



What's Going On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - September 2017

(Including Bulmer St., Bulmer Tye, Finch Hill, Batt Hall, Upper & Lower Houses, Church Rd & Hedingham Road). View in colour at www.essexinfo.net/bulmer

COE'S MEADOW FUN DAY 2017

The most successful Fun Day to date. In a year when we had no funding at all, with the help of people's generosity and kindness we managed to raise enough to not only pay for the day but also to enable us to purchase another piece of equipment next spring. The weather was perfect and after 3 hectic months the day finally arrived. CMMC had worked tirelessly to ensure that all was organised so we could provide the perfect Fun Day for all our villagers and visitors. It was decided that this year would be different from what had gone before. It would open at 12.00 and finish with a hog roast and disco until 10.00 pm.

Because of our cut in funding we had to find other ways of raising money. All local businesses were approached for sponsorship and their generosity knew no bounds. A new business had come to Bulmer over the last year. Steed's hog roast company not only donated the hog roast but the buns, sauces etc as well. Steed and Sally spent many hours preparing and serving the roast. This enabled us to raise a large amount of money. All other businesses were extremely generous with their cash donations. These were: LHB Trade Ltd, H. Byham, Mr & Mrs D Munroe, Hyde Parker Farms, Bulmer Tye B&B, Lealec, Manor Cars, Aldi, Waitrose, Evans, Bulmer Brick & Tile, The Bag Bar, Vets for Pets, Tesco, Grasshopper, CHAPS, Morgan Training Solutions, James Walker, Bulmer Fox, J. Coleman Meats, Bulmer Timber, Mrs. K Macaree, Nigel Burke, NP Cooper Farms Ltd,

The Fox provided all drink at cost price and this, again, helped us raise a lot of money. Grasshopper loaned us their marquee giving us a covered area for Gary our brilliant DJ to spin his platters and provide all the musical entertainment the whole day. The Zorbs and the donkeys were enjoyed by the younger villagers as usual.

I now would like to give my personal thanks to the men who ran the BBQ and the Bar, the ladies who did all the baking and those on the stalls. I would also like to give my special thanks to the new Coe's Meadow Management Committee who have worked so hard this year with tireless enthusiasm. I hope everyone enjoyed the day and is looking forward to next year.

Chris Leigh (Chair CMMC)

On 20th September the annual cut and rake of the wild flower areas on Coe's Meadow will take place.

This is carried out by volunteers from the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project (DV&SVP) under the supervision of their Countryside Officer.

The areas are cut and rake so that the soil is kept poor and therefore enhance the wildflowers as they do not like rich soil. The grass will as in previous years be placed in piles around the edge of the meadow. These form habitat piles which are important for grass snakes, slow worms, hedgehogs, voles and insects. The birds will also use these piles as a food source throughout the winter. The habitat piles will as you have seen reduce considerably in size over time. Coe's Meadow Committee and the Parish Council are very appreciative of the work carried out by DV&SVP which is all at no cost to Coe's Meadow Committee and the Parish Council and for all the professional Advice given by their Countryside Officer in respect of the management of the meadow to enhance it for nature conservation.



BULMER SKYLARKS

We have had a very varied and enjoyable spring and summer celebrating special birthdays, afternoon strawberry teas and some very interesting visitors and speakers. We now look forward to an Autumn full of equally enjoyable afternoons.

Our A.G.M. will be held on September 26th. This will only take a short while to carry out but it gives our members a chance to air their views and tell us what they would like in the future. Following this we will be holding a Quiz, not very taxing but causes much merriment. After the most important tea and cake, we will close with an event that is unexplainable and has to be seen to appreciate. On October 24th Paula Short will be with us with her talk on Nepal, it's Mountains and Men and on November 28th we will be enjoying a Secular Christmas Pot Pourri with Keith Lovell. Our Christmas shopping trip will take place in the first week of December, always well supported and the coach returns home full of us and our seasonal goodies. We are all looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at St Andrews School, we always enjoy this annual event and we thank them for again for allowing this to happen. If you are not a member of Skylarks why not come along and find out what we do. We are a Social Club and open to all, so do come along, have a chat and meet new people, you will be made very welcome. If you wish to know more why not ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758.

