The Newsletter of Bulmer Including Bulmer St., Bulmer Tye, Finch Hill, Batt Hall, Upper & Lower Houses, Church Rd & Hedingham Road



What's Going On?

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Keep on protecting each other

Lockdown help is still available to anyone who needs it.

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

Bulmer residents Honour Maudie Rowe



This last month saw the passing of local resident Maudie Rowe aged 103.

Maudie lived in a Bungalow in the village famous for its beautiful cottage garden.

Over the years, she helped out at the family turkey business and was an active member or the Village WI and skylarks Groups. She was an important committee member of the District WI and was in charge of the lottery

fund "little Ernie". She would often win the WI flower competition with her lovely cottage garden. In more recent years Maudie filled her days doing her favourite things, including knitting. When Bulmer residents lined the path to the Church on the day of her funeral many of them held a guard on honour for her in the style of a royal parade each holding their knitting needles aloft.

Her granddaughter Sally wrote some fond memories of her Nana:

"Nana loved animals and being outdoors, she walked everyday and she loved being around her family. She was content with the simple things in life and never had a great desire to see the world outside Bulmer. She didn't drink alcohol or caffeine and didn't enjoy exotic foods and this may be the reason that she lived to almost 104!

Nana Maudie will always be fondly remembered by her family and friends she truly was an incredible lady.





VILLAGE MUTTERINGS

With many antibodies around it seems a little calmer in recent weeks, and the prospect of hopefully some warmer weather in prospect and lockdown allowing us to move around outside more easily.

The sad news is that that the village has lost two very good and well respected residents in the last month or so, Maudie Rowe, a very lovely lady always smiling and friendly when passing by. Maudie lived in the bungalow in the Street that always had many beautiful roses and other flowers in the front garden, has now been demolished and replaced with three new properties. Maudie was an avid knitter and at her funeral I understand there was a guard of residents all waving knitting needles held high as she arrived at Bulmer Church.



We also unfortunately lost Richard Tomlinson, he is respectfully and gratefully remembered for his service on the Parish Council and for his ongoing legal support. His involvement in the founding of Coes Meadow, providing legal advice in securing the land and setting up the management committee. He leaves a lasting legacy of great value for Bulmer and all its residents and for his support of individual members of the community and his involvement in Village Hall events and many other aspects of village life, he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

A village wanderer

Bramford to Twinstead Electrical network reinforcement including substation on border of Bulmer Tye and Twinstead: Start of public consultation

Proposals to reinforce the electricity transmission network between Bramford substation in Suffolk and Twinstead, south of Sudbury in Essex.

The non-statutory consultation will be held for six weeks between 25 March 2021 and 6 May 2021.

We are inviting community and technical stakeholders to give us their feedback on our proposals. In line with current government guidelines, we are using a mix of both digital and traditional consultation methods to ensure everyone has the opportunity to view the consultation information and to take part in our consultation.

The consultation feedback will be carefully considered as we develop our detailed design for the project. We will hold a further statutory consultation on our final proposals before submitting an application the Government's ambifor a Development Consent Order ("DCO") that would seek the permissions and powers required to undertake the project.

We are writing to residents along the route of the project and will publish relevant consultation documents on our project website. They will be available from 25 March 2021 at



www.nationalgrid.com /bramford-twinstead.

We will send paper copies on request to anyone who is unable to access them online.

We will also host a series of online webinars, live chat and telephone call back sessions. Local residents and stakeholders will be able to engage directly with members of the project team and to ask questions about how the proposals will affect them.

The need for the project

We need to build this new 400,000 volt reinforcement to overcome a bottleneck on the network and increase network capability in the region. It will carry new cleaner, greener energy that is proposed in East Anglia and will support tious net zero targets.

If you have any questions before we meet, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please email me on contact@bramford-

stead.nationalgrid.com or call the freephone information line on 0808 196 1515.

Village Hall Lottery Results

Bulmer Village Hall News

	Jan	Feb	Mar
1st	Mr and Mrs R. Hayto	Mrs A. Calver	Mr and Mrs B. Smiles
2nd	Mr T. Harvey	Mr and Mrs M. Ray- mond	Mr S. Coomb s
3rd	Mrs J. Briggs	Ms. J. Ed- meade s	Mr B. Elsey

If you are new to the Village and would like to supthe 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.

