

What's Going On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer – August 2023

(Including Bulmer St., Bulmer Tye, Finch Hill, Batt Hall, Upper & Lower Houses, Church Rd & Hedingham Road)

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YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

Do you have time available to support Bulmer and our community?

We have vacancies on the Parish Council, Coes Meadow Management Committee & the Village Hall Committee. If interested please e-mail for details Laurence Nichols at laurencenichols2020@gmail.com.

News from Braintree District Council.

The following has been taken from the council web page.

Garden waste annual subscription service

We will be charging for the collection of garden waste from March 2024.

Residents who want to continue receiving a garden waste collection will be able to opt-in to the new subscription service and pay a one-off charge of £55 per year.

An early bird discount of 50% will be in place for those who sign up before 30 November 2023, meaning a charge of £27.50 for the first 13 months which equates to just over £1 a collection.

Early bird discount

We will let residents know when registration is open for the early bird discount. Further communication will be issued on our website and social media.

News from the Church

We are holding a Harvest Coffee Morning on 9th September in the Church between 10.00am -12.00noon. Please come along for Coffee/Tea and cakes/pastries and the church will be decorated for our Harvest Festival which be held on Sunday 10th September at 11.15am.

DO YOU LIKE FLOWERS?

We need more people to help with the Flower Rota at St. Andrew's Church. You do NOT need to be a flower arranger or attend church – if you like to put your flowers into a vase – that is all that is required.

The more people we have on the Rota means that the frequency of being available is less. Please give some thought about this and contact Liz Fulcher 01787 269935 for further information or questions.

"Liz and Peter Fulcher would like to thank all the people who sponsored them for their walk along part of the Camino Santiago in May. They raised £1683.75 a fantastic result."

News from the Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee and members from St Andrew's Church combined to give Bulmer a Coronation celebration in the Village Hall. We had 61 people attending, every one of them from the Village which was wonderful and gave everyone a chance to meet up and make new acquaintances. Afternoon tea was served consisting of assorted sandwiches, homemade scones with jam and clotted cream, a variety of cupcakes, chocolate brownies and fruit cake. Small jellies were also included giving the afternoon a party atmosphere. Pimms was served to toast the new King.

Ashley Cooper gave a short presentation which included audience participation and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Bill Dixey distributed quiz sheets to be done throughout the afternoon all answers based on sweets. There were several winners so we guess there are a few chocoholics in the Village!

The afternoon continued with musical entertainment provided by Michael Allen and friends. A very rousing singing of the National Anthem which must have been heard throughout the Village, concluded the celebration.

We thank everyone who contributed to make the afternoon successful. The Parish Council gave a donation to help pay for little extras, Janet from China Bird who provided beautiful cake stands and all the helpers who decorated the Hall, baked cakes and scones and worked very hard on the day. Without all of you the Celebration would not have taken place. THANK YOU.



We are pleased and highly relieved that we now have 2 new members on the Village Hall Committee so we can now manage the charity and the fear of closure has diminished for

the time being. With that in mind we are planning 2 events for the Village in the coming months. The first being a much-requested Table Sale on Saturday 16th September from 12 - 4pm. Cost of hire will be £6 for a standard table and £10 for a large one. Free entry to bargain hunters. Light refreshments will be available. To book a table please ring 373451 or 374758. Do not leave it too late to book and avoid disappointment. The second event will be the ever-popular Quiz Night on Friday 3rd November at 7.30. As always Dave and Becky will be asking the questions. To book a table of 6max please ring 373451 or 374758.

Lottery Winners

Feb. 1st prize Mrs V. Owen, 2nd prize Mrs H. Simpson 3rd prize Mrs R. Newman

March. 1st prize Mrs J. Coombes. 2nd prize Mrs A. Calver 3rd prize Mr L. Raymond

April. 1st prize Mrs L. Saunders. 2nd prize Mrs V. Crome. 3rd prize Mr E Nevard.

