



What's Going On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - December 2018

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BULMER & DISTRICT OIL SYNDICATE

Oil Order Dates for 2019		
Month	Cut-off Date to place your order	Delivery expected (but not guaranteed)
January	Saturday 29th December 2018	7th Jan.
February	Saturday 2nd February	9th Feb.
March	Saturday 2nd March	9th March
April	Saturday 30th March	8th April
June	Saturday 1st June	10th June
August	Saturday 3rd August	12th Aug.
October	Saturday 28th September	7th October
November	Saturday 2nd November	11th November
December	Saturday 30th November	9th December
January 2020	28th December 2019	4th January 2020

With the current high prices it is even more important to join the group and pay lower prices than you would get on single orders. Can you afford not to be a member of the group, especially remembering that it costs nothing to join and there are no running costs. Currently there are over 110 members, but the more members there are, a potential lower price is possible.

How the group operates:-

The group works entirely by email

When you need oil check the order dates (below) and email me (Mike Crome) at mikey1805@gmail.com with the quantity you require (**min 500 litres**). You do not need to order each month, only when you need it! Your order will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive confirmation within a couple of days, please resubmit.



If you would like to join, I will need the following by completion of the form below with:-

Full Name:		Address:				
Telephone No.		Postcode:				
Mobile No.		Email:				
Tank Quantity:		Tank Position to house [Please ✓]	Front		Right Side	
			Back		Left Side	

Please advise if a 4 wheeled tanker is needed and whether there are any security requirements (i.e gate to be unlocked)

Your agreement with the **GDPR Policy**, which can be found at www.essexinfo.net/bulmervillage/assets/documents/gdpr

To join the group please complete the application form at: www.essexinfo.net/bulmervillage/forms/new-member

Group Leader - Mike Crome - mikey1805@gmail.com

COUNTY BROADBAND UPDATE

The good news: we are actively preparing to bring this service to your village and we have secured agreements with several utilities providers, which will mean the whole network build will be potentially less disruptive, as there will be less digging in areas such as carriageway and pavements.

The bad news: as a result, the new roll-out schedule will be pushed back to the Spring of 2019, with a view to connecting our first customers shortly afterwards.

Obviously, we are very sorry we can't bring you our full fibre services sooner but we remain committed to ensuring we are able to deliver our new fibre network to your home.

BULMER SKYLARKS

We are all looking forward to a visit to St Andrews School for our Christmas lunch. We really enjoy the welcome we always receive from the children and staff. The cooks provide us with a mouth watering meal with all the trimmings which is much appreciated. The highlight of the afternoon is being with the children who serve our lunch, have lovely chats with us and then provide entertainment which always includes Carol singing. We all return home full of the Christmas spirit. We are also planning a trip to Scotsdales garden centre at Cambridge for some Christmas shopping on 6th December. The coach home is always packed with tinsel, sparkles and everything needed for the festive season.

Our New Year programme will commence on on 22nd January when Simon White from Peter Beales Roses will be taking us through the A to Z of Roses. Life as a Special Protection Officer will be the subject of a talk by Robert Burridge on 26th February and we will be learning about the Life of Leonard Cheshire from Barbara McElroy on March 26th.

If you would like to know more about Skylarks please come along to a meeting or ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758.

BULMER STITCH AND SEW CLUB

Everyone welcome – we meet on the first Monday in the month from 2 – 4pm. If it falls on a Bank Holiday it is on the 2nd Monday. We pay £1 per session this helps to pay for the hire of the hall and refreshments. If anyone else would like to join us (men as well) please ring Margaret 01787 312915 for further information.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Another heater has been added to the back meeting room in the Village Hall. This is at the request of those of you who hold your various meetings in there. We hope this will now make the room much warmer for everyone who might use it over the winter. All equipment in the Hall has been inspected and relevant certificates issued.

The Quiz Night was again a great success. This appears to be the most popular event held in the Village Hall. It was so nice to see all the tables filled with Bulmer residents and their friends and families. The Fish and Chips provided by The Cod Father was as usual excellent and much appreciated. Our Quizzers were again very generous in buying Raffle tickets and a portion of the takings were donated to the Stour Valley Project. We felt that the group do such a good job on Coes Meadow keeping it clean and tidy that they deserved recognition.

