



Bulmer Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs R. Raymond (Chair), D. Burke, P. Paxton, R. Burke, A. Crawshay, BDC Cllr D. Holland and Kevin B. Money (Locum Clerk to Parish Council). There were also 3 members of the public present

023/2024 Apologies for absence were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier

024/2024 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests:

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda
None Declared

025/2024 Minutes of previous meeting

To approve the minutes of the meetings held 15th. July 2024 & 23rd. September 2024. **All Agreed**

026/2024 Public Questions: 15 minutes time allowed for this item: Members of the public in attendance may ask the Parish Council a question. Following this item members of the public are welcome to observe the rest of the meeting and are asked to remain silent. Any question that requires a Council decision must be added to a future agenda.

No questions from the public

027/2024 Report from the County Councillor: 10 Minutes time allowed for this item: An opportunity for the Parish Council to raise items of interest from the written reports supplied by the County Councillors ahead of the meeting for further discussion.

No report was given

028/2024 Report from District Councillor: 10 minutes time allowed for this item: An opportunity for the Parish Council to raise items of interest from the written reports supplied by the District Councillors. BDC New code of Conduct will be coming out shortly by adding "Other pecuniary interests". Model code of conduct from LGA. Cllr Holland advises to take this seriously. ECC Verges get cut twice a year. Additional "safety" cuts can be conducted. Most road deaths happen on country roads.

ECC verge cutting. This is a major policy with ECC so it is highly unlikely to bring verge cutting into the hands of Bulmer Parish Council. Green bin charges will not go up in 2025-2026.

029/2024 Fly tipping of green waste – Cllr R. Burke

The litter picking took place but within days fly-tipping was back. Since the introduction of green bins fly-tipping in Bulmer has increased significantly. BDC fly-tipping department refuses to take green waste but can BPC ask to this to happen? Green waste has been tipped behind the bus shelter. When the green bins were introduced fly-tipping was looked into and concluded it would not increase fly-tipping. The green bin update was higher than expected. The Clerk to write an article to place in the "What's on" regarding this issue

030/2024 EALC Councillor Training: Councillor with EALC Training

Councillors have been supplied with EALC training courses.

031/2024 Coe's meadow hedge cutting from cross roads to gate. Cllr R Raymond

This project has been completed

032/2024 Coe's meadow – update on Committee meeting

Meeting has been held. Cllr P. Paxton has undertaken outstanding issues. Keys have been misplaced with new keys being purchased. Notice board has been repaired. More fund raising is necessary. Cllr D. holland asked Cllr A. Crawshay to send him information so it could be added to his locality funding for 2024-2025



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- 033/2024 Street Cleansing Agreement:** Parish Clerk to provide an update
The Clerk updated the meeting with his progress but to no avail. The Clerk was asked to email BDC Cllr D. Holland and he will take it further.
- 034/2024 Village Tidy – update.** Already discussed at item 029/2024
- 035/2024 Allotment Standpipe:** Cllr R Raymond to provide an update
Cllr R. Raymond has been chasing the people for a new standpipe but to no avail
- 036/2024 Allotment update** from M. Crome
Transformer has been restored to the allotments.
Rent letters and termination letters to be sent out with immediate effect
- 037/2024 Defibrillator Training:** Councillors to discuss
Training for residents will be undertaken soon. Can a joint training session be held. This to be investigated
- 038/2024 Planning Application/s**
- 24/02191/FUL** - 11 Church Road, Bulmer, Essex
Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new holiday let
RESOLVED: Refuse this application
Damage to footpath and fly-tipping. Additional car parking on the road at school times
Directly opposite school looking into playground. Track access only route to the sewage plant
Unsustainable development being not served by a public footpath and local transport
No village shop. There is a permissive path for the schoolchildren to walk to the church around this property and any vehicle access will be dangerous
If they are planning on building all the way to the boundary BPC have concerns that they may damage the path. BPC would like to request for the safety of the many villagers who use the path that they do not drive any vehicles on the footpath or attempt to access the property from the field side. Any damage to the footpath would need to be rectified within 48 hours to ensure the safety of the children who use it to walk to school.
BPC also have some major concerns about increasing the traffic in an area where there are many children walking to school where parking is limited.
- 24/02360/LBC** - Griggs Farm Bulmer Street Bulmer
Removal of modern cement render infill panels to timber frame, removal of lime renders including laths, timber frame repairs, application of lath and lime render, replacement of windows, replacement of uPVC rainwater goods with cast iron, restoration of porch and other works.
RESOLVED: Bulmer Parish Council has No objection to this application
- 24/02456/VAR** - Larkfield Bulmer Street Bulmer
Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of approved application 23/01320/HH granted 25.07.2023 for: Single storey rear and side extension and loft conversion. Variation would allow - A reduction in the size of the single-storey rear extension, insertion of 4 No. roof lights and a change in roof material.
RESOLVED: Bulmer Parish Council has No objection to this variation of condition.
- 039/2024 Planning Decision/s**
- 24/01816/FUL** - Christmas Cottage 4 Finch Hill Bulmer Essex CO10 7EX
Change of use of outbuilding from ancillary commercial use to holiday let. **Application Granted**



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040/2024 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. October 2024

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. October 2024

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2024/2025

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2024/2025

c) To approve the payment of Accounts for August, September, October and November 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial arrangements **All Agreed**

041/2024 Budget 2025-2026

Councillors to discuss budget for 2025-2026
Councillors discussed the draft 2025-2026 budget. This item to be finalised at the 27th. January 2025 meeting

042/2024 Councillor's Reports:

Items for Next agenda

Fly-tipping update from landowners

043/2024 Date of next meeting: Monday 27th. January 2025 at 7.15pm in Bulmer village hall

044/2024 Councillors to note 2025 meeting dates 24.03: May TBC: 28.07: 22.09: 24.11.25

045/2024 Closure of the meeting

To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.15pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

27th. January 2025

R. Raymond
Chair