

MOUNT BURES PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend the forthcoming meeting of Mount Bures Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 10th. March 2026 at 7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

KBMoney - Kevin B. Money Parish Clerk / RFO to the Council – CiLCA – 4th. March 2026

AGENDA

016/2026 Apologies for Absence

017/2026 Declaration of Members interests

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda

018/2026 To approve the minutes of the last meetings of Mount Bures Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last MBPC meetings held on 13th. January 2026

019/2026 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

020/2026 Visitors Report

021/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

252757 - Orchard Lodge Dowling Road Mount Bures CO8 5AY

Retrospective permission for log storage barn and open air storage compound for the storage of wood and equipment associated with an existing tree surgery and firewood business

With CCC planning time constraints the Parish Council submitted the planning response below on 29th. January '26

Mount Bures Parish Council notes that barn and open storage area at Orchard Lodge, for which this retrospective application for planning permission is now being made, represent a significant expansion in the scale of the commercial tree surgery business carried out at Orchard Lodge and that Orchard Lodge itself lies within a rural setting, close to several residential properties. The Council also notes that the increase in scale of the business in the last few years has inevitably resulted in increased noise and disturbance and some loss of amenity for neighbours and other countryside users, regardless of where on the overall site particular activities, such as processing, are carried out. The Council therefore believes that careful consideration needs to be given to whether the size of the business is now such that it should be relocated to a more appropriate commercial setting or, if retrospective permission is to be granted for this site, to the imposition of appropriate restrictions on hours of operations, noise levels and vehicle movements.

260097 - 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

Due to CCC planning time constraints the following response was sent to CCC on 13th. February 2026

The Parish Council has no objection to the extension of this property but is concerned that the proposed design could appear overly imposing and out of character given its location in a prominent and very visible position in an agricultural landscape. The Council therefore suggests that consideration should be given to changes better to reflect the architecture of the other agricultural and rural buildings located in the area.

022/2026 Planning Decision/s made by CCC affecting Mount Bures

023/2026 Bures Hamlet Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan Reviews

024/2026 Finance

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 28th. February 2026

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2025/26

c) To approve payments for February & March '26 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements

025/2026 Information Exchange

a) Craigs Lane Car park agreement

b) New IT policy to be in line with Assertion 10

026/2026 Items for next agenda

- 1) Additional date for discussion on Braintree Local Plan

027/2026 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 12th. May 2026 at 7.30pm which is the Annual Electors meeting followed immediately by MBPC AGM and Council meeting

028/2026 2026 meeting dates: 14.07.26: 08.09.26: 10.11.26

029/2026 Closure of the meeting

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

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th. January 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 was 1 member of the public present.

001/2026 Apologies for Absence were received from CCC Cllr W. Sunnucks

002/2026 Declaration of Members interests

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

003/2026 To approve the minutes of the last meetings of Mount Bures Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last MBPC meetings held on 11th. November 2025 **All Agreed**

004/2026 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) No questions were asked

005/2026 Visitors Report

- a) Crossing cottage. Cllr W. Sunnucks had kindly asked one of the Chappel & Wakes Colne Station adopters if they could use their contacts within Network Rail to get some action taken over the dilapidated state of this building. The response from Network Rail is below:

We are aware of the issues with the property and Arch Co has committed to progressing works including the replacement of the dilapidated roof.

Due to the proximity to overhead line equipment, we will deliver the works on behalf of Arch Co. This is a priority project for Arch Co although I can't yet confirm when works will start. We are currently working through the approvals process and as soon as I have a date and programme of works, I'd be happy to update you.

Cllr W. Sunnucks local plan report was circulated to Councillors. This highlighted how infrastructure to support develop was still a problem in the area. Mount Bures Councillors agreed there was no need with the Parish to comment to the CCC local plan.

006/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

252604 - Bluebell Farm Peartree Hill Mount Bures CO8 5BA

3no. agricultural buildings for the keeping of livestock and storage of agricultural equipment and produce

RESOLVED: Mount Bures Parish Council has no comment to make on this application

007/2026 Planning Decision/s made by CCC affecting Mount Bures

No planning decisions have been made by CCC affecting Mount Bures

008/2026 Bures Hamlet Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan Reviews

It is expected that the Braintree local plan consultation would be issued early in the New Year (February '26).

