

# What's Going On?

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**Lockdown help is still available to anyone who needs it.**

**Turn to the back page for a list of your village volunteers**

## Bulmer at its best

**A Local resident turned 88 this month and Bulmer residents flocked to help him celebrate.**

David lives alone in Church Road in Bulmer having moved to the area a little over a year ago with his wife. Sadly she passed away shortly afterwards leaving David on his own.

A local resident Cathy has been shopping for David since the beginning of the lockdown and learned that he was nearing his 88th Birthday. Cathy was sure that the residents of Bulmer would show David how welcome he was and help him celebrate this fantastic milestone.

She spread the word by mouth, email and social media and the idea took off.

Jerry, a near neighbour in Church Road had the idea of collecting birthday wishes for David in a book, and arranged a leaflet drop to spread the idea.

Dozens of messages and cards were gathered into a book and presented to David on his big Day.



Cathy arranged for a socially distanced gathering in Davids front garden on his birthday, and he greeted many visitors and well wishers throughout the afternoon. Cathy said "About 25 people turned up and he had a lovely afternoon. Mags and Sian Morgan / Evans made a cake and lots of children made him cards. Jerry up by the school contacted about 50 people who sent him goodwill messages. We bought him a bird feeder which he can see from his window. It was Bulmer at its best



# Dog theft reported in the Bulmer area

**A resident in Bulmer has recently reported the theft of two dogs from their farm. This has raised concerns amongst local residents that the area may be targeted again.**

On June 24th ITV news reported an increase in dog thefts over the lockdown period whilst many other type of theft have fallen dramatically. Their article advised that breeders of high value breeds with dogs taken whilst still puppies.

Suffolk Police have clarified the issue on their website. "Sergeant Brian Calver, from Suffolk police, said criminals are actively targeting addresses, with working breeds tending to

be those that are favoured by criminals".

There have been 12 confirmed cases of dog thefts in Suffolk this year.

Sgt Calver said all but one of the incidents involved the theft of dogs that would be classed as working gun breeds"

The Dogs Trust has advice for domestic dog owners on their website Our dogs play such a huge part in our lives and it is important for us to offer them the same care and protection given to all family members. Whether two legs or four, we all want to be kept safe! By following our three simple steps, you can reduce the risk of theft and offer the best possible

chance of being reunited with your dog should they go missing.

**SAFE** - Secure your property and garden

**SPOTTABLE** - Keep them in sight and trained to return

**SEARCHABLE** - Know what steps to take if they go missing

See the Dogs trust Poster on the back page for more details. Or visit this website for more advice.

<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/news-events/issues-campaigns/dog->



## Thankyou to residents of the street for your kind gesture

Brian Parry would like to thank everyone who lined The Street on 4th May when the cortège of Kath, his wife, passed through the Village. Kath had sadly passed away on 11th April after many years of health problems. Brian was so grateful and appreciated the kind gesture. It was a sad time for him but was moved by the

warm hearted ness of you all.

Kath and Brian were stalwarts of our community, Brian was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee for many years and Kath was always ready with her support. She had, in the past been the cleaner at the Hall and was always proud and protective of the

building.

Kath was always a keen and active member of many clubs held in the Village Hall. She played carpet bowls, belonged to Skylarks, the Art Group and could always be seen at any event helping on stalls or serving tea. She will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

## Where is my HYPER-FAST BROAD-BAND?

Many rural residents have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of hyper-fast broad band, many have signed up for County Broadbands' promised service over 18 months ago. We wait with bated breath as our roads are closed and verges are dug up, poles erected and left expectantly awaiting their life giving cables. We wait and wait.

Working and schooling from home has proven very difficult for many and thrown a stark light on the dependence we have on these data hungry services. I find myself the butt of the country bumpkin jokes on conference calls with my city dwelling colleagues as my voice is turned robotic every few seconds.

CB are however regular with their updates. They recently wrote to their waiting customers saying "We wanted to let you know that our next phase of build works in **Bulmer** will continue throughout **June** and we anticipate our build works to be completed by **November**, as per our current plan." It goes on to describe how connection to their completed network may take a further 12 weeks. Which puts my smooth conference call firmly in 2021. I will not be holding my breath. -Editor

## Joke Corner Returns!

Did you hear about the gardener who had a cold?

He caught it from the  
**GERM-ANIUMS!**

How can you tell if the Sun is happy?

