

# Mount Bures Parish Council

## Minutes of Mount Bures Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7.30 P.M in the Village Hall, Mount Bures

**Present:** Cllr Ian Woodman (Chairman), Cllr Mark Graham, Cllr Michaela Harris, Cllr Fiona Willett, CBC Peter Chillingworth, 2 residents & the Parish Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw.

**20/134 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hillary Bufton (Vice Chairman) & ECC Lewis Barber

**20/135 Declaration of Members interests**

None

**20/136 Co-option of Parish Councillors**

Fiona Willett was co-opted onto the Parish Council and joined the Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Michaela Harris

Seconded: Cllr Mark Graham

Agreed by all.

**20/137 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**

The Village Hall Administrator informed the meeting that the village hall was now open for bookings and that some of the groups had now returned.

A resident informed the meeting that the Mount would be published soon. The Parish Clerk was actioned to provide Parish Council information for publication.

**20/138 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (14<sup>th</sup> July 2021)**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Mark Graham

Seconded: Cllr Michaela Harris

**20/139 Visitors Report (CBC Peter Chillingworth, CBC Nigel Chapman, ECC Lewis Barber)**

Ward Councillors Report (Peter Chillingworth)

**1. General**

Infections seem to be dropping again and things seem to be getting back to something like normal, although I personally wear a mask when visiting shops and cafes, etc only taking it off when sitting down to eat. A little worrying, a friend who has had double jabs tested positive with mild symptoms, but quickly recovered.

The Full Council met in Charter Hall in July, where there can be plenty of space between members seated at separate tables. Committees are also meeting in the Town Hall using the Grand jury Room where members are able to sit at separate tables with screens between, while wearing masks as we move around the building. I am attending a planning committee on Thursday where we shall be using moot Hall, where there is plenty of space for the public as this has controversial items on the agenda.

**2. Local Plan**

Still no news from the inspector, but we believe we may hear something next month.

### **3. Platinum Jubilee celebrations and ways of remembering the victims of the pandemic.**

The Council are considering how to mark these two events next year and are seeking suggestions, both for possible events and/or permanent memorials. No doubt Parish Councils will be considering their own ways of marking the two events over the forthcoming months.

### **4. Environment Bill**

The Bill was delayed from last year due to other work pressures, but is now going through Parliament. It covers many areas and, if given consent without modification, will have considerable impact requiring perhaps a briefing for Parish councils. One element I note has yet to attract much publicity is the proposed provisions for waste and recycling. The government is proposing that all Councils should collect the full range of recyclables and to have similar collecting arrangements across the country by 2024, such as standardised wheelie bins. Special collecting arrangements would have to be put in place where the use of wheelie bins is impractical. The scheme would require an expansion of the national recycling industry to cope with the increased supply without so much export. Fortunately, Colchester Borough Council already collect a significant range, while others have yet to collect food waste!

The Bill also introduces a scheme for returnable glass bottles with deposits when sold by retailers. New government bodies would be established to regulate these services. Having attended a briefing on the proposals, I expect them to receive considerable media attention in due course!

### **Peter Chillingworth (CBC)**

**20/140**

#### **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that an agreement with Bures Hamlet Parish Council to maintain the Phillips Path had been agreed. It would cost £144 to be cut and maintained 6 times a year. Bures Hamlet would contribute £100 to the cost & Mount Bures PC £44. The Parish Clerk reported that the grass mower was in for repair.

**20/141**

#### **Finance**

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget  
Payments for August/September 2021

Village Hall (July/September)	£40.00
Parish Clerk Salary	£270.66
Mileage Expenses	£21.60
HMRC Tax/Paye	£67.60
Website (Arvato)	£34.20
The Mount	£50.00
Postage Charges	£2.00
CALC	<u>£35.00</u>
Total	<u>£521.06</u>

Proposed: Cllr Mark Graham

Seconded: Cllr Michaela Harris

- 20/142 Planning/Housing**  
142.1 Applications for discussion at meeting  
**211834 – Pumping Station, Colchester Road, Mount Bures** – Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of permission 181812  
**Comments:** No Objections
- 142.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting  
None
- 142.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting  
None
- 20/143 Accident at Dangerous Corner – Junction of Brook House Lane & Colchester Road**  
The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Braintree District Council & ECC Lewis Barber for a response regarding this accident.
- 20/144 Mobile Speed Sign**  
The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Essex County Council to find out prices for VAS signs and to see if cheaper options were available.
- 20/145 Railway Cottage**  
The enforcement officer at Colchester Borough County issued an enforcement notice on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 giving 28 days to bring the property back up to the standard required. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact the enforcement officer for an update on the latest position.
- 20/146 Footpath 34/Footpath 7**  
The Parish Clerk reported that Nik Leeson (PROW Officer) had walked footpath 34 over a month ago but had not given his findings to the Parish Council. The Parish clerk was actioned to contact Nik Leeson for further information.  
Footpath 7 – the chairman had spoken with the farmer about the rutted surface of the footpath on the approach to the Railway Bridge. The Farmer would fix this issue once the field had been cultivated at the end of September.
- 20/147 Flooding Issues in Mount Bures**  
The Parish clerk was actioned to contact ECC Lewis Barber for a further update on the flooding officers visit to Mount Bures.
- 20/148 Highways Devolution**  
The Parish Clerk reported that a trial for Highways Devolution was currently in place and all Parish Council's were being asked whether they would like to join it. The Parish Council noted that 68 pence per person was on offer to the Parish Council. The Chairman explained that the money given from Highways Devolution would not be sufficient enough to cover out all the tasks required by Highways and the Parish Council decided not to join the scheme at this present time.  
Agreed by all
- 20/149 Wormingford Gliding Club – Power Days**  
To inform residents of Power Days on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 and Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2021. The Parish Clerk was actioned to find out when the meeting with members of the public and parish councillors and Wormingford Gliding club would be.

**20/150**

**New Website Provider**

It was proposed to use Website Design Ltd as a new provider for the Parish council website.

Proposed: Cllr Mark Graham

Seconded: Cllr Fiona Willett

**20/151**

**Training/Events**

151.1 Reports on attended events

Cllr Training Day 2 – Ian Woodman 22nd July 2021 – the Chairman reported that the course had been very useful.

151.2 Nominations for new events - Chairman’s Training Days 1,2 & 3

(Dates: 2nd November, 30<sup>th</sup> November & 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

**20/152**

**Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

Cllr Ian Woodman reported that a tree on the village green had become overgrown and that some of the lower branches required cutting back. The Parish Clerk was actioned to get 3 quotes for the work. Cllr Mark Graham offered to get 1 quote from Blake’s. Item to be added to next agenda.

Cllr Ian Woodman requested item for next agenda – Queens Platinum Anniversary Event

**20/153**

**To confirm date and time of next meeting**

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.39 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....