May. 1st prize. Mrs E. Wenbourne 2nd prize Ms. C. Massey and Mr Davies
3rd prize Mrs A. Hart

June 1st prize. Mr P. Rowe. 2nd prize. Mrs J. Coombes 3rd prize. Mrs J. Coombes

July 1st prize. Mr and Mrs M Raymond 2nd prize. Ms. C. Massey and Mr Davies
3rd prize. Mrs J. Johnson

BULMER SKYLARKS

We had a very successful summer party which was enjoyed by all especially the entertainment. We had a visit from the Strummers ukulele band who had everyone singing and even some brave souls were on the floor dancing. Our members all appeared to go home very happy. We now look forward to our Autumn and Winter programme and hope we can entice more members to join us.

After our A.G.M on 26th September which will give our members a chance to air their views we will continue with a quiz which always turns out to be an extremely riotous affair with much friendly banter.

On 24th October we will have a visit from the Shelly Centre for therapeutic riding. A worthwhile charity doing great things in the community.

The 28th October will see us welcoming Gary Everton, a bodyguard who will no doubt have a few amusing tales to tell.

We will hold our Christmas party on 12th December which will include all things festive. If you like the sound of all this or even want to know more why not come along to our meetings or ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758



Life-saving Defibrillators for Bulmer



Bulmer Parish Council

4 Public Access Defibrillators to be installed in Bulmer

Following a request from Bulmer residents, Bulmer Parish Council has ordered four Public Access Defibrillators to be installed in Bulmer for emergency use. These are being supplied by the Community Heartbeat Trust who are locally based and are a leading national charity. Their website at <https://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/> has a wide range of information

Why do we need them?

In the event of someone suffering a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), early defibrillation can increase their survival chances by as much as 50%. The UK Resuscitation Council says that if you are more than 5 minutes away from medical help, then local initiatives are essential. In these situations, access to emergency first aid techniques, including CPR and using an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), can make the difference between life and death. The average response times for an ambulance to attend Bulmer postcodes is over 20 minutes (from <http://www.ambulanceresponsetimes.co.uk/>).

How does this work?

The defibrillators will be logged onto the Community Heartbeat Trust's "WebNos™" monitoring system with regular checks and system updates carried out by local volunteers. When you have called 999, if defibrillation is required for the patient the ambulance service operator will direct you to the nearest available AED. If the patient is in cardiac arrest, the call handler will stay on the line to assist you until an ambulance crew arrives. Modern AED equipment is also designed to talk to you or show you, and tell you what to do. You cannot make a mistake when using an AED – just follow the instructions being given.

Where will they be situated?

On the advice of the Community Heartbeat Trust to be quickly accessible to the majority of the Bulmer population we have chosen 4 locations:

- Coes Meadow: by the Bulmer Street noticeboard
- Church Road: by the post box near St Andrews Primary School
- Kitchen Hill: at the entrance to Kitchen Hill Farm (with thanks to Auberries Estate)
- Bulmer Tye: on the exterior wall of the Bulmer Fox (with thanks to the Fox)

How can I help?

Come along to a session at the Village Hall to familiarise yourself with the AED equipment and how it works. We will publicise details of this nearer the time when the equipment is installed. Everyone will be welcome to this informal session.

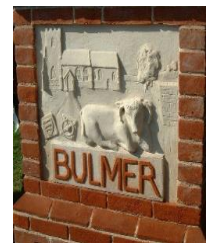
Make a donation to Bulmer Parish Council's Defibrillator Fund. The 4 defibrillators, cabinets and mounting posts are being purchased from Parish Council capital reserves at a cost of around £11,000, but any contribution to help us save for the ongoing maintenance costs of replacement batteries and defibrillator pads will be most welcome. Please contact the Parish Clerk bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com for details of how to make a donation by bank transfer, or send a cheque made payable to Bulmer Parish Council (please specify Defibrillator Fund in a covering note) to Bulmer Parish Council, 25 Bayley Street, Castle Heddingham, Essex CO9 3DG.

