

What's Going On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer – September 2019
(Including Bulmer St., Bulmer Tye, Finch Hill, Batt Hall, Upper & Lower Houses,
Church Rd & Hedingham Road)

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The horticulture event again surpassed expectations with many entries in all classes. The judges were very complementary about the quality of the produce and the excellence of the cakes, well done everyone. The overall winners were Bobby Franklin and Alison Brett. It was so pleasing to see everyone treating the day as a fun event and although there was some friendly rivalry it was a very fun fuelled day. Unfortunately, the weather was not completely on our side as the wind was very strong threatening to jeopardise the afternoon. However, with some quick shuffling of tables etc, we were able to turn the car-boot sale into a table top sale in the Hall. Thank you to everyone who again supported us.

We have used the funds raised this year to have the roof fixed and have purchased a new fridge for the kitchen. The security light outside the front door has also been replaced. We are constantly trying to improve the Hall in order to give you all a pleasant, safe place for your meetings, parties and any other event.

Our ever popular Quiz Night will be held on 22nd November and, as always, will include a fish and chip supper. Tables of up to 6 can be booked by ringing Maggie on 374758. Don't delay as this event always gets booked up very quickly.

BULMER SKYLARKS

We have had an interesting summer term with very diverse speakers and entertainers. We welcomed the Essex Lowland Search and Rescue team in May, who also brought their search dog Woody with them. He certainly showed his searching abilities, as in no time at all, he discovered the location of cakes which were laid out in the kitchen!

Our summer party was held in June and following glasses of Pimms, we enjoyed an afternoon tea. Brian Thurlow came along and entertained us with the story of the Burston School strike. Jane Stone was with us in July and destroyed our ideas of what we imagined life would be like in Qatar. Jane had taught in there and she gave an account of a very agreeable way of life with friendly, helpful people.

August saw us welcoming Stuart Race from the Wool Shack in Long Milford. Stuart had given up teaching and embarked on a career in wool. Still a young man he bought a shop, learnt to knit and hand dye wool. All knitters out there do pay a visit to his shop, it's worth it.

We are now entering our Autumn and Winter programme. We will be holding our A.G.M. on 24th September followed by a quiz and other activities. The history of Perrywood will be the subject for our meeting on 22nd November and Jean Johnson will be with us on 26th November. She will be demonstrating the art of flower arranging particularly Christmas flowers.

Once more we have been invited to St. Andrew's School for our Christmas lunch on 17th December. We are very fortunate to celebrate Christmas with the staff and pupils and we thank them for again inviting us.

Winners of the Horticulture Event



Our Christmas shopping trip will take place in November and will include a visit to Tiptree jams and Perrywood garden centre.

If you are interested in Skylarks then please come along to a meeting to see if you like us. The club is for all ages and the idea behind it is for people to meet one another, have a chat over a cup of tea and cake. Please ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758 if you would like more information.

BULMER STITCH AND SEW CLUB

Everyone welcome – we meet on the first Monday in the month from 2 – 4pm. If it falls on a Bank Holiday it is on the 2nd Monday. We pay £1 per session this helps to pay for the hire of the hall and refreshments. If anyone else would like to join us (men as well) please ring Marilyn Cicconi on 01787 466030 for further information.

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 ring Dawn at the Post Office on 376676 or Maggie on 374758.

The Lottery still provides 3 lucky winners each month. It is a vital fundraiser for your village hall. Are you a member? The more members the more funds for the village Hall and bigger prizes.

Please support your village hall and contact Dawn at the Post Office (01787 376676) if you would like to join the village lottery.

Month	First	Second	Third
July	Mrs C Morley	Mr A Vicos	Mr & Mrs K Moulden
August	Mrs V Crome	Mr & Mrs R Tomlinson	Mrs M O’Rielly-Cicconi
September	Mr P Fulcher	Mr & Mrs C Bennett	Mr S Coombes

VILLAGE MUTTERINGS

Well what a strange summer we’ve had so far, hot spells cool spells, autumnal spells with leaves falling already, what will the winter bring? Hopefully, some peace and quiet from the shenanigans going on in Westminster!

More importantly, what about Bulmer? For a start the planning application for 7 houses at the junction of Church Rd and Bulmer Street, rumbles on. With nearly fifty objections, the case has been called into the planning committee for a decision. At the time of writing no date has been set by BDC, the nearest potential date is the 8th October.

Other news, have you received a postcard from County Broadband, it says work has started to install hyperfast FTTH broadband to the village, have you seen any workman digging trenches or up poles laying the fibre network, not me. They say it all is going to happen in October.

