



What's On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - June 2012

(Including Bulmer St., Bulmer Tye, Finch Hill, Batt Hall, Upper & Lower Houses, Church Rd & Hedingham Road). View in colour at www.bulmeressex.co.uk

BULMER Celebrates the Diamond Jubilee!

After many months of planning by your jubilee committee (Chris. Leigh - CMMC, Paul Maynard - PCC, Maggie Skipper – VH & Mike Crome – PC), by Saturday afternoon Church Meadow was displaying bunting and plans were in place to put up tents, layout the tables & chairs for the big lunch on the field, games were ready to be put out for the funday, volunteers were busy baking their cakes and the donkey & cart ride was ready. Oh and the arrival of bar was eagerly awaited.

Then on Sunday morning committee & volunteers arrived at the village hall to put the plans into action, but it had rained overnight & still raining! All that planning & preparation was abandoned and 'plan B' was implemented, it had to be held in the hall instead. The thought was that no one would arrive, but how wrong we were.

Additional tables had to be provided for residents and the food-sharing table. Despite the weather everyone tucked in and there was music provided by Sean Maynard, singing by Sandy Maynard who led



the us in singing the National Anthem, and the Bowler family joining in as well. Some of the games were still laid out for the children and the donkey didn't mind getting wet either. Even the fancy dress had several participants with prizes presented by Fr Eoin. The church flower festival was also magnificent with some spectacular displays (see last page). Thanks must go to those who prepared the displays, those who made the hall look great, and provided cups of tea & cakes through out the afternoon. By the evening with the weather continuing trying to dampen our party, several residents gathered around the bar-b-cue and enjoyed more food. A day enjoyed by many for a great celebration. For those

who missed the events, here are a few photographs, which can be viewed on the internet at <http://www.essexinfo.net/bulmer/what-s-on/> in colour.

All the commemorative mugs ordered have now been delivered, but should you have missed the deadline or would now like one (at a cost of £5 each). A further order can be placed, but a minimum order of 36 is required up and till the 60th coronation anniversary in June 2013. Please advise Hannah Fraser (374310) if you would like to place an order.



FOLK DANCE CLUB Bulmer Village Hall Mondays at 8pm (once a month)

Our resident caller Kate Badrick has now retired after 32 years.

Wendy has hired 3 new callers who will alternate through the autumn meetings Sept 24th; Oct. 8th; Nov. 12th; Dec. 10th

We welcome Newcomers --- No subscription, Just £2 per night.

For more details phone Wendy on 375935

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**BULMER SKYLARKS**

We awoke on the morning of May 1st to cloudy skies and the threat of rain and wondered if we should cancel our trip to Aldeburgh. The thought soon disappeared when our members arrived to catch the coach dressed ready for anything! What a great day we had, the sun broke through as we arrived and we were able to stroll along the sea front without coats. The fish and chips were, as always, delicious and many of our members bought freshly caught crabs to take home for supper. We continued our "day out" with a visit to Snape for afternoon tea and returned home to enjoy the crabs we had purchased earlier.

Once again the Fashion Show was a great success due mainly to the efforts of our models Maureen, Audrey and Barbara who were all very elegant and showed off the clothes to their best advantage. However our male models Tony, Brian and Bob were, it has to be said, the stars of the show and were brave enough to model shorts etc much to the delight of the audience. We would like to thank the staff at Edinburgh Woollen Mills for all their help in staging the evening. Are you at home on the fourth Tuesday of the month and would like an afternoon in convivial company? Why not come along and have a cup of tea and meet new friends.

Our programme for the next few months will see us enjoying a celebration party for the Jubilee on Tuesday 26th June. At our July meeting we will be holding our "Ladies Day at Bulmer Races" followed by a cream tea and August will find us enjoying the delights of Romanian cooking with Pat James. We will hold our A.G.M in September followed by "Quizzical". If you would like to know more please come along to our meeting or ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758

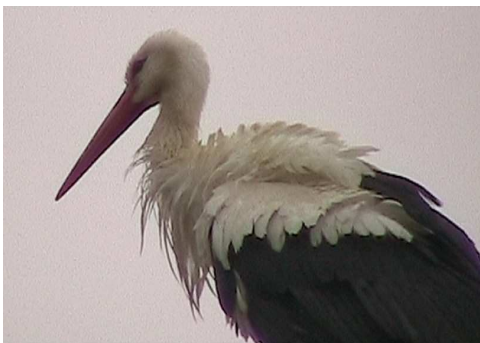


## BULMER NATURE DIARIES

Residents of St Andrews Rise are keeping a weather eye open for the appearance of baby buggies and nappies in the neighbourhood, following the appearance of a certain bird. Yes --- the stork has visited!

