



What's Going On?

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History on Your Doorstep

Have you ever wondered about the history of your house and your neighbourhood?

Stour Valley Community Archaeology (SVCA) are starting a project to do exactly that by carrying out a test pit programme in Bulmer, each test pit giving a snap shot of the past and building up, with information from other test pits, to give an overall picture of Bulmer's history.

A test pit is a one metre square that over a weekend is carefully and systematically dug, finds collected and analysed and a report made out. We will be looking for volunteers to host and dig about six test pits assisted by SVCA members with overall supervision and finds identification by more experienced SVCA staff. At the end of the dig, the pit

will be re-filled and as necessary, turfs replaced.

We would be hoping for volunteers in the centre of the village rather than in the outlying communities such as Bulmer Tye or Kitchen Hill.

We would be looking to plan this event in early 2021 and we must stress that this dig will be carried out following COVID-19 restrictions that may be in force at the time.

Who are SVCA?

SVCA was formed after a series of excavations of an early medieval farm settlement carried out six years ago at Goldingham Hall by local volunteers and supervised by archaeologists from Cambridge University (led by Carenza Lewis, who will be well known to Channel

HM Government NHS

WASH HANDS

COVER FACE

MAKE SPACE

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



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VILLAGE MUTTERINGS

As I write this the Indian summer is here, 31 degrees today, hopefully it will last for a few more days yet.

On my travels around the village at this time of the year is always pleasant, plenty of colour still in residents gardens and the leaves start to autumn colours, how beautiful it all looks. Especially litter free, thanks to all those village volunteers.

The hyper-fast thing seems to be getting closer with lots of vans and obstacles on the roadside putting cable up on telegraph poles or shoving it down man-holes, hopefully it will all end soon and then we can enjoy the benefits. They say our properties will increase in value as a result.

Are we in lockdown? It seems like it, but luckily here in Bulmer we appear to be in our own big bubble, as I have not come across many unfortunate cases of infection, I just hope I am right.

Someone has told me there is yet another vacancy on the Parish Council to bring the council back to full complement, go on why not give it a try, anyone I am told aged 18 or over is eligible. Also we appear to have new Clerk with 7 years experience, hopefully this will bring some stability to the Council and the village will be better off.

Oh, I spoke to soon, it seems like the sunny weather has gone and we now in monsoon season and the wood burners will soon be lit and that lovely odour of burning wood and chestnuts roasting will be with us soon.

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4's Time Team fans).

Because of the enthusiasm that this dig engendered, Stour Valley Community Archaeology was formed to encourage interest in the past history of the Stour Valley area and encourage participation by the general population. Test pit events are an excellent way of achieving these objectives.

As well as the Goldingham dig, we have also; carried out extensive excavations of an Iron Age/early Roman site near Gestingthorpe, partnered again with Cambridge University to carry out test pit events over a number of years in Foxearth that were designed to foster interest in archaeology amongst students at local academies, carried out a series of surveys recording medieval graffiti in local churches.

If you are interested in taking part in this project please contact me:

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Figure 1- Early eleventh century pottery found at Goldingham Hall (SVCA)

Thank You Bulmer

In our last issue we celebrated the birthday of a Church Road residents' 80th Birthday.

Following publication David dropped a lovely note our way, it reads:

I would like to thank the people who participated in my birthday celebration. I cannot say more than thank you all, It is incredible, I have never had a birthday celebration in all my life such as this. Love to you all. David.

Has my HYPER-FAST BROADBAND arrived?

This month I was quite excited. A man was up the pole outside my house! The new pole that has stood barren and lonely waiting for my broadband connection to arrive. His van was unmarked, I couldn't be sure who he was, and he didn't seem to be moving along very quickly.

I watched for some time, I just couldn't tear myself away. I was gripped. Was today the day that I would be connected to the 21st century. Will my boys constant complaints of 'Fortnite buffering' (Parents of teenagers will understand) be finally at an end?

I couldn't wait any longer I had to know. I rushed to the kitchen, made a frantic cup of instant coffee (not the nice stuff) in my least favourite mug and wandered casually out to the chap. He was by this time back in his van doing very little from what I could see.

