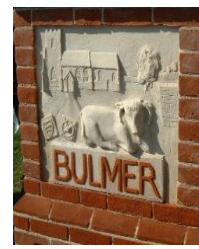




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Minutes of a Meeting of Bulmer Parish Council held at 7.15pm on Monday 15th November 2021 at Bulmer Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Crawshay, Crome, Kershaw, Nichols, Ponty, Raymond, Street
In the Chair: Cllr Raymond
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: BDC Cllr Wendy Scattergood reported between items 3 & 4 due to conflicting meetings
ECC Cllr Peter Schwier reported between items 5 & 6 due to conflicting meetings
One parishioner attended between items 5.2 & 5.3. Standing orders were suspended to enable the Public Forum to be heard at this section of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1.1 The retirement of Cllr Mike Crome from the Parish Council was recorded, with grateful thanks for his many years service and with best wishes for the future. It was noted that his wisdom and knowledge of Bulmer will be greatly missed, and that his energy and community spirit during his service for the Parish Council has been of enormous value to the village.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 20th September 2021 with the correction of one typing error (Queens Jubilee date is Thursday 2nd June 2022) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ponty declared an interest in the new Councillor co-option item 12 as relative of the applicant.

12. COUNCILLOR VACANCY – *Cllr Ponty left the meeting*

This item was brought forward due to the applicant having to leave the meeting early.

RESOLVED: Since Mr Michael Hall was the only applicant for the vacancy, to waive the Co-option Policy

Proposed: Cllr Raymond **Seconded:** Cllr Street **Agreed unanimously**

RESOLVED: To co-opt Mr Michael Hall to the Parish Council. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed, witnessed by the clerk, and he was welcomed to join the meeting as a Councillor

Proposed: Cllr Raymond **Seconded:** Cllr Street **Agreed unanimously**

Cllr Ponty re-joined the meeting

4. PUBLIC FORUM

A resident attended to express concern about parking and kerb damage along Bulmer Street. Councillors will visit the area to look at the issues raised.

The resident left the meeting.

5. PROGRESS CHECK

Clerk's report and update on actions from last meeting

5.1 Bus Shelters: Cllr Raymond has cleared all 3 shelters. Further painting & cleaning needed in spring.

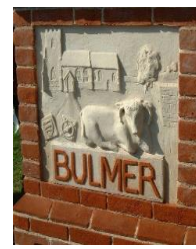
5.2 Coes Meadow adjoining land: Following a letter written to landowners in September requesting an asking price in order that the parish could be consulted, the Parish Council has received no response so far.

5.3 St Andrews School & Pebbles Nursery proposals: Following a request for the use of Bakersfield for Pebbles Nursery expansion, no further information about the plans has been received by the Parish Council.



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6. HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Update on Highways issues and any new problems to report

6.1 Essex Highways User Survey 2021: Notification of the annual survey of Parish Council views on the priorities and satisfaction levels with services provided by Essex Highways, closes 31st December 2021.

Action: Councillors to complete the survey in relation to Bulmer Parish issues and forward to the clerk to compile a Parish Council response – by Friday 19th November

6.2 Drain blockages: Autumn jetting of blocked drains on main roads and at Smeetham Hall Lane was noted.

6.3 Speed survey: An Essex Highways speed survey carried out in September at Batt Hall showed average speeds of under 40mph.

Action: Clerk to forward full survey results to Batt Hall residents who have expressed concerns

6.4 Bulmer Street & SID: The Speed Indicator Device appears to be working intermittently. The performance will continue to be monitored.

6.5 Lost Footpaths: A lost footpath from Finch Hill towards Sandy Lane was discussed as being important for safe pedestrian access between the north of Bulmer and Sudbury.