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**VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

A BIG BIG THANK YOU to everyone who entered the Horticultural Show held in the Village Hall on the 12th August. We were overwhelmed by the amount of vegetables and fruit entered and with all the delicious cakes submitted the tables were filled to capacity. Everyone who participated in the day treated it as a fun event, although there was a bit of very friendly rivalry, everyone agreed it was a very enjoyable day. We do thank our magnificent judges, Charles and Rob, for doing such an excellent job, it must have been quite a difficult decision choosing the winning entries. The overall winners in each class were:-

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| <p><b>VEGETABLES</b><br/>Winner – Richard Hayto<br/>Runner up –Rob Wright</p>  | <p><b>FRUIT</b><br/>Winner – Gordon Hayward<br/>Runner Up –Rob Wright</p>                                                  |
| <p><b>FUN ITEMS</b><br/>Winner –Mike Crome<br/>Runner Up –Gordon Hayward</p>   | <p><b>BAKING</b><br/><b>VICTORIA SPONGE</b><br/>Winner -- Alison Brett<br/>Runner Up – Felicity Gore</p>                   |
| <p><b>CUP CAKES</b><br/>Winner –Janet Rolfe<br/>Runner up ---Felicity Gore</p> | <p><b>CHILDREN'S BAKING</b><br/><b>BISCUITS</b><br/>WINNER – Charlie Banks<br/><b>FLAP JACKS</b><br/>WINNER—Ewan Banks</p> |

We were so pleased to have entries from our two "young men" who entered the baking competition, well done Ewan and Charlie. It was such a pity that more people didn't visit the Hall in the afternoon to see what our green fingered gardeners had produced or our cooks had made. You missed a treat! We have had a request to repeat the event next year so get planning your sowing for the spring and summer. The small profit made from the event will hopefully pay for the alterations which have been made to the meters to take the new £1 coin.

**OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE THE GIFT AND CRAFT FAYRE ON OCTOBER 7th 12-4pm.** This will be a good opportunity to start your Christmas Shopping early so come and have a look around and have a cup of tea as well. If any of you have any unwanted gifts you would like to donate to the Tombola please place them in the box which will be in the Post Office. Every contribution and support at the events we hold does help to raise money for Village Hall funds and enables us to keep hiring charges as low as possible.

The ever popular Quiz Night will take place in November so watch out for dates on the Village notice boards or the web site. Of course you can ring Maggie on 374758 who will be happy to give you the dates and sign you up for a table.

If you are new to the Village and would like to support the Village Hall why not join the Lottery. You can join for as little as 50p per number and can hold up to 4 numbers. If you would like to know more ring Dawn at the Post Office on 376676 or Maggie on 374758.

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The Lottery still provides 3 lucky winners each month. It is a vital fundraiser for your village hall. Are you a member? The more members the more funds for the village Hall and bigger prizes. Please support your village hall and contact Dawn at the Post Office (01787 376676) if you would like to join the village lottery

| Month  | First          | Second           | Third           |
|--------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| June   | Mrs B Moulsher | Mr P Wenborne    | Mrs S Buchanan  |
| July   | Mr E Nevard    | Mrs & Mrs A Todd | Mr & Mts G Rowe |
| August | Mrs M Skipper  | Mrs H Simpson    | Mr K Mills      |

## **BULMER STITCH AND SEW CLUB**

Everyone welcome - we meet on the first Monday in the month from 2 – 4pm. If it falls on a Bank Holiday it is on the 2nd Monday. We pay £1 per session this helps to pay for the hire of the hall and refreshments. If anyone else would like to join us (men as well) please ring Margaret 01787 312915 for further information.

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COLLECTORS EXHIBITION

Held on 21st May in Bulmer Village Hall. 21 Exhibitors attended and they were all different. Alan Dixey would like to thank everyone that helped on the day and the Exhibitors for coming to make the day very enjoyable. Also people who donated Raffle Prizes. A grand total of £169.59 was made for the Village Hall funds including tow £5 donations.

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## **NATURE DIARY**

A delightful encounter near Upper Houses, a roe deer and fawn. The mother eyed us warily at a safe distance from their vantage point among the ears of wheat, before bounding away to safety across the ripening crop.

We also had some amazing views of bats at home towards the end of July. We were sitting close to our patio doors in the near dark twilight, suddenly a bat swooped and almost hit the glass only a couple of

feet away from us. That was the start of a fascinating 10 minutes, they continued their jittering flights across the garden silhouetted sharply against the fading evening sky,



frequently coming in close. They were particularly attracted to the buddleia bush a couple of yards from our viewpoint, fluttering and dodging their way between the spiky flower heads. On three occasions a bat actually hovered practically touching a flower, almost certainly snatching up an insect or small moth in the process.