Have you heard its no longer called The Bulmer Fox, its now THE FOX, now it has been refurbished and open for business. Must try it soon. - *The Villager Whisperer*

ST ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH

On two Sunday afternoons in August we held Strawberry Cream Teas in the church. This was enjoyed by all who attended and we had a number of visitors from nearby villages. We raised the significant sum of £420 over the two afternoons. Many thanks to the people who helped out and also for providing cakes and scones.

We held an informal get together on a Saturday morning in September for the people who have offered to help in the Churchyard in response to the Questionnaire sent out to all Bulmer residents recently. They enjoyed tea/coffee and homemade bakes before being shown the areas that require attention. So look out for them as they beaver away and perhaps be persuaded to also give a hand!

On Sunday 6th October at 10.30am we will be holding our annual Pets’ Service. This will be held outside in the churchyard if the weather is fine or inside if it is wet. Rev. Paul will be attending to bless your pet. Refreshments will be served after the service.

On Sunday 3rd November a service for All Souls’ Day will be held at 4pm with Reverend Gill Morgan. This will be an opportunity to remember those loved ones who have gone before us. This is a quiet reflective service and candles will be lit in memory of those who have died. Please come along you will be most welcome.

Thank you to those in the village who had contributed to the Collection for the Food Bank in Halstead. We have so far made 3 deliveries which were gratefully received. Each month there will be a list for items needed urgently – this will be in the Church Porch; Church Notice board in the Churchyard; the Village Hall and the Post Office as well as the general list.

easyfundraising

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to easyfundraising to support St. Andrew's Church Bulmer?

It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,600 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewsbulmer/> and click 'support us'.

Thank you!

Liz Fulcher

St Andrew's Church, Bulmer, is holding a festival of stained glass windows for Christmas. Design your own window to reflect you, your group, club or society, using materials of your choice. Each window should be A1 size, which is 59.4x84.1cms or 23.9x33.11 inches. Materials can be sourced locally. Art work should be left in church between 12 to 15 December.

June Coombes

BULMER NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Bulmer neighbourhood watch scheme covers all parts of the village.

A list of all village "Co-ordinators" can be found below. Your co-ordinator is there to help and if you cannot contact him/her, contact another co-ordinator, but please remember that they are **not** policemen, and **if in any doubt always call the police first.**

Your Co-ordinators:

Area	Name	Tele. No.
Lower Houses	Dave Whillock	312924
The Street South West	John Brett	377718
The Street Middle & St. Andrews Rise	Tom Dickinson (Lead Co-ordinator)	370016
Swains Croft & the Street South East	Dave Matchett	371488
Blackwall Barn & Smeetham Hall Lane	Rob Atkins	371871
Vicars Orchard & Church Rd (North)	Mike Crome	378155
Finch Hill	Cathy Ponty	313344
The Haven Ground, School & Church Rd	Sean Maynard	377668
Park Lane	June Coombes	377357
The Tye, Plough Green	Ken Mills	269377
The Tye, Fox side	Richard Hayto	464858
Ryes Lane to The Fox	Andrew Bott	07869332245
The Brickyard & Hedingham Rd	Peter Minter	269232
Upper Houses	Chris Massey	378092
Batt Hall	Felicity Gore	372439

Useful telephone numbers: -

Essex Police: For non-urgent calls or report a crime: 101 or 01245 491491 or 0300 333 4444, then ask for Braintree Police Station. or visit <https://www.essex.police.uk>

REMEMBER IN ALL URGENT CASES CALL 999

Braintree Community Policing Team

Full details can be found here -<https://www.essex.police.uk> -click on 'your area'.

Email address: 8143@essex.pnn.police.uk

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EPBraintreeandUttlesford/>

Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/EssexPoliceBraintree@EPBraintree>

Local Officers: PC 3655 Craig Wheeler@Pc3655Wheeler, PCSO Joanne Cooper@PCSOJoCooper

Remember - do not email your community policing team to report a crime. The email facilities are not monitored 24hrs per day.

Local information network

As part of our effort to inform local residents of incidents/crimes I occasionally send out emails to get the message out quickly and to as many people as possible. Additionally, I have been requested by the Bulmer Parish Council Clerk to send out Parish news which they wish to bring to the attention of local residents.

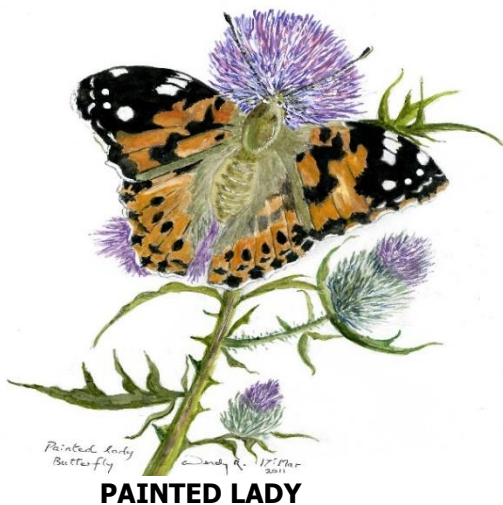
If you would like to receive these messages please email me with your name address and email. Your details will not be passed on to anyone else.