There up been no further developments on the Bures Neighbourhood Plan on which the Council commented in November.

009/2026 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank balances as at 31st. December 2025

Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31st. December 2025

- b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2025/26

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2025/26

- c) To approve payments for December '25 and January '26 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the

Parish Council financial requirements **All Agreed**

010/2026 2026-2027 Budget – Councillors to finalise the draft 2026-2027 budget

Cllr M. Graham proposed a 2026-2027 expenditure of £4461. Resulting in a Precept demand from CCC of £3684. Using CCC Tax Base figure of 114.12 resulted in a Band D property cost of £32.28p. An increase of 79p pa or 2.52%. Cllr F. Willett seconded. **All Agreed**

011/2026 Information Exchange

- a) There had been complaints about vehicles using the old ammunition tracks at the top of Craigs Lane which are bridleways not byways. These tracks lie in Bures Hamlet but are used by Mount Bures locals. It was understood that local residents had complained to Bures Hamlet Parish Council. Councillors noted this complaint
- b) The car park behind the village hall. The Council had budgeted for an annual payment of £50 for the use of this land as a village car park, the cost to be partially offset by a contribution from the Village Hall.
- c) The Council thanked Mr Gould for providing the electricity for the Christmas decorations.
- d) Cllr I. Woodman had attended a training course on "Open spaces" organised by EALC and delivered by the Open Spaces Society which provides advice on managing Local Green Space. Councillors agreed that the Council should take up membership at a cost of £45 p.a.

012/2026 Items for next agenda

Footpath maintenance officer.

013/2026 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 10th. March 2026 at 7.30pm

014/2026 2026 meeting dates: 12.05.26: 14.07.26: 08.09.26: 10.11.26

015/2026 Closure of the meeting

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.25pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

**Ian Woodman
Chair**

10th. March 2026

BANK RECONCILIATION				
Financial year ending 31.03.26				
Bank Balance as at	30.04.25	31.05.25	30.06.25	31.07.25
Unity Trust Bank - Current a/c	£ 5,880.40	£ 5,349.28	£ 5,343.28	£ 550.78
Unity Trust Bank - EMR a/c	£ 4,788.77	£ 4,788.77	£ 4,816.78	£ 7,966.79
Total:	£ 10,669.17	£ 10,138.05	£ 10,160.06	£ 8,517.57
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Net Bank Balances as at	£ 10,669.17	£ 10,138.05	£ 10,160.06	£ 8,517.57
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.25	£ 8,647.17	£ 8,647.17	£ 8,647.17	£ 8,647.17
Plus Receipts	£ 2,067.00	£ 2,067.00	£ 2,095.01	£ 2,245.01
Total	£ 10,714.17	£ 10,714.17	£ 10,742.18	£ 10,892.18
Less Payments	£ 45.00	£ 576.12	£ 582.12	£ 2,374.61
Grand Total	£ 10,669.17	£ 10,138.05	£ 10,160.06	£ 8,517.57
Difference	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bank Balance as at	31.08.25	30.09.25	31.10.25	30.11.25
Unity Trust Bank - Current a/c	£ 1,044.78	£ 94.49	£ 88.49	£ 155.49
Unity Trust Bank - EMR a/c	£ 8,016.79	£ 10,564.37	£ 10,564.37	£ 10,064.37
Total:	£ 9,061.57	£ 10,658.86	£ 10,652.86	£ 10,219.86
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Net Bank Balances as at	£ 9,061.57	£ 10,658.86	£ 10,652.86	£ 10,219.86
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.25	£ 8,647.17	£ 8,647.17	£ 8,647.17	£ 8,647.17
Plus Receipts	£ 2,795.01	£ 5,059.59	£ 5,059.59	£ 5,059.59
Total	£ 11,442.18	£ 13,706.76	£ 13,706.76	£ 13,706.76
Less Payments	£ 2,380.61	£ 3,047.90	£ 3,053.90	£ 3,486.90
Grand Total	£ 9,061.57	£ 10,658.86	£ 10,652.86	£ 10,219.86
Difference	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bank Balance as at	31.12.25	31.01.26	28.02.26	
Unity Trust Bank - EMR a/c	£ 149.49	£ 115.61	£ 109.61	
Unity Trust Bank - Current a/c	£ 10,120.94	£ 9,620.94	£ 9,620.94	
Total:	£ 10,270.43	£ 9,736.55	£ 9,730.55	
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Net Bank Balances as at	£ 10,270.43	£ 9,736.55	£ 9,730.55	
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.25	£ 8,647.17	£ 8,647.17	£ 8,647.17	
Plus Receipts	£ 5,116.16	£ 5,116.16	£ 5,116.16	
Total	£ 13,763.33	£ 13,763.33	£ 13,763.33	
Less Payments	£ 3,492.90	£ 4,026.78	£ 4,032.78	
Grand Total	£ 10,270.43	£ 9,736.55	£ 9,730.55	
Difference	£ -	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	

