

MOUNT BURES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th. July 2026 at 7.30pm in Mount Bures Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs I. Woodman (Chair), F. Willett (Vice-Chair), H. Bufton, M. Graham and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were 5 members of the public present.

050/2026 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC S. Naylor and CCC Cllr W. Sunnucks

051/2026 Declaration of Members interests

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda
None declared

052/2026 To approve the minutes of the last meeting of Mount Bures Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last MBPC meetings held on 12th. May 2026 **All Agreed**

053/2026 Essex County Councillor report – Cllr S. Naylor No report was given

054/2026 County Councillors report – Cllr W. Sunnucks No report was given

055/2026 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

No questions were asked. Planning issues were discussed under agenda item 057.

056/2026 Footpath Officer – update from Jody Cordell.

Mr Cordell has now started cutting footpaths for the Parish which he will be able to do on an occasional basis throughout the year. If residents notice any paths that are getting badly overgrown please contact the Clerk.

057/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

261076 - The Old House Craigs Lane Mount Bures

Demolition of conservatory structure. Erection of rear and side single storey extensions. Internal remodelling. Conversion of garage ground floor to ancillary guest accommodation with photovoltaic panels to roof and associated external materials/fenestration changes. New build cartlodge with ancillary room above as room in roof accommodation. Relocation of oil tank. Associated landscaping and drainage.

The applicant spoke briefly about his application and some local residents spoke about their concerns including over the placing of solar panels affecting a nearby house and the proposed scale and siting of the proposed cartlodge close to a neighbouring boundary and house. In discussion, the applicant made clear that he was willing to consider reducing the height of the proposed cartlodge.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed that it would comment on the proposed application raising the issue of the scale of the proposed cartlodge in close proximity to a listed building and noting the concerns over the placing of solar panels which it hoped could be resolved in discussion between neighbours.

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RESOLVED: As above.

058/2026 Colchester Local Plan, Braintree Local Plan and Bures Neighbourhood Plan – update

It was understood that BDC are having closed door discussions regarding the BDC local plan which is expected to go to the Braintree Planning Committee in September prior to a further round (Section 19) of public consultation.

The Examiner's report on the draft Bures Neighbourhood Plan was finally issued at the end of June. The examiner concluded that Mount Bures' request for the inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan of the small area of our village green that lies in Bures Hamlet as Local Green Space could not be taken forward as Mount Bures

was not part of the consultative process for the Neighbourhood Plan. Mount Bures Parish Council has now written to Braintree District Council noting that the advice that the Parish Council had received from Braintree District that designation of the green as Local Green Space should be taken forward as part of the Bures Neighbourhood Plan was obviously incorrect and again requesting that this land be included as Local Green Space in the Braintree Local Plan, mirroring its inclusion in the draft Colchester City Local Plan. The Parish Council understands this is being considered as part of the continuing Braintree District Plan process.

059/2026 Planning Decision/s made by CCC affecting Mount Bures

260610 - Bells Hill House Bells Hill Mount Bures CO8 5BA

Part two storey, part single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration and internal floor plan. Removal of covered link between dwelling and outbuilding. Alterations to car parking area and driveway. Removal of existing chimneys and addition of new twin wall metal flue. Addition of brick plinth. Replacement of existing roof tiles. Change to style of windows and addition of cast stone sub-sills.

Approve with Conditions

060/2026 Finance

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 30th. June 2026

Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 30th. June 2026

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2026/2027

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2026/2027

c) To approve payments for June & July '26 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements **All Agreed**

061/2026 Councillors to receive update on changing to .gov.uk email and website addresses

The Clerk informed the meeting of the update on the new .gov.uk emails

062/2026 Information Exchange

It was noted that some refuse collections in Mount Bures had been very sporadic. The Council raise this with CCC Cllr W. Sunnucks

063/2026 Items for next agenda

Refuse collections: Pot holes:

064/2026 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 8th. September 2026 at 7.30pm

065/2026 Councillors confirmed the date meetings in 2026. 10.11.26 (Budget meeting)

066/2026 Closure of the meeting

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.20pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

Ian Woodman - Chair

8th. September 2026