

# Mount Bures Parish Council

## Minutes of Mount Bures Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 P.M in the Village Hall, Mount Bures

- Present:** Cllr Ian Woodman (Chairman), Cllr Hillary Bufton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Fiona Willett, Cllr Michaela Harris, CBC Peter Chillingworth, 5 residents, the Parish Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw & Guest Speaker, Dave Bolsdon (Essex and Suffolk Gliding Club)
- 20/193**      **Welcome and apologies for absence**  
Apologies were given and accepted from Cllr Mark Graham.
- 20/194**      **Declaration of Members interests**  
None
- 20/195**      **Public Open Forum**  
A resident was concerned about helicopters landing close to her property whilst visiting the Thatchers Arms. The Chairman suggested contacting the Thatchers Arms to make them aware of the issue.  
A resident mentioned that the Mount is coming out soon. The Parish Clerk was actioned to send an updated report to the editor.  
A resident informed the meeting of a number of potholes and suggested the Parish Council should use Section 56. The Chairman suggested that ECC Lewis Barber could be approached in relation to the potholes in order to find a solution.  
A resident informed the meeting that a ditch/gully was a problem in relation to flooding. The Chairman suggested that ECC Lewis Barber could be contacted in relation to flooding issues. The resident was asked to send in a photo of the ditch/gully to the Parish Clerk.  
William Sunnuck introduced himself to the meeting and explained that he is looking to stand for election in May and hoping to replace Peter Chillingworth who is stepping down.
- 20/196**      **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (12<sup>th</sup> January 2022)**  
The minutes of the last meeting were approved.  
Proposed: Cllr Hillary Bufton      Seconded: Cllr Fiona Willett
- 20/197**      **Visitors Report (CBC Peter Chillingworth)**

### Ward Cllr Peter Chillingworth's Report

#### 1. General

We have had 3 names storms since your last meeting and many of us have suffered damage to property. As far as I know, there have been no reports of injury locally. The wind on the Friday morning was quite frightening at times. With the start officially of spring, let us hope we have no more.

#### 2. Local Plan.

The Council has still not heard from the Inspector with his final signing off Pt 2 of the Local Plan, although the last we heard he would 'make his best endeavours to send by the end of February', but it did not happen. With this uncertainty, the Special Council meeting to adopt scheduled for later in March has been cancelled and will be rescheduled in the new municipal year, almost certainly not before June.

### 3. Flooding

The new flood barrier for the Chappel and Wakes Colne Post Office was eventually delivered and test assembled on 14th February. If we do get flooding from the river now we shall be able to provide 'dry access' to the Post Office for Mount Bures residents who use it.

### 4. Council Tax

Council Tax notices are going out on the Council website. Unfortunately, both the County Council and Borough Council have increased their portions. Regretfully, with all costs rising, including a significant increase in staff salaries it has not been possible to avoid an increase.

### 5. Enover Community Trust

This trust is offering grants for organisations situated within 10 miles of the Bellhouse landfill site at Stanway. Eligible projects should improve, protect or provide public amenities, including land, buildings, sports and leisure facilities, community gardens etc. Also projects that would aid biological diversity, wildlife, woodland, etc. By my measurement, Mount Bures Village Hall might just be eligible. More information from Community 360. Telephone 01206 505250

Peter Chillingworth

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### **Essex & Suffolk Gliding Club (Chairman Dave Bolsdon)**

Dave Bolsdon, Chairman introduced himself to the meeting and gave a summary of the gliding club, which has been going since the 1950's and relocated to Wormingford since the 1990's. He explained that they have roughly 100 members and some members like to compete in Competitions – the club currently being the holders of the - Inter League Trophy. They are all volunteers, the only exceptions being the bookkeeper and an accountant who are paid for their services.

He informed the meeting that the air tow days were contentious and that he planned to make this year's event low key in relation to previous events. He was aware that take offs/landings had received some complaints and explained that the gliders need to reach 1000 feet quickly, they also have to be aware of Earl Colnes airspace and the wind also dictates the direction in which they fly, which means they may have to fly over Mount Bures especially to keep out of Earls Colne airspace.

He further explained that Motor Gliders can only have 1 hour a day flying with a maximum of 8 days a year. These can only be heard when taking off and on visiting days, there may be more than normal. They usually only have 2 visiting days a year .

