

What's Going On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - June 2018

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



FREEDOM OF THE PARISH AWARDED TO PETER FULCHER



Peter served on the Parish Council for around 12 years, 4 as vice chairman before becoming chairman and has always been in the forefront of things when volunteers were needed. For example environmental issues – dealing with trees, hedges, footpaths, Coes Meadow, fetes, village events and open gardens. As an ex fireman his knowledge and experience was invaluable when it came to preparing the Parish's Emergency Plan. His work within the parish is well recognised and appreciated.

COUNTY BROADBAND UPDATE - FIBRE TO THE HOME

As of the 18th May, the 30% target of Pre Orders for Fibre to the Home broadband project has been reached! This means County Broadband (CBB) will now plan the network build, giving speeds of up to 1,000Mbps!

CBB will undertake a detailed planning phase where they will look at how to bring the service to all those who have made a commitment, and investigate how they can deliver the service to some of those more difficult and remote locations. The whole planning process will take around 6-8 weeks.

However, don't stop spreading the word as CBB would like to connect as many people at the start of the project as possible. To that end CBB are extremely happy to announce that they **are extending the Free Standard Installation and 3 free months of phone offer until 22nd June 2018.**

So keep talking about it with your friends and neighbours and CBB look forward to starting the build phase of the project.

<http://bulmerfibre.org/we-are-so-very-nearly-at-the-30-target/>

BULMER SKYLARKS

We had a very enjoyable Fashion Show at E.W.M and as always it was an amusing evening. The staff in the shop always looks forward to our visit as they say we are so friendly and such a happy club. We had two "novice" models, namely Richard and Maggie who were brilliant despite some nerves. Brian, as usual, provided the fun and we thank all our models for doing such a brilliant job.

We are now looking forward to our Summer programme starting with our 60's themed party in June. Peter Rowe will be presenting nature diaries on July 24th and Jenny Gibb will be with us on 28th August continuing her amusing account of an English woman's life in rural Turkey. We will hold our A.G.M on September 25th followed by a quiz and other activities. The Mousehole Cat and Cornish folklore will be the subject of Mike Hall's talk on October 23rd.

Why not come along and join us, you will be made very welcome and tea and cake is always in abundance. If you want to know more then please ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758.

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## 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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VILLAGE HALL NEWS - APPEAL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TREASURER

Do you value your Village Hall, do you want to see it closed, where will you hold your parties, meetings and clubs if it does close? Closure is a prospect that could happen if no one is prepared to come forward to help run the Charity. Our present Committee are not as young as they used to be and will at sometime have to retire. All are totally committed to the Village Hall but are very worried about the future. **PLEASE, PLEASE** are there some younger members of our Village willing to sit on the Committee and help run the Charity. It isn't difficult, it doesn't take up too much time and you will help save a very valuable Village asset. Our Treasurer wishes to retire from the post within the next 6 months but will stay on the Committee and help whoever takes over the position. Again, **PLEASE could someone come forward to take this on.** Dawn has been the Treasurer for over twenty years and done a magnificent job, please don't let that go to waste. We are also looking for someone to join the Committee to run a Face Book page, interested? Please if you can help ring Maggie on 374758 or John on 466030. Without your support the Village Hall will close.

On a brighter note we will be running a FUN horticultural event on 11th August. You will be receiving more details soon. Alongside this we will be holding a car boot sale, strawberry cream tea, and many other attractions. Of course a baking competition will be held but this year there will be male and female sections.

Other events are in the pipeline so watch out for these on notice boards or on the website. Thank you for your support.

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 37475.

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.

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| Month | First           | Second           | Third              |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| March | Mrs B Rawlins   | Mr & Mrs Francis | Ms N Harding       |
| April | Mr M Crome      | Moulden          | Mrs L Fulcher      |
| May   | Mr & Mrs P Rowe | Mrs E Cook       | Mr & Mrs P Mavnard |
| June  | Mr B Elsey      | Mrs A Carver     | Ms M Rowe          |

## ST ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Sandy and Paul Maynard are holding a coffee morning from 10am to 12am in aid of church funds. They really do have a most lovely garden so **if you read this in time do go along.** If you do miss the morning there will probably still be time to buy some of the produce such as preserves and cakes, or perhaps make a donation in lieu!

