



What's Going On ?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - September 2025

(Including Bulmer St., Bulmer Tye, Finch Hill, Batt Hall, Upper & Lower Houses, Church Road and Hedingham Road).

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DO YOU WANT A VILLAGE HALL? DO YOU WANT IT TO CLOSE?



Unfortunately this may happen in the near future without your support and help.

Think what would be lost if it did close. No where for our children to hold their parties, no where for our senior citizens to go to help with their loneliness, no voting station, no where to hold funeral teas, no clubs and societies and no where to hold social gatherings.

We could go on but we've named just a few. Do you really want this to happen. We are desperate for people to come forward, serve on the Committee and become custodians of the charity. For those of you who aren't aware, the Village Hall is a Charitable Trust so therefore come under the Charity Commission umbrella. Please come forward, talk to us and try to help. There are many younger people in the Village we are sure, and who would like to carry things forward. If you are interested please ring 374758 or 312152 and we can set up a meeting to explain things in more detail. **PLEASE HELP** .

If you feel you cannot help this way but want to help keep the Hall open then think about joining the lottery. Just see Dawn at the Post Office and she can join you up.

Please also support our fund raising activities when you can. Our strongest message is **USE IT OR LOSE IT**.

On a brighter note we are planning fund raising events in the future.

The first is family Bingo night on **13th September**, starting at 7pm. Bring the children along and have an evening out as a family. Look out for more details on the Bulmer Village Community WhatsApp, Facebook, Village notice boards or Village website at e-voice.org.uk/bulmervillage/

By popular request we are holding another Quiz night on **14th November**. Once again there will be a fish and chip supper . Watch out for posters around the Village or the usual social media sites for more details nearer the time. However if you are interested and want to book a table now (the usual max 6 per table) then ring 374758. Thank you for your support in the past so please continue to do so where you can.



The Skylark is a small brown bird, larger than a sparrow but smaller than a starling. It is streaky brown with a

small crest – which can be raised when the bird is excited or alarmed – and a white-sided tail. The wings also have a white rear edge which is visible in flight. It's known for its display flight, vertically up in the air. Its recent and dramatic population declines make it a **Red List** species.

However our own version that meets in the village hall on a monthly basis continues to enjoy the company of other Skylarks although they have not been observed flying vertically, although they do get a bit exited occasionally.

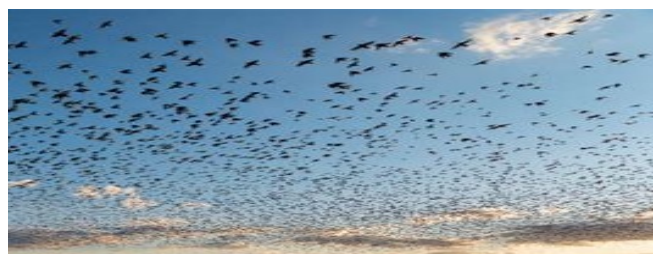
Our summer programme was both interesting and at times a bit different from our normal meetings. Once again the speaker for May was unable to come so we had to improvise at the last minute. We held a horse race which resulted in a great deal of shouting and laughter. A long lie down in a darkened room was called for after that!

It was thoroughly enjoyed by all our members so was well worth doing.

Our summer party in June had the theme of "Wartime on the Farm". Some of our members came along dressed as land girls and there were farm animals dotted about (not real of course). Our speaker was Brian Thurlow who told the story of Maria and the Red Barn. Brian always makes his presentation very enjoyable. The food reflected the period with cheese, ham etc. followed by apple pie and custard. Washed down with a glass of cider.

We now look forward to our Autumn programme. We will hold our A.G.M. on **23rd September** followed by a quiz. Again another extremely noisy affair with plenty of laughs.