I'm pleased to say that the colony of pyramidal orchids growing on the Church Road verge is thriving, producing more flower heads year on year. Last year the count was 28, increasing this year to 38, a really welcome sight.

In early June we walked through Goldingham Hall and over to the meadows beside the Belchamp Brook. A cuckoo was calling practically all the time, indeed I think there may have been two of them, it was like going back twenty years or more, when the valley would resound daylong with that glorious and unmistakable sound of spring.

On one of those very wet days we have "enjoyed" from time to time, a woodpigeon was luxuriating in its own exclusive bath, a large puddle on the flat roof of our garage. It was flopped out in the puddle, whilst holding one wing aloft to allow the deluge to soak into its under-wing feathers. After a while it repeated the procedure with the other wing, clearly revelling in it.

Gardening is always a bit of a struggle against some of our less welcome wild visitors. I found that my beetroot were being nibbled. Having seen the damning evidence of tiny teeth marks, I set a couple of good old fashioned mouse traps. But I wasn't prepared for one capture, a slug! But to tell the whole story, over a few days I caught several field mice, but was puzzled to see that their bodies were covered in slime and moreover, they had been partially eaten. Often the peanut bait had disappeared without the trap being sprung. Then one morning I caught the slug! It was one of those very large spotted ones, a leopard slug. Looking them up, I found that they are in fact the gardeners friend, feeding only on rotting vegetable matter, and more importantly other species of slug. It went on to say that they will also feed on dead animals, so there we have it, a carnivorous slug. I should add that the beetroot were growing in a garden cage, ruling out the chance of catching any birds.

We have another low garden cage covered with butterfly netting which is a bit less secure, to keep both the large and small white butterflies from depositing their eggs on the brassicas. These of course hatch out to become ravenous caterpillars, which can reduce any member of the cabbage family to a skeleton in double quick time. But my netting is obviously not fine enough to keep out the cabbage moth, as their caterpillars sometimes appear on the leaves, but not in huge numbers.

Occasionally a small bird somehow or other finds its way in. This rarely happens, but oddly the one bird, which has done this more than any other, is the common whitethroat, one of our summer migrants. Last year I remember having to release one on a couple of occasions and exactly the same has again happened this year, they are clearly escapologists in reverse!

Margaret Mills told me of an amusing encounter between a young pheasant chick and an adult moorhen in her garden. The young pheasant was approached aggressively by the moorhen, which was more than twice its size. The moorhen lunged towards the smaller bird, which stood its ground and challenged the moorhen, which turned tail and fled!

The mix of very wet days in August, interspersed luckily with a few hot and more seasonal days, promoted the early fruiting of several species of our fungi. One species we found growing near Deal Nursery was the Prince, *Agaricus augustus*, which we had never found before. Looking it up, we found that they are quite uncommon. Quite large, the cap was covered in brown scales and about 6 inches across. As it is described as one of the finest edible mushrooms, we of course had to try one and found it had an excellent full mushroom flavour.

To go to the other extreme the fungi pictured left is the notorious Death Cap, far and away the most poisonous mushroom to be found in the British Isles and really is quite lethal. These specimens were growing in Henny Back Road, Althamstone.

One noticeable thing about this summer has been the horse chestnut trees appearing to go into autumn early, with their leaves dying and turning to a rusty brown. The actual cause of this is however, that they are being attacked by the larva of a tiny moth, the horse chestnut leaf miner. This is just what they do ----- mine into the leaf, not to eat the leaf itself, but to tap into the sap channels within it. These leaves go brown and withered. After a while the larvae pupate, eventually emerging as adult moths. Once mated the females lay their eggs on the untouched leaves higher up the tree to start the cycle over again. The last generation of moths hibernate through the winter in the leaf litter beneath the trees. In the spring they will emerge to start it all over again. These little pests only arrived in Britain in the early 2000s and have spread quite rapidly. Despite the devastating appearance, little damage is done to the tree itself because it happens quite late in the growing season, according to the experts.

During a walk close to the Belchamp Brook at the end of August, we were lucky enough to see some clouded yellow butterflies. These strong flying butterflies migrate over from the continent somewhat spasmodically; it's 3 or 4 years since I had seen one. They are an orangey yellow and always stand out, always on the move and usually reluctant to settle. But these four or five butterflies were feeding on a strip of flowering red clover. They must have liked the spot, as they were still there 3 days later. Anthony Hyde Parker tells me that he grows Lucerne in his conservation margins at Smeetham Hall, specifically to attract clouded yellows, as this is the food plant of their caterpillars. He has had them breeding there in previous years, so this could be the source of the ones that we saw.