To be precise, it was a White Stork. It turned up out of the blue (metaphorically speaking, as it was lashing down with rain at the time) on May 10th; I saw it very briefly in flight. Black and white, with long outstretched neck and long legs trailing behind, clearly something quite special. Fighting it's way against one of those violent deluges that we have suffered only too often this year, it disappeared into the gloom, gone for good, as far as I knew, leaving me with only a fleeting and tantalising image, glimpsed through the rain spattered window. I was desperately racking my brain to figure out just what it could be. Unbelievably, the question was answered twenty minutes later, when Wendy spotted it on a chimney just across the road. This was late afternoon and there it stayed, quite unabashed by us amateur twitchers gawping up at it. It roosted there overnight, but had left by 5.30 the next morning. I later found out that it had been spotted at Felsham the day before and after leaving Bulmer turned up at Dunmow and then near to St Albans. A bird of that size is not easy to miss! White Storks only rarely turn up in this country, but there have been a few more than usual reported this year. In fact another one was reported near Melford in early June.

They spend the winter in southern Africa and migrate north to nest in some parts of Holland, Germany and further east. Obviously it entered the wrong post code into it's sat-nav.



The early spring flowers were in bloom for much longer than usual, due beyond doubt, to the cold wet weather we have had to endure. Primroses, Bluebells and Cowslips all hung on far longer than in a normal year (whatever that is). In the fields the rape crop was flowering for the best part of two months. There seems to have been many more fields of rape than usual this year. The view from Bulmer Street showed a patchwork of startlingly yellow fields stretching to the horizon. The field behind us was one of them. I was surprised with the number of birds that used the field, especially after it had come into flower. I don't know whether it is the flower buds they are feeding on, or insects, perhaps both. One of the first I noticed was a cock Reed Bunting, then a pair of Linnets, but the birds that surprised me the most, were Dunnocks (otherwise known as Hedge Sparrows or locally as "Hedgybetts"). These birds, more usually flitting around in the garden, seemed to really revel in it, often going way out into middle of the field. Indeed I did wonder if they may even have

nested under that blazing yellow canopy. The field also proved a happy hunting ground for Blackbirds seeking out worms. Again they preferred going way out into the field to forage, before speeding back with a wriggling beak full, to their nest in our front hedge. After the flowers had gone the seed eating birds turned their attention to the seedpods, Goldfinches, Linnets, and Greenfinches etc. So in part, rape appears to be fairly bird friendly crop, to some species at least. For birds of the open fields such as Skylarks and Partridges, it is very much the opposite.

Despite the fact that we were little bothered by wasps last summer, I am amazed at the number of queen wasps abroad this spring. Hearing much buzzing coming from a large cotoneaster in May, I fully expected to find bumble and honey bees -- but no, they were all queen wasps, well over twenty of them. I've never seen so many in one location before.

Each one of these has the potential to establish a new colony, if only a quarter of them succeed, we could be in for a plague of them this summer.



But talking of wasps, appearances can be very deceptive, look at this picture by Jess Davies, what do you think this insect is? Most likely you will guess wasp or hornet, but it's not, it's a harmless moth, pretending to be a something more threatening. Whereas most moths rely on camouflage to hide them from would-be predators, the Hornet Clearwing Moth relies on the warning colouration of black and yellow, with partly transparent wings which have heavy orange veining, it's whole appearance shouts out "I am a dangerous creature, touch me at your peril, I can sting!" Jess was lucky enough to have it hatch out in their garden. She told me "They lay their eggs at the base of a poplar tree, (we have about 5 poplars in the garden) and the larvae then feed just below the surface of the bark above or below the ground, then burrow their way out of the bark and the moths emerge close to the ground"

**Comings and goings** The dates I have recorded for migrant birds in or close to Bulmer, **last years dates in brackets.**

*Last winter visitors*, Fieldfare 18th March (30th Mar). *First Spring visitors*, Chiffchaff 11th Mar. (2nd Apr), Blackcap 22 Apr. (2nd Apr), Swallow 19 Apr. (3rd Apr), Cuckoo 3 May (23rd Apr), Swift 27th Apr (2nd May) and House Martin 10th May (1st May).