On **28th October** we will welcome John Thurman, Mr Scissors, who produces miniature portraits using black paper and scissors. Amanda Sutherland will be with us on 25th November with " Make do and Mend". She will bring some of her beautiful creations with her which might help to solve a few Christmas present problems. We will finish the year on **9th December** with our Christmas party. Perhaps you would like to join us at our meetings, come along and see if you like us. You will be made very welcome in joining the flock.



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### WORKING PARTIES –

All volunteers welcome, **7th and 14th September** from 10am on Coe's Meadow (please wear appropriate clothing and bring any necessary gardening tools too please!)

If anyone has any specific jobs they would like us to attend to on Coe's Meadow, please could they let us know via the WhatsApp Group for Bulmer Village or via email : [coesmeadow@gmail.com](mailto:coesmeadow@gmail.com)

Coe's Meadow committee are grateful for everyone's continued support and generosity, especially at the recent fund raising events, thank you.

### PARISH COUNCIL YOUR COUNCILLORS

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## **DATES OF FUTURE PARISH MEETINGS**

All meetings are bi-monthly, agendas are posted on the noticeboards & online at [bulmer-pc.gov.uk/](http://bulmer-pc.gov.uk/) and held in the Village Hall at 7:15pm

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| 22nd. September | 24th November |
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**Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. July 2025 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.**

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

**075/2025 Apologies for absence** were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier and Cllr A. Crawshaw

**076/2025 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda Cllr S. Rowe declared an interest in item 085/2025

**077/2025 Minutes of previous meeting-** To approve the minutes of the meetings held 29<sup>th</sup>. May 2025 **All Agreed**

**078/2025 Public Questions:**15 minutes time allowed for this item: Members of the public in attendance may ask the Parish Council a question. No questions were asked.

**079/2025 Report from the Essex County Councillor**—No report was given

**080/2025 Report from Braintree District Councillor**

Screening planning application (091/2025) – 2 videos have been published on Facebook referring to a screening request. Sought clarification on the planning application at Greyhound Field Sudbury Road regarding the lack of Environmental Impact Statement. BDC briefings on Local Government reform and the mayor elections for May next year.

**081/2025 Litter warden required for village.** Cllr T. Bird offered to take on this Litter Warden role.

**082/2025 EALC Councillor Training**—Councillors have been notified of all training courses by EALC

**083/2025 .gov.uk emails for Councillors has been set up. New website address is active.**

The new Parish Council website address is [bulmer-pc.gov.uk/](http://bulmer-pc.gov.uk/)

The new Parish Council address is [clerk@bulmer-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bulmer-pc.gov.uk).

All Councillors will receive new email dedicated addresses.

The ongoing cost to the Council is £117.00p per annum.

Cllr R. Raymond proposed to change to .gov.uk and to accept the annual cost. Cllr P. Paxton seconded. **All Agreed.**

**084/2025 Overgrown trees, bushes and hedgerows in Vicars Orchard**

These trees are getting out of hand. Coe's Meadow committee to get the bushes and hedges cut. The cutting cost is approx. £100.

**085/2025 Coe's meadow**— update on Committee meeting

•Tree on Church Meadow has a huge branch has broken off and is tapped off

A bow has fallen off the tree but the tree is no worse condition than others in the area.

Cllr D. Burke to action this issue

Cllr S. Rowe informed the meeting about the last Coe's Meadow meeting. He also mentioned about increasing the Precept to offset the grass cutting expenditure. Fund-raising is still happening with great response from the residents.

**086/2025 Beacon post woodworm**

The post is in dire need of restoration. The beacon and basket must be taken down and replaced with a sturdier wooden post. Quotations required to restore the beacon.

Cllr R. Raymond proposed to action this ASAP for safety reasons. Cllr R. Burke seconded. **All Agreed**

Cllrs R & D Burke left the meeting.

**087/2025 Allotments Park Lane Garden allotment tree**

**088/2025 Additional Standpipe in allotments:** Cllr R Raymond to provide an update; Standpipe is in situ and requires insulation then job will be completed.