At last we are hoping too well. Without doors and window the end of the tunnel for us all and we can get back to hopefully opening up the Hall again. too well. Without doors and window heating open and meating through the winter it was not a happy place! We have naturally be

We are still being guided by the government and of course things can change at any time. At present we will be opening on 6th May for the elections but must close again until 17th May. We will then reopen but this will be very restricted, small clubs etc adhering to the rule of 6.

On June 21st we will fully open to everyone without restrictions (we hope) We are looking forward to welcoming all our clubs back and of course our hirers for other events. We are already taking bookings for the summer so if you are planning a celebration please get in touch to avoid disappointment. You can call Nicola on 827723 or text to 07971048455 to book

The Hall hasn't withstood the shut down

doors and windows being open and no heating through the winter it was not a happy place! We have naturally been reluctant to spend too much of our resources to do the necessary work we wish to do. However now it looks as though things are improving we have decided to have the floor re-polished. Quite a large undertaking but a good opportunity to have it done during closure. There is much decorating to be done especially on the outside so that will all be addressed this year. Of course it all takes money to do all this so please help us by joining the lottery or supporting the clubs or events. We have always been grateful for the support you have given us in the past. We can't wait to welcome you all back again.

Please keep safe and be patient as it's only a few weeks before things will hopefully be back to near normal (we hope). **Bulmer Village Hall**

Available for private Hire

A lovely venue to host an event such as

Wedding Receptions Parties and Meetings.

To find out more or to keep up to date with latest events Find us on Face book or call Nicola on 01787 827723 (or text 07971048455)

Joke Corner

Goes Bananas!

Why did the banana go to the \
doctor?



Because he wasn't peeling well.

Why do bananas use sun block?

Because otherwise they'd peel.

You need to be extra nice to bananas, you know why?

You don't want to hurt their peelings.

What happens when a boy banana and girl banana break up?

A banana split

What kind of school do bananas go to?



Sundae school



NATURE DIARY

Peter Rowe



In January we came across this little group of fallow deer near Upper Houses. It seems to be an all bachelor party and caused me to wonder why they were apart from the bigger herd which we see from time to time and may

number 20 or more animals. Looking it up I discovered that and give birth throughout the bucks often form small groups outside of the rutting season. The rut is in the Autumn between mid-Sept and early November. The young, usually just one, are born in June / July. Of the two other deer species that we have in Bulmer, the roe deer keep together throughout the year in smaller groups of about half a dozen. They rut in July/Aug. Unusually, they have a delayed gestation period and don't give birth till the next May /Jun, usually twins. This is only about a month before their next rut starts. Our third deer, the muntjac, will sometimes be seen in family groups, but are more usually



seen singly. They can breed year, usually to just one fawn. I can't remember another

peacock. Later that day we saw at least half a dozen of both species, as we took a walk in the Belchamp Valley.



year when I have had to wait so long to see my first butter-

> fly of the spring. Perhaps I had been going around with my eyes closed! I was though delighted, when a pristine brimstone floated across the garden on the 29th March, closely followed by a

It was the start of the mini heat wave that we enjoyed at the very end of the month. The view, from just over the little footbridge, out across the sheep dotted water meadow and up towards Belchamp Walter church, was quite stunning, enhanced all the more by the warm sunshine.

Back in January, seeing a redwing apparently feeding on the bare branches of our birch tree, I was puzzled as to what it was actually taking. Taking a closer look I could see that it was in fact drinking



the dew drops which had formed on the tips of the twigs. The next day it was the turn of another member of the thrush family, a fieldfare, to set me another conundrum. It was feeding on the berries of our rowan tree. As it took them, some it swallowed straight away, but others it shook it sharply, before either eating them or tossing them aside. Again watching carefully, I could see that some of the berries came off cleanly, whereas others had a length of stalk attached, it was this that the bird (town, churchyard and riverwas trying to shake off before either eating or discarding it.

Allen Burbidge sent me this great picture of a male spar-



row hawk, which came and bathed in their garden pond a couple of times.

Our Plant Group's traditional New Year's Day survey couldn't be held of course because of the Covid restrictions, but we decided to go out individually and combine our results. Wendy and I chose to see what wild plants we could find actually on flower in Bulmer

Churchyard . We found a total of 19, including meadow and creeping buttercup, annual nettle, white and red dead nettle, ragwort, field speedwell and catsear. This email from Graham Patrick sums up our group efforts..... "Had it been a competition, Meg and family at Finningham would have been the clear winners with 40 species, followed by Babs and myself at Acton Wildlife Site + churchyard (21); Peter and Wendy at Bulmer churchyard (19) and Robin at Hadleigh side walk) with 16. Total different species = 60." Surprisingly out of the 60 species we recorded between us, there were only 5 species which were found on each of our four sites.