One bird that appear to be much scarcer this year are Whitethroats, until this year I have always regarded their population as fairly stable. This year I am seeing them far less frequently.

Every now and again Wendy has the urge to take the scissors to my hair, to tidy up what little there is of it. She placed some of these precious clippings on the garden, knowing the birds were nest building, and lo and behold, a Goldfinch fluttered down and made off with a generous beak full of my treasured locks. Sometimes I use my head to help bird-life! I hope it keeps their youngsters warmer than it did my head.

I started this diary with a surprise bird, the stork, and I am ending with another surprising for us. Today, 20th June, this Red Legged Partridge hatched off her brood right under our noses in the garden; we were totally unaware of them until I spotted the fluffy little chicks running about on our front lawn. The parent then led them into Bill's garden next door, where I caught up with them with the camera.



*Peter Rowe*

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**VILLAGE AGENTS BIT**

Its strange how one thing leads to another, its 4:15am on a wet morning and what am I doing, standing in the garden listening to the dawn chorus. Doing the village agents job some times things play on your mind as to how you can solve a problem. One night I could not sleep as I had a problem going round in my head so I got up and went in to my study or tip as it is known to my partner opened the window and all of a sudden the room was just filled with bird song. I sat down and started dealing with matter in hand, and without realising as I was taken over by the sound coming into the room I had dealt with the matter.

This has led to me getting up some mornings at just before 4am and going into the study where Kiri my Labrador sleeps and she looks up from her basket as much as to say 'what is master doing at this unearthly hour?'. I open the window and just sit listening with a smile on my face. For about forty minutes there is this quite loud but captivating almost music.

Best I close now, its twenty to five, Kiri has turned over, yawned given me one more funny look and is now snoring away trying to drown out the sound of Blackbirds, Tits, Chaffinch even the Wren who lives in the bushes just out side my study window. I would like to learn more about the birds that I hear, so please contact me.

By the time you read this the Jubilee celebrations will be over, we had a great time being invited to many events

Have a great summer, despite the weather

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**COMMUNICATION TO ALL PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS**

I am writing to inform you about the planned expansion of our food waste collection service to a further 16,500 households (incl. Bulmer) from Monday, 24 September 2012. The expansion will be funded by Essex County Council and will complete the roll-out of this service to all accessible households in the Braintree District.

The roll-out will bring a number of key benefits including consistency of service provision across the District, weekly collections of food waste for the vast majority of residents, improved customer satisfaction, reduced processing costs, increased recycling performance and higher diversion of waste from landfill to a more sustainable option.

The proposed collection routes are based on the remaining green waste routes to ensure that we capture as much food waste as possible. The food waste vehicle routes will match these green waste routes as far as possible to ensure that the green waste vehicle on that route collects just pure green waste. Contamination of green waste will result in the entire load requiring the more expensive 'in vessel' composting treatment, so it is important that residents do not put food waste into their green bin once the food waste collections commence.

**How the Scheme Works**

- ◆ Householders will be required to separate all their food waste (including fish, meat and bones; cooked and uncooked food) and put it in their food waste container. **This will be collected on a weekly basis on the same day (as far as possible) as the refuse and recycling** and sent for 'in-vessel' composting. The grey and green bins will remain on alternating weekly collections.

- ◆ Food waste can be put straight into the new food bin or can be wrapped either in newspaper or in **compostable** caddy liners. Information about which caddy liners are suitable will be included in the instruction pack delivered with the containers. Information will also be available on the Council's website.

- ◆ Once the new weekly food waste collection service has been introduced, it is essential that residents **do not** put any food waste into their green or grey wheeled bins.

**Richard Bisset**

**Interim Manager, Operations Braintree DC**

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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS  
YOUR COUNCILLORS**

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| Mike Crome (Chairman)         | - 01787 378155 |
| Peter Fulcher (Vice Chairman) | - 01787 269935 |
| Stephen Morgan                | - 07973 341048 |
| Chris. Leigh                  | - 01787 378133 |
| Bethan Cook                   | - 01787 370435 |
| Phil. Benns                   | - 01787 371600 |
| Rose Raymond                  | - 07813 205743 |

Hannah Fraser (Parish Clerk) - 01787 374310

## **DATES OF FUTURE PARISH MEETINGS**

All meetings are bi-monthly, normally held on the second Friday of the month in the Village Hall at 7:45pm

14<sup>th</sup> September

9<sup>th</sup> November

All parishioners are welcome to attend and there is a 15 minute slot for questions from the floor.