**089/2025 Allotment update** from M. Crome

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr P. Paxton for undertaking the standpipe project. The other standpipe needs addressing. 2 allotments holders, which have received letters, are still in a dreadful state. The Clerk to write to the 3 allotment holders.

**090/2025 Winter Salt Bag Scheme**— Does BPC wish to participate in this year's scheme? Bulmer Parish Council agreed not to participate in this year's winter salt scheme but to remain on the list

**091/2025 Planning— including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response 25/01270/LBC-** Griggs Farm, Bulmer Street Bulmer

Proposed roofing works to rear of building, comprising repair and replacement of roof tiles, re-rendering of dormer windows, installation of 1No. roof light, repairs to chimney stacks and replacement of plaster and laths to Bakehouse ceiling.



**RESOLVED:** Bulmer Parish Council responded to this planning application before the planning deadline Bulmer Parish Council has No objection to this planning application  
**25/00654/PLD**-St Andrews School Church Road Bulmer Essex CO10 7EH

Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed use of development - replacement outbuilding and associated landscaping

**RESOLVED:** Bulmer Parish Council No objections to this planning application

**Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011-Screening Opinion Request 25/01325/SCR**-Greyhound Field Sudbury Road - Bulmer Tye - A131 Bulmer

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Construction, operation, and decommissioning of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure.

Councillors noted the above application

**092/2025 Councillor's Reports**

**093/2025 Finance**

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2025 Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2025

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2025/2026 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2025/2026

c) To approve the payment of Accounts for June and July 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial arrangements **All Agreed**

**097/2025 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

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VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

If you are new to the Village and would like to support the Village Hall why not join the Lottery. You can join for as little as 50p per number and can hold up to 4 numbers. If you would like to know more, please ring Dawn at the Post Office on 376676 or Maggie on 374758.

Month	First	Second	Third
June	Mr & Mrs A Howard	Ms J Edmeades	Mr S Carpenter
July	Mr R. Buchanan	Mrs J. Steed	Mrs N. Hamill
Aug.	Mrs D. Allen	Ms. J. Edmeades	Mr & Mrs A. Burbidge

A BIG Thank You & Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Barbara Rawlins who recently reached the age of 90. For those who are new to Bulmer or perhaps unaware, Barbara has been for many years our Village Litter Picker team leader of our magnificent volunteers who keep our village tidy. Barbara has now decided to step down from this role and I am sure everyone would like to say a **huge thank you** and wish Barbara well for the future.

For those also unaware Barbara is also our circulation controller who distributes publications to our band of deliverers around the village who keep us informed in the traditional manner rather than electronically for those who do not use computers/mobiles.

REMINDER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th Sept.	Live music at the Fox	8:30pm - 11pm
7th Sept.	Working Party Coe's Meadow	10am
13th Sept.	Harvest Festival Coffee morning, St. Andrew's	10am - 12.30pm
13th Sept.	Bingo Night, VH	7pm
14th Sept.	Working Party Coe's Meadow	10am
14th Sept.	Harvest festival service, St. Andrew's	11:15am
19th Sept.	Live music at the Fox	8:30pm- 11pm
22nd Sept.	Parish Council Meeting VH	7:15pm
23rd Sept.	Skylarks (AGM & Quiz)	2pm - 4pm
6th Oct.	Stitch & sew V hall	2pm - 4pm
28th Oct.	Skylarks (John Thurman, Mr Scissors)	2pm - 4pm
3rd Nov.	Stitch & sew V hall	2pm - 4pm
14th Nov.	Quiz Night & Fish & Chip supper	7pm
24th Nov.	Parish Council Meeting	7:15pm
25th Nov.	Skylarks (Make do & mend)	2pm - 4pm
1st Dec.	Stitch & sew V hall	2pm - 4pm
9th Dec.	Skylarks (Christmas Party)	2pm - 4pm

Should you have anything for publication in the next newsletter scheduled for December 2025, then please contact Mike Crome on 01787 378155 or by emailing bulmerwgo@gmail.com