The celandines have put on a good show this year, their sunshine yellow flowers brightening up many of our tired winter road verges and promising brighter and warmer days to come

Would YOU like to write for your village newsletter?

Peter Rowe is a regular contributor to this newsletter and we all love to read about his local nature treasures.

There is always room in this newsletter for more articles from local residents

Do you have a hobby, a collection, or an interesting past time that you would like to share with your neighbours?

Perhaps you write poetry or short stories and would like to let the village enjoy them.

Do you have a point of view about a local issue that you would like to share, we all love to hear a moan!

Are you a keen painter or photographer with some work to show off?

Have you been on any adventures or planning one when lock down ends that you want to tell everyone about?

Could you tell us about any tales of local history to add colour to the places we all know so well?

Any submissions are welcome, and we do not need to include your name if you want to stay behind the curtain.

Submissions can be made by email to whatsonbulmer@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing your work...

Editor



Garden gazing

snowdrops are out, so first us up.

Snow! Quite a lot of A short spell of hot Cold. cold, so that I wonder hawthorn if anything will sur-leaves vive. course, so the melt blossom. revealed open.

but spring, weather expect I ranging from sun to So we've come a full wind and rain, with circle with a year of hard frosts in between. Seeds which have been sown in trays under cover, have started to grow

February 2021 sees Snowdrops, followed us in lockdown 3. by daffodils and prim-It's been cold, wet roses in profusion. I and grey; but the got a thrill seeing the camellia spring is not far be- open, with the promhind. The hazel cat- ise of more to come. kins are putting on a This spring, flowers great display to cheer seem to be more abundant and vibrant.

snow, covering every- weather at the end of Very March brought out the more, once Plants do of along with blackthorn

daffodils There seems to be a with buds ready to lot more lichen on the and trees March is the start of which makes me wonthe der if less pollution in bit the air for the past mixed, as one would year has anything to suppose, do with it.

> gardening in lockdown.

Bulmer Parish Council News

May Parish Council meeting date change



The May meeting of Bulmer Parish Council will now be held via Zoom video conferencing on Wednesday 5th May, starting at 7.15pm. The link to attend the meeting will be published with the agenda and everyone is welcome. Due to Covid restrictions we will not be holding our usual Annual Parish Assembly this year.

The legislation permitting Parish Councils to hold remote meetings via video conferencing comes to an end on May 7th 2021 and the government has chosen not to extend it. This means that any meetings after May 6th must be held physically with all parishioners able to attend in a Covid-safe environment, which for our scheduled May meetings is impossible. On the advice of the Essex Association of Local Councils we have therefore changed the date of the May meeting of Bulmer Parish Council so we can hold it legally and safely via Zoom. Please join us if you can.

SPEEDWATCH-Volunteers Needed



to record the speed of approaching

radar guns

The Parish Council would like to join the Essex Police SPEEDWATCH scheme in order to reduce the speeds of vehicles through our village.

This is achieved with the help of the Essex Police who provide

vehicles in a 20/30/40mph area. Number plate details are recorded and sent to the police for follow up action where necessary.

To do this requires the help of around 10 volunteers who are prepared to give up an hour or so occasionally to stand and operate the equipment or record the data of vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

If you would be willing to volunteer for this worthy cause, please contact the Parish Clerk at bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com or phone **07845 056597**

Notice of a Casual Vacancy for Parish Councillor in Bulmer



- Do you want to serve your Community?
- Do you have time or expertise which could benefit your Community?
 - Do you want to make a difference to all those around you?
 - Are you concerned about your local area?
 - Do you want to represent the views of local people?

If you would like to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of your local Community, why not step forward and apply to become a Bulmer Parish Councillor?

A Parish Council is the closest level of local government to the community. It is a local authority in its own right that makes decisions on behalf of the residents in its "parish". Becoming a Parish Councillor is a rewarding experience and is often described by those that get involved as a way of giving something back to their community.

If you are interested in serving as a Parish Councillor, further details including criteria to be met to be eligible to apply and application form are available by email from the Clerk at bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com.