### **DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting**

Held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at the Village Hall, at 7.30pm  
*These minutes are unapproved until the next meeting in May 2013*

#### **Present**

Cllrs. Crome, Bennis, Leigh, Cook, Morgan, Raymond; Mrs H. Fraser (Clerk); 4 members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Fulcher, Swift and Finch; and from Peter Darlington (Village Agent) and PCSO Belinda Ruffle.

#### **2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Leigh and seconded by Cllr Raymond; the vote was unanimously in favour. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **3. Chairman's Report**

This past year has been one of significant changes in the history of Bulmer Parish Council, with two stalwart councillors Peter Rowe and Margaret Mills (Chairman) stepping down along with Barbara Rawlins (Parish Clerk). As a result we welcomed Phil Bennis and Rosemary Raymond as councillors, and Hannah Fraser as Parish Clerk. We also said hello to our new District Councillor Julian Swift. This, at a time when the coalition government has been pushing more and more consultations/decisions down to local level, and is increasing the work load of the clerk & council significantly.

**Parish Council Tax:** It is worth noting this has not been increased for 8 years, the council choosing to draw down from assets instead, a process that cannot be maintained forever. One of the council's largest costs is the cutting of open spaces and hedges, now totalling more than £3,500 per year. Volunteers to maintain areas would be very welcome.

**Development:** My thanks to Cllr Leigh in taking the lead in all planning applications notified to the council.

Our village envelope came under review, and 4 new sites were proposed to be included. The council opposed all 4 sites and Braintree officers & councillors agreed with our views. The final document will go to public consultation later this year. We were consulted on a number of other planning applications, mainly extensions / alterations including the extension to St. Andrew's Church. Developments at the industrial site in Brundon Lane although out of Bulmer were brought to our attention, initially by a resident, which meant we could comment. This year also saw the completion of the Village Design Statement, after many hours dedicated work by the committee, and was adopted by Braintree District

Council planning officers who will now consult the document on all future development applications, and will provide some protection under the new planning legislation.

**Allotments (Turnpike Piece):** Good work on managing the area continues to be led by Cllr Morgan who has progressed on drainage by clearing the ditches and tiding up the allotments to address the waiting list. A new Allotment agreement was introduced and issued to all current users. A decision is on hold until a significant rainfall occurs before deciding whether additional land drains are installed. Thanks also go to Barbara Rawlins who deals with the administration of the rents and any correspondence, on a voluntary basis.

**Coe's Meadow:** Another successful 'Funday' was organised by Coe's Meadow Management Committee led by Cllr. Leigh, who continue to provide an excellent event for the entire family to enjoy. This year also saw a profit being made for the first time. It should be noted that this annual event is not designed to raise funds, but to provide fun for children of Bulmer and to our many visitors throughout the year. The annual inspection by 'RoSPA' attracted another very positive report, with the comment by the inspector, "you should consider entering this into the recreation field of the year competition".

**Roads and Traffic:** At last Essex Highways have now recommended a speed reduction for the A131 at the Tye. However, Highways are at this time unable to give what it will be reduced to, or when it would be implemented. In the meantime many accidents continue to occur on this stretch through Bulmer Tye. The Council participated in a new scheme whereby we were delivered a supply of salt before the winter and as a result were able to assist several incidents during the period of the snow & ice. My thanks to Cllr Raymond for providing the storage area for the salt and delivering the salt to areas that needed it.

**Footpaths:** Thanks to Margaret Mills; who has decided for a personal reason is no longer able to look after the footpaths. I'm pleased to report Cllr. Raymond has volunteered to take on the role and be our P3 representative. Thanks also to all the village volunteers who litter pick & keep the Parish tidy. The council awaits the outcome with regards to the ECC review of the path from the school to Bulmer Tye.  
**Diamond Jubilee:** An oak tree has been planted on Plough Green with the help of children from St. Andrew's School. Jubilee mugs have been ordered for the children of Bulmer residents and there is to be "The Big Sunday Lunch" along with Coe's Meadow Funday during Jubilee weekend. Hopefully the weather will be fine & warm for all to enjoy.