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July there will be our annual Pet Service on Coe's Meadow - an informal service when pets and their owners will be blessed by Revd Sally. **Everyone is welcome with or without a pet!** If you are able to do so, please bring a folding chair. Later, we will be celebrating (hopefully) a bountiful harvest. You are all invited to this Harvest Service at 11.15am in the Parish Church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September; afterwards we will enjoy a "bring and share" lunch.

This year Remembrance Day falls on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November and of course marks the 100-year anniversary of the end of the First World War. Bulmer church has 4 graves of servicemen who died during the two world wars, and this year the War Graves Commission, who help to maintain such graves, are recognising the presence of all such graves throughout the UK by erecting a small notice on the entrances to churchyards, which have such graves. We hope our signs will be in place before the Remembrance Day Service which will start at 10.45am to allow for an orderly recognition of the 2-minute silence.

We hope residents of the village are happy that the churchyard grass is being cut on a regular basis and are aware that **the church is always open** for private prayer and contemplation. We know that this fact is much appreciated by visitors. All are invited to our services of worship and particularly to the Family / All Age services which take place on the first Sunday of the month **starting at 10.30am.**

A very successful exhibition held in Bulmer Village Hall on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all the 16 Exhibitors and the public who came to view, also the ladies who served up the refreshments. The sum of £179 was made for the Village Hall Funds.

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NATURE DIARY



Several people got in touch to ask about little brown birds visiting their bird feeders. These were lesser redpolls, which have a red patch on their forehead. We had an influx of them in the latter end of winter. They were coming regularly to our Niger feeder from early February through to April. Quite acrobatic little birds they will hang onto feeders at all angles, much the same as blue tits do. They are members of the finch family, their natural food are the seeds of trees such as birch and alder. Although they nest in some parts of the British Isles, we see them here as winter migrants.

On the basis that "one swallow doesn't make a summer", I was delighted when two skimmed low across the field behind us on April 19th, a feeling reinforced half an hour later when a couple of orange tip butterflies fluttered across the sun drenched garden. Surely we were putting that long winter behind us at last. A somewhat forlorn hope, ten days later we were shivering in or raincoats on a day of heavy rain driven by near gale force winds and the thermometer never venturing above 5 degrees C. Then a week later the temperature touched 27 C. and so our weather roller-coaster ride into spring continued! Anyone who watched the first episode of "Springwatch" will have seen how late spring has been this year. Taken from statistics from all over Britain, it would appear that on average most flowering plants were some three to four weeks late in blooming. Despite, or perhaps because of this, the spring flowers have excelled themselves again this year, from

primroses and bluebells, to dandelions and cuckoopints (wild arum). Dandelions especially. Walking down the footpath behind Bulmer Street, there was a veritable flare path of dandelions lighting the way down into the Belchamp Valley.

The 10th of April proved to be a day of birds of prey. About 8 o'clock a male sparrow hawk had secured a small bird for it's breakfast and was devouring it just a few yards from the kitchen window. Having had a reasonable meal, it flew onto the fence where it rested for a good ten minutes. Later a kestrel, hovering a little way down the field suddenly dived like a stone, but straightway lifted off again, whatever it had targeted having eluded capture. That evening just before dusk, we walked down the footpath towards Belchamp. Half way down we met our neighbour Paul returning with his two dogs. He told us he had seen a barn owl several times down there, both morning and evening. Whenever he saw it, it **always** flew up the hedge line towards the Street. We had only walked on a couple of hundred yards further on when the owl floated passed us, but on the other side of the hedge. As Paul had said, it headed up towards the Street before we lost sight of it in the twilight. I had hopes that it had become a resident, but neither Paul nor I saw it after that evening. About a fortnight before this, the same hedgerow presented me with a real surprise, a sudden movement on the path in front of us revealed a common lizard.



