

# MOUNT BURES PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. July 2025 at 7.30pm in Mount Bures Village Hall.

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

**055/2025 Apologies for Absence** were received from CCC Cllr W. Sunnucks.

### **056/2025 Declaration of Members interests**

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

### **057/2025 To approve the minutes of the last meetings of Mount Bures Parish Council**

To receive and agree the minutes of the last MBPC meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup>. May 2025 **All Agreed.**

**058/2025 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)** No questions were asked.

**059/2025 Training.** Councilors have received all training bulletins from EALC.

**060/2025 Visitors Report.** No report was given or supplied.

Cllr I. Woodman had spoken to ECC Cllr L. Barber to thank him for chasing Anglia Water regarding the burst main problems in Mount Bures and also for keeping Councilors updated on Local Government reform and the developing Local Plans. In the light of the proposed inclusion of the Village Green as Local Green Space in the Local Plans, Cllr L. Barber would speak to ECC regarding removing historic highway rights and the possibility of passing the village green to the Parish Council.

### **061/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response.**

No planning applications have been received from CCC affecting Mount Bures.

### **062/2025 Planning Decision/s made by CCC affecting Mount Bures.**

**250901 - Orchard Lodge Dowling Road Mount Bures CO8 5AY.**

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate to formally acknowledge the long-established operation of the tree surgery business at the property. **Refuse Certificate of Lawful Use or Development.**

### **063/2025 Local Plan Reviews.**

No date had yet been set for the CCC Local Plan preferred options coming out for public consultation. The Parish Council understood that the site in Hall Road put forward for development in the Braintree Local Plan had been assessed as not suitable for development by Council officers and would not be included in the Braintree District Local Plan.

### **064/2025 Defibrillator pledges – update the Clerk.**

Cllr I. Woodman informed the meeting that 15 residents have pledged £50 towards the village defibrillator being purchased. The cost of purchasing a semi-automatic defibrillator with carrying case and an external unlocked heated cabinet from the British Heart Foundation would be £1141.66p +VAT. There would also be some small installation costs and the cost of electricity for the cabinet heater (approx. £50 p.a.).

### **065/2025 Defibrillator purchase**

Cllr I. Woodman proposed purchasing the defibrillator at a total cost of £1369.99p inc. VAT, the VAT to be subsequently recovered from HMRC.

Cllr F. Willetts seconded. **All Agreed.**

Cllr I. Woodman proposed also purchasing a Bleed Kit to be stored in the cabinet to provide trauma bandages and a tourniquet in the event of a catastrophic accident. Cllr H. Bufton seconded. **All Agreed**

**066/2025 Finance**

- a) To receive the Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2025.

Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2025.

- b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2025/2026.

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2025/2026.

- c) To approve payments for June & July '25 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed.**

**067/2025 Information Exchange.**

1. 2025-2026 Winter Salt Bag scheme – Does MBPC wish to participate this year?

Councillors agreed that the Council currently had adequate stocks of salt available and not to acquire the salt for 2025-2026 but to remain on the list for 2026-2027.

**068/2025 Items for next agenda.**

**069/2025 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. September 2025 at 7.30pm.**

**070/2025 Councillors confirmed the date meetings in 2025. 11.11.25 (Budget meeting).**

**071/2025 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

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**Ian Woodman**  
Chair

9<sup>th</sup>. September 2025