**National Grid Pylons:** With the assistance of Cllrs Fulcher & Morgan attending the local forums the Council is keeping a watchful eye on the process, in particular the potential siteing of a sub-station on or near the borders of the Parish close to Butlers Hall.

**Dog Fouling:** There have been several instances reported to the Council during the year, and we would ask all dog owners to ensure all paths are kept clear. The Council takes all cases reported to them



seriously & will inform the BDC dog warden when necessary.

**Bramble Hedge Nursery:** It was sad news to hear of the demise of this village facility, but hopefully in a better financial climate it can be resurrected.

**Broadband:** The Council has agreed to a survey being carried out by County Broadband to establish if residents in the village receiving slow speeds are interested in hiring a 'Wireless' service being installed.

**Potential items for discussion:** Using social media such as 'Facebook' to allow residents to confer with the council &/or councillors, and visa-versa. Exploring the proposal for Affordable Housing as outlined in the Village Design Statement.

Finally I wish to thank all Councillors including Cllr Finch & Cllr Swift for their hard work and support during the year, without which, my job would have been so much harder. I would also like to thank Hannah for her considerable support to the Council, and myself, in a year that must have been a huge challenge.

**Mike Crome**

**Chairman Bulmer Parish Council 2011 - 12**

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**DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on 11th May 2012 at the Village Hall, at
7.45pm**

*These minutes are unapproved until the next meeting
on Friday 29th June 2012*

4. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Officers

Cllr Crome was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Leigh, this was seconded by Cllr Morgan; there were no other nominations and the vote was unanimously in favour. Cllr Crome was duly elected *Chairman* of Bulmer Parish Council for 2012-13. Cllr Fulcher was proposed as Vice-Chairman and Emergency Plan Officer by Cllr Leigh. The Clerk had received an email confirming his interest in the posts. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan; there were no other nominations and the vote was unanimously in favour. Cllr Fulcher was duly elected *Vice-Chairman* and *Emergency Plan Officer* of Bulmer Parish Council for 2012-13. The following Officers volunteered and were agreed: *Allotments* – Cllr Morgan; *BVHMC, CMMC & Planning* – Cllr Leigh; *Footpaths (P3)* – Cllr Raymond; *Litter* – Barbara Rawlins; *Conservation Area and Tree Warden* – Peter Rowe.

5. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

6. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 9th March 2012

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Cllr. Raymond and seconded by Cllr. Morgan. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising

Due to the workload of the Annual Audit, the Clerk has 3 matters to press ahead on quickly: the dog fouling signs, the EALC evening training for councillors and the internal auditor for next year.

8. District & County Council, Village Agent and PCSO Updates

Apologies had been received from the above; the clerk will circulate a short report sent by PCSO Ruffle.

9. Coe's Meadow Report

Cllr Leigh gave a short verbal report. The car park has been repaired with the planings, and the gates are now open. Cllr Swift has been thanked in writing for helping with the transport. There had been one complaint about cut reeds lying in one of the ditches; these had been placed here to provide wildlife habitat. Fun Day matters would be covered under item 15.

8. Allotments report

A report had been circulated by Cllr. Morgan.

- The working party had been very successful and Cllr Morgan thanked all those who had taken part.
- Since this April has been the wettest in 70 years it was hard to evaluate the drainage situation. There is some waterlogging. It was agreed that regular observation should continue.
- In time, the plots should be re-measured and properly numbered; for the moment, the width of paths will be re-measured when plots are re-let.
- A few rabbits have been seen; Cllr Morgan is to contact Mo Raymond.

9. Clerk's report

The clerk handed out a list of actions from the last meeting and a timesheet of hours worked.

10. Planning

- Bulmer Brick & Tile Co.: this has been granted.
- St. Jude TPO: the parish council was in favour of removing the eucalyptus tree.
- A131 entrance: an enforcement notice has been served.

11. Receipts and Payments

i) Annual Audit: The documents were discussed. Cllr Bennis suggested that the earmarked CMMC and Litter funds were fully spent, otherwise the budgeting appears inaccurate. Cllr Leigh proposed that the annual accounts, balance of accounts and risk assessment were accepted and signed off. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan and the vote was unanimously in favour. Cllr Bennis queried the fixed assets register and the insurance renewal, in that the true value of playground equipment, for example, depreciates, and the quote is increasing yearly. The Chair and the Clerk agreed to seek advice from EALC and AON. It was proposed by Cllr Morgan to accept and sign off the fixed assets register and insurance renewal pending this advice. This was seconded by Cllr Bennis and the vote was unanimously in favour.

