



Mount Bures Parish Council

UNApproved Minutes of Mount Bures Parish Council Meeting held remotely through the use of Video Conferencing as permitted by the Coronavirus Act 2020 on 9th September 2020. The meeting started at 7.30pm.

Notice: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, members of The Public and Press were welcome to be present and to raise any issue pertinent to items on the Agenda also filming and or recording of this meeting was open to members of the press and public.

Reference	Description
20/33	<p><u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>Cllr Graham opened the meeting and welcomed Cllrs Baird, Bufton, O'Neill, Woodman and Ward Cllr Chillingworth and immediately announced his resignation as Chairman of Mount Bures Parish Council and proposed Cllr Woodman as the new Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr O'Neill. Cllr Woodman accepted the proposal and confirmed that he was willing to take the Office and all agreed that Cllr Woodman should take office.</p> <p>Cllr Woodman was given a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form which will be signed in the presence of the Clerk on a mutually convenient date and place while observing social distance rules.</p> <p>Cllr Baird proposed that the Council's thanks to Cllr Graham for his invaluable and huge service to the community and the parish be minuted. Cllr O'Neill seconded the proposal and asked that he stay close by as a source and font of all knowledge in respect of the Parish.</p>
20/34	<p><u>ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>The Clerk explained that this item had been put on the agenda because until this evening it was not known who might take the Chair and therefore the position either had to be re-nominated or confirmed. Cllr Baird proposed that Cllr O'Neill stay as Deputy Chairman Cllr Bufton seconded the proposal to which all agreed.</p>
20/35	<p><u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u></p> <p>No Cllr had any to declare.</p>
20/36	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES –</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 were received as a true representation of the business conducted. Cllr Baird proposed acceptance of the minutes and Cllr Bufton seconded the proposal which was agreed unanimously.</p>
20/37	<p><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST.</u></p> <p>Although no member of the public was present either by video call or telephone a resident had contacted the clerk and a Cllr prior to the meeting to request an update on Quiet and Protected lanes. Ward Cllr Chillingworth was able to clarify that in the</p>

	<p>Local Plan there were only 2 Protected Lanes in the Parish namely Pear Tree Lane and Jankes Green Road. This information is available on the internet and also on the Mount Bures Website. Cllr Woodman offered to let the resident know.</p>
20/38	<p><u>Ward & County Councillors Report</u></p> <p>Prior to the meeting Ward Cllr Chillingworth had submitted two reports one was a General Report and is attached to these minutes and the second is an update on the Planning White Paper recently received.</p> <p>Cllr Chillingworth intimated that in the next few months there is likely to be a major re-organisation for Members, at this stage things are not very clear but the indications are that we could well be moving toward a Unitary Authority. This would increase the number of residents per Member as well as the number of Parishes. Colchester would in all probability become a Town Council as it was before but CBC is not currently Parished and therefore will be large and Mayoral Duties would continue. Cllr Chillingworth personal feels that Parish Councils would be encouraged to merge. However, the Government is primarily concerned with higher level authorities and regions, Districts maybe encouraged to merge. However, there is not doubt that there will be large sums of money involved and reading the White Paper when it comes out will need to be read.</p> <p>Cllr Chillingworth informed the meeting that he would stay in order to answer any questions with regard the item at 20/40 and if there was anything at item 20/43.</p>
20/39	<p><u>TO RE-CONFIRM MBPC REPRESENTATION 2020/2021</u></p> <p>CALC – Colchester Association of Local Councils The Chairman - Cllr Woodman</p> <p>EALC – Essex Association of Local Councils The Chairman - Cllr Woodman</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – Essex Highways Cllr Baird</p> <p>RECYCLING & TRANSPORT – CBC and ESSEX Cllr Bufton</p> <p>PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP – PP3 - Essex Highways and AONB Cllr O’Neill</p> <p>EMERGENCY PLAN & COVID The Clerk</p> <p>WEBSITE MANAGER - Mount Bures Parish Council Website Cllr O’Neill</p> <p>Cllr Baird agreed to take up Highways because every evening between 5-6pm there is a motor cyclist accelerating down the hill into the village and is an accident waiting to happen. A discussion then ensued that it might be an idea to contact local parishes eg Chappel and Wakes Colne to determine if they still have a Community Speed Watch Volunteer Group and if there was any way in which they could help out MBPC.</p> <p>Cllr Baird then enquired about the situation regarding the Dangerous Corner, Cllr Woodman informed the meeting that according to highways since the traffic was travelling at speeds within 60 mph there was no issue and were completely missing the point that people and children walking into Bures Hamlet or taking the bus in the Colchester direction had to cross on a Blind Bend. Also Essex Highways are reluctant</p>