I smiled sweetly and knocked on his window. I offered the coffee and he accepted it with obvious suspicion. I commented on the weather, and we tutted at the speed of a passing car together. Finally I got to the point and asked who he worked for and what he was doing. This is when I learned that he was a BT engineer and one of my neighbours was having a phone issue.

So I quickly snatched back my half drunk coffee, bad the fellow a curt "Good day" and retreated to sulk by watching the spinning NETFLIX loading wheel that passes for entertainment in my living room.

Village Hall Lottery Results

Bulmer Village Hall News



	Jul	Aug	Sep
1st	Mr I. Hepburn	Mrs V. Owen	Ms J. Edmeades
2nd	Mrs M. O'Reilly Cicconi	Mr L. Raymond	Mr and Mrs C Crawshay
3rd	Mr J. O'Reilly Cicconi	Mrs M. O'Reilly Cicconi	Mr A. Morley

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.

Hopefully we will be opening the Village Hall in September. Work is in progress making things as safe as possible. Obviously there will be many restrictions once we open especially with 2 metre distancing rules which will limit numbers drastically. We do have 2 clubs who are hoping to restart but many other clubs feel they aren't ready to come back or their numbers are too great to be able to meet safely. Of course if the infection rate rises then we will again have to close but we hope people are sensible and keep to the rules thus hopefully preventing this to happen. Children's parties can once again be booked with a limit of 12 children attending. Anyone booking the Hall would have to submit a risk assessment for their function. Sample assessments can be obtained when booking and can if necessary be changed to suit requirements. Hand gels will be provided at the entrance and masks should be worn where possible. Unfortunately it is unlikely that any events will take place this year due to social distancing restrictions. We have been advised and guided on proce-

dures by our Village Hall advisory team at the Rural Community Council who have been invaluable in helping us through re-opening. Rules changed sometimes daily and of course things could change again before we open. Unfortunately two of our Committee members resigned this year. Margaret Dixey felt that after 50 years of service to the Village Hall, it was time for retirement. Dawn Allen also resigned as after over 40 years on the Committee, many as Treasurer, it was time to also step down. Dawn however will still be the Lottery promoter. Both Margaret and Dawn were presented with thank you gifts for their many years of voluntary service to our community. Well done and thanks to both of you. Lock down brought out the best in our Community with neighbours helping one another and the Bulmer Support Group doing a fantastic job. Unfortunately it also brought out the worse side in people. We have had a small amount of damaged done to the building and someone dumped a toilet outside the front door of the Hall. Not only was it a health and safety hazard but it caused problems getting it taken away. We are sure there is no one

in our Village who would stoop so low as to do such a thing but other people just don't care. We hope you all managed to keep safe over the last few months and hope that perhaps we can all meet up again before too long.

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 Facebook or call Nicola on 01787 827723 (or text 07971048455)

Joke Corner Strikes back

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?

You rocket!

How do you make a lemon drop?

Just let it fall.

What did one plate say to the other plate?

Dinner is on me!

Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?

Because she was stuffed.



NATURE DIARY

Peter
Rowe



Love it or hate it, you can't ignore a field of rape, with its blindingly intense yellow flowers and the heady aroma of the pollen, followed later by that rotten cabbage smell of the dying plants, all in all a real assault on the senses.

Once the seed has formed and a variety of insects move in, it's a great attraction to birds, relishing an easily gathered beak-full to take back to their chicks. In Early June we walked along the edge of one of the Hill Farm rape fields, not far from the Brickyard. I was amazed at the variety of birds flying to and fro between



the crop, as was a cock blackbird. Half way down the hedge a pair of whitethroats and two linnets were busily going

pendent on the rape crop for their sustenance.

Another blaze of colour on show in mid-June was a field of poppies just past Upper Houses, practically the whole field was a sea of crimson. The photo can't do justice to it in black and white, go to the online version to view it in colour.

I was pleased to hear from Richard Hayto that they occasionally see a common Lizard, as they are carrying out their management work on Little Dean Spinney.