WATERCOLOUR BY WENDY

These are creatures that don't tend to spread around all that quickly so there may have been a population of them there for years. Despite having walked there countless times before, this was the first one I had ever seen. So have I been a little blind, or have they colonised the area relatively recently?

I've noticed more brown hares out on the fields behind us of late. These are the fields between the Street and Heaven Wood. One day in early May there were six chasing around in front of the wood. They appeared to be paired off and were obviously mad May hares! Looking it up I found out that they will breed through the spring and summer, and can have three or four broods. Apart from these six hares, there were another pair about 400 yds from them. So that's eight in relatively close proximity. But eight hares pales into insignificance compared with the thirty odd rabbits I counted on about a 50yd stretch of hedgerow beside Deal Nursery. Well -- they do breed like rabbits!

Over 25 years ago I bought my first camcorder, keen to record some of our local wildlife. I was very lucky to track down a nightingale singing in a copse close to the Belcamp Brook, thanks to a tip off from Ashley Cooper. On my first couple of visits the master songster remained well hidden, but on my third early morning visit, it came out into the open and I shot about five minutes of it singing full on. Watching the film recently I was struck by two other birds, which could be, heard singing incessantly in the background, apart from the nightingale itself. One was a cuckoo and the other a turtle dove. That nightingale was the last one that I have heard or seen in our immediate area. Cuckoos are now very thin on the ground; I have only once heard one in Bulmer so far this year. As for the turtledove, I fear that their gentle purring, a sublime and iconic sound of high summer, has sadly become a mere memory in Bulmer.

I'm afraid there is not a lot to cheer about when it comes to other of our summer migrants. I scanned through the British Trust for Ornithology's population graphs, looking particularly at the species, which occur, or have occurred in Bulmer. With the exception of the chiffchaff and blackcap (going up) and the whitethroat (stable), swifts, swallows, house martins, nightingales, turtledoves and cuckoos are all declining. The last two very steeply.



We came across this Crab, or flower Spider on a walk along the field edge close to the Belchamp Brook. Sitting in wait on a flower head they pounce on unsuspecting insects, unlike most spiders, they don't use a web to catch their prey. Here it has caught a large fly, but they will happily take bees as well.

PETER ROWE

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
16 th July 2018
17 th September 2018
19 th November 2018
21 st January 2018

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.

Draft Minutes of the Bulmer ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING Held on 30th April 2018 at the Village Hall, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. S. Buchanan, Cllr.R.Raymond, Cllr.C.Street, Cllr. C.Leigh, Cllr. C.Bennett, and Mrs D.Jacob (Parish Clerk) CCllr. D. Finch and 18 members of the public including Guest Speakers.

Apologies of absence received and accepted from District Cllr.W.Scattergood and Cllr. S. Morgan

Welcome - Good evening and welcome to our annual Parish Meeting. The aim of tonight's meeting is to provide you with information of the very good events that are run throughout the year by a dedicated band of people and to give you the opportunity to make suggestions on any projects or shortfalls that might be considered by the Parish Councillors. No decisions will be made on these at this stage but will be considered by the council through out the year at the normal council meetings.

18/0001 Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting held on 24th April 2017.

Confirmed and approved/signed/published on 15th May 2017.

18/0002 Chairman's Report 2017/2018 - Like previous years this has again been a challenging one for the council with sadly the resignation of Peter Fulcher as chairman, Peter has been a great asset to both the council and the village but more about Peter later. I took over as chairman in November and did not realise until taking on this task what a very taxing and unenviable task it is and I couldn't have got even this far without the support of our excellent clerk Diane. Once again with the resignation of Peter we found ourselves in the position of having to call an election to fill the vacancy, this is a costly business for the parish. The successful candidate being Christine Street, who was welcomed to her first meeting in March.

- The bypass has again been back in the press over the past few months which of course raised concerns thorough out the village, the current position I understand is that a business plan will be prepared at the end of this year running into 2019. No doubt more news will be available at that time.