	<p>to review speed limits on roads. Further discussion on Highways revealed that perhaps the information with regard to road closures could be communicated via the village Whats App group. The Clerk could join the Group to help with communication generally.</p>
20/40	<p><u>COMPLAINT RECEIVED REGARDING THE GLIDING CLUB TO DISCUSS WAY FORWARD.</u></p> <p>Great concern was expressed by Cllrs with regard to the Tow plane flying at altitudes of around 150 ft with the pilot clearly visible and labouring to climb into the air. Cllrs agreed that the conditions in respect of their planning permission was that the Gliding Club was supposed to inform the Council when they were going to use the Tow plane. The flight path is over MB with many residents having contacted both MB Parish Cllrs but also Cllr Chillingworth over the Bank Holiday.</p> <p>It was felt that the planning permission granted with conditions lack clarity and although Enforcement said they would look into it nothing has since been heard. Concern was further expressed by Cllr Bufton who informed council that she and her husband had in fact visited the airfield over the Bank Holiday and were shocked to find that there were 3 light aircraft parked up. All agreed that the airfield and the club were not permitted to have light aircraft. Cllrs felt that it was unacceptable that residents had to stay indoors over the bank holiday since the noise from the Tow Plane was such as to detrimentally impact on their quiet enjoyment of their outside space. Cllr O'Neill advised Cllrs to download Flight Radar 24 which will identify the planes overhead as well as confirm their altitude. It was felt that the Council should engage with the club directly before contacting the CAA and CBC as Planning Enforcement. The Clerk will provide Cllr Chillingworth with all the points raised.</p>
20/41	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There were no questions raised in respect of the Local Plan. 2. The Chair confirmed that he would attend EALC's AGM by video link on 24th September.
20/42	<p><u>Clerk's Report</u></p> <p>The Clerk pointed out that the cost of the new website was currently being paid by the Clerk using the Clerk's Credit Card and that this situation is unacceptably in the light of the Council's financial regulations and that an alternative needed to be found. The council agreed and enquiries for alternatives will be sought.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Council that former Cllr Tony Evans called to inform that a previous resident Don McEwan had sadly passed away and Mr Evans wondered if there were not people in the village who recalled Mr McEwan's time in the village, on the Parish Council and as a member of the Village Hall Committee and if so could an obituary be placed in the Mount. All agreed that the Clerk make contact with the Editor of the Mount to that effect.</p>
20/43	<p><u>Planning Register</u></p> <p>An updated copy of the register had been circulated previously.</p> <p>No new CBC planning applications had been received.</p> <p>Although MBPC had been made aware of a Braintree Planning Application on Lamarsh Hill and although not a statutory consultee MB had made an objection on the grounds that the development and its traffic would impact very negatively on the lanes leading to it.</p> <p>Footpath 34 is still a concern. Cllr Woodman had paid the location a visit and confirmed that the Footpath is still not Way Marked and that walkers are still going</p>

	<p>through a farm yard with large agricultural machinery moving around in it. The Clerk is tasked with contacting Cllr Brown yet again.</p> <p>Cllr Chillingworth informed the Council that the Planning White Paper had exercised a lot of people as well as Councils, therefore any concerns might be better consolidated in order to influence what might face and concern MBPC moving forward. The algorithm used to calculate the housing numbers required scared everyone making councils feel that they were being victimised. Colchester is looking at moving from 900 houses per year to 1,600 per year!</p> <p>Cllr O'Neill asked if Mount Bures might be under threat and Cllr Chillingworth said that Marks Tey were willing to take more but part 2 was still to be discussed but the impact on the land supply whether brownfield or otherwise was very concerning.</p> <p>Cllr Baird asked if the Housing Plan was linked to infrastructure?</p> <p>Cllr Chillingworth said that this was always the issue, plans for the A12 and A120 were out for consultation for the proposed routes which would lead to an improvement to the Junction at Marks Tey, however it was intended that the Garden Communities were to have infrastructure there not after.</p> <p>Cllr Chillingworth informed MBPC that it would be wisest to wait to see what plans CBC comes forward with before making any representation.</p>
20/44	<p><u>To receive, amend and or agree Mount Bures</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standing Orders – Page 16, g in the minutes ergo stet Page 18, e) Draft Minutes continue as is Page 19, e) by Council Tender leave in Page 26 Amendments inserted. 2. Financial Regulations Page 4 requires bank reconciliation to be verified 4 times a year since the Council only meets every second month it was proposed and unanimously agreed to leave to the end of the fiscal year. Page 7 requires the RFO to provide an explanation of the variances, there is a form to so do in the internal audit pack 4.8 <p>The clerk mentioned the issue relating to using personal cards this was addressed earlier in the meeting</p>
20/45	<p><u>Financials</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration of changes to bank signatories. Currently there are 3 signatories Cllrs Graham, O'Neill and Woodman. It was felt that with Cllr Graham stepping down it might be timely to review the situation. Cllr Baird was proposed by Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr Graham and all agreed that Cllr Baird would become the third signatory on the Natwest Accounts. The Chairman would check his records to ensure that we used the correct wording since it had caused a delay the last time. 2. Mount Bures Parish Council noted the new Salary Scale for the Clerk and that it has to be back dated to April. The clerk would provided the full cost at the November meeting since the rates had now been received by Council. 3. The payment schedule was accepted unanimously.
20/46	Cllr Woodman, the Chairman called the meeting to a close at ???
20/47	

Signed byChairman

Date