They were introduced there about 18 years ago, rescued from development sites in Sudbury, so there is obviously a viable population of them surviving there. Also good to read in the last "What's Going On" about the lizard that Rob Wright spotted near the footpath going down to Belchamp Brook. Three of four years ago I found one closer to the Bulmer Street end of the footpath. Recently I came across 3 juveniles basking in the sun on a large log right down in the valley about a third of a mile to the west of Rob's sighting. This could mean that there is a population of these little reptiles spread along the wild area which borders that stretch of the Belchamp Brook and right back up the ancient hedgerow towards Bulmer Street. It is this sort of linear habitat that is so important to wildlife in our arable countryside. It acts as a connecting corridor for creatures and indeed in some cases



the crop and the hedge. Deciding that I would like to have a longer look to see just what birds were using the rape, about a week later we took a picnic and watched from the end of this couple of hundred yards of hedge. Somewhere close to us a song thrush was singing with gusto, a couple of dunlocks were in and out of

out into the crop and returning with food, obviously feeding young. Getting towards the far end, another pair of whitethroats, and past them a pair each of Yellowhammers and perhaps the most surprising species, reed buntings. That's at least seven pairs of birds nesting in that relatively short length of hedge and all mainly de-





Europe--whilst *Melilotus Officinalis (Ribbed Melilot)* is apparently a nineteenth century import from America. --It is just incredibly exciting that among the places that Gerard mentions, (I would estimate about 1-200 in the whole of England), he should actually mention Bulmer! Have you or Robin recorded *Melilot Altissimus in Bulmer?*"

plants, to spread along and either colonise a fresh area, or to meet up with another population, thereby adding new blood to both groups by widening the gene pool.

Ashley Cooper tells me that he is researching into the work of early botanists in our locality, for a forthcoming book. As part of this he decided to plough through Gerard's Herbal, published in 1597, looking for any plants mentioned as having been found in our area. Ashley's email to me is a tribute to his patience and tenacity! ***"I have just finished reading the 1300 page on-line version. The first 1000 pages contained occasional references to Dunmow, Colchester, Hedingham and Clare, but on page 1034, I was absolutely thrilled to find a reference.....to BULMER! The plant Gerard refers to is Melilot, to which he provides the Latin name Melilotus Germanica. This is now known as Melilotus Altissimus, (Tall Melilot) which was introduced into England before Tudor times from***

Luckily I noticed some melilot growing a few years ago, on the roadside between Bulmer Street and Gestingthorpe. It was close to the parish boundaries and sure enough I found it again this year, but still had to be sure that it was the Tall, and not the Ribbed Melilot. We had to wait for the seed to ripen before confirming the identification, the Tall has black seed and the Ribbed brown. The seed was **black**, proving that the plant that Gerard had recorded here over 400 years ago is still thriving here in Bulmer.

Two Bulmer blackbirds have unwittingly supplied recycling opportunities in our gardens. Firstly, a robin built its nest inside an old blackbirds nest under the eaves of our shed and successfully raised two broods of young. Ken and Margaret's little recycler, was rather more unusual, a spotted flycatcher. The blackbirds nest reused here was just inside the

wood shed opposite their kitchen window, from where they could enjoy watching the coming and goings of the birds. Flycatchers often have a favorite perch from where they wait to dart out and snatch up a passing fly, or indeed a bee. In this case the perch was on a small tree. They took exception to any creature that had the temerity to invade "their tree". One day Margaret and Ken saw a grey squirrel climb the tree, and were amazed to see one of the flyca



tchers literally chase it out of the tree and across their lawn to dive into some thick herbage. They said it was so funny to see the squirrel fleeing in terror from this comparatively tiny bird.

Well I'll Be Badgered. Some of you may recall from the last diary that I lost all my broad beans to a marauding badger, or badgers. Well, at least we did have *some* of our sweetcorn, but today I came across a scene of

wanton destruction, half eaten cobs and uprooted plants. Instead of mining their way under the gate as before, this time they somehow broke through the wire netting, Ah well back to the drawing board, or should I be waving the white flag !

STOP PRESS



Just had this raven on the field behind us this morning (17th Sep) Had seen them occasionally over the winter in flight, but never able to catch one on camera before

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Peter Rowe is a regular contributor to Whats on. He volunteers his time to write these lovely reviews of the fantastic nature all around us that bring him so much joy.

Would you like to write an article about the things you love? We would love to read about it.

Perhaps you have an interest in local history, or a hobby that you would like to tell your neighbours about?

Maybe you have always wanted to try authoring a short story, or perhaps you are passionate about a subject and would like a platform for your point of view?

Any new contributors are most welcome.