- The majority of the allotments are running well thanks to a dedicated group of local growers, we currently have two vacant plots should anyone be interested. Tenants who have rented plots but are not currently working on them will politely be reminded of the terms of their contracts. The tenants will in future be allowed to erect greenhouses with toughened safety glass following agreement with the council. Once again, we are looking at providing an extra water point but this is subject to money being made available.

- The Whats Going On quarterly magazine is still being produced and I believe there is still a need for this in paper form as not all villagers have the benefit of the Internet. New contributors to this are always welcome as it is nice to be able to refresh the topics, however I would like to thank current contributors for the great effort they make with their contributions - thank you.

- Once again, I would like to thank Barbara Rawlins and her team of dedicated litter pickers for keeping the village streets as litter free as possible and her team of What's Going On distributors.

- I would like to remind all villagers that a Councillor is a voluntary position and they are trying to serve the whole parish. They accept that there will be disagreements with what they are doing at times but any criticism should be constructive please. Decisions are made by the whole council and therefore all Councillors are responsible.

- We are very lucky to have a fully trained clerk in Diane but please note we only employ her to work for our council for 7 hours a week so there will be times when she is not available doing our councils work, therefore emails if possible are most helpful but if you do need to telephone please leave a clear message including your telephone number and she will get back to you in due course.

18/0003 Freedom of the Village.

Awarded to Mr Peter Fulcher. Thank you for coming along tonight and I would just like to recount just a few of the things that you have been involved with in the village and still are ongoing. I believe you served on the Parish Council for around 12 years, 4 as vice chairman before becoming chairman. We were very sorry to lose you from the council last year (me especially) You have always been in the forefront of things when volunteers were required: To name just a few - Environmental issues dealing with trees hedges Coe's meadow fetes, village events, open gardens Church warden As an ex fireman your knowledge and experience was invaluable when it came to preparing the Parish's Emergency Plan. You were in the forefront of making the church Meadow Parking usable during winter months. Completed the instalment of the allotment fencing. Working tirelessly on ensuring the allotment's grass was kept down, and have currently kindly volunteering to continue with this. We as a village owe a great debt to yourself and therefore it gives me great pleasure to award you the Freedom of the Village - thank you so much.

18/0004 County Councillor David Finch addressed the members and public

Cllr David Finch Reported - Essex County Council, is currently in a strong position. Taking care of children within the county and the elderly. The environment in which we live, to protect green spaces for future generations. Work within the County Council is focused on growing the economy of Essex. Essex County Council are improving the highways by resurfacing 400 miles of roads. Providing excellent education for all our children whose achievement rates are above England average and 95% our schools are rated as good or outstanding. Three new secondary schools are currently being built in Colchester and two in Chelmsford. Find new ways of working and new ideas to provide service to help communities. A Lottery to support local charities and voluntary groups. Community Initiative Fund to support parishes with local expenses. Community Initiative Funds for Voluntary charity activities in all areas of the community.

17/0004 Guest Speakers as follows:

Bulmer Village Hall Management Committee

Guest speaker explained this is run by The Village Hall Management Committee, which is a charity, the Parish Council are custodial trustees. The Village Hall provide competitive 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. The hall is essential to the local community, the Treasurer is standing down and so there is a vacancy if anyone is interested.

Skylarks

Guest speaker reported that this 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.

St Andrew's School

Head Teacher (Jinnie Nichols) and Deputy Head (Carol Everard) operate between Bulmer primary School and Great Maplestead (2 schools across 2 sites). Currently there are 49 children at Bulmer. The school children go on various trips. Recently passed an Ofsted Inspection as a Good School. The School is involved with the church and would like to continue to work within the community. The school has been invited to take part in the Coe's Meadow Fun day.

Bulmer St Andrew's Parochial Church Council

15 Parishes under two ministers. Services on the first 3 Sundays of each month. There is a special children's corner. Special services are held through the year. All final reports can be viewed in the church. Due to lack of funds could only cut half the grass in the churchyard, volunteers cut the remaining. Grateful to everyone who helped, a new contractor has been appointed this year. It is a Village Church that needs the village support.

