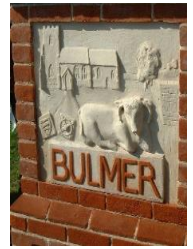




DRAFT MINUTES



Bulmer Parish Council

Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Full Council meeting held on Monday 16th March 2020 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.55pm. The late start was due to the late arrival of the Locum Clerk

Present: Cllr R Raymond (Chairman), Cllr M Crome, Cllr C Street and Cllr A Crawshay
Also Present – Miss Ann C Wood (Locum Clerk) and 7 Members of the Public

151/2020 Chairman Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the councillors, the Locum Clerk and the members of the public to the meeting.

152/2020 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr E Penn and ECC Cllr D Finch.

153/2020 Declaration of Interest

Cllr M Crome declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 163 (Allotments)

154/2020 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council

The minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 17th February 2020 were proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr C Street and agreed unanimously.

155/2020 Public Participation Session

A member of the public raised the matter of speeding on Hedingham Road. It was noted that the Parish Council had asked for a speed limit on this road in the past and would support a further request but without injuries or deaths, it was unlikely to happen. It was agreed to contact ECC Highways or David Finch.

A question was raised about people self-isolating in the village, due to the outbreak of Coronavirus Covid-19. Cllr C Street said that she has been in contact with residents about cards to be delivered to houses. It was agreed that this would also be placed on the website and on the noticeboards. The village has been divided up for delivery purposes and the member of the public who raised the matter, volunteered to help. A WhatsApp group has been set up for organisers and the village hall will be asked to put something on their page, asking for volunteers.

It was proposed by Cllr R Raymond and seconded by Cllr M Crome that the leaflets will be paid for by the Parish Council. This was agreed unanimously.

156/2020 Strategic Lorry Route

Cllr E Penn was not present but had reported that there is no update on this matter because there is no meeting until the end of the month.

157/2020 VE Commemoration 8th/10th May 2020

It was agreed that due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 outbreak, the event may have to be cancelled.

158/2020 Essex County Councillors report – Cllr D Finch

No report was given and Cllr D Finch had given his apologies

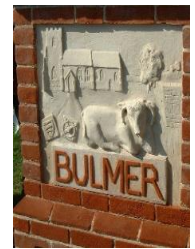
159/2020 District Councillors report – Cllr W Scattergood

There was no report and no apologies from Cllr W Scattergood

160/2020 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

Village Green The Chairman reported that the Village green had been cut already but that the working party may have to be put on hold.

Coe's Meadow It was agreed that the matter of Coe's Meadow should be deferred.



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Interviews for new Clerk The interviews next week for the new Clerk may also have to be postponed.

Flooding in Ryes Lane The drains in Ryes Lane have been sucked out but not jetted and the workmen have not picked up the signs.

161/2020 Co-option of New Parish Councillor

It was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr R Raymond that Laurence Nicholls should be co-opted to the Parish Council. This was agreed unanimously and Mr Nicholls signed the declaration of acceptance of office before the Locum Clerk and joined the meeting.

162/2020 Clerks Report

Minute No.	Subject	Update
138/2020	Flood	The Clerk had informed ECC Highways and an update had been given at item 160/2020
145b/2020	Allotment 5yr Agreements	The Clerk had printed and posted agreements to the relevant persons as per agreement by the Parish Council and these had all been received back
146/2020	County Broadband	The Clerk had contacted County Broadband attaching the email confirmation regarding 3 poles not being erected and underground options being used instead. They had replied that they can't go underground and that poles are the only answer. The Parish Council has objected to this. It was noted that Gigaclear has installed underground cables. Cllr M Crome said that he would contact a resident to let him know of the outcome.
147/2020	UKPN Contract	Clerk had contacted UKPN for confirmation that they would cover the cost of the contract charged by solicitor as per quote. A response had been received but further information is required.
149/2020	Clerk Vacancy	The Locum Clerk has agreed to minute this meeting and any further work will be discussed with the Chairman.

163/2020 Representative reports / Parish Upkeep

Village Green – The spraying has not been done but work on this may have to be delayed

Plaque / Bench/ Seat Quotation – A meeting is needed and this will have to be arranged

Replace plywood and 3 signs on the noticeboard – Further information is required and the Chairman will do this

Allotments - Cllr M Crome told the meeting that there is still one vacant plot. He reported that his plot is waterlogged and asked whether he the tenant could also take the vacant plot. There was no objection to this. A tenant has arranged for some manure to be delivered which will be left in a clearing near the brambles close the main entrance.

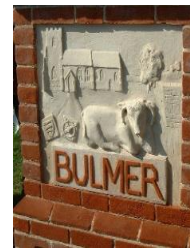
Coe's Meadow – This had been updated under item 160/2020

Website Update – Cllr M Crome reported that this is up and running and that it also includes the village information. Cllr Crome stated that if residents registered with the site, they would be notified of such items of road closures and planning applications as and when they are updated.

Hiring / Sub-contracting an "odd-job" person – This matter is to be deferred

164/2020 County Broadband

County Broadband needs two wayleaves for poles to be installed. Paperwork had been received and it was proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr C Street that the



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wayleaves should be signed. The was agreed unanimously. The wayleaves were signed by the Chairman and the Locum Clerk was requested to return them to County Broadband.

165/2020

UKPN Substation

Cllr M Crome reported that as the quotes for solicitors' costs exceeded the amount UKPN was prepared to offer in their wayleave by as much as £600, it was agreed the Clerk would write to seek if they are prepared to increase their offer.

166/2020

Current Planning Applications

20/00012/LBC - The Blackbirds Bulmer Street Bulmer

Replace front elevation walls with lime render.

Proposed by Cllr M Crome and seconded by Cllr C Street that the Parish Council has no objection to this application. This was agreed unanimously.

Recent Planning Applications

19/00900/FUL - Land West Of Church Road Church Road Bulmer Essex

Construction of 7 dwellings and new vehicular access with Church Road

Comments submitted, Appeal Status - Appeal Dismissed, Appeal Decision - Appeal Dismissed by the Inspector

19/02254/VAR | Variation of Condition 2 'Approved Plans' of permission 17/01638/FUL

Land Adjacent Back House Croft Bulmer Street Bulmer

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.

Application Refused by BDC 5th March 2020

19/01516/FUL | Land South Of Hedingham Road Bulmer

Proposed agricultural building

Application Granted 21st February 2020 with conditions

168/2020

Annual Parish Meeting (Annual Assembly)

Advice needs to be obtained from EALC about whether the meeting can go ahead.

167/2020

Finance

- The bank balances and 2019/20 Actuals against Budget need further investigation
- Councillors to further discuss Internet Banking – This matter was deferred
- Clerk Vacancy – This will be discussed after the meeting
- Change address for The Public Sector Deposit Fund – This can only be done once a new Clerk has been appointed

168/2020

Items for Next Agendas: Changes to website

Dates of future meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting 20th April 2020 (TBA)

Parish Council Meeting/AGM 18th May 2020 (7:15pm start) (TBA)

Parish Council Meeting 29th July 2020

Parish Council Meeting 21st September 2020

Parish Council Meeting 6th November 2020

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....18th May 2020

Rosemary Raymond