Drop your submission to the Editor at:

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DRAFT MINUTES OF BULMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of Bulmer Parish Council Full Council meeting held on Monday 21st September 2020. The meeting opened at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr R Raymond, Cllr M Crome, Cllr C Street, Cllr A Crawshay and Cllr S Kershaw

Also Present – ECC Councillor David Finch, BDC Councillor Wendy Scattergood, Matt Drewry from UKPN and Miss Ann C Wood (Locum Clerk).

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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Scheduled meeting dates for the remainder of 2020 are;

*Parish Council Meeting
16th November
2020*

058/2020 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr R Raymond welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Cllr David Finch and Cllr Wendy Scattergood.

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.

059/2020 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

060/2020 Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Crome declared a non-pecuniary Interest relating to item 068/2020 Allotments, as he is an allotment holder.

061/2020 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th July 2020 were received and agreed. Proposed by Cllr M Crome, seconded by Cllr S Kershaw and agreed unanimously

7.47pm – Cllr A Crawshay entered the meeting

062/2020 Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present.

063/2020 UKPN Proposals and wayleaves

The UKPN representative Matt Drewry outlined the new proposals. A new site for the sub station has been found near The Fox PH, so UKPN now only needs a wayleave to install cables. Cllr M Crome asked if the hedge is to be removed to allow the cable to run alongside and Mr Drewry confirmed that the hedge will not be removed. Cllr S Kershaw asked if the cable will affect the allotments and Cllr M Crome said it will not. Cllr D Finch asked if the ECC Highways have been consulted about the proposal and Mr Drewry said that negotiations will start with the Highways, once the wayleaves are in place.

Cllr M Crome asked about the payments to be made and Mr Drewry said that the payments would be very small, only in the order of a couple of pounds. Cllr M Crome highlighted the section about poles and stay-wires and Mr Drewry confirmed that a stay-wire will be required for a low voltage pole. Discussion ensued about the problems that a stay-wire could cause, not least of which would be problems relating to cutting the hedge. It was suggested that the stay-wire could possibly be put into the small piece of waste ground.

It was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr S Kershaw that the wayleave should be granted. The vote was 4 for and 1 abstention. The proposal was carried. Mr Drewry said that he would investigate the possibility of moving the stay-wire and would check on the payments. He then left the meeting.

064/2020 Essex County Councilors report Cllr D.Finch

Cllr Finch reported on the following:

a) Some areas in the country are moving towards local lockdowns but East

Anglia is not an area for concern at the moment. There is a low level of infections in Essex at the moment, with outbreaks only in Epping Forest, Harlow and Colchester. Two notices have been issued to pubs in Harlow and Colchester for not adhering to social distancing.

- b) On the matter of Local Government Reform, it seems that HM Government's ambition has waned somewhat. The plans for Essex may have included 2-4 unitary authorities with an over-seeing body. The process may have been slowed by the Planning reform White Paper.
- c) Essex County Council has been considering its budget for 2021/2022. It is close to balancing the figures but it will need to wait and see what happens after the end of the furlough scheme. There were 193,000 people in Essex that were furloughed. An announcement will be made in February 2021.
- d) Ideas have been permeating out of the Climate Commission. There are an increased number of cycleways in Chelmsford and Colchester and additional solar farms. Green Hydrogen is also being investigated.

Cllr M Crome thanked Cllr Finch for getting the work done to the gateways at Batt Hall and asked about the advisory speed signs/40 mph. Cllr Finch replied that unless there is enforcement in place, it has been found that people will still speed.

Cllr M Crome asked about the Potholes Scheme. Cllr Finch explained this but said that the potholes should be reported to him as well.

Cllr M Crome said that there are some largish potholes in Finch Hill/Sudbury Road. Cllr Finch said that the potholes at the side of roads are a priority because of the increased number of cyclists.

Cllr R Raymond reported that there are problems with parking by the new houses at Batt Hall. Cllr Finch said that this area is in Suffolk and that he would report it to the Suffolk Highways Authority. Cllr R Raymond asked about the checking on the grants that were issued to small businesses. Cllr Finch said he couldn't answer the question but assured that checks will be carried out. Cllr W Scattergood from Braintree District Council said that the issue of the grants had been handled by the District/Borough/City Councils.

