you know, delivering a balanced budget has always been the number one priority for Essex County Council under my Leadership. I'm pleased to be able to say that last year's budget was indeed balanced, thanks to the excellent work of the Cabinet Members and Council staff.

- Savings in the budget for 19/20

Looking ahead to next year, we are on track to make the £72m of savings required to deliver another balanced budget. The declining financial support from central government means this budgetary pressure has increased year-on-year. We are strongly lobbying Essex MPs and Government Ministers to make sure the next Government Spending Review has a long term, fully funded settlement for Local Government so we can deliver the public services our residents need.

- New Cabinet Member for Economic Growth

We made a few changes to our Cabinet in May of this year, and in particular I'd like to highlight the appointment of Tony Ball as the Cabinet Member for Economic Development. Tony brings a wealth of experience to the role and has a vision to transform the economic potential of the county – attracting inward investment and great jobs for our citizens.

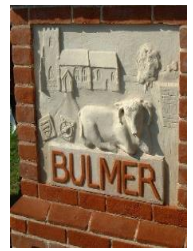
- Reports of potholes decreased by 45% in Essex between 2015-2017

National figures released by the RAC in December 2018 showed Essex bucking national trends, where reports have been increasing. The figure reflects our hard work in tackling potholes, with extra funding/resources deployed to clear the backlog particularly following the "Beast from the East" cold snap at the beginning of 2018.

- Reducing Air Pollution



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We're working hard to improve air quality in the county – we have set up a working group led by Cllr Simon Walsh, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste

- Reducing Plastic Use

In December last year the government launched its new resources and waste strategy which aims to eliminate avoidable waste of all kinds (including plastic waste) by 2050.

ECC is doing its own part – we have established a specialist team in the county for just this issue, who have started by removing as much single-use plastic from County Hall and replacing them with more environmentally friendly alternatives. This work should be completed by September of this year.

We are also working closely with the city of Chelmsford, to do the same in the Business Improvement District (covering the city centre) which is home to more than 400 local and national businesses. We hope to roll out the programme across the county once we have successfully set up in the area.

- Healthy Living

ECC is exploring ways it can help people make healthier choices around the food they eat, exercise they do, and other things that contribute to better health.

- Footways

Administration is investing additional money in footway repair, recognising the concerns of residents in this area. £700k of additional funding and using £1m from the DfT grant we received in November.

- Essex 2020

Next year the Council will be launching a programme of events to celebrate Essex's history as a home to arts and sciences of all kinds – there will be things for all the family up and down the county, throughout the year, and I look forward to be able to provide more information as we get closer to 2020 itself.

- Housing Infrastructure Bids

We have submitted more than £500m of infrastructure funding bids to support infrastructure improvements in Essex linked to our growth aspirations. We strive through this process to win funding for key infrastructure upgrades ahead of new housing developments being built across the county.

Essex County Council is the most efficient/effective Council of its size in the country and ranks seventh overall

Consultancy iMPOWER surveyed 150 upper-tier councils, with ECC 7th for spending money effectively and getting the best results for residents.

The results are drawn from an analysis of performance in six key areas: children's social care, older people, disability, health and social care, housing and homelessness, waste and recycling

The council is passionate about delivering value for money and its performance has been nationally recognised through the IMPOWER report. But the council doesn't sit back on its laurels, and is doing further work to develop ways of monitoring its productivity levels across all services to ensure it remains one of the best authorities in the country

ECC have only increased Council tax in 4 out of the last 9 years (including 2019/20)

- Devolved funding to Parish Councils

Parishes have been invited to take part in a pilot where they would undertake devolved highways functions, including grass cutting and special verge maintenance, weed control, tree and hedge cutting, minor footway repairs, installing/maintaining signs, winter salt bags, maintaining bus stops/shelters and maintaining Public Rights of Way

15 Parish Councils have expressed an interest in taking part in the pilot

- Reducing unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments

Working with the Police and Crime Commissioner, we have seen a 40% reduction in unauthorised Gypsy and traveller encampments

- Essex Local Delivery Pilot funding

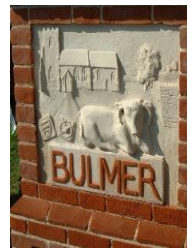
ECC being awarded over £10m by Sport England (with Tendring, Colchester and Basildon) for piloting ideas to increase sport and physical activity

The Essex Local Delivery Pilot (LDP) which is tackling population levels of physical inactivity across the county secured the maximum grant of £10.68m from the funder Sport England.

The LDP is governed by the Health and Wellbeing Board, and one of the seven priority projects for the Essex Partners and Essex Assembly.



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The LDP is using whole system change to hardwire the value of physical activity into key agendas including health, planning, transport, social care, and the built environment.

Initial testing will mainly take place in Basildon, Colchester and Tendring, and the learning from the pilot will be shared across Essex through replication and scaling.

The LDP lifespan is currently until 2025.

