

# Mount Bures Parish Council

## Minutes of Mount Bures Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 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 Mark Graham CBC William Sunnucks, 2 residents, & the Parish Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw.
- 22/35 Welcome and apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Michaela Harris.
- 22/36 Declaration of Members interests**  
Mark Graham declared an interest in planning application 42.1
- 22/37 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**  
A resident informed the meeting that the village hall is applying for a grant from Enovert and asked if the Parish Council would send a letter of support to the village hall management committee. Chairman Ian Woodman was actioned to send the letter.  
A resident informed the meeting that a wire opposite Hall Farm was loose on the side of the road and wanted to make the Parish Council aware. The resident would contact British Telecom to report this. The Chairman Ian woodman would go and have a look at the loose wire.  
A resident reported that the hedge cutting in the village had been done very well.
- 22/38 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (13<sup>th</sup> July 2022)**  
The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed: Cllr Mark Graham                      Seconded: Cllr Fiona Willett  
Agreed by all
- 22/39 Visitors Report (CBC William Sunnuck)**  
CBC William Sunnuck reported that recently discussed issues involve Colchester achieving City status, budgets, annual elections (whether yearly or every four years) and £50 million received in grants by the Borough Council.  
CBC William Sunnuck reported that a digital access course was still looking for one more person to fill up the course. A resident expressed interest in this course and will make contact with CBC William Sunnuck.  
CBC William Sunnuck informed the meeting that he had been unable to make any progress on the old railway cottage. Cllr Ian Woodman suggested it might be worth contacting Bernard Jenkin MP. CBC William Sunnuck will talk to Bernard Jenkin MP.
- 22/40 Clerk's Report**                      None
- 22/41 Finance**  
To approve payments in accordance with the Budget  
Payments for August, September, October & November 2022
- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Parish Clerk Salary | £412.41          |
| Mileage Expenses    | £32.40           |
| HMRC                | £103.20          |
| Ian Andrewartha     | £650.08          |
| Village Hall Rent   | <u>£60.00</u>    |
| Total               | <u>£1,258.09</u> |
- Proposed: Cllr Fiona Willett Seconded: Cllr Mark Graham

**Planning/Housing**

- 42.1 Applications for discussion at meeting  
**222719 – Mill House, Chappel Road, Mount Bures** – replace garages and outbuildings with a new cartlodge garage  
**Comments** – No objections
- 42.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting  
**222476 – Catchlands, Chappel Road, Mount Bures** – Two-storey rear extension, front porch, and internal alterations. Resubmission of 221069.  
**Comments** – No objections  
**Decision:** Approve Conditional (decision now made)
- 42.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting
- 220967 – Fordham House Farm, Mount Bures** – conversion and change of use for the roof space above an existing garage to create a 1-bedroom flat for the benefit of the equestrian business  
**Decision:** Approve Conditional
- 221609 – Pepper House, Hall Road, Mount Bures** – application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (Materials)  
**Decision:** Approve Conditional
- 221618 – Jankes Farm House, Jankes Farm, Jankes Green Road** – single storey front extension and new window to rear elevation  
**Decision:** Approve Conditional
- 221716 – Herds Pasture, Old Barn Road, Mount Bures** – conversion of existing studio barn to holiday let  
**Decision:** Approve Conditional

The Council also discussed application **224291 Reservoir, Fairfield's Farm, Fordham Road, Wormingford Colchester CO6 3AQ** covering the construction or conversion of new lagoons or reservoirs for digestate storage.

As one of the existing reservoirs covered by this application lay within the Parish of Mount Bures, the Council noted that it believed it should have been consulted as a statutory consultee and agreed that the Council would make a late comment on this planning application suggesting that:

- if converted, this existing reservoir should be lined or tanked to avoid continuing leakage, as had been happening for many years, along the neighbouring footpath;
- it should be adequately fenced to avoid dogs being walked along the neighbouring footpaths entering the stored digestate;
- any permanent changes or temporary works should not affect free and unobstructed passage along the neighbouring footpaths;
- planning should not be granted if there was any possibility of odours from the stored digestate affecting the amenity of those using the neighbouring footpaths.
- In the light of these concerns the Council considered that it would be better if all storage of digestate were concentrated with the other proposed lagoons away from public footpaths.

**Village Green Bench**

To discuss repairs or replacement of Village Green Bench – Cllr Ian Woodman will look at repairing the bench, which remains safe to use, in the spring.

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**Village Sign**

To discuss painting of village sign.

Have received 2 quotes– Quote 1- Bakers of Danbury £1,740.00 & Quote 2 – Steven Binks £1,750.00

Cllr Ian Woodman would speak to both about a timeline and length of guarantee.

The Parish Clerk was actioned to speak to the West Bergholt Parish clerk about the work Danbury had done on their village sign.

Agreed by all

8.18 p.m. CBC William Sunnuck left the meeting

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**Telephone Kiosk**

The telephone kiosk now has wooden shelving installed in the kiosk.

The cost was £65, and an invoice will be sent to the Parish Clerk.

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**Training/Events**

46.1 Reports on attended events - None

46.2 Nominations for new events - None

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**Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

Cllr Hillary Bufton informed the meeting that the Network Rail Crossing at Footpath 21 was still closed. The Parish Clerk was actioned to send a letter to Essex Highways to find out what is happening with this footpath.

Cllr Ian Woodman informed the meeting that the Remembrance Service was at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Cllr Ian Woodman informed the meeting that a presentation on a potential development site adjacent to the boundary of Mount Bures was to be given in the Open Public Session at Bures Hamlet Parish Council. Cllr Fiona Willett agreed to represent Mount Bures PC at the meeting.

Cllr Mark Graham informed the meeting of a resident's email in regards to a wildlife habitat at the bottom of pear tree hill. The Parish Clerk was actioned to send this email to all councillors.

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

Date of next meeting: **TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup>. January 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**

The meeting finished at 8.34 p.m.

Signed

*I. Woodman*

I. Woodman Chairman

Date

10<sup>th</sup>. January 2023