It's Beaming

What do Astronauts eat out of?

Satellite dishes

Did you hear about the stranded polar bear?

He was Ice-olated

Which is the fastest country in the world?

Russia!

### Sunbathing Lizard

This lizard was spotted by Rob Wright of Vicars Orchard whilst walking his dog. It was enjoying the sun near Belchamp Brook. It stayed long enough for a quick photo, before darting away.



## Bulmer Village Hall News



Our Village Hall looks quite lonely these days without the usual hustle and bustle from our usual hirers and Clubs. We thank Brenda for keeping an eye on the building, keeping it clean and tidy for when we can eventually re-open. Unfortunately early indications are that this might not happen until next year as social distancing could be enforced for that amount of time. We are constantly being updated on the continuing situation from both the Charity Com-

mission and our Village Hall advisor. We will do nothing to jeopardise the health and well being of you all.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful Bulmer Support Group who have given our vulnerable residents the opportunity to stay safe in their homes. A big thank you to all of you.

We hope you have all kept well and safe and continue to do so over the next few months.

## Skylarks stay in touch

Barbara and Maggie would like all members to know how much they are missing you all. We have always looked forward to our meetings when we see your smiling faces as you enter the Village Hall. Unfortunately we have no idea when we will all meet up again, unfortunately it might not be this year. However when we are all together again a big party should be the first thing on the agenda!.

We do hope you have all kept well and have managed throughout this difficult time. We think about you and have tried to speak to many of you especially those on your own.

Do take care of yourselves, keep safe and healthy and both of us look forward to seeing you all again whenever that might be.

## VILLAGE MUTTERINGS



Well summer looks a bit brighter, but only if everyone remains alert and remembers at all times the social distancing rules, 2 meters if you can, if not 1 meter plus and wear a face covering in more crowded areas.

My travels since 3 months ago have not been that far. Like most of you I suspect, although I have had an exciting trip to the Sudbury recycling centre, which now requires you to book an appointment beforehand. This system works very well, no queuing, in and away within 10 minutes.

What a shame we were unable to celebrate VE Day as planned by the Village Hall, but I noticed a number outdoor gatherings on the afternoon allowing neighbours to meet and have a chat, some of us remembering those war years, but not forgetting so many lives were given so that we are able to enjoy ours.

I notice Church Road has been resurfaced and now has no pot holes, but that one at Kitchen Hill has reappeared and still hasn't been filled in. I understand it has been reported to ECC Highways.

Hopefully we can all look forward to happier and a more relaxed period and getting about to see all those loved ones we haven't seen for so long.

*A Village Mutterer*

# Garden Gazing

By June Coombes

The lockdown has given me time to be more aware and appreciative of what is happening in the garden.



March brought that first haze of green on the hawthorn hedge, a beautiful harbinger of Spring. The blackthorn blossomed with a snow storm of flowers and delicate scent. The vegetable patch responded to the warm weather, as it became unseasonably warm into April.

The great tit which had roosted in the camera box over winter, started to build a nest. In due course, a pair of greenfinches raided the nest for building material. This was followed by a pair of sparrows looking for a des res.

Blue tits are nesting in two boxes and a hole in

the willow tree, whilst a blackbird has made a nest in my little shed. There are robins front and back, whilst the feeding station is busy with all kinds of small garden birds. The camera box remains empty this year.

April has brought the tulips out and the seeds sown in the greenhouse have started to shoot. Bank holiday Monday saw the first green leaves of the beech hedge start to unfurl.

By the middle of April, the mother oak was almost in full leaf, whilst the biggest apple tree had blossom the like of which I have never seen on it before, despite the high winds.



The first shed blackbird hatched on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Three others followed on quickly. The may flowered with it's distinctive perfume. The horn-beam saplings, planted

last August, have pushed out small leaves and all seemed to have survived.

By the first of May, all the smaller oaks have leaves and the grape vines will need cutting back as they develop new shoots and foliage. The baby blackbirds have downy feathers and look as if they are developing well. The veg patch is almost full – just waiting for the leeks to be planted out.

The young blackbirds flew the nest during the first week in May, all except one, which I found dead on the floor.

An unusually hard frost in the second week of May took its toll on tender plants which were out in the veg patch.