Cllr Finch was thanked by the Chairman for attending the meeting and his report. He then left the meeting.

065/2020 District Councillors report – Cllr W. Scattergood

Cllr Scattergood reported on the following:

- a) The planning and enforcement officers are working flat out to try and catch up with issues that were delayed due to the pandemic.
- b) She hoped that there would be discussion on the Planning Reform White Paper. She said that in the Braintree District Local Plan (which goes up to 2033), 716 dwellings a year are to be built. The ONS says that this should only be 357 per year. She also told the meeting that permissions for building are given but then are not started. She suggested that if a permission is given, it should have to be started.
- c) With regard to the small business loan scheme, the one in the Colchester area involved a lot of red tape and work to complete. She will make enquiries about how this was handled in the Braintree District.

Cllr C Street asked about the time limits for starting developments and it was confirmed that these must be started within 3 years. Cllr Scattergood confirmed that this doesn't affect the permissions.

Cllr S Kershaw asked if developers get three years to start and this was confirmed. Cllr Scattergood said that developers get outline permissions only and then they come back to get them extended. Some examples show that they get the permissions and bank the land and then sometimes sell it.

Cllr M Crome asked about the appeal on the agenda, APP/Z1510/W/20/3251873 - Planning Application Ref: 19/O2254/VAR - Land Adjacent Back House Croft Bulmer Street Bulmer Essex and whether it will be defended. Cllr Scattergood said she did not have that information to hand but confirmed that it was an officer decision and so it probably will be defended.

Cllr Scattergood was thanked by the Council for attending the meeting and for her report.

066/2020 Chairman's report and any update since the last meeting

Cllr R Raymond said that there was not a lot to report.

However, she did report that she had been approached by residents about the lack of Face-to-Face

meetings. The Clerk said that the laws relating to remote meetings had been put in place by HM Government and that the Parish Council was doing its best to comply with the law and to inform residents. It was also confirmed that holding remote meetings was still the recommended course of action from the NALC. It was confirmed that the minutes are published and if people do not have computers/ electronic devices, they can always telephone the Clerk and copies of agendas, minutes etc. will be posted to them. Cllr S Kershaw said that she would go to people's houses to bring them up to date, if that was what they required.

067/2020 Clerks Report

There were no matters to report, that are not already on the agenda

068/2020 Representative reports / Parish Upkeep

Village Green – Cllr R Raymond reported that the grass has been cut and that she has weeded the war memorial a couple of times.

Allotments - Cllr M Crome reported that there are three people on the waiting list but there may be an allotment falling free, that could be divided into two. He mentioned that he needed the water bills in order to complete the invoices and the Clerk said that she would contact Wave in the morning.

Cllr R Raymond asked whether the pathway round the outside can be opened up and Cllr M Crome said that he would investigate whether there is enough space and whether the tree and water pipe might be in the way.

Cllr M Crome also said that he was considering doing a survey because the allotments have not been measured for some time. He also said that an increase in the rents should be considered in January 2021.

Website Update – Cllr M Crome said that he had circulated the updated Accessibility Statement and asked that this should be approved by the Council. This was proposed by Cllr C Street and seconded by Cllr R Raymond. The vote was 4 for and 1 abstention. The proposal was carried.

069/2020 Finance

To note income received by the Council

Braintree District Council Street Cleaning Agreement – £815.01 Allotment Key Deposit L Seaman-£10.00

PSDF Dividend Reinvested July 2020 - £7.60 PSDF Dividend Reinvested August 2020 - £5.02

To ratify payments made since the last meeting

Cheque 101541 – ICO Registration (£40.00)

Cheque 101542 – JPB Landscapes – Grass Cutting (£724.80)

Cheque 101543 – R J Alston Construction – Grazing Drainage and Noticeboard (£2352.00)

Cheque 101544 – JPB Landscapes – Grass Cutting (£451.20)

Cheque 101545 - Miss A C Wood – Locum Clerk Services July 2020 (£492.64)

Cheque 101546 – M Crome – Allotment Key Deposits (£20.00)

To agree payment to be made

Cheque 101547 – Miss A C Wood for upgraded Zoom Account (£143.88)

The above items were all proposed by Cllr M Crome, seconded by Cllr R Raymond and agreed unanimously.