We will be holding our first Committee meeting in January when we will be looking at any Hall improvements we think are needed. We will also start to plan events to be held during the next 12 months so if you have any ideas on what you would like to take place please get in touch and we will do our best to carry them out.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past year and we look forward to seeing you all at our events in 2019.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

If you are new to the Village and would like to support the Village Hall why not join the Lottery. You can join for as little as 50p per number and can hold up to 4 numbers. If you would like to know more ring Dawn at the Post Office on 376676 or Maggie on 374758.

The Lottery still provides 3 lucky winners each month. It is a vital fundraiser for your village hall.

Are you a member? The more members the more funds for the village Hall and bigger prizes.

Please support your village hall and contact Dawn at the Post Office (01787 376676) if you would like to join the village lottery.

ST ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH

Looking back on some events in the last few months we recall Remembrance Day: there was a good turnout for this memorable service being the centenary year of the end of the First World War. Hopefully people in the village have noticed the small notices erected by the War Graves Commission at the two entrances to the churchyard. These recognise the presence of the four servicemen who died in the two world wars and are buried in Bulmer.

Among the services at Christmas was the carol service which as usual was very well attended. There were some lovely Christmas songs by youngsters Emily Barlow, and Holli and Daisy Dixey. The collection taken of £302 was split equally between the charity (for the homeless) SHELTER, and the church. On the Friday before Christmas the choir sang carols at the Fox raising some much needed £82 for the Air Ambulance. The crib service and the main service on Christmas Day rounded off the celebrations of the birth of Jesus.

For some time now someone, unknown to the church council, has been placing branches and other sections of wood on the path through the churchyard. Earlier a steel notice, asking people to not allow dogs to foul the path, had been hammered into the ground near to the middle of the path, thus causing a very serious hazard to anyone walking through in the failing winter light. This is a **HAZARD WARNING**: All villagers are advised to take care of potential trip hazards when walking through the churchyard between the Coe's Meadow and Church Meadow entrances. Please, can the person who is placing the obstructions on the path kindly contact one of the church officials to help remedy the issues involved.

Dates for the diary:

In February and March there will be our usual all-age family services to which all are welcome: it would be particularly wonderful to see a few more children and youngsters helping during these services. Sunday 31st March is Mother's Day when we recognise the contribution made to family life by all mothers whatever their age! So, all you children reading this – bring your mum along to this lovely service in the church.

As a further challenge to our choir and congregation we want you all to choose a favourite song (or hymn) for a service of Songs of Praise on Sunday 7th April at 10.30am. This could be a song written just last year or one you loved from your old school days: somehow, we will find the music and get the choir rehearsing! Just let someone in the church know by mid-March!

Ken Mills, Bill Dixey - St Andrew's PCC

Month	First	Second	Third
October	Mr & Mrs H Owen	Mr & Mrs C Bennett	Ms S Charlton
November	Mrs C Morley	Mrs J Johnson	Mr & Mrs Francis
December	Mrs J Steed	Mrs B Rawlins	Ms J Rolfe

Village Mutterings

Well now, what's been happening in this lovely village of ours? Since the departure of the Chairman of Coe's Meadow, Bulmer's much appreciated play area and meadow, which is used not only by Bulmer residents, but those from Sudbury and many surrounding villages, has been without a committee to look after it and care for its maintenance and above all its safety for children to use. Therefore to avoid seeing its reputation decline and neglected, it needs volunteers to come forward to form a new committee. Should you be prepared to be part of a new committee, then please contact the Parish Council clerk, either by email at bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com or by phone at 0781078509.

On other news, the Parish Council has some more positive news than of late, a new salaried clerk & responsible finance officer has been appointed - Kevin Money, from Colchester. Kevin is currently also clerk to Foxearth & Liston Parish Council, and Clerk to the Colchester Assoc. Local Councils. You can meet the Clerk and Councillor at the next council meeting on 22nd of January at 7:45pm in the Village Hall.