# Village Hall Lottery still going strong

**Despite the lockdown we have still managed to run the lottery and given a few of you a little surprise which we hope has made you smile during these difficult times.**

Those of you who pay 6 monthly will be receiving your reminder letters soon. We appreciate that for some of you it could be difficult for you to make

your payment in person. However you can, if you wish, post a cheque off to Dawn at the Post Office. If you have difficulty cashing your winning cheque then Dawn can help if you can get to the Post Office. All you will need is the cheque and a paying in slip and Dawn will help you through the process. You do need to bank with one of the major banks, some Build-

ing Societies do not accept deposits this way.

May we thank all of you who are members of the lottery for your continued support.

If you aren't a member and would like to join please contact Dawn at the Post Office or by telephone on 376676 or ring Maggie on 374758.

## Village Hall Lottery Results

	Apr	May	Jun
1st	Mr B. Parry	Mrs S. Buchanan	N and S Boreham
2nd	Mrs P. Whillcock	Mr and Mrs B. Smiles	Ms S Charlton
3rd	Mr and Mrs R. Tomlins on	Mrs B Rawlins	Mrs J Steed

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.

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.

## Clap for carers turns into a weekly party in Church Road

**Throughout lockdown we have all been out on our doorsteps at 8pm every Thursday to show our appreciation for the NHS and key workers, but in Church Road one resident took it to the next level.**

Sean Maynard set up his disco equipment on his front lawn and played some classic tunes for residents to clap along to.

The turn out was always fantastic and the music became a focal point for everyone to enjoy.

Sadly the weekly

celebrations have come to a close as the tradition has run its course.

Residents would like to thank Sean for all the effort he went to every week, and how he helped pull the community together even at the hardest of times. The music will be sadly missed.

However there are plans for this to become an

annual event starting on July 5th to coincide with the 72nd Anniversary of the NHS.

Will the music make a return too? We hope so...Sean your village needs you!

ONE SMALL STEP..



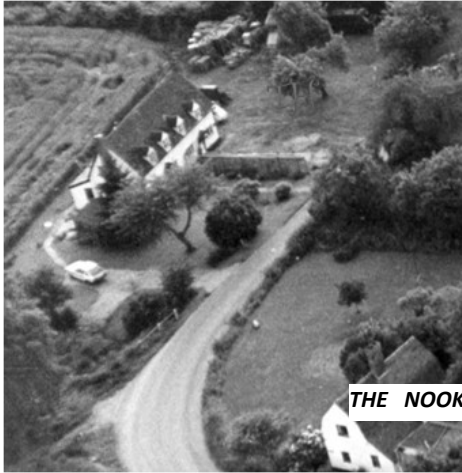


# NATURE DIARY

Peter  
Rowe



The details of the various snowbound winters that I wrote about in the last diary, brought an unexpected response from the other side of the world. I mentioned how when the big thaw came in the early spring of 1947, the low lying cottages at Lower Houses were flooded



out. Maureen Dixey emailed from New Zealand. "Reading your piece about the 1947 thaw, we lived in "The Nook" at that time, I obviously don't remember it as I was only one at the time but I have heard about it. I apparently was handed across the road to Mrs Martin who lived opposite, Dad was probably at work and my Grandad, Olly Raymond came down on his bike to help. My Mum was a city girl, she came from Portsmouth, she never did like the country much and I think a muddy field coming straight through your house didn't help that at all !" Maureen went on to talk of the birdlife in their garden "We spend a lot of time watching some birds called New Zealand Tui we have three that come to the nectar feeder that Tony made, they have quite different personalities, one is quite nasty tempered, and one is so nervous it splashes

the sugar water everywhere as it keeps turning it's head round. The Tui (right) is quite a big bird, bigger than a blackbird, at first glance it is black, but close up it has some amazing blues, greens and purple feathers with a whitish collar and a bunch of white feathers under it's beak, hence it's nickname "the reverend bird" Our other nectar feeders are the Wax eye/ Silver eye a very small bird with a green back and pink belly and a silver ring around its eyes"