Completed applications should be submitted in writing to the Clerk by email or at the address at the top of this notice by noon on 15th May 2021.

Claire Waters

Bulmer Parish Clerk

Your Councillors

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Sarah Kershaw	07956 534905	skershawbulmer@yahoo.com
Vacancy		Contact the clerk if interested
Claire Waters - Parish Clerk	07845 056597	bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com

Please note: Your Council is following Gov't regulations on group meetings and therefore 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 notice boards and the website www.evoice.org.uk/bulmerpc

You can also phone any councillor or the clerk for items to be added to Public participation section, if you are unable to attend virtual meetings.



Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Full Council meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.15pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

Please note that during the Corona virus (Covid-19) pandemic, Bulmer
Parish Council will be meeting online using Zoom video conferencing

and no physical face to face meetings will take place until further notice.



Present: Cllrs Crawshay (from item 130), Crome, Kershaw, Nichols, Raymond, Street

In the Chair: Cllr Raymond Clerk: Claire Waters

Also Present: Cllr David Finch ECC to 135/2020

2 parishioners

127/2020 Chairman's Welcome

128/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

129/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Crome declared an interest in item 138 as an allotment holder. Cllr Raymond declared

an interest in items 149 & 150 due to work relationships with applicants

130/2020 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF BULMER PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the full council meeting of 18th January 2021 were approved as a correct record of events. Remote arrangements will be made for them to be signed by

the Chairman

Proposed: Cllr Raymond Seconded: Cllr Crome Agreed unani-

mously

131/2020 RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

To consider options if The Local Authorities (Corona virus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 is not extended and requires a return to face-to-face meetings from May 2021. The National Association of Local Councils has published guidance including "hybrid" meetings, with some people attending face to face and some via video conferencing. This could be difficult at Bulmer Village Hall due to broadband signal issues. Cllr Finch confirmed that ECC are lobbying to have the legislation extended until it is safe for venues to admit larger numbers of people.

RESOLVED: To defer a decision until early May when the guidance may be updated **Proposed:** Cllr Crome **Seconded**: Cllr Raymond Agreed unanimously

132/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A parishioner raised the problem of blocked drains at the lower end of Church Road, and despite recently seeing jetting being carried out at Vicars Orchard was told that the two Church Rd drains were not on their list. These have been reported more than once and the road floods right across at the location.

Cllr Crome confirmed that following discussions with Cllr Finch the ditch had been cleared but drains are still full of mud to the top. Cllr Finch took on board the comments and will follow this up with Essex Highways.

A resident of Bulmer Tye raised the ongoing problem of flooding at the Ryes Lane/A131 junction. Some work has recently been done but the drain top has been left open with the ironwork separated from the brickwork. Cllr Finch agreed to chase this up also.

The same resident of Bulmer Tye wished to express serious concern about a planning application at item 149 for 4 houses at Ryes Lane. He requested assurance that the Parish Council would continue its policy of objecting to planning applications outside the defined village envelope for housing development.

The clerk reported that a parishioner who was unavailable to attend the meeting had requested by email that the Parish Council support the principles of a campaign to put wild-flowers back into our roadside verges. By delaying the cutting of roadside grass verges until late summer/early autumn, wildflowers can thrive and encourage pollinators which are also in decline. The clerk had replied that we are awaiting the results of a consultation by Braintree District Council about verge cutting only once in autumn, which followed a trial in certain areas of the district the previous year. The results of the consultation and work proposals are now with Essex County Council who have the final say. They are the responsible authority and contract out the work to BDC. Bulmer Parish Council replied to the consultation in support of an autumn cut only as long as road safety is not compromised, and understand many parishes across the district also supported the proposals. Cllr Finch offered to chase up the verge cutting consultation results with the head of Essex Highways and feed back to the Parish Council.

133/2020 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR: Update on current vacancy

No applications have been received for the current Councillor vacancy

Action: Cllr Crome will put a notice in the next Parish Newsletter requesting applications

134/2020 ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – CIIr D. Finch

Council Tax: A 0% increase in has been agreed for the 6th time in 10 years. The Adult Social Care tax will increase by 1.5% and will be ring fenced for domiciliary and residential care, mental health and public health.

Covid-19 rates are dropping and primary schools returned successfully, followed by secondary schools. The rate of infection is being monitored closely, with good vaccination progress and test and trace picking up any problems guickly.