· **Bank balances as at 31st August 2020**

Barclays Current A/C	£14076.64
Barclays Business Savings A/C	£37135.89
CCLA PSDF	£30690.79
The above balances were noted.	

Update on the Bank Account – The forms have been completed and signed and additional information received. The Locum Clerk will contact Unity Trust Bank about submission, although this may have to be delayed for a week or two to allow for the Precept payment from Braintree District Council and allotment tenants/grazing lessees paying into the

Barclays A/C. There was discussion about whether the Barclays Account should be closed and the Locum Clerk said that she will telephone Unity Trust Bank.

Update on the CCLA Investment Account – The Locum Clerk has been unable to speak to the CCLA because she is not a named person on the account. In view of the impending appointment of a permanent Clerk, the Council would be best advised to wait until the new person is in post to progress this item

070/2020 Member-led Pothole Repair Programme 2020

Following discussion, it was agreed that there are no priority pothole repairs to submit to the Essex County Council member for consideration for repair. Cllr R Raymond raised the matter of the pavement at Batt Hall, where there is a pothole.

071/2020 Co-option

It was noted that Braintree District Council has informed the Parish Council that a poll for the recently advertised casual vacancy has not been requested and that the Council is free to co-opt. A poster will be sent to Cllr R Raymond to advertise the co-option on the noticeboards and a notice will also be placed on the website by Cllr M Crome.

072/2020 Coe's Meadow

To receive a report from the Coe's Meadow Committee

Cllr C Street said that she had sown some foxglove seeds. She and Cllr A Crawshay will be meeting the RoSPA Inspector tomorrow. She and Cllr A Crawshay had met with the Stour Valley Project people and Cllr Crawshay will be getting a quote for work to the diseased Ash trees that had been identified. Volunteers are also needed to help clear the Willow area. Cllr M Crome asked for confirmation that there are two non-council members on the committee. Cllr C Street confirmed this is the case but that she has had no communication from them. Cllr Street had tried to organise a meeting of the Committee before the Council meeting but it had not been possible. Cllr C Street also reported that PPE was needed for the volunteer litter picker and the Locum Clerk said that he should contact her.

To note the re-opening of the Play Area

Cllr C Street asked if the cleaning of the equipment had been carried out and the Locum Clerk said that she would check this. It was noted that officially, the play equipment is not open for use yet but that people are still using the equipment and notices needed to be put up. Cllr W Scattergood said she was surprised that the equipment was still officially closed and the Locum Clerk said that the Parish Council had needed extra time to complete required the Risk Assessment. The swing seats were discussed but no decision was made.

073/2020 Planning Applications – To ratify comments already submitted

20/01112/FUL – Proposed New Access - Land South Of Hedingham Road Bulmer Essex Bulmer Parish Council does have concerns about Highways safety issues near the site, which includes but is not limited to large vehicles turning.

The Parish Council supports the application, providing that if the access is granted, the following condition is put in place –

That the existing access will be taken out, which will help to reduce problems on this stretch of road by taking the access away from the corner to a straighter part of the road.

20/01224/HH - Retention of fence to side and rear of property - Ridgcroft, Smeetham Hall Lane, Bulmer

Bulmer Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

20/01249/FUL - Demolition of existing garages and erection of two dwellings, garages access and landscaping and restoration of existing pump station - Pump House Adjacent Ashbourne Cottage, Smeetham Hall Lane, Bulmer

Although this development is outside the village envelope it will provide significant improvement to this location, by removing unsightly old garages. There is a local bus service to the nearby towns of Sudbury & Halstead 6 days a week, within walking distance of the site, thereby potentially alleviating the use of private vehicles, in this rural area.

The house design is a sympathetic design with the nearby Ashbourne Cottage using red bricks to match, and of similar construction.

Restoring the Pump house to a much-improved structure will enhance this small hamlet of

Bulmer.

Both of the new houses will have at least spaces for 2 vehicles to be parked off road, which should avoid parking on the grass verge.

Bulmer Parish Council therefore supports this application. The above application comments were all noted and agreed.

074/2020 Planning Appeal

APP/Z1510/W/20/3251873 - Planning Application Ref: 19/02254/VAR - Land Adjacent Back House Croft Bulmer Street Bulmer Essex

Description of Development: Variation of Condition 2 'Approved Plans' of permission 17/01638/FUL 17/01/2019 for: Erection of 3 no. detached dwelling houses with detached garages comprising 2 no. 3 bedroom dwellings and 1 no. 4 bedroom dwelling. Variation would allow: the creation of a new access.

