



# Mount Bures Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Mount Bures Parish Council Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Mount Bures Village Hall at 8.00pm.

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
19/72	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.</b> The Chairman Cllr Graham welcomed all present and informed Council that no apologies had been received.
19/73	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST.</b> Cllr Bufton informed the meeting that she had a pecuniary interest in a planning application on her property and declared that she would recuse herself at the appropriate time.
19/74	<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.</b> The Minutes of Meetings held on 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 and 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 having been previously circulated were agreed unanimously.
19/75	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> – There were no questions raised.
19/76	<b>COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS.</b> Cllr Chillingworth informed the council that CBC had a Pandemic Plan and were meeting 3 times a week to determine the Borough Council's priorities with regards to the everchanging scenario that COVID-19 presented. CBC staff would be deployed as was deemed necessary. The Local Plan – Part 1 has had its first examination and for the Garden Communities it is envisaged that 920 homes would have to be built each year for the next 20 years. 4 Councils have put forward plans for 3 Garden Communities which has resulted in a lot of controversy especially around West Tey. The plan is now with the Inspector examining the changes and we have to wait to see if he will take all 3 or what. Cllr Chillingworth raised the issue of the Travellers' Site at Wakes Colne but noted that it was not in the Parish of Mount Bures but that the Parish could still comment on the application since it impacted on and abutted the Parish Boundary. Finally, Cllr Chillingworth commented on the Climate Emergency Declaration in June/July last year. CBC has now put forward a Climate Emergency Action Plan so that by 2030 CBC should be Carbon Neutral although the Council will take the lead, we need to get people to adopt the policies and perhaps change e.g. retro fitting Council Houses will cost upward of £6,000 per house
19/77	<b>PLANNING REGISTER</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>200448</b> – Council were minded to support the application subject to the neighbours' agreement.</li> <li>2. <b>200444</b> – Concern was expressed that this application required extensive changes to the property however Council unanimously agreed to support the application.</li> <li>3. <b>200461</b> – Cllr Bufton recused herself from this item having previously declared an interest. Cllr Graham proposed support and Cllr O'Neill seconded the</li> </ol>

	<p>motion which was carried unanimously by 4 votes.</p> <p>4. <b>200455</b> – Council were unanimously minded to support the application.200190 – Council were unanimously minded to support the application.</p> <p>5. <b>200190</b> – Council were minded to support this application</p> <p>6. <b>200018</b> - Council expressed concern about the height of the development but more importantly that the Holiday Cottages must remain as that – Holiday Lets.</p> <p>7. <b>193069</b> – although Mount Bures is not a statutory consultee with regard to this application, the site abuts the parish and therefore will impact on the parish therefore the Council believed that as ‘neighbours’ they should express their concerns.</p>
<b>19/78</b>	<b>NEW WEBSITE UPDATE.</b> Clerk informed Council that the build of the New Website was well underway and Cllr O’Neill was able to demonstrate the presence of the new website to Council.
<b>19/79</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.</b> Cllr Graham referred to his report earlier in the evening at the Parish Assembly. The Council was informed that the Imperial War Museum was looking for information from villages about their War Memorials, Cllr Graham would have to ask about in the village for any information. With regard to previous discussions concerning flooding Cllr Graham was able to report that landowners had resolved a lot of the issues relating to drainage/water leaks and other ‘water’ issues. Therefore the comments that ‘nothing’ had been done are incorrect.
<b>19/80</b>	<b>CLERK’S REPORT</b> to include correspondence received after issue of Summons. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clerk asked if the measurements for the map could be provided so that printing costs could be ascertained. Cllr Woodman offered to contact Essex County for copies of their maps.</li> <li>2. Clerk informed Council that the Precept had been received.</li> <li>3. Clerk also informed Council that s.106 money had been received, which has resulted in Mount Bures being in a healthy financial position.</li> </ol>
<b>19/81</b>	<b>FINANCIALS.</b> Council received and approved the payment schedule.
<b>19/82</b>	The Public and Media were to be excluded from the next item which is confidential in nature there being no representatives from either the meeting continued.
<b>19/83</b>	<b>REVIEW FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.</b> Ilan Andrewartha had written to the Council asking to be considered for the footpath maintenance contract. It was agreed that Mr Andrewartha had always done an excellent job and therefore it was agreed unanimously to renew the contract.
	It was noted that the next meeting should be on 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2020. There being no further business to contract the meeting closed at 21.20

*Signed by* .....*Chairman*

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