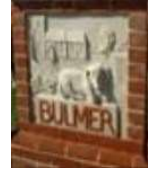




# Bulmer Parish Council



## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. September 2024 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs R. Raymond (Chair), D. Burke, R. Morris, P. Paxton, R. Burke, A. Crawshay and Kevin B. Money (Locum Clerk to Parish Council). There were 4 members of the public present

**001/2024 Apologies for absence** were received from ECC Cllr P. Schweir, BDC D. Holland, Cllr S. Rowe and M. Crome

### **002/2024 To confirm the appointment of Mr. Kevin B. Money as Locum Parish Clerk / RFO to Bulmer Parish Council**

Cllr R. Raymond proposed the appointment of Mr. Kevin B. Money as Locum Clerk to Bulmer Parish Council. Cllr R. Burke seconded. **All Agreed.** The Chair and Clerk then signed the contract of Employment

**003/2024 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests:** Council members to identify any item on the agenda that they have a connection to as introduced through the Localism Act 2011, failure to do this could result in a fine and a ban and to note the decisions of requests for dispensation relating to the agenda. **None Declared**

**004/2024 Minutes of previous meeting:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup>. July 2024. The minutes deferred to the next meeting

**005/2024 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.  
Footpath on A131 is still overgrown

**006/2024 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.  
*Cllr D. Holland submitted a report prior to the meeting. It read*  
*Were I able to attend your meeting, my report would centre on the need to be aware of the newly published (by BDC via email) revised timetable for the Local Plan Refresh and its implications for you making representations in light of the **Call for Sites** as it impacts Bulmer.*  
*I would also like to remind you of the consultation on Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (ELNRS) which is currently open. It is important that we all look at this and respond because it has huge implications for our local countryside as is made clear in the maps the consultation document includes. As I have pointed out before, I post material on matters I feel to be important to the local community and have joined the "Bulmer, Ballingdon & Borley Village & Country Memories" Facebook Group such that I can post to a group that is relevant to your Parish. In this case I have posted an article on the ELNRS that includes links to speedily take you and your Parishioners directly to the consultation itself, and to the downloadable consultation documents.*  
*If I can help Bulmer PC on any of this, please don't hesitate to get in contact*

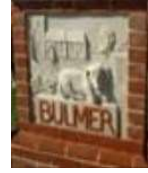
**007/2024 Report from the County Councillor:** 10 Minutes time allowed for this item: An opportunity for the Parish Council to raise items of interest from the written reports supplied by the County Councillors ahead of the meeting for further discussion.  
No report was given

**008/2024 EALC Councillor Training:** Councillor with EALC Training  
The Clerk to be advised

**009/2024 Coe's meadow hedge cutting from cross roads to gate.** Cllr R Raymond  
The hedge should be cut from the crossroads, village sign to the gate. Councillors agreed to this hedge be cut.



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## **010/2024 Coe's meadow** – update on Committee meeting

The Clerk to chase ECC Highways for Bulmer Parish Council verge cutting agreement

Quote from Graham Nicol – get report from Antonia

Notice board requires fixing. The notice board should be left for all 3 organisations to have access to the notice board.

Coe's meadow is now up and running

## **011/2024 Street Cleansing Agreement:** Parish Clerk to provide an update

The Clerk to contact ECC for an update on the Street Cleaning agreement.

## **012/2024 Village Tidy – update**

Litter picking is undertaken as and when necessary. Councillors agreed to hold a "Village Tidy up" on 26<sup>th</sup>. and 27<sup>th</sup>. October to tidy up signs, bus stops etc.

## **013/2024 Allotment Standpipe:** Cllr R Raymond to provide an update

No further update but will update at the November meeting

## **014/2024 Allotment update** from M. Crome

In the absence of M. Crome the Clerk read out his report. It read

*Firstly, I'd like thank Cllr Paul Paxton for repairing the faulty tap and standpipe, much appreciated.*

*The agreed additional water standpipe is still awaited, hopefully installed for next season.*

*The main gate is now only operable with great difficulty due to the main post so loose in the ground. It is believed to have been damaged by the contractors when removing the earth spoil.*

*A decision is needed on plot 2B who wish to place a polytunnel measuring 4m x 5m, the long side would be along the fence. Currently there is no maximum or minimum size stipulated in the allotment agreement.*

*The plots to the left and right (plots 2A and 3) are ones that have not been maintained in accordance with the agreement and have received warning letters reminding them of their obligations under the terms of the agreement. It has been agreed that these two tenants are to have their agreements terminated.*

*The tenant of 2B is prepared to take plot 2A when it is vacant.*

*Have the letters referred to above been sent.*

Allotment payment for 2025-2026 is to increase by 4%

An email from Mr Kevin Wicker to remove 3 trees that overhang his property Trees 1 to be removed. Tree 2 to remove the ivy. No trees should be taken down without full documentation being submitted to the Clerk of the Council before any work is undertaken. Write to Mr. Coombes to say there is a risk of die back and to pollard the trees to seek professional advice (Allotment list of tenants)

Councillors agreed to the Polly Tunnel and the man having another plot for the 2 that had not been tendered to. Councillors agreed to send out rents for last year and then send out a letter terminating the agreement

## **015/2024 Defibrillator Training:** Councillors to discuss.

Training for residents to be undertaken in the future. Cllr R. Burke to undertake any training but request some assistance for equipment.

## **016/2024 Planning Application/s**

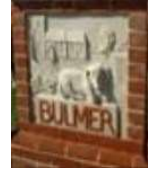
**24/01816/FUL** - Christmas Cottage 4 Finch Hill Bulmer

Change of use of outbuilding from commercial to holiday let

**RESOLVED:** No objections to this application subject to a condition is placed to address the car parking issues so any additional cars are not parked on Finch Hill



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## **017/2024 Finance**

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. August 2024

Due to the Clerk handover, there are no financial records for 2024-2025 available

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

Due to the Clerk handover, there are no financial records for 2024-2025 available

c) To approve the payment of Accounts for August and September 2024 and to agree a transfer to funds to meet the Parish Council financial arrangements

d) Quotation on moving emails to .gov.uk

e) Update on Unity Trust application. Cllr R. Raymond proposed deleting Lynsey Ritchie-Fagg as Administrator with having access to all accounts with immediate effect and to ADD Kevin B. Money as Administrator with access to all Accounts. Cllr P. Paxton seconded. **All Agreed**. An application form to remove the old Clerk and to have a new Clerk appointed was signed by both authorised signatories.

## **018/2024 Councillor's Reports:**

No reports were given

## **019/2024 Date of next meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. November 2024 at 7.15pm in Bulmer village hall**

## **020/2024 Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Councillors to Resolve that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during discussion of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr R. Raymond proposed and Cllr A. Crawshay seconded to exclude the public and press. **All Agreed**

**021/2024 Parish Clerk / RFO vacancy:** Councillors to discuss the Clerk vacancy position and to receive any applications

## **022/2024 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

25<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

**R. Raymond  
Chair**