Tom Dickinson

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator

Email: tomdick@talktalk.net

NATURE DIARY



PAINTED LADY

I enthused in the last "What's On" about how good the spring had been for butterflies, like the brimstone, orange tip and holly blue. The summer has been similarly kind towards these delightful winged gems. The most noticeable have probably been the painted ladies. These are migratory and have good and bad years as far as reaching us goes. They travel amazing distances. The first brood hatch early in the year in North Africa, many of these will migrate north, to have another brood in Spain or southern France. Some of these will continue north, to finish up in our gardens and in particular on the buddleias. Here they will be competing with the "locals", peacocks, red admirals and small tortoiseshells for the nectar. It is believed that some painted ladies make the trip from Africa in one hop, being carried here on strong upper atmosphere airstreams, and also that they may even make a return migration south at the end of the summer.



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshells



Peacock

I am always amazed at some of the unusual places that plants will sometimes take root and grow, or indeed just come up. On the demolition site where the new Gainsborough House Gallery is to be built, a very unusual plant has sprung up, an apple of Peru, one of the Nightshade family. It is possible that the seed has lain dormant under the old Labour exchange, which would have been built just before the last war. The plant was first introduced into Britain in the 17th century. The flower is pale blue and bears very distinctive seed pods. It tends to pop up on bare ground and waste places and is closely related to deadly nightshade and thorn apple and like them is extremely poisonous.



Looking down right in the middle of Roy's car park, some greenery was just poking out from one of the rainwater gulleys. It was a healthy example of a harts tongue fern, really flourishing in the permanently damp and partially shaded position. **Looking up** in North Street Parade there was a rape plant bearing a good crop of seed, eking out an existence in the rainwater gutter above one of the shops.

An interesting and somewhat puzzling little episode was passed on to me by Margaret Mills. She saw what appeared to be a young woodpigeon, dead on her lawn. An adult was standing there seemingly watching it. Then extraordinarily it went and stood on top of the dead bird. Meaning to clear away the dead bird, but forgetting, the next morning she saw the adult again sitting on the dead bird. A couple of other reports demonstrate what we have gained in the way of wildlife over the last 10-15 years or so. Dean and Sarah saw a *pair* of red kites in the Belchamp Valley, which probably indicates breeding locally. Steve Morgan told me of spotting an otter with two cubs in the Stour from Ballingdon Bridge. Both of these sightings are signs of the re-colonisation of the kite and otter over the last few years, following on from the spread of the buzzard to East Anglia.

On the 17th June the number of birds in our garden was given an unexpected boost. Looking out onto our patio, I was suddenly aware of about 10 little balls of fluff running around --- recently hatched red legged partridge chicks. Their mother was gently calling them trying to lead them into cover. A very attentive mother, she had obviously hatched her brood in a nest hidden somewhere in the wild section of our garden (which is most of it!) A couple of days later, she stood her ground in a great show of bravado, as I had to free one of the chicks that had become entangled in the netting of the vegetable cage. Coming close she scolded me for interfering with one of her offspring, and showed little fear of me as I gently released the wayward chick. The last I saw of them was a couple of days later, when I was pleased to see that she still had 9 chicks with her.



THE ATTENTIVE MOTHER AND THREE OF HER CHICKS



In May and June we often saw brightly coloured red and blue black cinnabar moths in the garden. These moths more normally lay their eggs on ragwort, but as we have none in the garden, they were laying their eggs on groundsel, a well-known garden weed which is a much, much smaller plant, only reaching about 8 or 9 inches high. When the caterpillars hatched, they very quickly reduced the groundsel to little



more than skeletons. We often found the striking black and yellow striped caterpillars marching along in quest of another groundsel to munch on! Like ragwort groundsel contains a harmful toxin, The caterpillars, obviously immune to this, ingest the poison and become toxic to any other creature that misguidedly eats them. The black and yellow stripes are a warning to any other creatures, **eat me at your peril!** A good example of protective colouration



Every year when the corn on the field behind us is ripe, we get invaded by a host of house sparrows. These use our hedge and trees to shelter in, between carrying out mass raids on the standing crop. At one time this year I counted well over 50 birds in the flock. Did anyone look for the pyramidal orchids flowering beside Church Road that I mentioned in the June Nature Diary. They flowered outstandingly this year, from less than 40 blooms last year they jumped up to almost 80 this.

