



Mount Bures Parish Council

Approved Minutes of Mount Bures Parish Council Meeting on 8th January 2020 at Mount Bures Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Notice: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, filming and or recording of this meeting is open to members of the press and public.

The Public and Press are welcome to be present and to raise any issue pertinent to items on the Agenda.

Reference	Description
19/61	The Chairman Cllr Graham welcomed all present and informed the meeting that Cllr Chillingworth would arrive later and advised that Council would continue with the Agenda. Clerk informed Council to note that because of VE Day the 1 st May Bank Holiday would move to the Friday of that week.
19/62	There were no Declarations of Interest.
19/63	Cllr Woodman pointed out that there were some words missing at item 19/56 of the Minutes from 13 th November 2019. The Clerk apologised for the omission and it was agreed that once corrected the Minutes would be sent to Cllr Graham, Chairman, for signature and returned for filing. All agreed.
19/64	Public Participation – there being no members of the public present the Chairman proceeded with the Agenda.
19/65	<p>Ward Cllr Report Cllr Chillingworth's report was received at the end of the meeting when he arrived from Wakes Colne meeting where a large number of people were in attendance because of Planning 193069.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Council that Mount Bures had not received any information regarding this application yet it abutted the Parish as well as affecting it. The applicant has been asked to withdraw the application and resubmit with more information.</p> <p>Cllr Chillingworth informed Council that several years ago Essex County had conducted an assessment of travellers' sites. This revealed that there was no need since the site at Severalls Lane could accommodate at least 6 more caravans. Furthermore in the adopted Core Strategy any such site has to be close to schools and other facilities which this site is Not and therefore is unsustainable. Also, there is a protected and narrow lane running alongside the site.</p> <p>10 pitches would take a lot of commercial vehicles coming and going, which it is physically incapable of accommodating.</p> <p>A pitch is a large area which would have a fixed mobile home on it as well as movable caravans, further there would be a large number of children which even if the schools were close by they do not have the capacity.</p> <p>The development would affect the listed building of the adjacent farm and overall would harm the local amenity. There is a local footpath running alongside and so again it is not viable.</p>

	<p>The lack of amenity is – No water, No sewage, No Power. A large septic tank would have run off, where would it go?</p> <p>CBC have the policies in place and therefore needs to go through the correct procedure. There is also a fear that the applicant would just go in and tarmac the site, which would have a harmful environmental impact. To clarify understanding the site was previously owned by Meadow Green Farm and the track, barn and field were sold on further the term 'Pitch is an accepted term in planning jargon. Originally the owners asked for 6 pitches but were allowed only 3 on the edge of the village but there were many conditions attached.</p> <p>Mount Bures Parish Council were unanimous in agreeing to lodge an objection on the basis that it is unsustainable, the increased traffic on an unclassified road will harm the rural aspect of the area on many fronts.</p>
19/66	<p><u>Planning Register</u> - this item was also remanded to after Cllr Chillingworth's arrival since he was expected to bring further planning information.</p> <p>The Clerk circulated the Planning Register.</p> <p>192620 – Approved Conditional.</p> <p>193069 - Permission sought for Ten mobile homes pitches for Travellers on land to the rear of, Goodwins Farm, Crepping Hall Road, Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2AP. The Clerk will lodge an objection unanimously agreed by the Council.</p>
19/67	<p>Cllrs had received some strange emails from a dubious source it was agreed that the Chairman would forward his to the Clerk.</p> <p>Update on New Website - Cllr O'Neill suggested getting his web designer to have a look at the current website so as to understand what was required along with the facility to post photographs and then contact the clerk so they could both move the project forward.</p>
19/68	<p>Setting the Precept for 2020/2021</p> <p>The Precept for 2020 – 2021 was set and unanimously agreed. The Clerk entered the required amounts will print it off and send to CBC.</p>
19/69	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Cllr Graham, the Chairman, informed Cllrs that one of the founding members of Mount Bures Parish Council, Former Cllr Pat Ward had recently passed away and Cllr Graham felt that his contribution to the Village should be noted. Cllr Woodman intends to attend the service and all agreed that if there was a Book of Condolence he should make an entry on behalf of Mount Bures Council. If anyone knew of any living relatives then a letter of condolence could be sent.</p> <p>Cllr Graham also informed that, after having telephoned the bank, he had received a letter from NatWest via the Clerk courteously informing him of the status of signatories on the account and that it was now finally up to date. He said that it had taken some time but now all was in order.</p>
19/70	<p>Clerk's Report –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kiosk – It was agreed that a plaque should be placed somewhere on the Kiosk stating that it was Property of Mount Bures Parish Council. Cllr Woodman offered to produce an A3 version of the PROW map. The Clerk is to source price and outlet for INFORMATION sign strips for the Kiosk. 2. Footpath 34 – there is still no signage furthermore the gate to the new Footpath 34 at the back of the barn is Locked and this new section of the footpath is overgrown and impassable, also there is a large pile of rubbish;

it needs to be visited and soon. The Cllrs asked the clerk to establish with Mr Page of Essex Highways who now owns Footpath 34. It was agreed that County Councillor Brown should be copied in to the correspondence. Cllr., O'Neil suggested he report the problem via the Online portal. Cllr Woodman will look for where it states that the Council has 30 days in which to clear the footpath.

3. Clerk reported that confirmation had been received from s.106 department that £1304.00 had been released and all that was now required was our bank details. Cllrs were unanimously very pleased.
4. The Clerk had received an email from CBC Arboricultural Officer and from the Manager of Neighbourhood services. It was agreed that both should be invited to speak at the Parish Assembly in March.
5. The Clerk was tasked with communicating to C.Cllr Brown regards the flooding of Hall Road and the debris the flooding brought down the road and into Cllr Baird's front garden.
6. The Clerk was also tasked with determining whether the Railway Cottage could be registered as a Heritage Asset.

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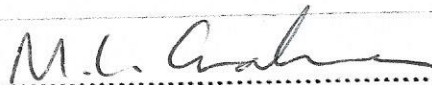
Financials

1. The situation regarding the signatories had been addressed in the Chairman's report.
2. Council noted and received the payment schedule.

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There being no further business to contract the meeting closed at 21.00 It was noted that the next meeting would also be the Parish Assembly followed by Full Council and would be on 11th March 2020.

Signed by



.....Chairman

Date

11-3-2020