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Mrs Claire Waters (Parish Clerk)

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Minutes of a Meeting of Bulmer Parish Council held at 7.15pm on Monday 17th July 2023 at Bulmer Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Crawshay, Harvey, Nichols, Morris, Raymond.

In the Chair: Cllr Raymond

Clerk: Claire Waters

Also Present: 3 parishioners

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1.1 Councillor Vacancies: Two Councillor seats are currently vacant.

Action: A notice inviting residents to join the Parish Council will be included in the next What's Going On

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd May 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Proposed: Cllr Harvey

Seconded: Cllr Crawshay

Agreed unanimously

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Despite being reported to Highways, the footpaths along the A131 have still not been cut and pedestrians have to walk in the road. **Action:** Clerk to ask ECC Cllr Peter Schwier to raise this with Essex Highways again

5. PROGRESS CHECK

Village maintenance issues and update on actions from last meeting

Platinum Jubilee bench: The oak bench installed at the village hall is designed to weather naturally and does not need maintenance, although it will be monitored regularly.

6. HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Update on Highways issues and any new problems to report

6.1 Footpaths: Cllr Raymond expressed thanks to the Auberries estate team for cutting their footpaths. Footpath 3 behind Bulmer Street & St Andrews Rise is not Parish Council responsibility but is on the Essex Highways Public Rights of Way cutting schedule. A Service Level Agreement had been offered by the PROW officer, which will be considered when the Parish Grass Cutting contract is reviewed in autumn 2023.

6.2 Local Highways Panel (LHP): A LHP application was approved for a traffic management/road safety audit at the A131 Bulmer Tye and junction with Hedingham Rd, due to speeding and dangerous driving

6.3 SID sign at Bulmer Street: The sign has been monitored and is working. It had been noted that it obscures the pedestrians warning sign. **Action:** Clerk to submit a second LHP application for improvement of pedestrian & playground signage at Coes Meadow entrance in Bulmer Street

7. REPORTS

7.1 Police/PCSO/Neighbourhood Watch.- A recent police report will be sent to Councillors

7.2 Essex CC report – Cllr Schwier apologised for absence due to a BDC meeting and referred Councillors to his email reports

7.3 Braintree DC report – Cllr Holland apologised for absence due to a BDC meeting and referred Councillors to his emails regarding green bin collection charges, verge cutting and the National Grid proposals for Butlers Wood and a possible plan to install solar panels across 11km of local agricultural land.

8. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

8.1 Allotments report: Mr Mike Crome, Allotments Officer sent a written report

All plots are rented, including the recent termination. An agreement will be issued shortly to an existing tenant for a second plot. A further refundable deposit of £50 will be requested. One tenant has given notice that their plot will be vacated in September, due to relocation to Norfolk. A tenant has had all their ripe strawberries removed. In order to achieve this a large cage had to be removed. Unfortunately there were no witnesses to

the event. All tenants have been asked for info and advised to be vigilant. A similar incident that occurred last year. Whilst on site recently the allotments officer met a representative from a company called "Ipsum", who had recently been awarded the contract for the transformer and cables to be installed for UKPN on the allotments. He indicated the work will start in few months' time.

With regards to the main gate damage, thanks for the excellent efforts of Cllr. Nichols in resolving this, it is much appreciated. A notice has been put on the gate to stop some tenants who have been observed climbing over. With regards to the standpipe quotes, the long route is preferred as it will cause the least disruption to tenants. An extra standpipe at the top lefthand corner is not currently required. Because a 20mm pipe has been used for the second standpipe there should not be any significant reduction in pressure.