Peter Rowe

BULMER PARISH COUNCIL

YOUR COUNCILLORS	
Rosemary Raymond - Chairman	07813 205743
Amanda Lyes – Vice Chairman	
Mike Crome	
Eileen Penn	
Andrew Bott	

Kevin Money Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
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All meetings are bi-monthly, normally held on the third Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7:45pm except the AGM which starts at 7:15pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend and there is a 15 minute slot for statements/questions from the floor.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
18 November 2019
20 January 2020
16 March 2020

Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th. July 2019 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R. Raymond (Chairman), Cllr A. Lyes, Cllr M. Crome and Kevin B. Money (Clerk)
 Also, present was ECC Cllr D. Finch and 6 members of the Public

057/2019 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

058/2019 Co-option of Mr. Andrew Bott.
 Cllr R. Raymond proposed Mr. Andrew Bott to be co-opted onto the Bulmer Parish Council. Cllr A. Lyes seconded. **All Agreed.**
 Mr. Andrew Bott then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Register of Interest form and E Consent form.

059/2019 Apologies for Absence were received from BDC Cllr W. Scattergood & Cllr E. Penn

060/2019 Declaration of Interest
 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda
 Cllr M. Crome NPI in item 67/2019 & PI in item 71/2019

061/2019 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council
 To receive and agree the minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 21st. May 2019
 Cllr M. Crome proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **All Agreed**
 To receive and agree the minutes of the planning meeting held on 17th. June 2019
 Cllr M. Crome proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **All Agreed**

062/2019 Public Participation Session
 The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present.

Residents spoke about the church land is overgrowing. The residents were advised to contact the church direct to have the land cut back.

063/2019 Essex County Councillors report – Cllr D. Finch
Key Messages: 2019/20 – Summer Edition

Balanced Budget for 2018/19

As you know, delivering a balanced budget has always been the number one priority for Essex County Council under my Leadership. I'm pleased to be able to say that last year's budget was indeed balanced, thanks to the excellent work of the Cabinet Members and Council staff.

- Savings in the budget for 19/20

Looking ahead to next year, we are on track to make the £72m of savings required to deliver another balanced budget. The declining financial support from central government means this budgetary pressure has increased year-on-year. We are strongly lobbying Essex MPs and Government Ministers to make sure the next Government Spending Review has a long term, fully funded settlement for Local Government so we can deliver the public services our residents need.

- New Cabinet Member for Economic Growth

We made a few changes to our Cabinet in May of this year, and in particular I'd like to highlight the appointment of Tony Ball as the Cabinet Member for Economic Development. Tony brings a wealth of experience to the role and has a vision to transform the economic potential of the county – attracting inward investment and great jobs for our citizens.

- Reports of potholes decreased by 45% in Essex between 2015-2017

National figures released by the RAC in December 2018 showed Essex bucking national trends, where reports have been increasing. The figure reflects our hard work in tackling potholes, with extra funding/resources deployed to clear the backlog particularly following the "Beast from the East" cold snap at the beginning of 2018.

- Reducing Air Pollution

We're working hard to improve air quality in the county – we have set up a working group led by Cllr Simon Walsh, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste

- Reducing Plastic Use

In December last year the government launched its new resources and waste strategy which aims to eliminate avoidable waste of all kinds (including plastic waste) by 2050.

ECC is doing its own part – we have established a specialist team in the county for just this issue, who have started by removing as much single-use plastic from County Hall and replacing them with more environmentally friendly alternatives. This work should be completed by September of this year.

We are also working closely with the city of Chelmsford, to do the same in the Business Improvement District (covering the city centre) which is home to more than 400 local and national businesses. We hope to roll out the programme across the county once we have successfully set up in the area.

- Healthy Living

ECC is exploring ways it can help people make healthier choices around the food they eat, exercise they do, and other things that contribute to better health.

- Footways

Administration is investing additional money in footway repair, recognising the concerns of residents in this area. £700k of additional funding and using £1m from the DfT grant we received in November.

- Essex 2020

Next year the Council will be launching a programme of events to celebrate Essex's history as a home to arts and sciences of all kinds – there will be things for all the family up and down the county, throughout the year, and I look forward to be able to provide more information as we get closer to 2020 itself.

- Housing Infrastructure Bids

We have submitted more than £500m of infrastructure funding bids to support infrastructure improvements in Essex linked to our growth aspirations. We strive through this process to win funding for key infrastructure upgrades ahead of new housing developments being built across the county.

Essex County Council is the most efficient/effective Council of its size in the country and ranks seventh overall

Consultancy iMPower surveyed 150 upper-tier councils, with ECC 7th for spending money effectively and getting the best results for residents.