- Gang related crime prevention

An additional £500k has been allocated to the Police and Crime Commissioner to support multi-agency work on gang related crime prevention in this year's budget. Discussions are ongoing between ECC and the Police as to how this fund is to be used.

- Mental Health

An additional £1m has been allocated to mental health in this year's budget. Cabinet Members are currently in conversation on how best to use this additional funding

- Digital Community Engagement

ECC is working with community leaders in social media to bring together Facebook Administrators of Community Pages from across Essex. We are supporting locally devised and delivered projects led by local community-based Facebook groups with small grants of a few hundred pounds that can be very quickly accessed. We are working with the Essex Association of Local Councils to help them to also work in this way.

While we are keen to help to address issues locally identified by Facebook groups, we have been delighted that most of the projects align well with our own priorities including around mental health, loneliness, physical activity and domestic violence.

A lot of work has been done but we see this as the start of a journey and want to expand this approach across the whole of the county. We are very keen to work with all local communities in this way and would be keen to see groups led by Facebook administrators or similar social media leads covering all of Essex.

- Essex Housing update

Essex Housing has undertaken an ambitious programme to build affordable housing that supports the provision of specialist accommodation for people with learning difficulties across the county. The team also works on projects to construct public buildings such as schools and have achieved recognition from industry experts; winning the 'Community Benefit' award for the eastern region from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

- Homelessness

As a sign of ECC's commitment to tackling homelessness and its causes across the county, an additional £250,000 has been allocated to pay for mentors to help support up to 50 people at risk of rough sleeping and 150 people at risk of losing their homes.

This will allow us to build additional capacity into the existing programmes working with targeted groups in clearly identified areas of need, with the flexibility built in to respond dynamically to changes in demand.

The programmes are:

Horizon who work with some of the county's most chaotic individuals providing a highly intensive and focused intervention services. It works with the customer to support them in making the life changes needed to break negative cycles of: rough sleeping, poor mental wellness, substance use dependency, offending behaviour and unemployment. This has been shown to be extremely successful in turning around the lives of the most entrenched individuals.

Essex Floating Support which is a county wide homeless prevention service working with families and individuals assisting them to live independently and to prevent episodes of homelessness.

Cllr D. Finch then left the meeting

064/2019 District Councillors report – Cllr W. Scattergood

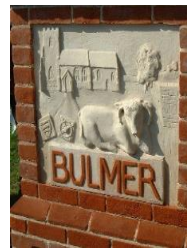
In the absence of Cllr W. Scattergood, the Clerk read out her report

The Council has yet to hold a Council meeting so nothing to report on District items.

I would appreciate it if you could advise the Parish Councillors and public that I have asked for the application at Land West of Church Road to be heard at the planning meeting. This will give the PC the



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opportunity to attend and make their objections heard. It will also give members of the public a chance to speak. I allow 2 to speak in favour and two against. I know there is a lot of unrest about the application. I suggest that those in opposition to the application get together and select two speakers each will be allowed 3 minutes to speak.

When is the meeting? The Clerk to find out the planning date.
Cllr E. Penn would attend the planning meeting when advised.
A resident should also attend the meeting.

065/2019 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

Footpaths have been cut but not in Bulmer.

Coe's Meadow litter / rubbish picker has retired due to ill health.

As there have been parties on the field at Coe's Meadow could a gate be erected.

066/2019 Clerks Report

- a. Councillors to agree Parish meeting dates for 2020

20.01.20: 16.03.20: 20.04.20 Annual Electors meeting: 18.05.20: 20.07.20: 21.09.20: 16.11.20
(subject to VH being available)

Cllr A. Lyes proposed and Cllr M. Crome seconded the PC meeting dates for 2020. **All Agreed**

- b. Chris & Kevin contribution at Coe's Meadow – Plaque / Bench / Seat – Cllr R. Raymond
It was agreed to leave this item until the September meeting

- c. Village Green memorial – Cllr R. Raymond
It was agreed to leave this item until the September meeting

- d. Winter Salt scheme 2019/20. Councillors to decide if BPC wishes to participate in the 2019/20 scheme

Cllr R. Raymond proposed not to participate in the 2019/20 scheme. Seconded by Cllr M. Crome.
All Agreed. But BPC to remain in scheme

- e. Councillors to discuss the quotation to replace plywood and 3 signs on the noticeboard
Councillors agreed to just having the plywood replaced.

Cllr M. Crome proposed to have the 3 signs repaired at a cost of £300 +VAT. Cllr A. Lyes seconded. **All Agreed.**

- f. Closure of "essexinfo.net" website as from March 2020
The Clerk to investigate a future website facility.

067/2019 Allotments

1) Update on - UK Power Networks Electricity Diversion Works - The work involves removing several spans of overhead electricity network and replacing it with underground cable, as well as a ground mounted substation which will replace the pole transformers. UKPN have identified a possible location for the substation on the land which would also include the removal of some low voltage overhead network.

Cllr M. Crome outlined the proposal of UK Power for the in substation.