Budget: additional money is being made available for green initiatives. £125,000 of grant funding is available for up to 4 Parish Councils to become carbon neutral. £0.5 million is allocated to Police and Crime. £1million is allocated to mental health and reflects an increase in domestic violence and poor mental health during lockdown.

Freeports have been approved in the county at the Thames Estuary, Harwich and Felix-stowe. This means goods can be brought in, modified and shipped out with lower tax and charges. This will bring an expected increase of 10,000 jobs and £4billion to the economy in Felixstowe & Harwich and an increase of 20,000 jobs and £10billion to the economy at the Thames Estuary.

Climate Action Commission report is available online and a meeting on 16th March will be worth watching and will be available to view following the meeting via the ECC website Infrastructure funding of £318million has been received from government. £218million is allocated for a link road and station at Beaulieu outside Chelmsford, linking to Liverpool Street. £100million is allocated for n improved A120/A12 connection and a rapid transit system from Wivenhoe to Colchester main station.

135/2020 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – CIIr W. Scattergood

Cllr Scattergood sent apologies for absence due to a Climate Change meeting at BDC and sent a written report via email:

The BDC Council Tax will not be increased. The Councillors Community Grant will continue for another year. Funding of the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project will continue. If the Climate Change Strategy is approved this evening it will go out for consultation for 6 weeks commencing on May 10th

On February 22nd the Council adopted the Shared Strategic Section 1 of the Local Plan. On adoption the policies in the Shared Strategic Section 1 Local Plan superseded Policies CS1 CS4 CS9 and CS11 of the core Strategy 2011. The Council Development Plan therefore consists of the Braintree District Plan Review 2005 and the policies of the Core Strategy 2011 which have not been superseded, the Shared Strategic Section 1 Local Plan and any Neighbourhood Plans

BDC are now moving forward with the examination of Section 2 of the Draft Local Plan and are therefore able to give some weight to the policies in the emerging Draft Section 2 Local Plan. Cllr Scattergood hopes this explanation will assist Parish Councillors when commenting on applications in Bulmer.

136/2020 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and any update since the last meeting

Cllr Raymond expressed her sadness at the recent death of two residents of the village, both of whom had contributed a great deal to the community over a number of years. She hoped that other residents would continue their legacy by stepping up and actively supporting the village.

A fallen tree, drainage issues and other highways problems have been reported promptly to Essex Highways. Residents can also track and report problems directly here: https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us. We are now waiting for Essex Highways to take action.

137/2020 CLERKS REPORT: No matters to report that are not already on the agenda

138/2020 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS / PARISH UPKEEP

Allotment report Cllr M Crome reported that all allotments are now allocated. One person is still on the waiting list as did not want the plot that recently became available. Two others on the waiting list had now been removed as they did not respond when offered a plot for rental.

The annual allotment inspection by Cllr Crome and the clerk will take place after the end of March, when lockdown restrictions ease. Cllr Crome will write to allotment holders Hedge cutting at the allotments has not yet been done and will be chased up by the clerk

139/2020 HIGHWAYS: Speed watch

To identify a Parish Council speed watch co-ordinator to liaise with Jim Palmer at Essex Fire & Rescue, and plan next steps to recruit volunteers as restrictions ease after the end of March. Cllr L Nichols offered to act as the Parish Council co-ordinator which will involve organising a volunteers rota and taking charge of signs and equipment. Speed watch sessions may involve around an hour a week in groups of 3 people and at least 10 adult volunteers will be needed.

Action: A request for volunteers will be put in the next edition of Bulmer What's On Both residents present at the meeting offered to join the speed watch volunteer group, and thanks were expressed by Councillors.

Agenda item for May meeting

140/2020 HIGHWAYS: Blocked drains and flooding at new barn, Hedingham Road

To decide on further actions to be taken to resolve the flooding issue, which has been reported to Essex Highways, Braintree Planning and inspected by the Essex Flood team **Action:** Since Essex Highways and Braintree Planning are liaising about this which is a planning issue on private land, the clerk will continue to keep in contact with both to chase progress.