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BULMER & DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP

The Bulmer History Web site (<http://www.bulmerhistory.co.uk>), has been updated to include further information on some of the men who are mentioned on the Roll of Honour. This includes, where available photographs of the gravestone or the memorial in France, Belgium or across the world where the individual is commemorated. This can be found under the 'History' tab – Roll of Honour. A slide presentation of John Pryke, a Waterloo veteran who lived in Langley Cottage in The Street, has been added to the web site.

Following a most enjoyable summer visit to Alderford Mill in Sible Hedingham, the group's next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th, at 8.00p.m. We are extremely fortunate to have Roger Green returning to us again. His subject is ' St. Peter's Church, Sudbury--600 years of history in 60 minutes--an illustrated talk.' Roger is a most accomplished--and entertaining lecturer. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

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**ST ANDREWS CHURCH**

Anyone walking through the churchyard recently could not fail to see how unkempt the grass areas are. The Church Council apologises to villagers for this but many will realise that it is a bit financially challenged (no grant from the Parish Council this year and increased charges for grass cutting). Any help / suggestions that villagers can provide would be most welcome. Specifically, Bill Dixey plans to use brush cutters to tackle that part of the church yard which has not been cut at all during the year. Where people could really help is to rake up the cuttings on perhaps two occasions – possibly afternoons or Saturday mornings. It is hoped to do this in mid-October, *weather permitting, so if you feel able to help*, for an hour or two, please ring Bill on 07899 947709 to be informed of the dates. You will be able to work at your own pace, have a chat with others, with a cup of tea or coffee to keep you going. When dates are fixed they will be posted on the church noticeboard.

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Rose Raymond	07813 205743
Stella Buchanan	01787 312152
Philip Bennis	
Carole Bennett	01787 311315

Diane Jacob - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer – Tele: 07497 226274 or

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
18 th SEPTEMBER 2017
20 th NOVEMBER 2017

Email: bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com

All meetings are bi-monthly, normally held on the third Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7:45pm except the AGM starts 7:15pm All parishioners are welcome to attend and there is a 15 minute slot for statements/questions from the floor.

Bulmer Parish Council

Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Annual Meeting

Held on 15th May 2017 at the Village Hall, at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr. P. Fulcher, Cllr. S.Buchanan, Cllr. R. Raymond, Cllr. C.Leigh, Cllr.P. Bennis, Cllr.C. Bennett and Mrs D.Jacob (Parish Clerk) 9 members of the public.

17/043 To Elect the Chairman

Cllr.P.Fulcher elected as Chairman – Proposed by Cllr.S.Buchan, seconded by Cllr. C Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/044 Chairman's Declaration of office signed by Cllr. P. Fulcher

7/045 To Elect the Vice-Chairman

Cllr.S. Morgan elected as Vice-Chairman – Proposed by Cllr.R.Raymond, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/046 Vice -Chairman's Declaration of office to be signed at next meeting, as Cllr.S.Morgan not present.

17/047 Council Members advised to check register of Interests.

Council members confirmed this had been checked.

17/048 Consent form to receive the Council Summons and Agenda electronically.

Cllr. R.Raymond re-signed form as new e-mail address and confirmed that all other council members have signed.

17/049 Review membership and agree renewal of the following bodies.

Council Members agreed to renew membership to the EALC and Information Commissioner Office (Data Protection).

17/050 To adopt Council Policies.

- A. Code of Conduct & Nolan Principles
- B. Community Engagement Policy (new)
- C. Complaints Procedure
- D. Co-Option Policy
- E. Data Protection Policy
- F. Dignity at Work/Bullying and Harassment
- G. Equality & Diversity Policy
- H. Financial Regulations
- I. Freedom of Information Publication Scheme
- J. Grant Funding Policy
- K. Health & Safety Guide to Allotments
- L. Local Government Pension Scheme Discretions Policy Statement
- M. Public Participation at Parish Council
- N. Recording of Social Media
- O. Standing Orders (updated, recommendation from Internal Auditor)
- P. Strategic Risk Register Assessment (new)
- Q. Training & Development Policy
- R. Training Record (new)

Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.C.Bennett, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/051 Personnel Committee.