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Date: 28/02/2026

Account Name: Mount Bures Parish Council

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Sort Code: 608301
Account Number: 20484114

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Your Current T1 account transactions:

Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
31/01/2026		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£115.61
28/02/2026	Fee	Service Charge	£6.00	£0.00	£109.61

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Your Instant Access account transactions:					
Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
31/01/2026		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£9,620.94

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MBPC ACTUAL AGAINST BUDGET REPORT					
		Agreed 2025/2026	Total Income / spend to Mar '26	Left in Budget as at Mar '26	
Income	Precept	3482	£ 3,482.00		
	Other Income / Grant	652	£ 652.00		
	Defibrillator Donation	0	£ 850.00		
	Bank Interest	0	£ 132.16		
	Transfer from Reserves	0			
	VAT Refund	0	£ -		
	TOTAL	4134	£ 5,116.16		
Exp.					
	Salary	2337	£ 2,419.75	-£ 82.75	
	Mileage Expenses	0	£ -	£ -	
	General Admin & Postage	75	£ 50.52	£ 24.48	
	Audit Fees	80	£ 75.00	£ 5.00	
	Footpaths Maintenance	660	£ 221.28	£ 438.72	
	Maintenance Repairs	50	£ 50.00	£ -	
	Fees & Subscriptions	120	£ 172.88	-£ 52.88	
	Insurance	260	£ 214.00	£ 46.00	
	Village Hall Rental Hire	150	£ -	£ 150.00	
	Courses & Travelling Exp.	50	£ -	£ 50.00	
	Newsletter	100	£ -	£ 100.00	
	Notice Board restoration	150	£ -	£ 150.00	
	Poppy Wreath	30	£ 25.00	£ 5.00	
	Bank Charges	72	£ 66.00	£ 6.00	
	Defibrillator	0	£ 1,124.99	-£ 1,124.99	offset by donations
	TOTAL	4134	£ 4,419.42	-£ 285.42	
	Outstanding VAT Claim		£ 289.36		
	Total Expenditure		£ 4,708.78		

MBPC FINANCE FEBRUARY & MARCH 2026 PAYMENTS						
Income:						
Expenditure						
Chq No.	Invoice No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total	MBPC Ref. No.
FEE	Jan '26	UTB Service Charge	£ 6.00	£ -	£ 6.00	28
FEE	Feb '26	UTB Service Charge	£ 6.00	£ -	£ 6.00	29
BACS	Feb '26	Kevin B. Money - Clerk salary	£ 201.00	£ -	£ 201.00	30
BACS	Mar '26	Kevin B. Money - Clerk salary	£ 201.00	£ -	£ 201.00	31
BACS		Zurich Insurance - 2026-2027	£ 214.00	£ -	£ 214.00	32
BACS	20222577	CCC - Craigs Lane Car park charge	£ 50.00	£ 10.00	£ 60.00	33
		TOTAL:	£ 678.00	£ 10.00	£ 688.00	
		Denotes Already paid				