

# MOUNT BURES PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. September 2024 at 7.30pm in Mount Bures Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs I. Woodman (Chair), F. Willett (Vice-Chair), M. Graham and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 1 member of the public present.

**062/2024 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs W. Sunnucks and H. Bufton

**063/2024 Declaration of Members interests**

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

**064/2024 To approve the minutes of the last meeting of Mount Bures Parish Council**

To receive and agree the minutes of the last MBPC meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup>. May 2024. **All Agreed**

### Public Participation Session

Another "The Mount" is being prepared. An amount of £100 was agreed to pay for editorial and printing costs for the last year.

**065/2024 Planning Applications**

**240975** – Bells Hill House Bells Hill Mount Bures CO8 5BA

Provision of a domestic access and driveway utilising an improved lawful access.

Due to the time constraint set by CCC the following response from Mount Bures Parish Council read:

The Parish Council would like to inform the Planning Officer that Bells Hill is a protected lane and new driveways are supposed to be restricted. Given that Bells Hill's has a protected lane status any changes to the existing field entrance to make this driveway must not impact upon the lane's historic integrity, diversity or aesthetic value.

**241600** - Land adjacent, Dowling Road, Mount Bures Colchester

Erection of New Replacement Self Build Dwelling (following demolition of existing barn with prior approval for conversion to a dwelling under planning application reference: 240080)

Due to the time restraints set by CCC MDPC has already sent in a response. This can be found at <https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&ref=241600>

**241738** - Peacocks Lower Road Mount Bures CO8 5BH

Replacement of garage destroyed by fire with new detached double garage

**RESOLVED:** No objections to this planning application

**066/2024 Planning Decisions made by CBC affecting Mount Bures**

**240975** - Bells Hill House, Bells Hill, Mount Bures CO8 5BA

Provision of a domestic access and driveway utilising an improved lawful access.

The decision made is: **Approve Conditional**

The Council noted that this application had been approved with the condition that the existing hedge be transplanted into the new position. The Council hopes that this will be done carefully to maximise the likelihood of the hedge transplanting successfully.

### Planning Appeals

#### **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Appeal under Section 174**

**Site address:** Fairfields Farm, Fordham Road, Wormingford, Essex, CO6 3AQ

**Alleged breach:** Material change of use of land to land used for waste recycling involving the importation, deposit, storage and processing of waste, namely timber, and compost. The installation and operation/use of associated plant, equipment, machinery and storage containers. And operational development including the creation of bunds and erection of netting and supporting poles

**Appellant's name:** Mr Terry Slade

**Appeal reference:** APP/Z1585/C/23/3324623

**Appeal start date:** 28 June 2023

The above appeal had been part upheld and part dismissed.  
The appeal documents submitted in relation to this case are available for inspection at <https://planning.essex.gov.uk> by searching the Council's appeal reference: ENF/1157/APP. The applicant has since appealed against the decision to the Secretary of State. The Parish Council had resubmitted its original objections to the Planning Inspectorate and will consider being represented at the appeal hearing in October.

#### **067/2024 Colchester Local Plan Review**

##### **a) Village Green – Local Green Space**

The Council has submitted a request for the village green that to be designated as Local Green Space in the Colchester Local Plan Review. It is expected that this will be included in the public consultation on the Colchester Local Plan Review Preferred Options later this year. The Council has also submitted a similar request to Braintree District Council for the small element of the village green that lies over the boundary in Braintree.

The Council noted that a site in the open countryside by the level crossing had been put forward for development by the landowner as part of the Braintree District Council Local Plan Review "Call for Sites". All sites put forward as part of this process have to be assessed by the Planning Authority against the Strategic Land Availability Methodology and only if they passed would they be included in the Local Plan Review Preferred Options for public consultation. Following a request from Braintree District Council for Parish Councils to comment on sites submitted in the call for sites, the Parish Council has highlighted to Braintree District Council Mount Bures categorisation within the Colchester City Local Plan Spatial Strategy and the developing Local Plan review as a settlement that is not considered suitable for sustainable development.'

#### **068/2024 Finance**

##### **a) To receive the Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup>. August 2024**

Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup>. August 2024

##### **b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2024/25**

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2024/25

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

#### **069/2024 Budget 2025-2026** Councillors to discuss draft budget

Councillors discussed the draft budget for 2025-2026

#### **070/2024 Information Exchange**

EALC AGM to be attended by the Clerk

#### **071/2024 Items for next agenda**

The Mount £100 invoice

Arch Company building at the Level Crossing

Councillor vacancy

#### **072/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. November 2024 at 7.30pm**

#### **073/2024 Councillors confirmed the date meetings in 2025**

14.01.25: 11.03.25: 13.05.25: 08.07.25: 09.09.25: 11.11.25

#### **074/2024 Closure of the meeting**

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.10pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

12<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

**Ian Woodman**  
Chair