

MOUNT BURES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th. January 2023 at 7.30pm in Mount Bures Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs I. Woodman (Chairman), H. Bufton, M. Harris, M. Graham, F. Willett, CBC Cllr W. Sunnacks and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 2 members of the public present

001/2023 Chairman's welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all a happy New Year

002/2023 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr L. Barber

003/2023 To confirm the appointment of Mr. Kevin B. Money as Parish Clerk / RFO for Mount Bures Parish Council as from 1st. December 2022

Cllr F. Willett proposed to confirm the appointment of Mr. Kevin B. Money as Parish Clerk/RFO of Mount Bures Parish Council. Cllr M. Harris seconded. **All Agreed**
 The Chairman and Clerk then signed the Contract of Employment

004/2023 Declaration of Members interests

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda

Cllr M. Graham declared an interest in item 010/2023 (222719)

Cllr M. Harris declared an interest in item 010/2023 (223115)

005/2023 To approve the minutes of the last meeting of Mount Bures Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last MBPC meeting held on 9th. November 2022. **All Agreed**

006/2023 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

A member of the public raised an issue about a local resident who has inadequate heating in their council owned property. The resident is trying to get help with a new air heating pump. Cllr Sunnacks explained that the houses are managed by Colchester Borough Homes and offered to chase up this situation.

A resident asked about the Parish Council's response to a request from Bures Hamlet PC for a view about a proposal for a site for affordable housing adjacent to the boundary of Mount Bures. The Chairman explained that the Council's response had said that there was no proven need for affordable housing in Mount Bures.

007/2023 Visitors Report (CBC Cllr William Sunnucks)

Cllr Sunnacks circulated a draft letter for Sir Bernard Jenkin requesting him to write to the Arch Company about the dilapidated state of Crossing Cottage asking the Company to improve the property or sell the lease and asked Councillors for their views and advice.

The letter read:

Dear Bernard,

Please could I enlist your support on a problem in my ward at Mount Bures. The draft letter below to the CEO of the Arch Company explains. I think that such a letter with your name and letterhead would receive a positive reply. There have been several attempts to elicit action from the Parish Council over the years which have come to nothing.

The Council welcomed Cllr Sunnacks' initiative and agreed that he should write to Sir Bernard.

008/2023 Parish Transport Representative for 2023/2024

The Council noted that there was a need to ensure that the Parish had a Transport Representative on the Council to keep an eye on transport issues affecting residents. Give the proximity of Council elections, Cllr I. Woodman proposed to adjourn this item to another meeting when responsibilities could be allocated across newly elected Councillors. Cllr M. Graham seconded. In the interim, Hildegard Hill kindly agreed to continue as Transport Representative. **All Agreed**

009/2023 Planning Applications**222771** - Hall Farm Hall Road Mount Bures CO8 5AS

Replacement dwelling and change of use of an outbuilding to a store

As the planning response was due by 1st. December 2022, Councillors submitted the following response to CBC: **Mount Bures Parish Council Supports this Planning Application****223115** - Pepper House, Hall Road, Mount Bures Essex CO8 5AJ

Application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) and 2 (materials) following grant of planning permission. Resubmission of 221609

RESOLVED: MBPC has no objection to this variation to condition 1 and 2 planning application**222771** - Hall Farm Hall Road Mount Bures CO8 5AS

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Amended documents submitted to CBC

RESOLVED: MBPC continues to Support this planning application subject to any impact on the land owned by neighbouring properties being suitably mitigated.**010/2023 Planning Decisions made by CBC affecting Mount Bures**

Councillors noted the following planning decisions made CBC

222476 - Catchlands, Chappel Road, Mount Bures, Bures, CO8 5AUTwo storey rear extension, front porch and internal alterations. **Approve with Conditions****222719** - Mill House, Chappel Road, Mount Bures, Bures, CO8 5AUReplace garages and outbuildings with a new cartlodge garage. **Approve with Conditions**

The Chairman noted that he had been informed by the Wormingford PC Chairman that a further odour report commissioned by the applicant for a Green Waste Recycling Facility (Applications ESS/30/22/COL and ESS/30/22/COL/SO.) on Wormingford Airfield had suggested that that the site might only be used for composting rather than shredding, but that subsequent discussion with the operator of the site had clarified that it was still proposed to shred material at the site. The location of the facility would be just within Mount Bures (adjacent to the reservoir) and there are a couple of properties in Mount Bures about 1/4km away that could be affected by noise/odors as would anyone using the two adjacent footpaths. The Council had commented on the original application raising several objections.

011/2023 Training/Events

a) Reports on attended events

The Clerk informed the meeting that he is attending an EALC 2023 Election Training session on 24th. January 2023 and that he will report to Councillors on the outcome

b) Nominations for new events

No future events have been booked

012/2023 Financea) To receive the Bank balances as at 31st. December 2022Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31st. December 2022

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2022/2023

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2022/2023

c) To retrospectively approve payments for November 2022 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

d) To approve payments for December 2022 and January 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. Proposed by Cllr F. Willet and seconded by M. Graham
All Agreed

013/2023 2023/2024 Budget

Councillors discussed and finalised the Council's anticipated expenditure for 2023/2024

Cllr F. Willet proposed the Council's anticipated expenditure for 2023/2024 of £5327.00p including a transfer of £1375.00p from the reserves to cover the cost of repainting the village sign.

Cllr M. Harris seconded. **All Agreed****014/2023 2023/2024 Precept**

Councillors discussed and finalised the Council's Precept for 2023/2024

Cllr M. Harris proposed the Council's Precept for 2023/2024 of £3300, which using the CBC Tax Base figure of 109.0 resulted in a Band D property figure of £30.27p per year; an increase of 87pence or 2.96%. Cllr M. Graham seconded. **All Agreed**

Councillors then agreed to authorise the RFO to send the signed Precept demand form to CBC by 25.01.23

015/2023 Information Exchange

It was suggested that Village Hall information could be included in the new MBPC website

016/2023 Items for next agenda

King's coronation event

Election briefing

017/2023 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 14th. March 2023 at 7.30pm

018/2023 Councillors to agree the meeting dates for 2023

Tuesday 09.05.23: 11.07.23: 12.09.23: 14.11.23

019/2023 Closure of the meeting

To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.35pm and thanked everyone to attending

Signed

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14th. March 2023

**Ian Woodman
Chairman**