Item 1. To adopt Terms of Reference for a Personnel Committee. (Not adopted - to be revised and signed at next meeting).

Item 2. To elect a Personnel Committee.

Secret paper vote, carried out as more than three Councilors wanting to be considered.

Cllr.C.Bennett, Cllr.S. Buchanan and Cllr.S.Morgan received the most votes and are duly elected as members of the Personnel Committee

Item 3. To elect a Chairman for the Personnel Committee. Cllr.S.Buchanan elected as Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr.C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed

17/052 General Power of Competence.

Bulmer Parish Council meets the requirements to become a Parish Council with 'General Power of Competence'.

Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.S.Buchanan, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/053 Responsible Financial Officer.

Confirmation of Parish Clerk (Mrs Diane Jacob) to act as Responsible Financial Officer to the Council

Proposed by Cllr.C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr.S. Buchanan, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/054 Bank Signatories.

To confirm the three signatories for the Parish Council Barclays Bank Accounts are Cllr P.Fulcher, Cllr.S.Morgan and Cllr. C.Leigh.

Proposed by Cllr.R.,Raymond, seconded by Cllr.C.Bennett, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/055 Review and Confirm arrangements for Insurance Cover.

(Agreement is in place until 31st May 2018).

Proposed by Cllr.S. Buchanan, seconded by Cllr.C.Bennett, all in favour, resolution passed.

Cllr.P.Bennis offered to be considered for election onto the following – except for the Transport representative, as meetings are normally held during the day.

17/056 Village Hall Representative.

Cllr.S. Buchanan elected to be a representative to attend Village Hall meetings.

Proposed by Cllr.C.Bennett, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/057 Allotment Officer/Representative.

Cllr.S.Buchan elected to be a representative for the Allotments.

Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.C.Bennett, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/058 Transport Representative.

Cllr.C.Bennett elected to be a representative to attend Transport meetings

Proposed by Cllr.S.Buchanan, seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/059 Coe's Meadow Representative.

Cllr.C.Leigh elected to be a representative to attend Coe's Meadow Committee meetings.

Proposed by Cllr.C.Bennett, seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/060 Planning Officer/Representative.

Cllr.C.Leigh elected to be a representative to attend Planning meetings.

Proposed by Cllr.C.Bennett, seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/061 Volunteers.

To confirm the tree warden is Peter Rowe.

To note and confirm any volunteers over the age of 75 are Not covered by the Parish Council Insurance.

Letter has been sent to the litter picker volunteers, who have now been made aware of this.

17/062 Chairman thanked Cllr.S.Buchanan for continuing with What's Going On Newsletter and the newcomers welcome letter.

Closed Annual Meeting at 7.46pm

Bulmer Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Meeting Held on 17th July 2017 at the Village Hall, at 7.45pm

The minutes are unapproved until 18th September 2017

Present: Cllr. P. Fulcher, Cllr. S. Morgan, Cllr. R. Raymond, Cllr. C.Leigh, Cllr.P. Bennis, Cllr.C. Bennett Mrs D.Jacob (Parish Clerk) 11 members of the public.

17/100 Welcome and Apologies of Absence. Cllr.P.Fulcher welcomed everyone. Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr. S.Buchanan, and CC. Cllr D.Finch

17/101 Declaration of Interests. Received from Cllr. Raymond and Cllr.S. Morgan relating to items 17/116.

17/102 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest. A member of the public is concerned regarding overgrown pavements from the Fox along the A131 to the Essex/Suffolk boundary, and the footpath from Batt Hall to the Essex/ Suffolk boundary. Parishioners were reminded that they can and should report these matters direct to ECC.

17/103 County Councillor David Finch & District Councillor Wendy Scattergood to address the members if present. None present.

17/104 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council extraordinary meeting held on 5th June 2017 Approved as a true and accurate record was signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.S.Buchanan, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/105 Planning Matters. Ref: 17/00216/TPOCON The Old Vicarage Sudbury Road Bulmer Essex CO10 7TA To carry out work on trees affected by the Conservation Area No Objection. Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.C. Bennett, all in favour, resolution passed

17/106 Terms of Reference for Personnel Committee. Council members adopted Terms of Reference for Personnel Committee. Proposed by Cllr.S. Morgan, seconded by Cllr.P. Bennis, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/107 New Bus Contract. To obtain more information and insert information sheet in the Parish Magazine, proposed by Cllr.R. Raymond, seconded by Cllr.P. Bennis, all in favour, resolution passed.