Action: Councillors to consider options: *Agenda item for January meeting*

7. REPORTS

7.1 Police/PCSO/Neighbourhood Watch. Weekly police reports had been forwarded to Councillors

7.2 Essex CC report. Cllr Peter Schwier introduced himself to the Parish Council and apologised for not being able to attend any meetings since his election in May 2021. His roles at ECC include Deputy Cabinet member to Leader Cllr Kevin Bentley, and Climate Czar. He has 33 parishes and keeps them all informed of Essex County Council initiatives by forwarding email information regularly. He reported on:

- Essex Bus Service consultation at <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/enhanced-partnership/> ends on December 3rd and all residents are encouraged to respond as the views from rural communities are important.
- Streetlights across Essex are being replaced with LEDs, which use 60% less energy. Of 137,000, crews are replacing 1000 per week.
- ECC Public Rights of Way: <https://www.essexhighways.org/prow-interactive-map> online maps are now showing more data and can be printed
- Winter gritting: This can now be tracked online. Parish Councils and residents are encouraged to sign up to Facebook or Twitter alerts if they wish to see what roads have been gritted in icy weather
- Safer Essex Road partnership: In conjunction with Anglia Ruskin university, a survey of drivers regarding cycling is being conducted at <https://saferessexroads.org/drivers-we-want-your-views-on-cycling/> and residents are encouraged to give their views to improve safety for all. The survey is fully anonymous and takes about 20-30 minutes to complete
- Drain clearance: Across the Braintree District, over 2,000 drains were cleared last month
- Budget: ECC are awaiting the Government settlement confirmation in December. The County Council is looking at 3 year planning to improve financial management.

7.3 Braintree DC report. Cllr Wendy Scattergood reported on:

- BDC Climate Change and Cycling strategy
- NHS Track & Trace payments are being administered by BDC, with £473,000 distributed in August.
- BDC Local Plan: a hearing in spring led to two Planning Inspectors being appointed and a delay in a final decision but this is hoped to be resolved in December. The 5-year housing supply across the District has been confirmed which provides some protection against speculative development
- Planning Enforcement at BDC is being reviewed, and preparation for two High Court cases last month and another two coming up has stretched resources. Both recent cases found in favour of BDC.
- National Grid Bramford to Twinstead Tee: Substation plans are being submitted to Braintree Planning separately from any pylons, stating it is the same as previous plans which were postponed. However it



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appears to be significantly larger and Cllr Scattergood is still pressing for alternative solutions e.g. underground or under the sea for the entire route to be considered.

- Cllr Scattergood was thanked by the Parish Council and members of the Coes Meadow Management Committee for approving a BDC Councillors Community Grant of £500 towards the repair of the basketball surface at Coes Meadow.

8. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

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

- Footpath through the allotments: Following a request to see if any tenant is willing to cut the grass, nobody has offered to do so. Allotment tenants have suggested that this path is land owned by the Parish Council and therefore it is the council's responsibility to maintain it.
- Rents: All garden & grazing rents have been paid, and at the time of writing 5 allotment tenants have not paid. These unpaid rents are being chased up by the clerk.
- Vacant Plots: 2 people are on the waiting list, with all plots being used. There are two plots that have not been used this year due to illness and tenants have been asked on several occasions if they still wish to keep them, on each occasion they have said yes. One of these has not yet paid.
- UKPN: The latest proposal on the location of the sub-station and necessary cabling has been reviewed and acceptable. The area being leased at rent of £250 for 99 years seems reasonable for 30sq. ft a year.

8.2 Community Speedwatch report: Cllr Laurence Nichols reported that the scheme for Bulmer will be established in the near future. Cllr Nichols will attend online training, and at least 9 volunteers will be needed to conduct occasional speedwatch sessions in 30mph zones in the village.

8.3 Transport representative: Cllr Crawshay agreed to attend a virtual meeting on 16th November regarding the Essex County Council Bus Improvement Strategy, and will report back. This relates to the Essex Bus Service consultation at <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/enhanced-partnership/> which ends on December 3rd

9. PLANNING

Applications received:

21/03197/TPO Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 3/81 - A - Coppice of dogwood for maintenance B - 3x Hazel coppice for hedge maintenance, C- Take branches back to crown of tree's to clear path, D - Coppice Hazel, Willow and hawthorn for woodland management, E - Pollard Lime trees for maintenance of trees, F - Coppice 3x dogwood for maintenance G - Coppice 2 x Hawthorn trees
Coes Meadow Bulmer Street *Joint and several interest to be declared: No comment*

21/03274/TPO Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 4/10 - Cut back all trees that have been allowed to over grow the rides |
Butlers Wood Sudbury Road - Bulmer Tye - A131 *Comment deadline 30th November*

Action: Clerk to re-send application to Councillors

Applications received-decisions ratified

21/03027/HH Erection of gym, installation of an outdoor swimming pool and revision of front elevation of the dwelling.

