

Mount Bures Parish Council

Minutes of Mount Bures Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30 P.M in the Village Hall, Mount Bures

Present: Cllr Ian Woodman (Chairman), Cllr Hillary Bufton (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Mark Graham, Cllr Fiona Willett, CBC Peter Chillingworth, 1 resident & the Parish Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw.

20/176 Welcome and apologies for absence
Cllr Michaela Harris & ECC Lewis Barber

20/177 Declaration of Members interests
None

20/178 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

20/179 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (10th November 2021)
The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Fiona Willett Seconded: Cllr Mark Graham

20/180 Visitors Report (CBC Peter Chillingworth)
Ward Councillors Report given to councillors

1. General

I hope you have all escaped illness over the holiday period. Personally, I am now recovering. Very best wishes for 2022 anyway.

The Council's programme of committees and panels has restarted and will follow the December pattern of face-to-face meetings in the Town Hall, with visiting Councillors and public able to attend virtually if they wish. I would remind you that all Council meetings are recorded and can be viewed at the time or later.

The Government announced last week that it would not reintroduce remote decision-making Local Authority meetings at the present time, which of course also applies to town and parish councils.

In November, Adrian Pritchard, the Borough Council's long serving Chief Executive announced that he would be retiring at the end of March 22. After a comprehensive recruitment process his successor will be Pamela Donnelly, currently the Council's Strategic Director. She has been with the Council since 2005, before that with Anglia Ruskin University and previously in banking. She was one of 2 internal and 2 external candidates interviewed. I was on the Councillor selection panel and we agreed she was the outstanding candidate.

2. Local Plan

Following the consultation on the Inspectors modification, the results are being considered before Pt 2 of the plan come before Full Council in the spring for adoption.

3. Flooding

The new movable flood barrier has been ordered by Wakes Colne PC and it is hoped it will be delivered before the end of this month, ready for what February might bring in

the way of heavy rainfall.

4. Supply of Recycling Equipment

Following the announcement that in future a click and collect system would be introduced for people to access replacement equipment, I have ordered online and collected my first replacement recycling bags from the Food Bank in Tollgate. The process was painless. However, it does normally require access to a computer to order through the Council's website, but if you hear of residents who have difficulties, the Council offers an alternative method via the telephone and home delivery if necessary.

5. Funding

Two new funding sources have just been announced. The first is the Council's Cultural and Creative Events Fund. This offers up to £1500 to organisations and charities in the Borough staging qualifying events with applications closing on 7th February. Details on the Council's website.

The second where CBC is managing the Government's Covid Additional Relief Fund to help businesses hit by the recent upsurge in Covid cases. Some local businesses were aided by the first stage of funding.

I have a Panel meeting to attend in the Town Hall at 6.00 pm on Wednesday evening. If it finishes early enough and I can get to your meeting by say 8.30, I will.

20/181 Clerk's Report (Updates)

Dangerous Corner – Junction of Brook House Lane & Colchester Road - Hildegard Hill will send a letter to the Parish Clerk to action.

Crossing Cottage – the Parish Clerk was actioned to contact the enforcement officer at CBC to have the waste removed (possible asbestos).

Footpath 34 – Highways have now sorted this and the private sign has been removed.

Flooding Issues in Mount Bures – The Parish Clerk was actioned to chase this up with ECC Lewis Barber.

Wormingford Gliding Club – Power Days – March Meeting Chairman – The Parish Clerk was actioned to extend a formal invitation to the Chairman.

20/182 Finance

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget
Payments for December 2021 & January 2022

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| Parish Clerk Salary | £270.66 |
| HMRC | £67.60 |
| Mileage Expenses | £21.60 |
| EALC (Chairman's Course) | £288.58 |
| Footpath Maintenance | £636.72 |
| Postage Stamps | £7.92 |
| Village Hall Rental | £60.00 |
| Total | <u>£1,353.08</u> |

Proposed: Cllr Hillary Bufton

Seconded: Cllr Mark Graham

20/183 Planning/Housing

183.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

None

183.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting
None

183.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting
212727 – Takeleys, Fordham Road, Mount Bures – Addition of Carers accommodation within existing annexe
PC Comments: No Objections
Decision: Approve Conditional

20/184 Thomas Love Charity Account

The Thomas Love Charity pays interest to 12 Parish Council's yearly (including Mount Bures PC). The Parish Council would like to close down this account and re-distribute the funds in the account. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact the resident looking after this account at present. Cllr Fiona Willett suggested the funds could go to Help the Aged.

20/185 Mobile Speed Sign (VAS)

The Parish Council would still look into renting a VAS from another Parish Council. The Parish Clerk was actioned to look into this further.

20/186 Precept

The Precept for 2022/2023 was agreed at 4%

Proposed: Cllr Fiona Willett

Seconded: Cllr Mark Graham

Peter Chillingworth joined the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

20/187 Hornbeam Tree (Village Green)

The Chairman read out a letter from a local resident in relation to the cutting back of a Hornbeam Tree on the Village Green. The Parish Council had received one quote for £800, which was considered too high. No other companies had responded to sending in quotes for the work. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact TLC (Tree & Lawn Company) to quote for the work to be completed. The Parish Council agreed to spend £600 on this project. Agreed by all.

20/188 Queens Platinum Anniversary 2022

Cllr Fiona Willett updated the Parish Council on this topic. Cllr Fiona Willett reported that the Church would be happy to work with the Parish Council in relation to this event. The Big Sunday Lunch on the 5th June 2022 could be located at the church and held in conjunction with the Flower Festival (which has been brought forward to coincide with this event). The Church would be happy to use its grounds in hosting this event and could offer indoor and outdoor venues. Cllr Fiona Willett offered to set up a sub committee with the Church to help organise this event along with Cllr Michaela Harris.

Cllr Fiona Willett suggested planting an oak tree for the event and would look into possible locations for the tree to be planted with the help of children from the village.

20/189 Retention of Historical Records & Files

Cllr Ian Woodman reported that the Parish Clerk had received old records of the Parish Council that required attention with the aim of sending historical records to be stored in Chelmsford Records Office. It was proposed that the Parish Clerk would work on these documents for 10 hours and deliver the records for storage in Chelmsford.
Agreed by all

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Training/Events

190.1 Reports on attended events – The Chairman reported that he had now completed all his Chairman Training Days and that the course had been very useful to him in the position of Chairman.

190.2 Nominations for new events
None

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Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Ian Woodman reported that the Parish Council Website was not yet appearing on google. The Parish Clerk was actioned to look into this

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To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7.30 p.m.
The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.