8.2 Allotments water supply: Three quotes for an additional standpipe were considered

RESOLVED: With sincere thanks from the Parish Council for quoting on a "not for profit" basis as a service to the Bulmer community, the quote of £579.60 inclusive of VAT from Liston Trading Company Ltd was accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Raymond

Seconded: Cllr Morris

Agreed unanimously

9. PLANNING

Applications received:

23/01488/VAR Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) & Condition 3 (Surface Water Drainage) of approved application 22/01147/FUL granted 25.10.2022 for: A new 400/132 kilovolt (kV) Grid Supply Point (GSP) substation including two supergrid transformers, associated buildings, equipment and switchgear, a single circuit cable sealing end compound, a new permanent vehicular access to the public highway, associated landscaping (including boundary fencing, an area for Biodiversity Net Gain, and landscape mounding) and drainage. Condition 2:- Would allow a reduction of substation footprint, improved cable alignment, rationalisation of the number and location of buildings, revised position and alignment of the supergrid transformer gantry moving it further from the A131. Condition 3 to be reworded

Butlers Wood & Waldegrave Wood West of A131 Sudbury Road

Objection as previously

23/01792/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - T1 x1 Cherry tree - Carry out a 1m to 1.5m crown reduction

New Mains Bulmer Street CO10 7EW

No objections

Applications determined:

23/01360/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area:- Removal of Ash tree | Land Adjacent To Griggs Farm Bulmer Street CO10 7EW *Application PERMITTED*

23/01090/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: 6No. Limes - Reduce by 4.572 meters to remove dead top sections and make uniform
St Andrews Church Church Road CO10 7EL *Application PERMITTED*

23/00689/HH & 23/00690/LBC Single storey rear extension
Laurel Cottage Bulmer Street CO10 7EP *Application PERMITTED*

23/00758/HDG Notice of intent to remove a hedgerow - To ensure existing access has visibility splay required by Essex County Council Highways
Hog Barn The Old Piggeries Heddingham Road *Application PERMITTED*

10. FINANCE

10.1 The monthly payments were approved for authorisation by two Councillors - *Financial report Appendix 1*

Proposed: Cllr Nichols **Seconded:** Cllr Crawshay **Agreed unanimously**

10.2 The full report from the Internal Audit was noted, with no recommendations for action. It is available to view on the website at <https://e-voice.org.uk/bulmerpc/parish-council/finance/finance-2022-2023/>

10.3 A grant application request was considered from the Kernos Centre in Sudbury, which provides psychological and emotional support, with a particular focus on seeing those on benefits or very low incomes who would not otherwise afford help.

Action: In line with the grant awarding policy, clerk to respond requesting a grant application form is completed and submitted in time for consideration at the November meeting for the 2024-2025 budget.

ECC Passenger Transport: Consultation on Supported Local Bus Services 2024-2028. People's views are requested to help shape the ECC supported bus network across the County. **Bulmer services at risk of being withdrawn: DaRT3 F315 Sudbury Halstead service, Monday to Saturday.**

Please note this consultation does not include the commercial bus network. The consultation **closes on 5th October 2023**. Complete the survey online by visiting the web site

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/2023>

People unable to complete the consultation online can request a hard copy of the consultation from passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk or telephoning 0345 743 0430 or 0345 603 7631.

Essex Wellbeing Service – Social Isolation: Bulmer residents and other north rural Braintree District (wards listed below) are being invited to be part of a Community Reference Group for the Levelling Up project in rural Braintree. You would be involved in conversations about the barriers of living in a rural village and the impact this has on accessing local services/schools/employment opportunities etc. Ideas and solutions to the problems faced are welcome, so any Levelling Up funding can support projects and services designed by the residents.

Please contact: Amy Melton, United in Kind Co-ordinator, Essex Wellbeing Service – Social Isolation amy.melton@eessex.org.uk or on 07458 300900

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Grass Cutting & Hedge Cutting contracts review for 2024-2027

12. MEETING DATES 2023

Monday 18th September 2023	Ordinary Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall
Monday 20th November 2023	Ordinary Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall

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