17/108 Allotment Report. Received and noted. Thanks, expressed to Cllr.P. Bennis for completing the refurbishment of the telephone box, and replacing the rails to the fencing, at the Allotments, in Park Lane.

17/109 Coe's Meadow report and to consider private hire of Coe's Meadow.

The fun day was a huge success. Thanks expressed to Cllr.C.Leigh and the Coe's Meadow Committee for organising and running a lovely day and evening for the village.

The private hire of Coe's Meadows was discussed by the Coe's Meadow Committee and by the Parish Council and it was agreed not to rent out Coe's meadow for private hire.

Proposed by Cllr.C. Leigh, seconded by Cllr. R. Raymond, all in favour, resolution passed.

Still awaiting quotes to resurface the basketball area.

17/110 Press and Public.

That following the advice received from EALC on best practice The Council should expect the Clerk to place a motion on the agenda (to exclude) when the matter falls into one of the four categories permitted. Councillors will then make the decision to exclude or not.

Proposed by Cllr.S. Morgan, seconded by Cllr.P. Fulcher, 1 in favour Cllr.C. Bennett, 3 against, Cllr.P.Bennis, Cllr.R.Raymond, Cllr.C. Leigh casting vote to Cllr. P. Fulcher, resolution passed.

17/111 Footpaths.

ECC only cut public footpaths once a year. Landowners when asked will cut the footpaths, but at their own discretion.

Thanks was expressed to Ashley Cooper for regularly cutting the field edge footpaths on Hill Farm and other landowners, who have responded to our requests.

17/112 Hedges.

Tenders considered for cutting Parish Council hedges for the next 3 years including 2017, contract awarded to Levingtons at a cost of £300.00 Plus VAT per year, for 3 years.

Proposed by Cllr.P. Benns, seconded by Cllr.R Raymond, 2 against, resolution passed.

Thanks to J.Doe for previous work carried out.

17/113 Financial Matters:

1) Quarterly Inspection.

A quarterly inspection of accounts has been carried out by Cllr.C. Bennett. Barclays are no longer providing quarterly interest on the Business Premium Account. Church invoices for water to be sent out annually.

2) Financial Statement (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule).

DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE NO.	TOTAL
R & R Lawnmower Repairs Inv. No. 12868	101405	70.42
Chilton Office Supplies Inv. 202802	101406	83.52
JPB Landscapes (Inv.No.529)	101408	504.00
Anglian Water (Coe's Meadow Dec-June)	101409	29.54
Anglian Water (Allotments Dec-June)	101410	73.43
Mr K. Leigh (Expenses for MTM Plant Hire Toilets & Generators)	101411	117.82
Mrs D. Jacob (Expenses for June/July)	101412	188.44
JPB Landscapes (Inv. 541)	101413	436.00
Mrs D. Jacob (Salary for July)	SO	305.85
Mrs D. Jacob Salary for August	SO	305.85
Essex Pension Fund (for July)	SO	75.28
Essex Pension Fund (for August)	SO	75.28

To confirm Cheque number 101403 made payable to MTM Plant and Sales Ltd now void replaced with cheque no. 101411.
Cheque No. 101407 made out in error, now void, replaced with 101409 (Anglian Water statement now received)

Proposed by Cllr.C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr.S.Morgan, all in favour, resolution passed. Council members agreed to set up direct debit payments for both Anglian Water Accounts. Proposed by Cllr.C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond, all in favour, resolution passed .

Community Account as at 17th July (Revenue)	8,067.82
Business Premium Account as at 17th July (Capital)	36,958.71
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (Capital)	30,168.00
Total as at 17th July 2017	75,194.53

Accounts 2016/2017 –The Notice of Public Rights has been displayed on the notice boards. Accounts can also be viewed on our website.

17/114 Clerk's Report. – Received and noted.

17/115 Items for next agenda.

Items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12noon on Monday 11th September 2017.

17/116 Grazing Agreements and Rent Increase.

Cllr. R. Raymond and Cllr.S. Morgan left the meeting.

Bulmer Grazing.

Item 1. Agreement. Council members considered draft Lease Agreement regarding grazing land. Due to an ongoing dispute, item to be deferred until September.

Proposed by Cllr.C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour.

Item 2. Rent Increase.