In addition to this a new Councillor has been co-opted to the Council - Bulmer resident Amanda Lyes, but there are still 3 vacancies. That's all the news I have until the next time. - *The Villager Whisperer*

NATURE DIARY



There have been some strange happenings with some of our plants and trees this autumn. This is probably as a result of the somewhat extreme weather conditions we have faced this year, from late frosts to heat waves, drought and even the odd deluge. In a couple of places this autumn I have seen dog roses in flower whilst bearing rosy red rosehips, months later than their normal flowering back in May. But the most striking and unusual sight was a horse chestnut tree in full bloom just down from the crossroads in Bulmer Street at Blackhouse Farm. One half of the tree was festooned with the wonderful candelabra like flowers, which again were 4 or 5 months behind their usual flowering time. I expect that they did flower earlier, and this was a second flush of blossom.

Many people have noticed that the fieldfares and redwings have been late arriving this autumn. Not only were they late, but are still very low in numbers. I expect as the winter progresses their numbers will build up, with more birds flying in from the continent.

Foxearth Meadows, an established nature reserve beside the river Stour at has been taken over by taken over by "A Rocha" a group who are known as "Christians in Conservation". They have owned the site for over a year now, and are doing great works in clearing some of the almost impassable paths and installing a new



board walk which makes this often waterlogged site accessible even when flooded. The reserve was originally created and managed by the late Keith Morris, specifically to attract dragonflies and damselflies, in which he was greatly successful, 21 different species having been recorded there by A Rocha. Of course the reserve benefits many other forms of wildlife, especially birds which like damp habitats, such as reed bunting and reed warbler. At a "bio blitz" day held there back in the summer, bird ringer Peter Dywer recaptured a reed warbler (pictured) that he had ringed there in 2017. Since then this small bird would have flown to and from southern Africa to return to exactly the same spot. At the end of October we walked dry shod over the board walk on a gloriously warm sunny day. Sunning themselves on the board walk were a couple of common darter dragonflies, still active despite the fact that we were almost into November. One of them took off to continue its sun bathing on Wendy's hat!

From one end of the site a path leads you along the old railway track towards Melford. On the bank there is a bank of dry chalky soil where some interesting plants grow, including lesser calamint, burnet saxifrage and mouse eared hawkweed. There is also reindeer moss which is actually a lichen. Two small copper butterflies were warming up on the bank, two bright little jewels, shining orange in the sunshine.

Back in September a hazel growing close to our bungalow was well laden with nuts, as was a walnut in our neighbour's garden. Surprisingly, given this easily available food source we haven't seen any grey squirrels stocking up for winter as we have often in the past. However other creatures were more than pleased to help themselves. I had watched a carrion crow out in the field hacking away at something with its powerful beak before eating it. It wasn't till it flew to the walnut tree to break off another nut that I realised what it had got. Then a great spotted woodpecker arrived in the hazel and managed to wrest off a nut before flying off with its prize.



It appears that we have another bird species to add for the village. David Bevan phoned to tell me that he has heard and seen a raven in the belt of woodland between Kitchen Farm and the Auberies. In fact he thinks there may have been two and wonders if they may even have bred. I was telling of this to a one of my neighbours who had a similar tale to relate. Out on a walk she had met ex Bulmer resident David Sayers, he told her that he had seen one near Brakey Hill, the little wood beside the footpath from Lower Houses to the Tye. I wasn't altogether surprised at hearing about these birds, ravens have been occasionally seen in eastern England and this year a pair actually nested somewhere in east Suffolk. The last time a pair bred in Suffolk was about 1880 according to the reports. I had also seen and heard one a couple of years back at Alphamstone. They have a very distinctive call, something like a carrion crow, but much louder and deeper, they are also much larger than the crow. In fact they are the largest of the crow family.

In early November we visited Sherwood Forest to see the Major Oak, a huge ancient tree, which is estimated to be between 800 and 1050 years old. The trunk has a girth of 33ft, an estimated weight of 23 tons and a branch spread of 92 feet, making it the biggest oak in Britain. Legend has it that it was Robin Hood's hideaway. One of the theories as to how it came to grow to be such a huge tree is that three or four saplings started to grow very close to each other and then fused together. It has a multi chambered hollow interior which supports this idea. As you can see many of the branches are propped up without this support I'm sure that many of them would have fallen by now.