141/2020 HIGHWAYS: Church Road parking

To decide on next actions to resolve parking obstruction at Church Road following Cllr Crome's meeting with the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP). The Parish Council has received numerous complaints over a number of years from residents about the danger of driving or walking past parked cars at the Church Road bend. Yellow lines at the bend could be applied for but might push the problem further up the road and inconvenience other residents. The advice from NEPP is to apply to Braintree District Council for their support under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

RESOLVED: To contact Braintree District Council to investigate Antisocial Behaviour act options

Proposed: Cllr Raymond Seconded: Cllr Nichols Agreed unanimously

142/2020 TIONS

BUS SHELTERS: IPTU INFRASTRUCTURE ESSEX HIGHWAYS LICENCE APPLICA-

To consider instruction to complete an application for a license for all shelters owned by the Parish Council which sit on the Highway by 30th April 2021. The clerk requested clarification from Councillors on the history of ownership and liability for the bus shelters. Police reports of damage to the bus shelter at Ryes Lane in 2020 were incorrect and the shelter is undamaged

Action: The clerk will clarify who will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and what is covered by Parish Council insurance. If satisfactory the license forms will be completed.

143/2020 MOBILE SIGNAL BLACK SPOTS

Concerns have been raised by residents about lack of mobile signal, particularly in lower lying areas of the parish. This presents a particular problem in emergency and care situations. No immediate solutions are being proposed by mobile providers. A future proposal from a mobile network for a mast near Ryes Lane would not serve the problem areas reported by residents. **Action**: The Parish Council will monitor the situation as a matter of ongoing concern.

144/2020 BULMER WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER: ADVERTISING REQUESTS

To decide whether to accept requests to publish advertising or commercial information which might be of benefit to residents, e.g. from social care or health care providers. The Bulmer Whats On newsletter has not carried advertising before but the church newsletter accepts paid advertising. Cllr Crome will forward contact details of the church newsletter editor to the clerk, so they can discuss the matter.

Action: For now, the Bulmer What's On editor will be told not to include advertisement articles, but exceptions will be considered if there is a public benefit

145/2020 COES MEADOW – CIIr S Kershaw, Chair of Coes Meadow Management Committee

- Receipt was noted of the draft minutes of the Coes Meadow Management Committee public meeting of 4th March 2021
- Bulmer Parish Council actions arising from the Coes Meadow Management Committee meeting of 4th March 2021. EALC advice has been sought to confirm if VAT can be reclaimed on spending from the Coes Meadow bank account, and a response is expected in the near future. Until then the balance of the Coes Meadow fund will remain in the Parish Council account.
- Cllr Kershaw expressed thanks to Mr Allen Burbridge and Mr Steve Cant for their voluntary help in trimming off dangerous areas of the basketball surface and making it safe. Cllr Crome proposed a vote of thanks which was seconded by Cllr Raymond and agreed by all.
- Notification has been received that the Stour Valley Volunteers and Mr Stephen Barnes will be undertaking annual clearance and scythe mowing at Coes Meadow in September this year
- Tree surgery work has been completed although there is a question about some work which was planned but does not appear to have been carried out.
 - **Action**: The clerk has not yet received an invoice from the tree surgeon but will investigate.
- A resident had suggested a plan to purchase land adjoining Coes Meadow now that a planning application at the site has been refused on appeal. It was agreed to contact the landowner in the first instance to ask if they would be prepared to consider selling the land to the community.

Action: Cllr Raymond will obtain contact details and provide to the clerk.

146/2020 FINANCE

To note income received by the Council since the last meeting

Feb-21	
HMRC VAT reclaim	£1,942.83
Mar-21	
Jess Soper Allotment key deposit	£10.00

To agree payments to be made

Mar-21	
Lyster & Associates - Newsletter Printing January 2021	£73.00
Clerk pay Jan to March 2020	£1,060.20
HMRC PAYE Jan to March 2020	£156.00
TOTAL in month	£1,289.20

RESOLVED: To pay the annual Information Commissioners Office registration fee by direct debit at a cost of £35 a year rather than £40 by bank transfer

Proposed: Cllr Crome Seconded: Cllr Raymond Agreed unanimously

Bank balances as at 8th March 2021

Unity Trust Current A/C £13,788.00

Barclays Business Savings A/C To be confirmed – awaiting update of

contact

CCLA PSDF £30,703.81

147/2020 PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND

To note correspondence from the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund regarding their response to falling interest rates and decide on actions to be taken, if any. No immediate action to be taken as options to move funds are limited, but the situation will be monitored closely.