#### Questions from residents

A resident informed the meeting that previously a jet glider had created an incident, which he witnessed and suggested that some gliders are using the ability to extend their flight capacity, doing so within one mile of the airfield.

Dave Bolsdon responded by saying that the Jet Glider is no longer at the club and that the incident should never have happened. He informed the meeting that Gliders might be testing their gliders but shouldn't be doing so within one mile of the club. Dave stated he would remind members of this at their next meeting.

A resident mentioned that the noise from the gliders is high pitched and that they radiate noise over a considerable area over a long period of time – this can be half an hour at a time. He also informed the meeting that they frequently have power gliders flying over their house below the minimum height of 500 metres.

Dave Bolsdon informed the meeting he would re-iterate the 500 metre rule to members at the next meeting.

A resident reported that the noise reverberates around the valley and is amplified by the valley effect.

Dave Bolsdon reported that the next meeting off the club was on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and he would relate this to that meeting.

A resident reported that on the last power day during Covid, there were planes leaving or coming back every 7/8 minutes and coming over his house

Dave Bolsdon explained that they do 24 tows on these specific days with a glider taking off every 10 minutes.

A resident reported aerobatics over his house from gliders including doing loop the loop over people's houses.

Dave Bolsdon explained that they have a box area where the gliders can do aerobatics, but this is very much dictated by the direction of the wind.

Chairman, Ian Woodman thanked Dave Bolsdon for coming to the meeting and mentioned that people in general were very positive in relation to the club. He suggested it would be a good idea to have someone at the club who is available on the club days that anyone with issues or complaints can contact.

Peter Chillingworth joined the meeting at 8.10 p.m. and gave his visitors report (see 20/197)

A resident informed the meeting that the distance to the nearest pick up point for recycling bags is Colchester.

Peter has raised this previously and stated they were looking for other venues but that these needed to be manned from 10.00 a.m. till 1.00 p.m. four days a week. He stated that this would not be suitable for Mount Bures Village Hall.

## **20/199 Clerk's Report (Updates)**

The clerk reported that the annual audit would take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## **20/200 Finance**

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget  
Payments for February 2022 & March 2022

Parish Clerk Salary	£270.66
HMRC	£67.60
Mileage Expenses	£21.60
Historical Records Documentation Work	£127.30
Shredder (Stationery)	£66.99
Total	<u>£557.15</u>

Proposed: Cllr Fiona Willett

Seconded: Cllr Michaela Harris

- 20/201 Planning/Housing**  
201.1 Applications for discussion at meeting  
None
- 201.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting  
**220196 – Stour Valley Lodge, Colchester Road, Mount Bures** – retrospective application for a replacement home office outbuilding  
**Comments:** No Objection
- 201.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting  
None
- 20/202 Thomas Love Charity Account**  
The Parish Clerk informed the meeting of the difficulties in being able to close this account. The Parish Clerk had spoken to John Gilli-Ross (Chairman of CALC) and he informed the Clerk that it is difficult to close the account and may take some time. He explained that you would need to have both signatories to the account and then work with Barclay’s Bank to begin the process. He suggested it might be more time consuming than the money in the account. The Chairman suggested that Tony Evans (Signature) be invited to the next meeting to discuss the matter further.
- 20/203 Hornbeam Tree (Village Green)**  
Cllr Hillary Bufton proposed that the Parish Council accept Quote 2 from Richard Fordham for £450.00. This was agreed by all.  
**Proposed: Cllr Hillary Bufton                      Seconded: Cllr Fiona Willett**
- 20/204 Queens Platinum Anniversary 2022**  
Cllr Fiona Willett reported that the Big Lunch would be going ahead on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and that the likely site for this would be the Church. The Event would run in conjunction with the Flower Festival. The Big Lunch would be followed by a Church service.  
Cllr Fiona Willett asked about a permanent memorial for the village to mark the event and suggested a tree to be planted in the village. A location would need to be decided upon. CBC Peter Chillingworth stated that a letter from CBC offering free trees for planting for this event had been distributed. He stated he would send a copy of the letter to the Parish Clerk.
- 20/205 Training/Events**  
205.1 Reports on attended events  
None
- 205.2 Nominations for new events  
None
- 20/206 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**  
The Chairman suggested a guest speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting in April and suggested someone from Enover. A resident stated that they would make contact with Enover and see if that was possible.
- 20/207 To confirm date and time of next meeting**  
Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 p.m.  
The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.