



What's Going On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - September 2024

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

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Your newsletter now has a new editor, or shall I say an 'old one' as I have agreed to re-take on the role as I do not wish to see the village not have a vital form of communication, as I know many readers to not use internet and social media. I am and will always be looking out for someone else a bit younger to take on this important job at no cost to you, other than time and enthusiasm. If anyone is wishing to find out more, you can contact me (Mike) at 01787 378155 or bulmerwgo@gmail.com.

Braintree District Council in preparing its Local Plan for 2033-2041 has called for sites for potential new housing in the district of BDC including Bulmer. These sites are yet to be discussed and agreed as being suitable by BDC. Before then Bulmer Parish Council has had the opportunity to provide BDC comments about each site.

Following a "Village Meeting" on the 12th August, afterwards there was a Parish Council meeting to discuss these proposals and gather comments for submission to BDC. Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting can be viewed below.

You can view maps of the location of each site here at

<https://e-voice.org.uk/bulmervillage/parish-council/local-plan-2033-4/>

All comments of Parish Council and residents will be considered by the BDC in preparing the draft Local Plan document ahead of further wider public consultation with residents, businesses and communities later this year and in 2025.

DRAFT Minutes of the Extraordinary Bulmer Parish Council meeting held at Bulmer Village Hall on Monday 12th August 2024 at 19:30.

Present: Cllrs P Paxton, J Morris, A Crawshay, R Raymond

In the Chair: Cllr R Raymond

Also in attendance: Cllr D Holland and 10 Member of the public (MOPs)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr R Burke, D Burke and S Rowe.
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: item 6 agenda Cllr R Burke, D Burke and S Rowe did not attend the meeting due to Pecuniary interests.
3. Public Question: 15 minutes time allowed for this time:
 - Mike Crome asked the council who was taking the minutes, Cllrs R Raymond explained that Bethan Paxton had volunteered to take the minutes.
4. Cllr R Raymond welcomed Cllr J Morris as a parish councillor.

5. CClr D Holland explained the planning process for Braintree District Council in preparation for Local Plan 2041 "Call for sites" to the public.

6. a) Planning Applications: Member of the parish council to review and approve comments to be submitted to Braintree District Council.

Application Number	Address	Request	Council Decision
BULM2055	Land Adjacent to Griggs Farm, Bulmer Street, Bulmer	Self and Custom Build	A house has already got planning at the front of the proposed area and there is a listed building next door therefore no access will be available, and it would be subject to backland development. This site as all others is subject to sustainability issues as the village is classified as tier 3.
BULM2056	The Bungalow, Bulmer Tye	Housing	The proposed site is directly off the A131 and is a known accident blackspot. Historically the site has planning applications declined for a house. The proposed site is currently listed as a 'Brown Site'.
BULM2057	Land at The Old Piggeries, Hedingham Road, Bulmer Tye	Self and Custom Build	The proposed land is outside the buildup area and so does not constitute as infill development and actively serves as 'countryside' The site is majorly outside the 'Village Envelope for development' This site has sustainability issues as there is no footpath and would require the use of a motor vehicle to access facilities.
BULM2058	Land North of Ranworth, Church Road, Bulmer	Housing & Self & Custom Build	Sustainability issues include no footpath for access to the school and other facilities require the use of a motor vehicle. Historically, planning applications have been declined for housing development (no significant changes to the site have occurred since the last rejection) Building on this site would defer amenities of the church and surrounding areas by removing a visually appealing landscape.
BULM2059	Land Adjacent to Ryes Lane, Bulmer Tye	Housing	This site has sustainability issues as facilities would require the use of a motor vehicle as there is no regular bus service, the footpath to Sudbury stops halfway down Ballingdon hill and would require crossing the A131 road
BULM2060	Land North West of Beggars End, Finch Hill, Bulmer	Housing, Self & Custom Build & Affordable Housing	Finch Hill is a hamlet, this proposed site would mean that it would no longer be a hamlet. This site would constitute as ribbon development. The site also falls under the umbrella of 'countryside'. Sustainability issues include no access to facilities without the use of a motor vehicle. The proposed site is also outside the 'build up area' and village envelope.
BULM2061	Land West of Thorncroft, 22 Batt Hall, Kitchen Hill, Bulmer	Housing, Self & Custom Build & Affordable Housing	Kitchen Hill is a hamlet, this proposed site would mean that it would no longer be a hamlet. This site would constitute as ribbon development. The site is also falls under the umbrella of 'countryside'. Sustainability issues include no access to facilities without the use of a motor vehicle.

