

MOUNT BURES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th. March 2024 at 7.30pm in Mount Bures Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs I. Woodman (Chair), F. Willett (Vice-Chair), H. Bufton, M. Graham, CCC Cllr W. Sunnucks and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 2 members of the public present.

016/2024 Chairman's welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

017/2024 Apologies for Absence No apologies were received.

018/2024 Declaration of Members interests

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

019/2024 To approve the minutes of the last meeting of Mount Bures Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the MBPC Meeting held on 9th. January 2024. **All Agreed**

020/2024 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

Concerns were raised about possible cutbacks in Colchester City Council's waste budget affecting the provision of a refuse lighter twice a year for residents to dispose of bulkier items. It was noted that this service was much used by local residents and was important for those living in rural areas who might not have easy access to transport to move items to waste disposal facilities.

Flooding on the B1508 Colchester Road at Pump House Corner

There had been persistent flooding at this location all winter creating difficulties for drivers and causing vehicles to divert onto local minor roads that were not suitable for significant traffic. It was likely that a drainage ditch on the adjacent land was blocked but the Parish Council did not know who was the responsible land owner. The Clerk to write to ECC Cllr L. Barber to forward the issue onto Highways

Flooding issues on Hall Road

Water had been flooding onto the road all winter from the roadside ditch at the point where the road entered the group of houses around the level crossing. Rodding the ditch from one side suggested there was an obstruction under the drive of the first house. The owner of the adjacent field agreed to try rodding from the other side to confirm the location of the problem. Clearing the ditch would be the responsibility of the relevant landowner but the Parish Council would endeavor to contact the householder before any traffic incidents occur

021/2024 Training. No training or future training has taken place.

022/2024 Visitors Report

Cllr W. Sunnucks informed the meeting about the Local Plan and a call for sites which have been submitted and is on the CCC website but none in Mount Bures. A number of villages will be affected if the sites are approved. Sites proposed around Marks Tey would create major problems on the A120 if taken forward before road improvements. The A120 will become a nightmare to navigate around. The sites will be whittled down in due course. The process could lead to an increase in the house building target to 1100 houses per year. Mount Bures has been designated as "unsustainable area."

CCC budget has been a problem and are entering into a restructuring project having to reduce the budget by 25% coming out of administration waste, street cleaning and maintenance.

023/2024 Mount Bures Footpath Maintenance – 2024

The Clerk had circulated the quotation received to cut Mount Bures Footpaths and to cut the hedgerows along Phillips Path. Cllr I. Woodman proposed accepting the quotation Cllr M. Graham. **All Agreed**

024/2024 Planning Applications

240080 - Scrouchers Farm Dowling Road Mount Bures Colchester

Application for prior approval for the conversion of agricultural storage barn into one dwelling

Due to the planning time constraints MBPC submitted the following response to CCC on 05.02.24

Mount Bures Parish Council has No comment to this application

240127 - Elms Farm Peartree Hill Mount Bures CO8 5BA

Link extension, conversion of outbuilding to utility including replacement of existing doors and windows, reroofing of existing house extension and outbuilding roof, addition of timber staircase to barn to allow access to first floor storage. Re-surfacing

Due to the planning time constraints MBPC submitted the following response to CCC on 15.02.24 Mount Bures Parish Council has No Objection to this application

240128 - Elms Farm Peartree Hill Mount Bures CO8 5BA

Listed building application for link extension, conversion of outbuilding to utility including replacement of existing doors and windows, reroofing of existing house extension and outbuilding roof, addition of timber staircase to barn to allow access to

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025/2024 Planning Decisions made by CBC affecting Mount Bures

232531 - Meadow House Craigs Lane Mount Bures Essex CO8 5AN

New single storey detached garage. **Approve with conditions**

Cllr W. Sunnucks left the meeting

026/2024 Finance

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 29th. February 2024
Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 29th. February 2024

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2023/2024
Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2023/2024

c) To approve payments for February and March 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

027/2024 Information Exchange**028/2024 Items for next agenda**

029/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 14th. May 2024 at 7.30pm which is the Annual Parish Meeting and MBPC AGM

Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates 09.07.24: 10.09.24: 12.11.24

030/2024 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 for attending

Signed

Woodman

**Ian Woodman
Chairman**

14th. May 2024