Coe's Meadow Management Committee

Coe's Meadow relies entirely on funding. Thanks, expressed to Stour Valley volunteers. The Fun Day is planned to go ahead on Farther Day 17th June, with a bucking bronco theme, volunteers required. New play equipment soon to be ordered, balance scales as suggested by the local primary school children. The basket ball area due to be resurfaced.

Committee currently considering suggestions to hold an event in the winter, based on a Christmas Day theme.

Neighbourhood Watch

Due to the lack of Police presence, Neighbourhood Watch is a vital scheme in Bulmer, based on neighbour's looking after each other, and to provide reassurance. Bulmer Neighbourhood watch scheme covers all parts of the village with various coordinators throughout the village. See <https://www.essexinfo.net/bulmervillage/neighbourhood-watch/> for further information.

18/0006 Public Participation/Question & Answer Session

Members of the public asked questions throughout the meeting, to guest speakers.

18/0007 Date of next meeting

To be confirmed. The Chairman thanked all those present for coming and for showing their support and interest in village matters. Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Bulmer Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Annual Meeting

Held on 21st May 2018 at the Village Hall, at 7.15pm

These minutes are unapproved until our next meeting scheduled for Monday 16th July 2018

Present: Cllr. S. Buchanan, Cllr. S. Morgan, Cllr. R. Raymond, Cllr. C. Leigh, Cllr. C. Bennett, Cllr. C. Street

and Mrs D. Jacob (Parish Clerk)

10 members of the public.

18/056 To Elect the Chairman

Cllr. S. Morgan elected as Chairman for tonight's meeting only - Proposed by Cllr. R. Raymond, seconded by Cllr. C Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/057 Chairman's Declaration of office, not signed - item to be deferred.

18/058 To Elect the Vice-Chairman

Item to be deferred.

18/059 VICE -Chairman's Declaration of office, not signed – item to be deferred.

18/060 Council Members advised to check register of Interests.

Council members confirmed this had been checked.

18/061 Consent form to receive the Council Summons and Agenda electronically.

Confirmed that all members have signed.

18/062 Review membership and agree renewal of the following bodies.

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

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

18/063 To adopt Council Policies.

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

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

18/064 Personnel Committee.

Item 1. Re-adopted Terms of Reference for a Personnel Committee.

ITEM 2. TO ELECT A PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

CLLR.C.BENNETT, CLLR.R.RAYMOND AND CLLR.C. STREET, ELECTED AS MEMBERS OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Item 3. To elect a Chairman for the Personnel Committee. Cllr.C.Bennett Proposed by Cllr.S.Buchanan, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed. Cllr.C.Bennett elected as Chairman.

18/065 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.

18/066 Asset Register

Asset Register for 2018-2019 confirmed – Chairman signed.

18/067 Responsible Financial Officer.

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

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

18/068 Bank Signatories.

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

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

18/069 Review and Confirm arrangements for Insurance Cover.

Due to an ongoing legal dispute – no other quotes to consider – to continue and renew with Aon which has now been taken over by BHIB Insurance Brokers, renew for one year.

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

18/070 Village Hall Representative.

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

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

18/071 Allotment Officer/Representative.

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

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

18/072 Transport Representative.

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

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

18/073 Coe's Meadow Representative.

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

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

18/074 Planning Officer/Representative.

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

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

18/075 Volunteers.

To confirm the tree warden is Peter Rowe, to be confirmed, therefore, deferred until next meeting.

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

A letter has already been sent to the litter picker volunteers, who are already aware of this.

18/076 Thanks expressed to Cllr.S.Buchanan, for her previous role as Chairman, for continuing with What's Going On Newsletter and the newcomers welcome letter.

Closed Annual Meeting at 7.44pm

DRAFT Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Meeting Held on 21st May 2018 at the Village Hall, at 7.15pm

These minutes are unapproved until our next meeting scheduled for Monday 16th July 2018.