			The proposed site is also outside the 'build up area' and village envelope.
BULM2062	Land Adjacent Kitchen Hill, Bulmer	Housing, Self & Custom Build & Affordable Housing	The site is also falls under the umbrella of 'countryside'. The proposed site is outside the 'build up area' and village envelope. This site would be a detriment to the village as one of the main characteristics of the village is that is divided into two main parts on the village and with small clusters of houses dotted around the 'countryside'. This site would join Bulmer with Sudbury Suffolk together and so cause a loss of identify for the village. It is also one of the furthest points away from the village school and there is not a safe active route to the school from this part of the village without the use of a motorised vehicle. Potential access to this site would either be from kitchen hill in which vehicles speed on or from Sandy Lane which is a single-track road.
BULM2063	Land East of Church Road, Bulmer	Housing, Self & Custom Build & Affordable Housing	Sustainability issues include no footpath for access to the school and other facilities require the use of a motor vehicle. This site is situated on a busy junction with limited visibility and vehicles approach the junction at speed. The site would be ribbon development and is outside on the village envelop.
BULM2064	Land East of Smeetham Hall Lane, Bulmer	Housing, Self & Custom Build & Affordable Housing	The development site is outside of the village envelop and would be ribbon development. The road is also single lane road with only a few passing areas. There is no footpath for safe and active travel. Sustainability issues include no access to facilities without the use of a motor vehicle.
BULM2065	Land West of Smeetham Hall Lane, Bulmer	Housing, Self & Custom Build & Affordable Housing	The development site is outside of the village envelop and would be ribbon development. The road is also single lane road with only a few passing areas. There is no footpath for safe and active travel. Sustainability issues include no access to facilities without the use of a motor vehicle.
BULM2066	Land South of Bulmer Street, Bulmer	Housing, Self & Custom Build & Affordable Housing	The proposed site is outside the 'build up area', falling under the umbrella of 'countryside' and is outside of the village envelope. The development would be ribbon development. The road is also single lane road with only a few passing areas. There is no footpath for safe and active travel. Sustainability issues include no access to facilities without the use of a motor vehicle.
BULM2067	Land West of Church Road, Bulmer	Housing, Self & Custom Build & Affordable Housing	This development site is outside of the village envelop and would be ribbon development. There is no footpath for safe and active travel. Sustainability issues include no access to facilities without the use of a motor vehicle. This site would be a detriment to the village as one of the main characteristics of the village is that it is divided into two main parts with small clusters. This would join the two parts of the village together.
BULM2068	Land North of Hillcrest,	Housing, Self & Custom Build &	This development site is outside of the village envelop and would be ribbon development.

	Church Road, Bulmer	Affordable Housing	There is no footpath for safe and active travel. Sustainability issues include no access to facilities without the use of a motor vehicle. This site would be a detriment to the village as one of the main characteristics of the village is that it is divided into two main parts with small clusters. This would join the two parts of the village together.
BULM2069	Land North of Flint Cottage, Church Road, Bulmer	Housing, Self & Custom Build & Affordable Housing	This development site is outside of the village envelop and would be ribbon development. Sustainability issues include no access to facilities without the use of a motor vehicle.

b) Planning Application summary

The council concluded that:

All proposed sites have sustainability issues due to the tier 3 status of Bulmer Village and would have a cultural and environmental impact on the local area. Plot BULM2055 was seen to have the least areas for objection but is unsuitable due to current accepted planning for a property at the front of the proposed area causing a backland development situation if it was to go ahead.