Decision on changes to bank mandate and new signatories to the account. Cllrs Raymond and Crome are the only current Councillors who are signatories, and the withdrawal destination account needs to be changed to new Unity Trust Account.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Crawshay and Nichols will be additional signatories for CCLA PDSF as they are also signatories for the Unity Trust account.

Proposed: Cllr Crome Seconded: Cllr Raymond Agreed unanimously

148/2020 STAFF MATTERS

A meeting of the Personnel Committee to consider 6 month review for the clerk and the option of enrolling in a pension fund will be held at 7.15pm on Monday 22nd March. This meeting will not be open to the public and the clerk will take part in the review session only.

149/2020 PLANNING: applications received for comment

21/00161/HH Retrospective application for a proposed carport

Meadowside Bulmer Tye CO10 7ED Decision ratified: Objection submitted

20/02229/LBC To repair damaged Lynx statue which sits on right pillar of the gated entrance of Auberies. Also to repair corner of pillar cap.

Auberies Church Road CO10 7DY

Decision ratified: No objections

21/00504/HH Erection of gym, Installing outdoor pool and revision of front elevation. Stanleys Hedingham Road CO10 7EF No objections

Cllr Raymond declared an interest and left the meeting.

21/00412/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for -Erection of 4 no. bungalows and associated development.

Land Rear Of The Tye Ryes Lane Objection: Although smaller houses are welcomed to enable residents to stay in the village, on principle this is outside the development boundary and may set a precedent for future development in the parish.

150/2020 PLANNING: applications determined

20/01112/FUL Proposed new access

20/00437/TPO Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 12/82 - T4 - Trim back the lower branches to lift the crown over the driveway and control growth towards the house and T2 (boundary of property) - Remove and reduce overhanging low branches from neighbouring property

Polrudden Finch Hill CO10 7EX

Application REFUSED

20/02098/COUPA Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3), and for associated operational development - Change of use to 2no. residential dwellings Smeetham Hall Barn Smeetham Hall Lane CO10 7EU

Planning permission Required

Cllr Raymond returned to the meeting

151/2020 NATIONAL GRID BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD TEE NETWORK REINFORCEMENT

To consider response to invitation to meet the project team ahead of the public consultation, which begins at the end of March. The proposed reinforcement is around 29km and includes building new pylons, some underground cables and a substation at Butler's Wood off the A131 on the border of Bulmer and Twinstead parishes. A joint meeting including Twinstead Parish Council was considered but it may be that their priorities and concerns differ from Bulmer. The clerk reported that Cllr Finch had been present for this item at a meeting of another Parish Council, and was urging for all cabling to be put underground off the coast from Ipswich to Southend as the extent of the work will eventually reach Rayleigh to the south of the county.

Action: The clerk will organise a meeting between Bulmer Parish Council and National Grid representatives as soon as possible, in preparation for full public meetings from April onwards.

152/2020 BRAINTREE LOCAL PLAN

To note the adoption of Braintree District Local Plan 2013-2033: North Essex Authorities' Shared Strategic Section 1 Plan which was adopted by the Council Meeting held on 22nd February 2021. https://www.braintree.gov.uk/directory-record/1057365/braintree-section-1-plan-february-2021 The deadline for objections is 12 noon 5th April 2021

153/2020 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Council meeting: Election of Chairman and review of groups & represent tives

Please advise the Parish Clerk by Monday 10th May 2021 of items for the May agenda

154/2020 MEETING DATES FOR 2021

All meetings will continue via Zoom video conferencing until further notice.

17th May 2021	Annual Parish Council	via Zoom video conferencing
19th July 2021	Ordinary Parish Council	Location to be confirmed
20th September 2021	Ordinary Parish Council	Location to be confirmed
15th November 2021	Ordinary Parish Council	Location to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 9.09pm

CIIr Rosemary Raymond



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SMALL Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE) COLLECTIONS

There will be a monthly SMALL Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE) collection on the Village Hall car park every month. A small WEEE is an electrical item which is small enough to fit in a carrier bag.

The items will go for either repair if possible or recycled safely.

Dates for the collections in over the summer will be on

Between 08.30 - 10.00hrs.

14th April	12th May	9th June
7th July	4th August	lst September
	29th September	

Please don't leave items in the car park if the collection vehicle is not on site. Always observe Covid regulations and wash hands before and after your visit.

Please note this is not a Parish Council or Village Hall project so any queries should be made to Braintree District Council. You can find out more about the project by visiting

www.braintree.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/electrical item.