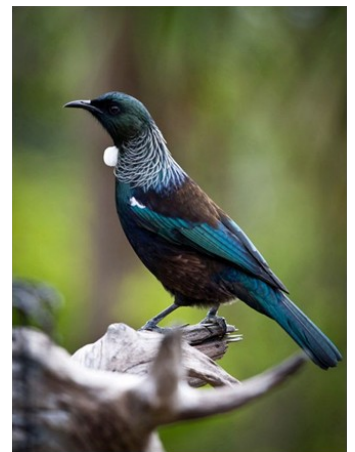
Certainly different to anything we are likely to see here in our Bulmer gardens, although as many of you know, we are getting bird sightings here that a few years ago we would have thought

impossible. We were still in bed one morning in mid-April, when I was astonished to see a red kite hovering about 10 yards away, which then landed just inside the field behind us, it was carrying something in one of its talons. Of course I scrambled

to get the camera, but it had disappeared before I got back. Then about 40 minutes later, a raven flew across. Around that time we were seeing kites once or twice a week (but never that close) and we have seen ravens 4 or 5 times through the winter. I think both these birds hang out in the Belchamp Valley and one of our neighbours had reported seeing a pair of red kites over there. I also watched a pair, soaring way up till the eyes lost them against the bright sky. Ravens are known to have nested along the Stour Valley somewhere between Sudbury and Bures. Whereas the red kites have been reintroduced to one or two selected sites in England, the raven, as far as I know, has started to appear here under it's own volition from the far west and Wales. Other creatures are making their way into our area from the west, polecats are occurring more and more

often in the area. However there is a snag here, they will interbreed with feral ferrets. Ashley Cooper took pictures of one killed on the road, which we sent to be identified, but the reply came back that it displayed more features of ferret than polecat and was a hybrid between the two.

On 21<sup>st</sup> April we went into Parsons Wood looking for early purple or-



chids, and found 4 flower spikes, less than in many years. Bird-wise we had 3 blackcaps and a chiffchaff singing, but as we were making our way out of the wood I heard a song which puzzled me, a high pitched trill, not very loud but a sweet sound, not in any way harsh. I located the bird up amongst the oak leaves. About the size of a chiffchaff, obviously a warbler, but only in silhouette as the sun was almost directly behind it. Although I had guessed what it probably was, I wasn't a hundred percent

certain until I got home and found a recording of it singing, a wood warbler. This is quite an uncommon passage migrant and we were lucky to drop onto it.

Whether it was because of the mild winter or not there have been an exceptional number of brown hares spotted on the Goldingham and Smeetham Hall fields this spring. David Munroe told me he saw twelve sitting and laying around in just one field on the edge of the Belchamp Valley. Barn owls have



also been showing well, with several people reporting their sightings.

Owls may be wise old birds, but surely this barn owl could see that this perch was here to welcome weary walkers and not for those having the luxury of flight. I doubt if this one has ever walked more than half a dozen yards a yard in its life ! Tina Morley captured this picture just along the road from Lower Houses .

A stone's throw from

where the owl was photographed, I discovered an alien invader making itself at home beside the road. It is Alexanders, a robust plant of the umbellifer family. This plant was originally introduced into Britain by the Romans who used the root and stems for food, apparently a use that carried on up to the early 1800s. It would be nice to think that it had survived in Bulmer since Roman times, but not so. It does make you wonder though just how the seed found its way here. It survives on some historical sites, the nearest one to us is on the Castle mound at Clare. Generally though it is found on coastal sites, where it is so dominant it crowds out the less vigorous native plants, and is therefore regarded as something of a pest.

There were several days around late April when we heard a cuckoo calling from the Belchamp direction and swallows could often be seen skimming over the young corn, such welcome sounds and sights of spring. It's been a good spring for butterflies, with brimstones, orange tips and small tortoiseshells all appearing in good numbers. But a friend of ours from Kelvedon put all of these all in the shade. Last autumn she discovered the



caterpillar of a swallowtail butterfly on a plant of fennel on her allotment. It is the European one, which occasionally occurs here. It is less fussy than our British one as to what it will eat, so finds it easier to survive here once it has crossed the channel and the mild winter probably helped. Lindsey watched it turn into a chrysalis and eventually hatch into this beautiful creature happily sitting on her hand!



Nature has been getting its own back on me. My neighbour Paul has several times almost bumped into a badger just outside our back gates. I then discovered a sizeable hole under my gate, which like an idiot I ig-

nored. Knowing that my broad beans would be ready a for first taste I was surprised to see that they had been part flattened, as if by a strong wind. But no wind damage this, the badger(s?) must certainly have enjoyed its feast and left me with just five smallish pods. Needless to say, I shut the stable door after the horse had bolted and blocked up the hole. A

couple of days later they had a go at it again, but incredibly they were digging from the garden side of the gate. I knew they could get in from the road if they wanted, so I

figured they must now be trying to create a badger highway through the garden! I'll have to put up some road signs.



# Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Full Council meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The meeting opened at 4.03pm

Please note that during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic, Bulmer Parish Council held the meeting online using the Zoom video conferencing facilities and that no physical face to face meetings will be taking place until further notice.

Please note: Until further notice these will be virtual meetings via ZOOM.

Should you wish to join the meeting and speak during the

Public participation section, details of how to engage are published with the Agenda on noticeboards and the website

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Present: Cllr R Raymond (Chairman), Cllr M Crome, Cllr C Street, Cllr A Crawshay and Cllr L Nicholls

Also Present – ECC Cllr David Finch and Miss Ann C Wood (Locum Clerk). There were no Members of the Public present

**001/2020** It was agreed that the Council did not require this item as the Chairman had been able to join the meeting using Zoom facilities.

**002/2020 Chairman's Welcome**  
The Chairman welcomed those present and asked if there were any other participants. The Clerk said there were no other people waiting to join the meeting. The Chairman announced that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of taking minutes and that the recording will be deleted after the next meeting when the minutes have been agreed.

**003/2020 Apologies for Absence**  
There were apologies from Cllr E Penn and Braintree District Council Cllr W Scat tergood.

**004/2020 Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr M Crome declared a non-pecuniary interest relating to the allotments part of item 014/2020, because he is the tenant of an allotment.

**005/2020 Clerk of the Council and Responsible Financial Officer**  
Cllr M Crome asked under what conditions Miss Wood was being appointed. Miss Wood said that the hourly rate indicated was approximately £14.60. With regard to the hours, whilst she could not guarantee the full hours of 10 per week, she would try and do as many as possible.

Cllr M Crome proposed and Cllr C Street seconded that Miss Ann C Wood of Letch-Wood be appointed as the Locum Clerk of the Council and Locum Responsible Financial Officer for the time being until a new Clerk could be appointed. This was agreed unanimously.

Scheduled meeting dates for the remainder of 2020 are;

*Parish Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

*Parish Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020*

*Parish Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020*

It was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr R Raymond that devolved powers under the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations should be made to the Locum Clerk/RFO to allow for the smooth running of the Council during the current Covid-19 pandemic. This was agreed unanimously.

**006/2020 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council**  
It was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr R Raymond that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 should be accepted and this was agreed unanimously.

**007/2020 Public Participation Session**  
There were no members of the public present.

**008/2020 V/E Commemoration 8/10th May 2020**  
The events for the commemoration of VE Day had to be cancelled due to the current pandemic situation and HM Government's advice that people should stay at home. However, there were several socially-distanced gatherings in front gardens and bunting was put up. The residents involved had a very good afternoon and evening. It was agreed that Cllr M Crome should write a short piece and send photographs to the Clerk for transmission to the EALC, for inclusion in their update. Cllr C Street asked about the commemorative medals but was told that these had been cancelled before the outbreak of the Coronavirus.



009/2020

**Annual Parish Meeting (Annual Assembly)**

It was proposed by Cllr R Raymond and seconded by Cllr M Crome that the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting should both be postponed this year, by powers given under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and the Coronavirus Act 2020. This was agreed unanimously

010/2020

**Essex County Councillors report – Cllr D. Finch**

Cllr Finch reported that Essex county Council had gone into lockdown on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, when a number of the Council’s services (such as schools, libraries, country parks and waste/recycling centres) had closed. The Essex Welfare Service had attracted a very large number of volunteers and the scheme was put into abeyance initially, to allow for the Government’s food parcels service. This did not work very well and so EWS took over and now has over 2000 people volunteering. Between 200-300 people who worked for ECC on commercial activities have been furloughed. There had been problems with social workers self-isolating and moving care workers to the areas where they were needed but things have quietened down now. Residential homes and domiciliary care require money and ECC has guaranteed payments for 4 months. There had been problems with a lack of PPE and temporary mortuaries had been created. However, ECC is due to open 15 waste and recycling centres and country parks and car parks next week. The ECC Highways had re-started work.

Cllr Finch reported that a drop in Council Tax collection was possible and also that District Councils had lost a lot of their income.

Cllr M Crome asked if ECC was claiming that it did not have enough money. Cllr Finch replied that ECC is very efficient and is in a good position. Although 64 million pounds has been received from the Government, far more than this has been spent. However, the shortfall can be contained.