We have several ancient pollards in Bulmer. A particularly large one on Smeetham Hall Farm must almost have equalled the Major Oak, at least in girth, but sadly it has now lost one side of the trunk I believe. The picture shows the late Mr Bunny Hyde Parker with his dogs beside the Monster tree around 1989

Wishing one and all a Happy New Year
Peter Rowe



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Rose Raymond	07813 205743
Philip Benns	
Amanda Lyes	

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
22 January 2019
18 March 2019
29 April 2019

All meetings are bi-monthly, normally held on the third Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7:45pm except the AGM starts 7:15pm All parishioners are welcome to attend and there is a 15 minute slot for statements/questions from the floor.

ALLOTMENTS VACANCIES

Interested in having an allotment? We currently have vacant plots that can be a welcome addition to your garden allowing you the freedom to grow a variety of produce. The allotment holders are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies and gentlemen who are always happy to share ideas and advice if asked. Please contact by email our parish clerk on bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com for further information.

**Bulmer Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Held on 18 September 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m.**

Present: Cllr R Raymond Chairman
Cllr S Morgan Vice Chairman
Cllr P Benns

Locum Clerk: Pat Roberts
12 Members of the public

18/137 Apologies of Absence.

Not applicable see Agenda Item 18/140

18/138 Declaration of Interests.

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Non -pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda. Members of the Council are subject to the Local Authorities Code of Conduct as adopted in May 2016.
Interests declared: -

Cllr R Raymond Agenda Item 18/147
Agenda Item 18/153-1
Agenda Item 18/153-2
Agenda Item 18/154 18/01487/FUL

Cllr S Martin Agenda Item 18/153-1
Agenda Item 18/153-2

18/139 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Councillors are not permitted to make representations in the Public Forum if they have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and/or any other Pecuniary Interests on any items on the Agenda as stated in the adopted Code of Conduct.
Items raised by members of the public:

- Noticeboards – General disbelief among the public present that notification of village matters other than Parish Council information is not being allowed to be shown when space is available, this is preventing a vital means of communication within the village. This has been an ongoing issue between certain Parish Councillors and the parishioners of Bulmer and a decision must be made on the issue sooner rather than later – See Agenda item 18/150.
- Planning application 18/01487/FUL – Strong feeling among the community that the comments regarding the refusal of the original applications still apply. Additional comments were that the building is not in keeping with the area and concerns that equipment stored will more in keeping with other use that agricultural needs.
- Cllr S Morgan pointed out that the appeal concerned access to the building.
- Cllr R Raymond took no part in the debate.

18/140 County Councillor & District Councillor Reports.

Reports from the County and District Councillors if present.

No invitation to the meeting was extended to the County and District Councillors as no invitation issued due to an error by the Locum Clerk.

18/141 Minutes.

After unanimous agreement by all Councillors the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 8th August 2018 were agreed as a record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

18/142 Allotments.

The clerk is waiting for either a bank statement or bill from the water authority to allow for any increase in water charges to be included in invoices raised for the Allotments.

Cllr S Morgan felt there was a need to identify why although the majority of plots are very well maintained some are not. Also, there was a need to be more pro-active in getting more people interested in having an allotment. Strimmer has been repaired and is ready for use.

18/143 Bank Accounts.

An update regarding changes required to the bank accounts mandate.

Barclays PLC requested an alteration to the forms submitted, this has been done but still waiting for the formal approval to the changes required.

18/144 Councillor Co-options.

Update regarding the co-option of Parish Councillors to fill the current vacancies.

A notice regarding Councillor co-option has been put on the notice board and will be circulated to the village via What's On. It is hoped that applications for Councillor co-options will be received for approval at the next Parish Council meeting.

18/145 Finance

- **18/145-1** invoices to be approved for payment by the EALC until Barclays PLC changes have been approved.

	Cheque No.	Total
JPB Landscapes – Invoice 598 Grass Cutting		451.20
	TOTAL	451.20

18/145-2 Balance in Hand – to be submitted if Bank Statement received.