The results are drawn from an analysis of performance in six key areas: children's social care, older people, disability, health and social care, housing and homelessness, waste and recycling

The council is passionate about delivering value for money and its performance has been nationally recognised through the iMPower report. But the council doesn't sit back on its laurels, and is doing further work to develop ways of monitoring its productivity levels across all services to ensure it remains one of the best authorities in the country

ECC have only increased Council tax in 4 out of the last 9 years (including 2019/20)

- Devolved funding to Parish Councils

Parishes have been invited to take part in a pilot where they would undertake devolved highways functions, including grass cutting and special verge maintenance, weed control, tree and hedge cutting, minor footway repairs, installing/maintaining signs, winter salt bags, maintaining bus stops/shelters and maintaining Public Rights of Way

15 Parish Councils have expressed an interest in taking part in the pilot

- Reducing unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments

Working with the Police and Crime Commissioner, we have seen a 40% reduction in unauthorised Gypsy and traveller encampments

- Essex Local Delivery Pilot funding

ECC being awarded over £10m by Sport England (with Tendring, Colchester and Basildon) for piloting ideas to increase sport and physical activity

The Essex Local Delivery Pilot (LDP) which is tackling population levels of physical inactivity across the county secured the maximum grant of £10.68m from the funder Sport England.

The LDP is governed by the Health and Wellbeing Board, and one of the seven priority projects for the Essex Partners and Essex Assembly.

The LDP is using whole system change to hardwire the value of physical activity into key agendas including health, planning, transport, social care, and the built environment.

Initial testing will mainly take place in Basildon, Colchester and Tendring, and the learning from the pilot will be shared across Essex through replication and scaling.

The LDP lifespan is currently until 2025.

- Gang related crime prevention

An additional £500k has been allocated to the Police and Crime Commissioner to support multi-agency work on gang related crime prevention in this year's budget. Discussions are ongoing between ECC and the Police as to how this fund is to be used.

- Mental Health

An additional £1m has been allocated to mental health in this year's budget. Cabinet Members are currently in conversation on how best to use this additional funding

- Digital Community Engagement

ECC is working with community leaders in social media to bring together Facebook Administrators of Community Pages from across Essex. We are supporting locally devised and delivered projects led by local community-based Facebook groups with small grants of a few hundred pounds that can be very quickly accessed. We are working with the Essex Association of Local Councils to help them to also work in this way.

While we are keen to help to address issues locally identified by Facebook groups, we have been delighted that most of the projects align well with our own priorities including around mental health, loneliness, physical activity and domestic violence. A lot of work has been done but we see this as the start of a journey and want to expand this approach across the whole of the county. We are very keen to work with all local communities in this way and would be keen to see groups led by Facebook administrators or similar social media leads covering all of Essex.

- Essex Housing update

Essex Housing has undertaken an ambitious programme to build affordable housing that supports the provision of specialist accommodation for people with learning difficulties across the county. The team also works on projects to construct public buildings such as schools and have achieved recognition from industry experts; winning the 'Community Benefit' award for the eastern region from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

- Homelessness

As a sign of ECC's commitment to tackling homelessness and its causes across the county, an additional £250,000 has been allocated to pay for mentors to help support up to 50 people at risk of rough sleeping and 150 people at risk of losing their homes. This will allow us to build additional capacity into the existing programmes working with targeted groups in clearly identified areas of need, with the flexibility built in to respond dynamically to changes in demand. The programmes are:

Horizon who work with some of the county's most chaotic individuals providing a highly intensive and focused intervention services. It works with the customer to support them in making the life changes needed to break negative cycles of: rough sleeping, poor mental wellness, substance use dependency, offending behaviour and unemployment. This has been shown to be extremely successful in turning around the lives of the most entrenched individuals.

Essex Floating Support which is a county wide homeless prevention service working with families and individuals assisting them to live independently and to prevent episodes of homelessness.

Cllr D. Finch then left the meeting

064/2019 District Councillors report – Cllr W. Scattergood

In the absence of Cllr W. Scattergood, the Clerk read out her report

The Council has yet to hold a Council meeting so nothing to report on District items.

I would appreciate it if you could advise the Parish Councillors and public that I have asked for the application at Land West of Church Road to be heard at the planning meeting. This will give the PC the opportunity to attend and make their objections heard. It will also give members of the public a chance to speak. I allow 2 to speak in favour and two against. I know there is a lot of unrest about the application. I suggest that those in opposition to the application get together and select two speakers each will be allowed 3 minutes to speak.

When is the meeting? The Clerk to find out the planning date.

Cllr E. Penn would attend the planning meeting when advised.

A resident should also attend the meeting.

065/2019 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

Footpaths have been cut but not in Bulmer.

Coe's Meadow litter / rubbish picker has retired due to ill health.

