

MOUNT BURES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th. March 2023 at 7.30pm in Mount Bures Village Hall.

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

020/2023 Chairman's welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that on behalf of the Parish Council, he reluctantly accepted the resignation of Michaela Harris with immediate effect. He thanked her for all her hard work whilst a Parish Councillor.

021/2023 Apologies for Absence were received from CBC Cllr W. Sunnucks

022/2023 Declaration of Members interests

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda. **None Declared**

023/2023 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 10th. January 2023. **All Agreed**

024/2023 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

a) ECC Managed wildlife reserve

A resident spoke about the managed wildlife reserve but said that the area to which she referred to is no longer designated as a roadside reserve due to the lack of 'important' species on it. With respect to it needing to be cut, highways staff are aware that it is no longer designated as a Special Roadside Verge. Since raising this issue the area has been cut either yesterday or today. An excellent result! But the resident will now see if there are any of the legume target species left.

025/2023 Update on the Joint Highways Working Party meeting

A letter from Bures Hamlet and Mount Bures Parish Councils had been circulated to residents on the What's App Group or in hard copy seeking evidence in support of action on the dangerous bend at the junction of Brook House Lane and the B1508. Residents and youngsters using the bus stops at this junction would be further encouraged to write.

026/2023 Visitors Report. No report was given

Cllr I. Woodman read out a letter received from Sir Bernard Jenkin MP it read:

I'm writing to you in connection with a small property which I understand is owned on a long lease by the Arch Company Properties Limited in Mount Bures, Essex, CO8 5DF.

This property is at the entrance to the village of Mount Bures in a prominent position when viewed from either the road or the railway. It is currently in a derelict state with the garden fenced off and asbestos piled up amongst the weeds growing high in the garden.

I am writing to you to ask you either consider measures to put the cottage and garden into a good order or to take alternative action, such as selling the lease, to ensure the issues with the cottage are resolved. The Parish Council, for whom this is a significant concern, have assured me they would take steps to encourage suitable buyers.

I would be most grateful if you could look at this and see what can be done to address this issue for the benefit of the local community

027/2023 King's Coronation

The village hall committee have agreed events - Afternoon tea on Monday 8th. May 2023 from 3 – 6pm

028/2023 Repainting of Village Sign. Councillors to discuss quotations and lead time

Cllr I. Woodman proposed accepting the quotation of £1740 from Bakers of Danbury Heritage Ltd. Cllr M. Graham seconded. **All Agreed.** The Clerk to contact Bakers of Danbury

029/2023 Planning Applications. No planning applications were received affecting Mount Bures

030/2023 Planning Decisions made by CBC affecting Mount Bures

Councillors noted the planning decisions made by CBC

222262 - Hushwing Farm, Mount Bures Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2AP
Change of Use for a Education Centre and Welfare Facility building. **Approve Conditional**

223115 - Pepper House, Hall Road, Mount Bures, Essex, CO8 5AJ
Application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) and 2 (materials) **Approve Conditional**

222771 - Hall Farm Hall Road Mount Bures Essex CO8 5AS
Replacement dwelling and change of use of an outbuilding to a store. **Approve Conditional**

031/2023 Training/Events

a) Reports on attended events / Nominations for new events.

No reports from attended events and no future events have been booked

032/2023 Finance

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 28th. February 2023
Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 28th. February 2023

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 confirm the 2023/2024 Insurance of £214.00p with Zurich Insurance
Cllr I. Woodman proposed to accept the Zurich Municipal Insurance quotation of £214.00p for the 2023/2024 year. Cllr F. Willett seconded. **All Agreed**

d) To approve payments for February and March 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

e) To agree and sign the application form for Internet Banking with NatWest Bank
Councillors supplied the RFO with their personal details in readiness for submitting the application to NatWest bank. Any documentation to be signed at the next Full Council meeting.

f) To discuss the Mount Bures Footpath Maintenance for 2023-2024
Cllr I. Woodman proposed accepting the quotation of £375 for cutting Mount Bures footpaths and £150 for cutting the vegetation along the Phillips Path. Cllr F. Willett seconded. **All Agreed**

033/2023 Information Exchange**034/2023 Items for next agenda****035/2023 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 9th. May 2023 at 7.30pm
To agree the date for the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting**

Cllr I. Woodman proposed Tuesday 18th. April 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall (subject to the hall being available). Cllr F. Willett seconded. **All Agreed**

036/2023 Closure of the meeting

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

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.30pm and thanked everyone to attending

Signed

I Woodman

9th. May 2023

**Ian Woodman
Chairman**