



Bulmer Parish Council



Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting held on Thursday 17th February 2020 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr R. Raymond (Chairman), Cllr M. Crome, Cllr E. Penn, Cllr D. Finch, Cllr A Crawshay & Cllr C Street.

Shelley Boydell (Clerk). Also, present were approx. 5 members of the Public

134/2020 Chairman Welcome – Introduces new locum clerk following previous clerk's resignation.

135/2020 Apologies for Absence – Cllr W Scattergood

136/2020 Declaration of Interest - Cllr. M Crome regarding item 145 (Allotments)

137/2020 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council
Parish Council meeting minutes 30th January 2020 – approved and signed

138/2020 Public Participation

County Broadband Complaints regarding putting up poles instead of underground as agreed and as Gigaclear has done – discussed further in item 146.

Flood in Ryes Lane PC agrees to alert Highways

139/2020 Strategic Lorry Route

Cllr E Penn attended a meeting regarding this matter and both Halstead Town Council and Sudbury Town Council are also keen to get the lorry route moved and aim to set up a meeting with D Finch and Suffolk County Council to discuss further. PC agrees to support.

140/2020 V/E Commemoration 8/10th May 2020-03-10

The Village Hall Committee has met with representatives from the Church and the plan is after Sunday Church Service there will be a lunch of fish and chips at 1pm in the Village Hall. This event will be limited to 100 residents or supporters of the village at £10 per ticket (to include food). There will be a talk by Ashley Cooper and also entertainment. A raffle will be held with proceeds to Help for Heroes. PC agrees to help with costs of flyers, printing and providing memorabilia coins to present to attendees.

141/2020 Essex County Councillor's Report – Cllr D Finch

Parish Update will be uploaded to the website and available on request.

142/2020 District Councillors Report – Cllr W Scattergood - Cllr W Scattergood gave her apologies

143/2020 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

County Broadband and Gigaclear already discussed. Flooding reported. Three applicants received for new councillor vacancies.

144/2020 Co-option of New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council co-opt Christine Street & Antonia Crawshay.



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145a/2020 Clerks Report

Minute No.	Subject	Update
127/2020	Road Signs Telephone Box Removal	Clerk is liaising with Highways Clerk contacted BT, who requested exact location, clerk gave information and currently awaiting response.
127/2020	Open Spaces	Clerk has submitted by 31 st Jan 2020.
127/2020	Councillor Vacancy	Clerk is following procedure regarding filling Vacancies.
	UKPN Substation	Clerk contacted solicitors for quotes to carry out necessary paperwork

145b/2020 Representative Reports / Parish Upkeep

Village Green – it has been too wet to carry out work near memorial

Plaque / Bench/ Seat Quotation – to start when Coes Meadow Committee is organised.

Replace plywood and 3 signs on the noticeboard - PC agreed to get this work completed

Allotments - Update Cllr M Crome

- One vacant plot at less than £20 per year
- Contractor agreed to fill in rut left by water pipe
- 5yr agreement for garden plots has been circulated and agreed upon with some minor changes. It is confirmed that allotments are paid for in arrears and garden allotments are paid for in advance. PC to offer all garden allotments a 5 year agreement.

Coes Meadow – Two recent dog attacks and PC advises these need to be reported to the local dog warden. The gate is now locked with a new padlock. Unauthorised parking in front of gates. Complaints of dog waste being put in regular bin. Representative happy to refurbish the two seats and one needs foot supports, costing approx. £140. PC asked to consider "Please do not park in front of gates" and "Put dog waste in bins provided" signs. Also suggested to speak to "What's On" Editor regarding requesting dogs to be kept on leads. It is noted that the hard surface on the playground is coming up - Cllr E Penn is looking into quotes for repairs. The surface was originally put on top of concrete to help with sound proofing but this was a number of years ago. PC agrees to put Coes Meadow on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Website Update – new website all under way ready for changing over in March.

Discussions/decisions outside the meeting – rules regarding this were confirmed by clerk.

Planning Councillor / Sub-Committee – clerk confirmed the process

Hiring / Sub-contracting an "odd-job" person – move this to next meeting

146/2020 County Broadband

A request by Wayleve for poles to go across land using BTs current poles.



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147/2020

UKPN Substation

Clerk obtained two quotes for contract for UKPN agreement. The quotes were much higher than UKPN had offered to pay so Cllr M Crome to liaise with UKPN and ask for advice on this, then to discuss at next meeting.

148/2020

Planning Applications

No new applications to discuss

149/2020

Finance

- *Bank balances as at 29th January and 2019/20 Actuals against Budget account
All agreed*
- *Councillors to further discuss Internet Banking once new councillors are appointed -
PC agreed to add two new signatories onto the account, Chairman agreed to obtain
the required mandate ready to sign at next meeting*
- *Clerk Vacancy – update current situation
Two applications for the post, PC agreed to extend closing date to 16th March 2020,
clerk to arrange Locum clerk for next meeting and to cover until permanent clerk is
appointed.*
- *Change address for The Public Sector Deposit Fund (PC sign letter to post)
Address to be changed once permanent clerk is appointed*

150/2020

Items for Next Agenda – 16th March 2020

Co-option of new councillor.

Hiring / subcontracting an “odd job” person

Dates of future meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting 20th April 2020
Parish Council Meeting/AGM 18th May 2020 (7:15pm start)
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 21:52 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....16th March 2020

Rosemary Raymond