An alternative site is being looked at but their first choice is on the junction of Church Road and Park Lane. It must be removed from where it is now as the landowner has to give permission to access the substation.

Cllr R. Raymond stated that this substation would not be sited well in the allotment area.

Cllr M. Crome proposed that UK power comes back with an alternative site?

- 2) Update on vacant Allotment plots

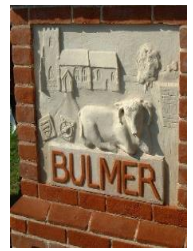
Troublesome Plot – Cllr M. Crome has met with the tenants and they removed items from the ditch and I am advised they have found a gate key, so will no longer be climbing the gate.

Un-Cultivated Plots

The plot holders have received a letter reminding them to cultivate their plot or terminate tenancy, 2 have now started to cultivate/prepare their plots. The other 2 have decided to terminate. I will continue to monitor.



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One plot has some tools in an old shed, they do not want them and I propose to offer them to volunteers who will be clearing this plot. And no-one wants them I will donate to a charity, unless Cllrs have alternative suggestions.

I am pleased to say that these 2 plots and all other plots have now been taken except for 1A, which is being considered by a current tenant.

Gate Post

The gate post that had become loose due to the gate being climbed has been made secure with thanks to Peter Fulcher, and we await wet weather to see if it remains secure. If not, a right-angle brace will have to be installed at a small cost.

Skip Request

A request for a skip was made by the tenant who has the plot next to the hedge of no. 1 Park Lane to clear the spoil removed after he cuts the hedge and trees under their agreement. BDC did offer to remove it at a cost, but the tenant has now disposed of the spoil themselves.

3) Update on Water pipe extension

New Water Pipe. The additional water stand-pipe cover has been ordered and the contractor hopes to have commenced installing the pipe within the few weeks.

068/2019 Coes Meadow –

1) Update to include issues and repairs required

A play inspection has been set for September '19

2) Coe's Meadow management. The same contractor cost was £60 in 2018. The contractor is happy to cut these two areas for the same cost as last year dependant on how much growth there is at the same time, he cuts the wildflower areas.

3) The setting up of a new Coes Meadow Management Committee.

Cllr A. Bott agreed to start setting up a Coes Meadow Management Committee. A gathering of a group of residents/Councillors to be arranged in the next few weeks.

069/2019 Planning Applications

19/00900/FUL - Land West Of Church Road Church Road Bulmer Essex
Construction of 7 dwellings

BPC Decision made at planning meeting on 17.06.19 – see minutes

19/00132/TPO - Polrudden Finch Hill Bulmer Essex CO10 7EX

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 12/82 - Pollard an Oak tree and remove the trunk at a later stage

BPC Decision made at planning meeting on 17.06.19 – see minutes

19/01004/FUL - Land Adjacent To 1 Bulmer Tye Bulmer Essex

Proposed 2 no semi-detached dwellings

BPC Decision made at planning meeting on 17.06.19 – see minutes

070/2019 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

No decisions have been made by BDC affecting Bulmer

071/2019 Finance

- Bank balances as at 30th. June 2019 and 2019/20 budget account

Councillors noted the bank balances and budget for 2019/20

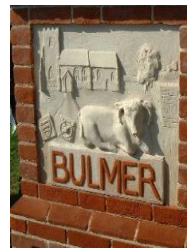
- Councillors to agree payment of June & July 2019 finances (previously circulated to Councillors)

Cllr A. Lyes proposed and Cllr R. Raymond seconded to authorise the June & July '19 payments. **All**

Agreed



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Chq No.	Invoice No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total
101489	June '19	Kevin B. Money - Clerk Salary	£ 288.65	£ -	£ 288.65
	July '19	Kevin B. Money - Clerk Salary	£ 288.45	£ -	£ 288.45
101490	June '19	HMRC - Tax on Salary	£ 67.60	£ -	£ 67.60
	July '19	HMRC - Tax on Salary	£ 67.80	£ -	£ 67.80
101491	639	JPB Landscapes - Grass cutting	£ 626.00	£ 125.20	£ 751.20
101492	9740	Top Marques Direct - Printing of Newsletter	£ 108.00	£ 21.60	£ 129.60
101493		Timpson - New keys for allotment holders	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00
<u>TOTAL:</u>			£ 1,496.50	£ 146.80	£ 1,643.30

072/2019 Items for Next Agenda – 16th. September 2019

UK Power substation update

Chris & Kevin contribution at Coe's Meadow – Plaque / Bench / Seat – Cllr R. Raymond

Village Green memorial – Cllr R. Raymond - Village green memorial needs a little TLC

Village Green trees

Closure of "essexinfo.net" website – Cllr A. Bott

Date of Next Full Council meeting

16.09.19: 18.11.19

2020: 20.01.20: 16.03.20: 20.04.20 Annual Electors meeting: 18.05.20: 20.07.20: 21.09.20: 16.11.20
(subject to VH being available)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....16th. September 2019

Rosemary Raymond