Many of the proposed sites were seen to act in contrary to the national planning framework which states ‘the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes.

Majority of the sites proposed fall outside the village envelope and fall under the category of ‘Countryside’ which development is limited to protect natural beauty.

Many of the sites put forward have previously been denied planning permission, to our knowledge, these sites have not changed in any which way since the last planning permission was denied.

Date of next Ordinary meeting on Monday 16th September 2024 at Bulmer Village Hall
Meeting closed at 21:00

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(Parish Clerk Vacancy)

DATES OF FUTURE PARISH MEETINGS

All meetings are bi-monthly, normally held on the third Monday of the **month in the Village Hall at 7:15pm**

24 th September	18 th November
20 th January 2025	17 th March 2025

All residents are welcome to attend and there is a 15 minute slot for questions from the floor, however in order to receive a response notification of any question should be given the Clerk at least 7 days before the meeting.

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lottery. You are all valuable to us.

## **Village Hall News.**

Unfortunately, we now have to turn our thoughts to the Autumn after a very disappointing summer. Two elections did somewhat disturb our plans for the summer and lack of enthusiasm and a very wet few months our plans for a Summer Fete were put on hold. There seemed to be an air of despondency around the Village which on investigation was repeated in many Villages. Perhaps it was the uncertainty of any general election outcome, the weather and most people's worry for the future. Therefore we must put things right and plan for better times.

We will be holding a coffee morning on **21st September** which will include other tables of interest around the Hall. Doors will open at 10.30 and will finish at 12.30. We are also planning a Christmas themed Coffee morning later in the year along with the much requested Quiz Night. Watch out for notices about these.

The object of holding these events is of course to raise money towards the care and maintenance of the Village Hall. It does cost to keep the Hall open and in good repair and we are all reluctant to raise hiring costs especially to our residents. May we ask you to support our events to help us keep a much needed asset something to be proud of.

At a recent talk given by East Anglian Air Ambulance we were made aware that they will come along and give CPR and Defibrillator training to a small group in the Village Hall. We understood it would probably be a maximum of 25 people. However if there was enough interest we are willing to hold this event in the New Year.

Just as an indicator to ascertain whether we should pursue this could you ring Maggie on 374758 to show your interest. Now for the begging bit! Is there anyone in the Village public spirited enough to volunteer to help out with small pieces of maintenance, mainly weeding around the building, cutting back a few bushes etc.

This would only be for a few times a year. This had been done for years by Alan Dixey but ill health has forced him to retire. We would like to thank him for all his help over the years. Of course there are always odd bits of repair work that needs doing, just odds and ends so it would be nice if we could have a handy man that we could call on. We are planning on a **"late " Spring clean on 14th September**, washing outside paintwork , wiping out cupboards etc etc. If any one has a spare hour and a pair of Marigolds please come along to help from 10 o'clock. Refreshments will be provided. We do thank you all for your support over years both at events.

## **Bulmer Skylarks**

We continue to meet on 4th Tuesday of each month and have recently welcomed new members. Not only is our club a place to meet, have a chat ( there is plenty of that !!!) and enjoy a cup of tea and cake ( plenty of that too) but we do have a very diverse range of speakers. Our speaker in May was Jacky Frogatt, a magistrate, who came along and gave us a test case to discuss. She was on hand to guide us through the case and answered the many questions that were asked. She explained the sentences that could be given for the crime and then it was our turn to make a decision. As this was done in groups we found we were all of the same opinion, guilty with maximum penalty. Perhaps it's just as well we don't sit in court or our prisons would be overflowing!