Cllr Bennis proposed that the allotment rents were accepted and signed off, this was seconded by Cllr Morgan and the vote was unanimously in favour. The clerk is to check whether the allotment fees appear correctly in the budget. The annual audit form had been circulated; Cllr Leigh proposed that it was accepted and signed off, this was seconded by Cllr Morgan and the vote was unanimously in favour.

The Chairman then signed all the relevant documents.

seat repairs would come out of the CMMC budget. Cllr Leigh confirmed it would.

ii) A balance in hand sheet had been circulated. The cheques were signed. Cllr Benns asked whether the

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| Balance in hand (£) | | | | 111,304.07 | (March: £108,870.14) |
| Receipts | | | Invoice no. | | |
| Braintree District Council: Precept | | | 577 | 4,333.00 | |
| Jubilee mugs | | | | 155.00 | |
| Interest: A&L a/c BNA | | | | 16.79 | |
| TOTAL (£) | | | | 4,504.79 | |
| Payments | | | chq. No | | in budget? |
| G. Martin | labour at Dean Spinney | | 71 | 30.00 | belongs to 2011/12 |
| Chilton OS | newsletter | | 73 | 80.64 | under |
| CPRE | subscription | | 74 | 29.00 | |
| CommuniCorp | Jubilee mugs | | 75 | 448.68 | on |
| Mr AJ Dixey | seat repair x 2 | | 76 | 145.00 | |
| CommuniCorp | Clerks & Councils subscrip. | | 77 | 84.00 | over |
| Mortimers | Mar, Apr & May grass cuts | | 78 | 886.80 | |
| EALC | EALC & NALC affiliation fees | | 79 | 162.70 | |
| H. Fraser | salary | | 80 | 547.82 | |
| | expenses - ink | | 80 | 19.97 | |
| Mr T Dickinson | internal audit fee | | 81 | 15.00 | |
| Skylarks | annual grant | | 82 | 70.00 | |
| BVHMC | annual grant | | 83 | 1,000.00 | |
| PCC | churchyard annual grant | | 84 | 650.00 | |
| AON | insurance | | 85 | 2,000.74 | |
| TOTAL (£) | | | | 6,170.35 | |

iii) The capital investments were reviewed. Arbuthnot & Latham is no longer providing community accounts and will close the account at the end of May. Cllr Benns felt the council was not gaining as much interest as possible, and will suggest some different accounts for the council to consider. Since the closing account holds the bulk of the capital, it was felt this was a decision that required further research and time. Therefore the Chairman proposed that the Arbuthnot & Latham capital was moved to the Barclays Savings account until a decision was made. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan and the vote was unanimously in favour.

iv) The council appreciated the financial difficulties of the PCC in maintaining the churchyard. However, in the current climate it felt unable to go over budget and increase the grant this year. The Chairman proposed that the matter was added to the agenda for the budget meeting in November, when an increase could be reconsidered. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan and the vote was unanimously in favour.

14. County Broadband proposal

The clerk noted that there had been no response from County Broadband about the proposed date for the village meeting and the circulation of leaflets. She would continue to press for one, and the Chairman would also contact Lloyd Felton.

15. Jubilee events - update

The Chairman handed out a leaflet detailing events:

- Friday 1st June: The Church will run a flower festival from Friday to Tuesday. Children's posy competition.
- Saturday 2nd June: The Celebration of Life service in the Church, with refreshments.

- Sunday 3rd June: The Big Lunch on Church Meadow, with bar, bring food to share. In the afternoon, Fun Day stalls etc., and Fr. Eoin's Fancy Dress Competition. Tea and coffee in the Village Hall. In the evening, a barbeque and music.
- Monday 4th June: The formal Jubilee Church service.