Cllr R Raymond asked if the Council will be re-checking the monies that have been paid out to businesses, as some had claimed who were not genuine. Cllr Finch said that ECC is aware of various scams and frauds and there will be a follow-up.

Cllr C Street said that if the ECC country parks were being opened, should Coe’s Meadow be re-opened. It was noted that the Coe’s Meadow had not really been closed, only the play equipment on it.

Cllr D Finch left the meeting at 4.35pm

011/2020

**District Councillors report – Cllr W. Scattergood**

Cllr Scattergood had given her apologies. There was no report.

012/2020

**Chairman’s report and any update since last meeting**

Cllr R Raymond reported that since the last meeting, Cllr C Street has been running a service for local residents to help with shopping, obtaining medication etc. and was thanked for this.

It was noted that the grass cutting is going ahead and that there have been no further reports of fly-tipping.

Cllr R Raymond asked Cllr M Crome what was happening about the abandoned car on Church Meadow. Cllr Crome said that he had spoken to the owner, who did not want to move it but who had agreed to cut the grass round it. This has been done.

013/2020

**Clerks Report**

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Update</i>
164/2020	County Broadband	Signed Licences posted back to County Broadband on 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2020. Nothing further heard
165/2020	UKPN Contract	The Locum Clerk has not been able to contact UKPN, following the meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
	Allotments	Copies of Agreements sent to Cllr M Crome and payments banked
	Registers of Interests	Registers of Interests completed by new councillors and sent to Braintree District Council

014/2020

**Representative reports / Parish Upkeep**

Village Green – Cllr R Raymond reported that the green was cut and tidy and that there was nothing else to report. It was agreed that a meeting of the working party should be deferred again, due to the ongoing pandemic situation.

Allotments – Cllr M Crome reported that all the allotments are now taken. There is one tenant who is not cultivating and Cllr Crome had written a number of letters. He is now looking to terminate the tenancy. Cllr L Nicholls asked if the person was self-isolating and he was told no. The Clerk said that before an eviction notice is issued, the tenancy agreement should be checked and Cllr Crome said he would do this.

Coe’s Meadow – It was agreed that the matter should be deferred again due to the ongoing situation. Cllr M Crome reported that the notices on the play equipment have been taken down. The fly-tipping was discussed but the meeting was told that this had been a misunderstanding.

Website Update – Cllr M Crome reported that the site is updated as and when necessary but that not many people had joined the site. The Clerk told the meeting that the Parish Council is under no legal obligation to advertise planning applications, although it is desirable to advertise them to the residents.

015/2020

### Planning Applications

It was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr R Raymond and agreed unanimously to ratify the following comments:

20/00387/FUL - Land South Of, Hedingham Road, Bulmer  
Application for replacement of existing buildings with offices

Bulmer Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:  
Whilst change of use has been granted to offices, and the design and footprint are the same as the existing agricultural buildings. The two offices provide places for up to 9 desks and therefore this would appear to give rise to increased activity at the entrance to this development on a potential hazardous entrance & exit from the site, which is on a blind bend. At a recent Bulmer Parish Council meeting a request was made by the applicant to ascertain whether Bulmer PC would support a 30mph speed application at this stretch of Hedingham Road. This would suggest the applicant is concerned at the potential increase activity from this access.

No indication is given as to what kind of business would use the new buildings and this may lead to even more activity from visitors to the offices.

20/00456/VAR - Land South Of, Hedingham Road, Bulmer  
Variation of Condition 2 Approved Plans of permission 19/01516/FUL granted 21/02/20 - Proposed agricultural building. Amendment would allow resiting of the building 5m north west.

Bulmer Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:  
The site slopes up to the south and it would appear the applicant in the original position would lift the front to meet the level at the rear of the proposed building. By moving it towards the North would mean a lower height of the building, but closer to the road and property opposite. The hedge between the building and the road is a deciduous hedge and gives very little screening during winter months.

The proposed development would be more dominant in a rural area.

20/00457/VAR - Land South Of, Hedingham Road, Bulmer  
Removal of Condition 6 of permission 19/01516/FUL granted 21.02.2020 for: Proposed agricultural building

Bulmer Parish Council does not support this variation on the basis of 20/00456/VAR  
The height of the building should still be approved by planning officers whatever the final position of the building is eventually agreed.