Due to bank mandate changes no bank statement have been received.

18/145-3 To approve EALC Invoices received (to be paid at a later date) regarding cheques issued on behalf of Bulmer Parish Council EALC Invoice 10298 £218.20 for payments approved at 8 August 2018 meeting

Approved unanimously by all Councillors with thanks to the EALC for offering this facility until Barclays PLC approve mandate changes.

- **18/145-4** Monies Received
£5.16 received from Mr. M T Williamson & Mrs E A Williamson re Allotments. Note

18/146 Freedom of Information Requests

- **18/146-1** Cllr. P Benns to report on the Freedom of Information item he was dealing with. (Agenda Item 18/146-2 8 August 2018)
Cllr P Benns reported that the complaint had been withdrawn as most of the Councillors involved are no longer on the serving as Councillors.
It was noted that A Complaints Policy for the Parish Council needs to be put in place.
- **18/146-2** The Clerk to report on the Freedom of Information request regarding emails, (Agenda Item 18/132 8 August 2018)
Two of the present Councillors have no record of email received nor sent during the time concerned. Clerk to collate any other emails available and pass these on as requested.

18/147 Garden Allotments.

To consider offering tenants a five-year tenancy agreement.

Cllr S Morgan proposed cancelling Standing Orders to allow the members of the public to be included in the debate.

Seconded Cllr R Raymond

Unanimously agreed

Deferred from previous meeting.

The matter was discussed along with the views of the members of the public present and it was felt that a five years lease would give more security to the allotment holder, but regarding the Garden Allotments Lease there should be a clause stating that if the property of the holder of the lease was sold it would not automatically go to the new owners of the property.

The views of the present holders should be obtained and also a check that the legal requirement of such a lease would be met.

Cllr S Morgan agreed to look into the issues raised.

Cllr S Morgan proposed Standing Orders to be reinstated.

Seconded Cllr R Raymond

Unanimously agreed

18/148 Highways

To discuss any Highway matters concerning Bulmer Parish

Cllr R Raymond was concerned that the number of road work in the surrounding areas being carried out by Essex Highways had resulted in large numbers of lorries and other vehicles turning and using minor roads causing damage to verges and curbs. Cllr Finch at Essex County Council has been informed and, in some areas soil has been replaced and the areas regrassed.

18/149 Mail/Postal Redirection

The Clerk had been in contact with Mrs D Jacobs who very kindly agreed to forward on any mail of importance. This was noted by the Councillors who fully appreciated Mrs D Jacobs help.

The Clerk thanked Mrs D Jacobs and supplied her with stamps and envelopes to redirect the mail. This was noted by the Councillors who fully appreciated Mrs D Jacobs help.

18/150 Noticeboards.

- **18/150-1** Update re locks – quotes considered – but no decision made.
Cllr S Morgan proposed that this matter be deferred until more Councillors have been co-opted. Seconded Cllr R Raymond
Unanimously agreed

- **18/150-2** To consider the Parish Council notice boards to be used strictly for Parish Council business and not for advertising local events. Deferred from a previous meeting.
As this matter was discussed during the public forum Cllr R Raymond proposed that any information etc not concerning the Parish Council was to be placed on the reverse side of the noticeboard if space was available.
Seconded Cllr S Morgan
Unanimously agreed

18/151 Parish Clerk Vacancy

Councillors to approve wording of notice regarding Parish Clerk vacancy.

Wording was unanimously approved by the Councillors who also agreed that the details to be circulated in What's On and by the EALC.

18/152 Parish Council Land

To discuss the following issues concerning Parish Council land:

- Possible infection of Honey Fungus on Parish Council land alongside Limes Avenue.
A site visit by Peter Roe concerning this issue had been arranged for the 19 September involving a member of the Coe's Meadow Committee to discuss what measures can be put in place. These may possibly include ensuring a cut space alongside fencing and householder property and how to prevent or control the problem of vermin infestation.
- Undergrowth is damaging fencing and preventing access to the land for maintenance purposes, a cut space by the fence would allow easier access for land maintenance.
- Discussing matters concerning Coe's Meadow
It is the responsibility of The Coe's Meadow Committee to identify any issues and problems concerning Coe's Meadow including possible remedies and costs, and then they can liaise with the Parish Council to enable positive solutions.
Cllr S Morgan agreed to contact Coe's Meadow Committee.