Stanleys House, Hedingham Road, Bulmer

No objections

21/03099/FUL Erection of a two-storey medical centre with allocated parking.
Land North Of, Osier Way, Sible Hedingham

No comment submitted

Applications determined:

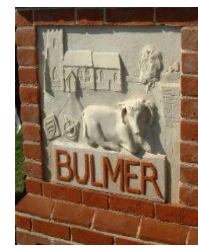
21/02667/HH Proposed single storey rear and side extension with front porch
6 Park Lane CO10 7EQ

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21/02228/HH Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, replace garage doors with windows. |
Guernsey House Smeetham Hall Lane CO10 7EN *Application PERMITTED*

21/02071/HH Conversion of existing stables to annex.
Suffolk Hall Bulmer Street CO10 7EW *Application PERMITTED*

21/02222/REM Application for approval of Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline approval 19/01901/OUT for: Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling.
Land Adjacent 3 Park Lane *Application PERMITTED*

21/00412/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for -Erection of 4 no. bungalows and associated development.
Land Rear Of The Tye Ryes Lane Bulmer Essex *Application REFUSED*

21/02714/COUPA Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3), and for associated operational development - Change of use to 2 no. residential dwellings
The Piggeries Hedingham Road Bulmer *Planning permission REQUIRED*

10. FINANCE

10.1 The monthly payments were approved. Bank reconciliations were checked by Cllr Kershaw.

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

10.2 RESOLVED: Retired Councillor Mike Crome is to be removed as a signatory to the Unity Trust current account and Barclays Savings accounts. New signatories were agreed, change of mandate forms to be completed and signed in accordance with the bank mandate. Cllr Hall will be an additional signatory on the Unity Trust Current Account. Cllr Nichols will be a second signatory on the Barclays Savings account.

10.3 Income & Expenditure summaries for the year to date were provided to Councillors, for review in advance of the January meeting when the budget and precept claim will be decided.

Bulmer Parish Council account

Nov-21		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
25-Oct	B/P	Livertons	Hedge cutting	£360.00
09-Nov	B/P	JPB Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£86.40
09-Nov	B/P	HMRC	Tax October month 7	£56.40
30-Nov	B/P	E C Waters	Clerk pay November & back pay	£420.96
09-Nov	B/P	Mrs E C Waters	Clerk expenses	£17.50
TOTAL in month				£941.26

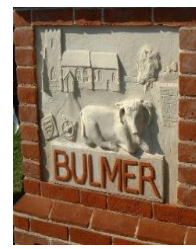
Nov-21		Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
		NONE		

Oct-21		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
06-Oct	B/P	EALC	Chairmans Day 1 RR	£108.00
06-Oct	B/P	EALC	Chairmans Day 2 RR	£108.00
06-Oct	B/P	EALC	Chairmans Day 3 RR	£108.00
06-Oct	B/P	JPB Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£192.00
07-Oct	B/P	Miss A C Wood	Zoom subscription refund	£143.88
31-Oct	B/P	E C Waters	Clerk pay October	£370.96
TOTAL in month				£1,030.84



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Oct-21	Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
	Barclays	Premium A/C Interest	
	CCLA	PDSF Interest re-invested	£0.60
	Debenham	Allotment rent	£17.84
	Hayto	Allotment rent	£123.50
	Orr	Allotment rent	£24.44
	Soper	Allotment rent	£21.14
	Arbuthnot	Allotment rent	£1.92
	Hayward	Allotment rent	£58.80
	Brett J	Allotment rent	£73.96
	Brett L	Grazing rent	£492.00
25-Oct	Morgan S	Allotment rent	£44.26
25-Oct	Wright R	Allotment rent	£29.94
28-Oct	Seaman A	Allotment rent	£23.56
29-Oct	Elsey B	Allotment rent	£82.03
TOTAL in month			£993.39