20/00479/FUL - Pump House Adjacent Ashbourne Cottage, Smeetham Hall Lane, Bulmer  
Demolition of existing Garages and erection of two dwelling houses, garages, access and landscaping and restoration of existing water pump station.

Bulmer Parish Council has no objection to this application, providing a change of finish is made.  
Although this development is outside the village envelope, it will provide significant improvement to this location and restore the Pump house to a sounder structure. The house designs are sympathetic to the nearby Ashbourne house.  
The plans show a white render and this would be out of place between the existing properties, which are all red brick. The Parish Council requests a change of finish is made

20/00484/HH - Ridgcroft, Smeetham Hall Lane, Bulmer  
Retention of fence to side and rear of property

Bulmer Parish Council has no objection to this planning application

016/2020

### Finance

#### To note income received by the Council

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Allotment Mr White - £32.50  
Allotment Mr Hayto - £123.50  
Allotment Mr Elsey - £82.03  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Allotment Mr Coombs - £13.78  
Allotment Mr Buchanan - £75.40  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Braintree District Council (Precept) - £5252.00

**To ratify payments made between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Cheque 101528 (Replacement) - Philip Liverton Ltd (Grass cutting) - £360.00

Cheque 101529 – EALC (Annual Subscription) - £204.95

Cheque 101530 – Lyster & Associates (Newsletter Printing) - £66.00

**To agree payments to be made to**

Cheque 101531 - BHIB Insurance - £1862.15

Cheque 101532 - JPB Landscapes (Grass cutting) – £192.00

It was proposed by Cllr M Crome, seconded by Cllr R Raymond and agreed unanimously that the above payments are ratified and agreed. It was also agreed to add a further payment to JPB Landscapes of £393.60, which may have been overlooked.

**Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

CCLA - £30644.05

Barclays Current Account - £13360.07

Barclays - £37125.92

These were agreed and Cllr M Crome asked that budget updates be given. The Locum Clerk said that she would do this as soon as the End of Year Accounts are sorted out.

**Update on Annual Accounts and AGAR**

The Locum Clerk reported that she has been working on these and will try and complete them as soon as possible. Cllr L Nicholls offered help, if it was needed.

**Council to agree that the Parish Council should use Internet Banking**

The Council will need to update its procedures and Cllr R Raymond said that there must be two signatories to authorise payments.

It was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr C Street that Bulmer Parish Council should use Internet Banking on the two accounts held. This was agreed unanimously.

**Council to agree how the Internet Banking will be managed**

There was much discussion on the subject of how the internet banking is to be managed. It was agreed that the current situation of the Clerk raising the payments and then two councillors authorising them should continue but that the Council should formulate some ideas about what is wanted.

It was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr R Raymond and agreed unanimously that the Locum Clerk, Miss A C Wood should be made a bank signatory to allow her to raise payments.

It was agreed that an additional meeting should be held in June 2020 and that Cllr L Nicolls would obtain further information.

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**Items for Next Agendas:**

Banking

AGAR/Annual Return and End of Year Accounts

**Proposed Dates of future meetings:**

Parish Council Meeting 20th July 2020

Parish Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Parish Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

These dates will be confirmed as soon as possible

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 5.37pm and thanked everyone for attending.

**BULMER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Your Councillors**

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# Notice Board



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## NEW COES MEADOW COMMITTEE

**Chris Street, Laurence Nichols and Antonia Crayshaw, all newly appointed parish councillors, have agreed to form a Coe's Meadow committee and began with a site visit on Wednesday 24th June along with Ken Hill.**

**They would also like to invite others to join the committee and to contact the chair of BPC, Rose Raymond if interested in helping to preserve and develop this wonderful site.**

**Call 07813 205743**

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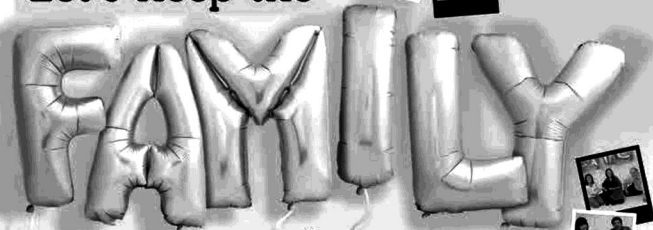
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Binnie Segrott	01787 828955/ 07779 590587
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