As there have been parties on the field at Coe's Meadow could a gate be erected.

066/2019 Clerks Report

- a. Councillors to agree Parish meeting dates for 2020

20.01.20: 16.03.20: 20.04.20 Annual Electors meeting: 18.05.20: 20.07.20: 21.09.20: 16.11.20 (subject to VH being available)

Cllr A. Lyes proposed and Cllr M. Crome seconded the PC meeting dates for 2020. **All Agreed**

- b. Chris & Kevin contribution at Coe's Meadow – Plaque / Bench / Seat – Cllr R. Raymond

It was agreed to leave this item until the September meeting

- c. Village Green memorial – Cllr R. Raymond

Cllr A. Bott agreed to supply some gravel and clear the weeds of the village sign

- d. Winter Salt scheme 2019/20. Councillors to decide if BPC wishes to participate in the 2019/20 scheme

Cllr R. Raymond proposed not to participate in the 2019/20 scheme. Seconded by Cllr M. Crome.

All Agreed. But BPC to remain in scheme

e. Councillors to discuss the quotation to replace plywood and 3 signs on the noticeboard
Councillors agreed to just having the plywood replaced.
Cllr M. Crome proposed to have the 3 signs repaired at a cost of £300 +VAT. Cllr A. Lyes seconded. **All Agreed.**
Closure of "essexinfo.net" website as from March 2020
The Clerk to investigate a future website facility.

067/2019 Allotments

1) Update on - UK Power Networks Electricity Diversion Works - The work involves removing several spans of overhead electricity network and replacing it with underground cable, as well as a ground mounted substation which will replace the pole transformers. UKPN have identified a possible location for the substation on the land which would also include the removal of some low voltage overhead network.

Cllr M. Crome outlined the proposal of UK Power for the in substation.
An alternative site is being looked at but their first choice is on the junction of Church Road and Park Lane. It must be removed from where it is now as the landowner has to give permission to access the substation.
Cllr R. Raymond stated that this substation would not be sited well in the allotment area.
Cllr M. Crome proposed that UK power comes back with an alternative site?

2) Update on vacant Allotment plots
Troublesome Plot – Cllr M. Crome has met with the tenants and they removed items from the ditch and I am advised they have found a gate key, so will no longer be climbing the gate.

Un-Cultivated Plots

The plot holders have received a letter reminding them to cultivate their plot or terminate tenancy, 2 have now started to cultivate/prepare their plots. The other 2 have decided to terminate. I will continue to monitor. One plot has some tools in an old shed, they do not want them and I propose to offer them to volunteers who will be clearing this plot. And no-one wants them I will donate to a charity, unless Cllrs have alternative suggestions.

I am pleased to say that these 2 plots and all other plots have now been taken except for 1A, which is being considered by a current tenant.

Gate Post

The gate post that had become loose due to the gate being climbed has been made secure with thanks to Peter Fulcher, and we await wet weather to see if it remains secure. If not, a right-angle brace will have to be installed at a small cost.

Skip Request

A request for a skip was made by the tenant who has the plot next to the hedge of no. 1 Park Lane to clear the spoil removed after he cuts the hedge and trees under their agreement. BDC did offer to remove it at a cost, but the tenant has now disposed of the spoil themselves.

3) Update on Water pipe extension
New Water Pipe. The additional water stand-pipe cover has been ordered and the contractor hopes to have commenced installing the pipe within the few weeks.

068/2019 Coes Meadow –

1) Update to include issues and repairs required
A play inspection has been set for September '19

2) Coe's Meadow management. The same contractor cost was £60 in 2018. The contractor is happy to cut these two areas for the same cost as last year dependant on how much growth there is at the same time, he cuts the wildflower areas.

3) The setting up of a new Coes Meadow Management Committee.
Cllr A. Bott agreed to start setting up a Coes Meadow Management Committee. A gathering of a group of residents/Councillors to be arranged in the next few weeks.

069/2019 Planning Applications

19/00900/FUL - Land West Of Church Road Church Road Bulmer Essex
Construction of 7 dwellings
BPC Decision made at planning meeting on 17.06.19 – see minutes

19/00132/TPO - Polrudden Finch Hill Bulmer Essex CO10 7EX
Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 12/82 - Pollard an Oak tree and remove the trunk at a later stage
BPC Decision made at planning meeting on 17.06.19 – see minutes

19/01004/FUL - Land Adjacent To 1 Bulmer Tye Bulmer Essex
Proposed 2 no semi-detached dwellings
BPC Decision made at planning meeting on 17.06.19 – see minutes

070/2019 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

No decisions have been made by BDC affecting Bulmer

071/2019 Finance

- Bank balances as at 30th. June 2019 and 2019/20 budget account

Councillors noted the bank balances and budget for 2019/20

- Councillors to agree payment of June & July 2019 finances (previously circulated to Councillors)