72 Jubilee mugs have been ordered, with 40 to be free for Bulmer children and 31 paid for non-residents. They will be delivered before the Jubilee and the clerk and chairman will distribute them. Cllr Leigh confirmed that the ball and marquee had been cancelled due to lack of interest and financial difficulties with the school. There will be large tents for shelter instead. Cllr Leigh and Simon Harris are investigating the possibility of showing the Jubilee Flotilla on a large screen. Cllr Leigh asked if as many councillors as possible could help with the setting up on Church Meadow, from 9am on Sunday 3rd June. The Chairman suggested he arranged a plaque for the Jubilee Oak tree at a cost of about £40. It was suggested that this could come from the CMMC budget, and all agreed. The clerk confirmed that the insurance under AON covers the Jubilee events.

16. National Grid - update

Cllr Fulcher had circulated an email update. The Chairman thanked Cllr Morgan for standing in for Cllr Fulcher at the forum meeting, and looked forward to the next development.

17. Correspondence not covered under previous items

C9: The report on Old Church Lane has arrived; the clerk will circulate a paper copy as it is a large document. Mrs Morris has confirmed that FP27 and RB31 are maintained by Braintree District Council, although the report is concerned with a change of usage, the maintenance remains the same. Cllr Raymond noted that the width of

RB31 should be monitored; she will speak with the landowner.

C11: The Chairman attended the Greenfields inspection in April, sadly no residents were present. He raised the issue of parking for no 10 Church Lane (cars are often parked on the road west of the corner, adding to the danger of the cars parked south of the corner). It was suggested that the verge could be converted to a layby. The clerk was asked to write to Greenfields to ascertain progress on this proposal.

C20: The clerk is to book Cllr Raymond on a P3 first aid course.

R10: The clerk is to pursue joining the Ordnance Survey Mapping Agreement.

R34: The Chairman will add information about *Stop Stanstead* to the next parish newsletter.

18. Items for the next agenda

Mending of various hedges – near bus shelter and on A131. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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**VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Fortunately rain did not dampen our spirits for the Big Sunday Lunch to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying time together to mark the event. The Village Hall Committee had worked closely with the Parish Council, Coe's Meadow Committee and St Andrew's Church to organise the event and hope those of you who attended enjoyed the day. We would like to thank all the lovely ladies who baked cakes for the afternoon tea, those who worked so hard in the kitchen making pots of tea throughout day and a special thank you must go to Rodney who spent all the afternoon washing up. We would also like to thank those of you who spent the Saturday morning decorating the Hall with flags, bunting and balloons.

Unfortunately the light nights have seen a return of unsociable behaviour at the Village Hall especially in the car park. The Police are now aware of the problem and will be keeping a close eye on the premises.

Due to the Jubilee Celebrations the Committee have little planned for the summer but October will see the return of the popular Barn Dance and a Quiz Night will be held in November. Watch out for notices on the Parish notice boards or on the website –

[www.bulmeressex.co.uk](http://www.bulmeressex.co.uk)

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VILLAGE LOTTERY WINNERS

The Lottery still provides 3 lucky winners each month. It is a vital fundraiser for your village hall. Are you a member?

| Month | First | Second | Third |
|-------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| Apr. | Mrs S Toy | Mr. & Mrs Fraser | Mrs J Ward |
| May | Mrs M Skipper | Mr L Raymond | Mr J Cutter |
| June | Mrs M Dixey | Mr J Williamson | Mr J Neil |

The more members the more funds for the village Hall and the bigger the prize!

Please support your village hall and contact Dawn at the Post Office (376676) if you would like to join.

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**PARISH PATHS WALKS**

It may be a little while before I can lead our monthly walks, but with some help from friends, and from my husband they can continue. The next three walks cover different areas around us. Strong footwear is advised for all of them. It is rare not to encounter mud. Dogs on a fixed lead are welcome. An adult should accompany children. All walks involve lanes, tracks and field paths.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 pm**

**Bulmer, Belchamp and Back**

About 5½ miles with one stile.

Meet on Great Yeldham Green (Near the Old Oak)

Meet at Village Hall, Bulmer

**August Bank Holiday**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2.30 pm**

**Under & Over**

Over the river and under the railway to Little Cornard.

About 6½ miles with some stiles.

Meet at Henny Church

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2.30 pm**

**Belchamp Otten & St Paul**

About 5½ miles

Meet at Belchamp Otten Church

Enquiries contact Margaret Mills 269377.

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LOST AND FOUND

This was found by a resident in Bulmer Street on the footpath and must have been lost on 24th May!



As mentioned in the last edition, would dog owner's respect that the footpaths are also used by people and make sure their belongings are not left on footpaths and taken home.

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