There are no further comments to be made on the appeal, as the Parish Council had no objections to the original application.

075/2020 Local Plan Consultation

- 1.To agree any further comments to be submitted by the Parish Council on the modifications to the Braintree Local Plan. It was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr R Raymond that the two Garden Villages should be removed from the Local Plan. This was agreed unanimously.
- 2.To agree comments to be submitted on the 2018-based household projections and their implications for the soundness of the housing requirement figures in the Local Plan. Cllr W Scattergood told the meeting that this was what had been mentioned earlier and was basically whether the Parish Council agreed with the government housing figure or the revised ONS figure. It was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr R Raymond that the ONS figure of 357 should be used. This was agreed unanimously. It was also agreed that a comment about starting work on conditions within six months on planning applications that have been granted permission should be added.

076/2020 Consultations

1. HM Government's Planning for the Future White Paper – The Parish Council has no comments to be submitted regarding the proposals in the White Paper, at the current time.
2. HM Government's Local Government Reform White Paper – The White Paper has not yet been published and is now due in October/November 2020.
3. Highway Code – Changes to the status of Pavement Parking – It was noted that the consultation has been received. It was proposed by Cllr R Raymond, seconded by Cllr C Street and agreed unanimously that Cllr M Crome will complete the questions and then circulate to the Council for comment, before submission.

077/2020 Update in emergency plan

It was agreed that Cllr M Crome will update the Parish Council's part of the emergency plan and circulate to the Council for comments, before return to Braintree District Council

078/2020 Committees

There was discussion about a member of the Council to be on the Village Hall Committee, to take the place of Eileen Penn. Cllr C Street said that she would like to take a smaller part on the Coe's Meadow Committee and also be on the Village Hall Committee. This was proposed by Cllr R Raymond, seconded by Cllr S Kershaw and agreed unanimously.

079/2020 Meeting Dates for 2021

The meetings dates for Bulmer Parish Council for 2021 were agreed as:

18th January 2021, 15th March 2021, 17th May 2021, 19th July 2021, 20th September 2021 and

15th November 2021

Proposed by Cllr M Crome, seconded by Cllr A Crawshay and agreed unanimously.

080/2020 Items for Next Agendas:

Co-option

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

081/2020 To resolve to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting under The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1(2) It was proposed by Cllr R Raymond and seconded by Cllr C Street that the meeting should be closed to the Press and Public. This was agreed unanimously.

082/2020 Personnel Committee

Cllr C Street told the meeting that she had chaired the interview panel and that it had been agreed to offer the position of Clerk of the Council/RFO to Claire Waters, to start in early/mid October 2020. The Chairman thanked the Locum Clerk for her help during the last six months and this was echoed by all those present.

Proposed Dates of future meetings:

Parish Council Meeting 16th November 2020

Bulmer Parish Council Notice of a Casual Vacancy for Parish Councillor in Bulmer

Due to the resignation of a Parish councillor. Notice is hereby given that Bulmer Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

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 bulmerparish-clerk@gmail.com.

Completed applications should be submitted in writing to the Clerk at the address at the bottom of this notice by noon on 31st October 2020.

Claire Waters
Bulmer Parish Clerk

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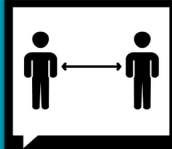
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Bulmer Support Group

If you need any help if you are vulnerable, self-isolating or poorly please contact one of our volunteers below. We can help with shopping, dog-walking, collecting prescriptions, delivering post - or you tell us what support you need. Our volunteer list with telephone numbers:

Anna Grehan	No Number
Binnie Segrott	01787 828955/ 07779 590587
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Volunteers Wanted

Do you have children or Grandchildren who use Coe's Meadow Playground?

Would you like to be part of an ongoing project to maintain our Playground and Meadow, enabling our Community Area to stay Safe and Accessible for all?

Coe's Meadow Management Committee would like to invite residents from Bulmer/Bulmer Tye to apply to become a member of CMMC.

We are looking for 4 – 6 committed residents to join our current team.

For further information please contact:
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