Present: Cllr.S. Morgan, Cllr. S.Buchanan, Cllr. R. Raymond, Cllr. C.Leigh, Cllr.C.Bennett and Cllr.C. Street

Mrs D.Jacob (Parish Clerk)

10 members of the public.

18/077 Welcome and Apologies of Absence.

Cllr.S. Morgan, Chairman for tonight's meeting only, welcomed everyone. Apologies for absence received from Cllr.P.Benn

18/078 Declaration of Interests.

Received from Cllr. R.Raymond and Cllr.S. Morgan relating to item 18/086 and 18/090

18/079 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Member of the public confirmed that County Broadband was in the process of being installed, so there may be some disruption. Free offer of a router until 22nd June this item will be in What's Going On.

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding litter and overgrown vegetation in the ditch, and parked cars an issue in Church Road, near the school. Clerk to report to Highways.

18/080 County Councillor David Finch & District Councillor Wendy Scattergood to address the members if present. None present.

18/081 To Confirm Minutes:

Item 2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly meeting held on 30th April 2018.

Approved as a true and accurate record were signed by the Chairman.

Item 1. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th March 2018. One amendment was made to draft minutes under Agenda item 18/038 clarifying that Cllr.S.Morgan abstained from voting.

Approved as a true and accurate record were signed by the Chairman.

Amendment made to item 18/054 should read £28.04 to invoice the clerk, clerk to pay back overpayment of salary.

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

Proposed by Cllr.C. Leigh seconded by Cllr.C. Bennett, Cllr.S. Morgan abstained, 5 in favour, resolution passed.

Item 6. Accounts for 2017/2018 signed by Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

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

18/082 Accounts 2017-2018.Item 1. Internal Audit Report –Report will be on the website.**Item 2.** Clerk confirmed reclaim for VAT 2017/2018 has been received.**Item 3.** Approval of Governance Statement for 2017/2018 prior to submission to the Audit Commission. Signature by Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.**Item 4.** Approval of Annual Return (Final Accounts) for 2017/2018 prior to submission to the audit commission. Signature by Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.**Item 5.** Year End Bank reconciliation by Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.**18/083 Financial Matters:****1) FINANCIAL STATEMENT (ITEMS TO BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND SIGNED AS PER PAYMENT SCHEDULE).**

	CHEQUE No.	TOTAL
EALC (Inv.No. 9529)	101436	201.81
Top Marques Direct Inv.No. 7558	101437	83.52
D. Jacob (Salary for April)	SO	262.26
Essex Pension Fund (For April)	SO	81.43
HM Revenue & Customs (For April)	101438	65.40
JPB Landscapes Inv.No. 586	101439	391.20
Mr M. Crome (reimbursement for photo-frame etc)	101440	16.00
D. Jacob (Salary for May)	SO	267.00
Essex Pension Fund (for May)	SO	85.05
HM Revenue & Customs (For May)	101441	66.80
Simpson Accountancy Ltd (Inv. 2425 for April & May)	101442	19.20
Anglian Water Business (Coe's Meadow)	DD	11.05
Anglian Water Business (Allotments)	DD	21.83
D. Jacob Expenses for April/May	101443	88.60
Heelis & Lodge Inv. No. HL974	101444	148.00
JPB Landscapes (Inv. No. 590)	101045	249.60

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

2) Monthly Budget Statement.

Community Account as at 21st May (Revenue)	12,886.66
Business Premium Account as at 21st May (Capital)	36,983.62
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (Capital)	30,238.06
Total as at 21st May 2018	80,108.34

3) VAT To confirm that VAT has been reclaimed and received for the period 1st November 2017 – 31st March 2018, £132.32.**18/084 Planning Matters.****Ref: 18/00670/FUL & 18/00671/LBC**

Relocation of an existing oil tank and enclosure of the residual area to form a boot room within the built form of the existing house

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Ref: 18/00771/OUT

Land Adjacent To Five Acres Cottage Hedingham Road Bulmer Essex

Outline application for the erection of detached dwelling, with associated garage and new vehicular access

Ref: 18/00760/FUL

Land Adjacent To 1 Bulmer Tye Bulmer Essex

Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except access - Erection of 2no. semi-detached dwellings

No comments required to be sent – as these are outline planning applications.