Lawrence Coe Recreational Trust Account

Nov-21		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
29-Oct	B/P	JPB Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£139.20
06-Nov	B/P	Graham Nicholl	Fallen Rowan tree	£100.00
09-Nov	B/P	Bounce Bound	Basketball surface repair	£960.00
15-Nov	B/P	PlaySafety	RoSPA inspection	£136.80
TOTAL in month				£1,336.00

Nov-21	Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
04-Nov	BDC	CCG Basketball surface repair	£500.00
TOTAL in month			£500.00

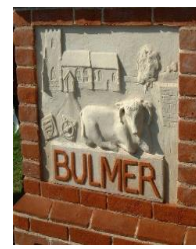
Oct-21		Payments in Month	Details	Amount
06-Oct	B/P	JPB Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£117.60
TOTAL in month				£117.60

Oct-21	Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
28-Oct	St Andrews Church	Water Rates Church usage 2018-21	£66.94
TOTAL in month			£66.94



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Accounts balances at 15th November 2021

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BPC Unity Trust Current account	£12,597.81	
Barclays Deposit account	£37,143.82	at 30th June 2021
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	£30,710.08	at 31st Oct 2021
	£80,451.71	

Coes Meadow

LCRT Unity Trust Current account	£1,857.96
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11. UKPN WORKS

RESOLVED: To approve the revised proposal plan and Heads of Terms for lease for UKPN work at Park Lane allotments.

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

RESOLVED: To appoint Atkins Dellow as the Parish Council solicitor to carry out the lease agreement. Legal fees will be paid by UKPN contractors.

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

12. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

This was brought forward and resolved before item 4 on the agenda.

13. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Cllr Street agreed to co-ordinate with other village groups about Bulmer plans for celebration, in particular the lighting of a beacon on Thursday 2nd June and a possible village lunch on Sunday 5th June 2022.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons information and guide on taking part can be found here:

<https://www.queensjubileebeacons.com/>

14. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Community360 and BDC: Winter Resilience packs are being distributed for vulnerable people who may need help to combat the cold. Packs of useful warming items will be available in early December.

Each pack will typically contain a blanket, hat, scarf, gloves, flask & a torch. The focus is on supporting areas in the north of the district. 10 packs have been reserved for Bulmer residents, with more possibly available depending on demand.

BDC: Annual update of the Open Spaces Action Plan. The Open Spaces Action Plan is a key document used by the Local Planning Authority to justify seeking S.106 monitory contributions for Public Open Space improvements across the district. Updates are due by **28th January 2022**

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Budget & Precept
- Open Spaces Action Plan updates
- Please inform the clerk of any further agenda items by 9am on Tuesday 4th January 2022

The Parish Council meeting ended at 9.22pm

16. LAURENCE COE RECREATIONAL TRUST – Sole Trustee meeting

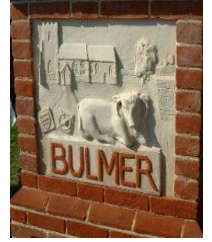
The minutes of the Coes Meadow Management Committee meeting were noted. These minutes formed the report to Bulmer Parish Council as sole trustee

The Laurence Coe Recreational Trust meeting ended at 9.25pm



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17. MEETING DATES 2022

Monday 17th January 2022	Ordinary Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall
Monday 21st March 2022	Ordinary Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall
Monday 16th May 2022	Annual Parish Council	Bulmer Village Hall

Councillors: Cllr Antonia Crawshay Cllr Michael Hall Cllr Sarah Kershaw
 Cllr Laurence Nichols Cllr Cathey Ponty Cllr Rose Raymond
 Cllr Christine Street

Copy to: **County Councillor:** Cllr Peter Schwier
District Councillor: Cllr Wendy Scattergood

Signed.....
Cllr Rosemary Raymond