Cllr A. Lyes proposed and Cllr R. Raymond seconded to authorise the June & July '19 payments. **All Agreed**

Chq No.	Invoice No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total
101489	June '19	Kevin B. Money - Clerk Salary	£ 288.65	£ -	£ 288.65
	July '19	Kevin B. Money - Clerk Salary	£ 288.45	£ -	£ 288.45
101490	June '19	HMRC - Tax on Salary	£ 67.60	£ -	£ 67.60
	July '19	HMRC - Tax on Salary	£ 67.80	£ -	£ 67.80
101491	639	JPB Landscapes - Grass cutting	£ 626.00	£ 125.20	£ 751.20
101492	9740	Top Marques Direct - Printing of Newsletter	£ 108.00	£ 21.60	£ 129.60
101493		Timpson - New keys for allotment holders	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00
		TOTAL:	£ 1,496.50	£ 146.80	£ 1,643.30

072/2019 Items for Next Agenda – 16th. September 2019

UK Power substation update

Chris & Kevin contribution at Coe's Meadow – Plaque / Bench / Seat – Cllr R. Raymond

Village Green memorial – Cllr R. Raymond - Village green memorial needs a little TLC

Village Green trees

Closure of "essexinfo.net" website – Cllr A. Bott

Date of Next Full Council meeting

16.09.19: 18.11.19

2020: 20.01.20: 16.03.20: 20.04.20 Annual Electors meeting: 18.05.20: 20.07.20: 21.09.20: 16.11.20 (subject to VH being available)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm and thanked everyone for attending.

**Draft Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Full Council meeting held on
Monday 16th. September 2019 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.45pm**

Present: Cllr R. Raymond (Chairman), Cllr A. Lyes, Cllr M. Crome, Cllr E. Penn, Cllr A. Bott and Kevin B. Money (Clerk). Also, present was and 6 members of the Public

073/2019 Chairman Welcome**074/2019 Apologies for Absence – ECC Cllr D. Finch & BDC Cllr W. Scattergood****075/2019 Declaration of Interest**

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda

No Councillor declared any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda

076/2019 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 15th. July 2019

To receive and agree the minutes of the last Planning meeting held on 27th. August 2019

Cllr A. Lyes proposed and Cllr M. Crome seconded that both sets of minutes are a true and accurate record of the meetings. **All Agreed**

077/2019 Public Participation Session

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present.

Coe's Meadow refuse bins and emptying them. The rubbish sacks were placed outside Coe's Meadow entrance. A sign was requested to be placed on top of the rubbish bins stating "no dog rubbish to be placed in this bin"

Cllr A. Bott to research the purchase of these 4 signs. Cllr R. Raymond proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded to authorise the purchase of these signs. **All Agreed.**

Neighbourhood Watch is still up and running with 12 volunteers. At the AGM of the BDC Neighbourhood Watch meeting. A request for a one-off Donation payment of £50. This was proposed by Cllr M. Crome and seconded by Cllr A. Bott. **All Agreed.**

Cllr R. Raymond proposed to have 2 bins at Coe's Meadow repaired. Cllr M. Crome seconded. **All Agreed**

078/2019 Essex County Councillors report – Cllr D. Finch

No report was given but Cllr D. Finch supplied the Summer Edition update. This can be found on the Parish Council website at https://www.essexinfo.net/bulmer/content-centre/item/one?item_id=21254354#itemform

079/2019 District Councillors report – Cllr W. Scattergood

No report was given

080/2019 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

The grass triangle at Hedingham Road needs cutting.

081/2019 Clerks Report

- f. Chris & Kevin contribution at Coe's Meadow – Plaque / Bench / Seat – Cllr R. Raymond
2 quotation to be obtained and to be discussed at the November '19 meeting
- g. Village Green memorial – Cllr R. Raymond
Cllr A. Bott has tidied up the memorial. It is an ongoing maintenance. To finish the maintenance the shutters needs replacing.
- h. Closure of BT telephone box on Park Lane
Cllr A. Lyes proposed that the Clerk sends the letter to BDC. Cllr A. Bott seconded. **All Agreed.**
- i. To appoint new Internal Auditor for 2019/20.
Cllr A. Bott proposed to accept the new Internal Auditor. Cllr R. Raymond seconded. **All Agreed**
- j. Update of Bulmer Emergency Plan. Councillors thanked Cllr M. Crome for updating the Emergency Plan. The Clerk informed the meeting that this plan is now with BDC.