18/085 Data Protection Officer.

The Government has made an amendment to its own Data Protection Bill to exempt all parish and town councils and parish meetings in England and community and town councils in Wales from the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) under the General Data Protection Regulation.

Therefore, no need to consider to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

18/086 Drainage Issues at Bulmer Grazing.

A quote had been obtained to replace the broken pipe at a cost of £1,200.00 – more information required – this item deferred, to be on next agenda.

18/087 Parish Council Strimmer.

It was noted that R & R will not be available to continue to maintain the strimmer, agreed for strimmer to be serviced at end of the year, and to seek alternative arrangements from March 2019.

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

18/088 Allotment Report.**Item 1.** Report Distributed to Parish Councilor's and a copy will be in What's Going On.

Item 2. Power was delegated to the Allotment Officer to make decisions regarding requests for greenhouses on the allotments in Park Lane Proposed by Cllr. C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr. C. Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/089 Coe's Meadow.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Fun Day, has been cancelled and will no longer take place in June. Possibly an event in December with a Christmas theme.

18/090 Access to rear of "Carters" Blacksmiths Lane.

Tenancy states no trespassing. Concerns raised as to if the gate is left open and horses get out, who would be responsible for the vet's invoice if a horse is injured. To write a letter to the occupier of "Carters" Blacksmiths Lane.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr.S.Buchanan, 2 abstained, 3 in favour, resolution passed.

18/091 Plough Green.

A quote has been received to scarify and sand and re-seed at a cost of £1,619.13. Not to go ahead with this. As the grass is looking a little bit better, to reduce the number of cuts to 5.

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

18/092 S106 Funding.

To obtain quotes, to fence the tree. – Deferred until the next meeting.

18/093 Noticeboards.

Contact manufacture regarding noticeboard outside Coe's Meadow to arrange for locks to be replaced.

To consider the noticeboard in the village hall, as this is not locked.

Item deferred, until next meeting

18/094 Clerk's Report. Received and noted.

18/095 Date of Next Meeting.

16th July at 7.45pm - First item on the agenda will be to elect a Chairman. Meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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**Allotment Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 –**

This was a lively and well-attended meeting despite the rain but we made good use of Alison's and John's large poly-tunnel, thank you. Currently we have only two plots not rented out but a couple of the other plots appear not to be worked at the moment. This will be monitored as it is unfair on the other tenants with encroaching weeds etc.

I confirmed to the tenants that the council have agreed to allowing greenhouses with toughen safety glass (size as given for sheds) in the future. Greenhouse details will need to be provided to the yet to be nominated Councillor (to be on the agenda in May) for agreement before going ahead.

The issue of a second water pipe is still ongoing but in the meantime a Hoselock adapter has been purchased which allows for two hose pipes being on the current supply, hopefully the water pressure will be sufficient.

The tenants are helping maintain the grass around their plots where they have personally have the required equipment. However there will be still be a need for the larger strimmer to be use and we have a very welcome volunteer to help with this.

It was mentioned and I saw proof of this that a minority of tenants are still putting unwanted produce and weeds on the paths which hinders grass cutting, also please ensure the ditches are kept clear there have been occasions when grass cuttings and weeds have been deposited in them.

By popular request the Village Hall Committee will again hold a 'fun horticultural event on the 11th August' they intend to make it bigger and better this year. The hedge cutting was praised both for the timing and how well it was done this time.

The overall feedback was very positive with happy tenants.

**Stella Buchanan**

**ALLOTMENTS VACANCIES**

Interested in having an allotment? We currently have two vacant plots that can be a welcome addition to your garden allowing you the freedom to grow a variety of produce. The allotment holders are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies and gentlemen who are always happy to share ideas and advice if asked.

Please contact by email our parish clerk Diane Jacobs on [bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com) for further information

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