Council members considered increasing the rent for Grazing Land known as Bulmer Grazing. (Proposal is 2½% which is the increase in CPI over the last 2 years). To be deferred until September.

Proposed by Cllr.C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour.

Great Dean Field.

Item 3. Agreement.

Council members considered, and accepted draft Lease Agreement regarding grazing land.

Proposed by Cllr.C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 4. Rent Increase. Council members agreed increasing the rent for Grazing Land known as Great Dean Field by 2½% Proposed by Cllr.C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

Meeting closed 9.03pm

17/117 **Date of Next Meeting 18th September 2017 at 7.45pm**

BULMER NEW BUS SERVICE

To book a journey, please call 01621 874411 or email dart@arrowtaxi.co.uk

Bus passes are accepted on the DaRT services

You will be asked for:-

- Your name
- Telephone number
- Where you would like to go
- Where you would like to be collected from
- What time you need to go

(Please give at least 2 hours notice before travelling)

Fares	Adult (age 16 or over)		Child (age 5 to age 15 incl.)	
	Single	Return	Single	Return
Distance				
Less than 2 miles	£2.50	£3.50	£1.50	£2.00
Between 2 & 5 miles	£4.50	£6.50	£2.50	£3.50
More than 5 miles	£5.50	£8.00	£3.00	£4.50

SUDBURY - BULMER - GESTINGTHORPE - WICKHAM ST. PAUL - PEBMARSH - GREAT AND LITTLE MAPLESTEAD - HALSTEAD

Mondays to Saturdays

Sudbury, Bus Station	09:00	11:00	13:00	15:30	17:30	19:30	
Ballingdon, Kings Head	09:03	11:03	13:03	15:33	17:33	19:33	
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	09:07	11:07	13:07	15:37	17:37	19:37	
Bulmer, Cross Roads	<i>09:11</i>	<i>11:11</i>	<i>13:11</i>	<i>15:41</i>	<i>17:41</i>	<i>19:41</i>	
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	<i>09:17</i>	<i>11:17</i>	<i>13:17</i>	<i>15:47</i>	<i>17:47</i>	<i>19:47</i>	
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	<i>09:23</i>	<i>11:23</i>	<i>13:23</i>	<i>15:53</i>	<i>17:53</i>	<i>19:53</i>	
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter	09:32	11:32	13:32	16:02	18:02	20:02	
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	09:33	11:33	13:33	16:03	18:03	20:03	
Little Maplestead, Corner	09:39	11:39	13:39	16:09	18:09	20:09	
Great Maplestead, Church	09:45	11:45	13:45	16:15	18:15	20:15	
Little Maplestead, Pump	09:51	11:51	13:51	16:21	18:21	20:21	
Halstead, High Street	09:56	11:56	13:56	16:26	18:26	20:26	latest arrival time
Halstead, High Street	09:37	11:37	13:37	16:07	18:07	20:07	earliest arrival time

Timings in BOLD are fixed timing points
All timings in Italics need to be pre-booked

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Halstead, High Street	07:35	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	18:30	
Little Maplestead, Pump	07:40	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:35	18:35	
Great Maplestead, Church	07:46	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:41	18:41	
Little Maplestead, Cock	07:53	10:17	12:17	14:17	16:47	18:47	
Pebmarsh, War Memorial	07:59	10:23	12:23	14:23	16:53	18:53	
Pebmarsh, Bus Shelter	08:00	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:54	18:54	
Wickham St Paul, The Victory	08:09	10:33	12:33	14:33	17:03	19:03	
Gestingthorpe, Foundry Corner	08:15	10:39	12:39	14:39	17:09	19:09	
Bulmer, Cross Roads	08:20	10:45	12:45	14:45	17:15	19:15	
Bulmer Tye, Park Lane	08:24	10:49	12:49	14:49	17:19	19:19	
Ballingdon, Kings Head	08:28	10:53	12:53	14:53	17:23	19:23	
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:12	10:37	12:37	14:37	17:07	19:07	earliest arrival time
Sudbury, Bus Station	08:35	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:28	19:28	latest arrival time

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Full details can be found at <http://arrowtaxi.co.uk/dart3.html>

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Our village is lucky in that we have a dedicated team of litter pickers who do a great job please can we help by taking our own litter home and taking care when walking our dogs.

The next edition will be published at the end of December please can I have all your pictures & articles by the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Any problems please call Stella on 312152 or email [stella.buchanan@btinternet.com](mailto:stella.buchanan@btinternet.com).