082/2019 Allotments - Update on Allotment plots and equipment – Cllr M. Crome

The tenant of plot 2 has now had the tenancy for over a year and still has no part of it under cultivation despite being written too reminding him of his commitment. He is now is moving house this month and I have asked him if he is to terminate his tenancy. He wishes to continue and says he anticipates being on top of it by Christmas, is this acceptable? The rents are due to be invoiced this month, should we remind him again?

I do have a potential new tenant on the waiting list.

The water extension standpipe has now been installed and is working well. Both standpipes are now without locks due to the malfunctioning lock reported earlier.

The lock was originally necessary when there was not a fence and locked gates.

Do we now;

- purchase two new locks and replace all tenants' keys, all tenants have water keys
- purchase two-barrel locks and refund water deposits when issuing this year's rent invoices
- leave them unlocked and refund deposits and all tenants charged a proportion of the water usage.

With regards to the issue of the hedge between plots 1 and 1a and 1 Park Lane, are we able to establish ownership of the hedge, and do we wish to talk to the owner of 1 Park lane before asking a contractor to cut the hedge.

Annual rents are due to be issued at the end of September, to those tenants who now have had the plot for more than a year together with a discount of £10 refund proportion of the water usage. The latest list of tenants is included with this report. Garden a grazing rent are also due.

083/2019 UK Power Networks Electricity Diversion Works – Update from Cllr M. Crome

UK power are considering alternative sites for the electricity box.

084/2019 County Broadband – Update on works starting in the area

A circular from County Broadband has been circulated to all residents.

Cllr M. Crome to draft a letter to County Broadband asking for clarification on the siting of poles or underground cables etc.

085/2019 Planning Applications

19/01516/FUL - Land South Of Hedingham Road Bulmer Essex

Proposed agricultural building

BPC Decision: **REFUSE** this application

The proposed building is not necessary to support agriculture nor an existing commercial operation which requires a countryside location and which contributes to the rural economy and thus represents an inappropriate form of development in this location and an unjustified intrusion in to the countryside of harm to the amenity afforded to the countryside location.

The proposal is therefore contrary to the NPPF, Policy RLP2 of the Braintree District Local Plan Review 2005 and Policy CS5 of the Braintree District Core Strategy

The previous rejection of "18/00210/FUL" was appealed by the proposer and the appeal was rejected against 12 separate reasons, too many to list here so the Parish Council would like to propose that they paraphrase all the reasons presented in document "appeal Decisions" - see link https://publicaccess.braintree.gov.uk/online-applications/files/E823AEF4AB10848430DDF379858AB79B/pdf/18_00210_FUL--1550068.pdf

The Parish Council would like to draw specific attention to the clause 7 in the appeal rejection letter linked above which reads
The proposed building and access route would result in a substantial built form within the countryside. Regardless of the materials proposed, the introduction of the building and access providing a use which would not to be appropriate to the countryside would introduce a more developed nature to this currently open site. This would be harmful to the open countryside character of the site, failing to protect and enhance the area's landscape character."

The previous and replacement planning statements describe the building as either, "steel framed and to be clad in timber on the walls with a fibre cement roof" or "steel framed and to be clad in profiled tin on both the roof and walls" – Neither of these statements go any way to alleviating the original planning concerns, and seem totally out of style with the rest of the area.

The access to the site is already dangerous and on a tight bend which is considered an accident blackspot, the slow turning of farm machinery and other large vehicles into this space coupled with the necessary modifications to the access to accommodate such vehicles all present serious safety concerns to other road users. These issues were also raised in the original rejection of the previous application for this development and the Parish Council see no provision for improvement between then and now.

The Parish Council also supports the objection letter from Peter and Elizabeth Fulcher.

086/2019 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

No decisions have been made affecting Bulmer

087/2019 Finance

- Bank balances as at 30th. August 2019 and 2019/20 budget account
- Councillors noted the Bank Balances and the Budget against Actuals account
- Councillors to agree payment of August & September 2019 finances (previously circulated to Councillors)
- Cllr Raymond proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded to authorise the August and September '19 payments. **All Agreed**

088/2019 Items for Next Agenda – 18th. November 2019

Village Green

Chris & Kevin contribution at Coe's Meadow – Plaque / Bench / Seat – Quotation

Councillors to agree the quotation to replace plywood and 3 signs on the noticeboard

Find in minutes - Garden Allotment 3 year lease

Full discussion on Coe's Meadow – Cllr A. Bott

Discussion of 75 years to the end of WW2

Essexinfo.net update

Discussions/decisions outside the meeting

Planning Councillor/sub. Committee – Cllr A. Bott

Date of Next Full Council meeting - 18.11.19:

2020: 20.01.20: 16.03.20: 20.04.20 Annual Electors meeting: 18.05.20 PC AGM: 20.07.20: 21.09.20: 16.11.20

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm and thanked everyone for attending.

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