We held our Summer Party in June with David Caulfield as the entertainer. David was a semi professional musician in the 60's and 70's so he entertained us with stories about his life on the road and interspersed this with songs of the era. He had everyone singing along with him as we could all remember the words. We had a fascinating visit from a representative from East Anglian Air Ambulance in July. We are so lucky that

we have such a service that we might need but sincerely hope we won't. Please if you have the opportunity at any time to support them please do. We have had many speakers this year from various charities who gave up their precious time to come and speak to us. We are so pleased to report that our members have been very generous at these talks and we have donated to St Andrews Church, McMillan, Riding for the disabled, Lads need Dads, EACH and East Anglian Air Ambulance. Well done to all our members.

To see us up to Christmas (oh no!) we will be holding our AGM on **24th September** followed by a quiz which is always a noisy affair. On **22nd October** Anne Grimshaw will be speaking on the rise of Sudbury Library. We will be welcoming Kim Smith on **26th November** who will have a few interesting stories of her life in print. Our last meeting of the year will be on **10th December** when Lucy Lewis will be with us. Lucy was the first female bomb disposal officer in the British Army. So please come and join us at our meetings, you will always be made most welcome

**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.

| Month | First        | Second               | Third             |
|-------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| June  | Mrs J Steed  | Ms C Allen           | Mr S Carpenter    |
| July  | Mr E. Nevard | Mrs J. Briggs        | Mrs D. Vicos      |
| Aug.  | Mr M Crome   | Sue & Nicola Boreham | Mr & Mrs P Cooper |

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St. Andrew's Church Bulmer

Our **Harvest Festival** will be held on **Sunday 8th September at 11.15am.** Our Team Vicar Rev. Claire Wilkinson will lead the service. Please come and join us to celebrate a successful harvest when all the grain is gathered in. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Café Worship

A new type of service has been introduced on the 4th Sunday of the month at 10.30am. at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome to this Café style worship. It is an informal service sitting around tables and people may help themselves to coffee/tea and pastries throughout the service. The service is led by either Rev. Gill our Team Rector or Rev. Claire Wilkinson our Team Vicar. So why not come along at the end of **September (22nd)** to meet and chat.

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**BULMER DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP UPDATE**

A new major feature has being added to the site [www.bulmerhistory.co.uk](http://www.bulmerhistory.co.uk) to enable relatives to find their ancestors grave in Bulmer Churchyard.

This work has been carried out with assistance of Allen Burbidge who came up with the idea of adding links from each headstone to "What 3 Words" website. This now means by searching using the deceased's surname giving with one click, you will be directed to within 3 metres of the headstone.

You will see the link by each deceased **W3W**

Currently this applies to the "old" churchyard, The same facility will be added to the current churchyard during the winter.

Another addition to the site is a video taken by "Pathé News" on the opening day of St. Andrew's School, all and much

more can be found at  
[www.bulmerhistory.co.uk](http://www.bulmerhistory.co.uk)

Our next meeting is to be on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm**, our speaker will be May Berkouwer, her talk is entitled as "Before there was silk, there was wool" May is a textile conservator, and will talk about the wool towns in the area and the history and technology of the medieval wool industry long before the transition to silk. Entrance is as always free, but please by a raffle ticket.

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Bulmer Village Community

At the village meeting held on 12th August, residents commented they do not use Facebook and some felt they had missed out on information and conversations, however they use WhatsApp instead.

As a result a What'sApp community group has been set up to share information that is also on Facebook, enabling people to highlight issues around the village such as over grown footpaths and dirty signs to promote a swift response and hopefully a resolution by the community coming together to create a village that we are all proud of.

If you are interested in joining the group, please either use the link below or QR code to join the Bulmer Community.

LOST on a public footpath around Bulmer on 23rd August my very precious diamond engagement ring. If anyone should be lucky enough to find it I am happy to give a £500 reward. Tel Jude Johnson on 07703 353259. Thank you.

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

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EjWJHF4yfD4CV8jdxIf1cE>

Bulmer Village Community
WhatsApp group



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 th September	Harvest Festival
14 th September	Late spring clean of V. Hall
21 st September	Village Coffee morning & stalls
22 nd September	Café Worship
24 th September	Skylarks AGM & Quiz
24 th September	Parish Council Meeting
5 th October	Cut-off date Oil orders
18 th October	Bulmer History–All about wool
22 nd October	Skylarks, Rise of Sudbury Library
2 nd November	Cut-off date for Oil orders
18 th November	Parish Council Meeting
30 th November	Cut-off date for Oil orders
10 th December	Skylarks, Female Bomb Disposal Officer

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- to go shopping
- attend a health appointment
- get to/from work, school or college
- visit friends

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How do I book a journey?

Telephone Essex and Suffolk DaRT on 01621 874411 and explain:

- Where you would like to go
- Where you would like to be collected from
- What time you need to go (please give at least 2 hours notice before travelling)

Essex and Suffolk DaRT will also need to know:

- Your name
- Your telephone number
- Any specific requirements, such as if you are a wheelchair user or if you have difficulty walking

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Remember to be ready when you are due to be collected.

How much will it cost?

Distance	Adult (age 16 or over)		Child (age 5 to age 15 inclusive)	
	Single	Return	Single	Return
Less than 2 miles	£2.50	£3.50	£1.50	£2.00
Between 2 and 5 miles	£4.50	£6.50	£2.50	£3.50
More than 5 miles	£5.50	£8.00	£3.00	£4.50

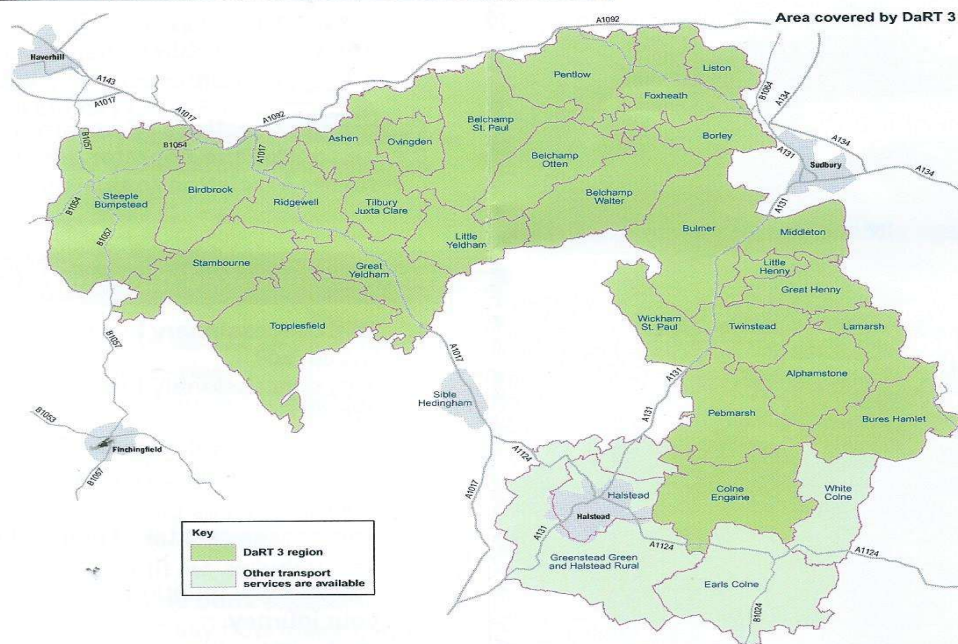
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Birdbrook	Borley	Bulmer	Bures Hamlet	Colne Engaine
Earls Colne	Foxearth	Great Henny	Great Yeldham	Greenstead Green
Halstead Town	Lamarsh	Liston	Little Henny	Little Yeldham
Middleton	Ovington	Pebmarsh	Pentlow	Ridgewell
Stambourne	Steeple Bumpstead		Tilbury Juxta Clare	Toppesfield
Twinstead	Wickham St. Paul	White Colne		



Where can I travel?

DaRT 3 – passengers can travel to and from anywhere within the parishes shown on the map, between these parishes, and also direct to Sudbury, Halstead and Haverhill town centres, Sudbury train station and health facilities in Clare and Sible Hedingham and Community Hospitals in Sudbury and Halstead.