18/153 Deferred Items from Previous Meetings

- 18/153-1 Drainage Issues at Bulmer Grazing.
Further information required.
- 18/153-2 Access to rear of "Carters" Blacksmiths Lane. To discuss access.
This was not discussed as Cllr R Raymond had declared an interest so the Council would not be quorate. The agreements i.e. Grazing Agreement and Tenancy Agreement differ on what the Parish Council rights and responsibilities are, so there is a need for clarification on the agreements and then NALC can be contacted for the legal view on them.
- 18/153-3 Funding.
To consider nominations from Councillors
It was unanimously agreed not to consider nominations at the present time.

18/154 Planning Matters.

- 18/01487/FUL – Erection of agricultural storage building and new vehicular access on land south of Hedingham Road, Bulmer, Essex. Council response required by 2 October 2018. Previous objections had already been given to BDC concerning this application.
Objections to now include:
1 Request for conditions to be put in place regarding the land is solely used for agricultural purposes as stated in the application.
2 Property and land kept as a single entity
3 Building is too large for the area and will be very visible for many areas.
- Appeals – 17/01638/FUL Erection of 3 no. detached dwelling houses with detached garages comprising of 2 no. 3 dwellings and 1 no. 4 bedroom dwelling. Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/Z1510/W/18/3199016. Appeal start date 3 September 2018.
Noted

18/155 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 19 November 2018.

Meeting closed at 21.25 p.m.

Bulmer Parish Council Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Meeting Held on 19 November 2018 in the Village Hall, at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr. R Raymond (Chairman), Cllr. P Bennis, Cllr. S Morgan,

11 members of the public
Locum Clerk Pat Roberts

18/156 Apologies of Absence.

Apologies received from Cllr D Finch County Councillor and Cllr W Scattergood District Councillor.

18/157 Parish Councillors Co-option

Amanda Lyes was co-opted as a Bulmer Parish Councillor.

Proposed Cllr R Raymond

Seconded Cllr S Morgan

All Councillors in agreement.

Cllr A Lyes then signed and joined the council meeting.

18/158 Declaration of Interests.

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Non -pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda. Members of the Council are subject to the Local Authorities Code of Conduct as adopted in May 2016.

None declared.

18/159 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Items raised by members of the public present

Hedges need to be cut back to prepare for the new pathway

As some unknown persons have been seen in the village the Coes Meadow gate is now being kept shut to prevent access.

The equipment used on Coes Meadow needs to be checked to ensure it is in working order before it is used next year when the weather is more favourable.

Clerk to contract Playsafety for a full report on the inspection that has been carried out.

Possible project for the allotments would be to extend the water pipes for easier accessibility.

Article to be included in the Newsletter to encourage parishioners to attend the Parish Council meetings if there are any problems or issues of concern.

18/160 County Councillor & District Councillor Reports.

Reports from the County and District Councillors if present.

No reports submitted. See Agenda Item 18/156

18/161 Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th September 2018 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr S Morgan

Seconded Cllr P Bennis

All Councillors in agreement except for Cllr A Lyes who had not attended the meeting.

18/162 Allotments.

18/162-1 The invoices for Allotment rents have been distributed.

A list of rents paid and outstanding was given to Cllr S Morgan .

2 notifications received from existing Allotment plot holders surrendering their tenancy.

Noted

Cllr S Morgan to find a map of the allotments and plan a route for additional water pipes. This item to be on the next agenda.

Several plots have not been kept up this season , possibly a solution which will be put to the existing allotment holders for their agreement would be to advertise the availability of vacant plots to a wider area around Bulmer.

The local Newsletter could be used to inform people of vacant plots and also the Parish Clerks of neighbouring parishes could be informed..

18/162-2 Garden Allotments

Cllr S Morgan would prepare a new 5-year lease to start from September 2019 to include wording to the effect that the tenancy cannot continue to be held if the property is sold. This would be brought before the council for full approval.

Proposed Cllr S Morgan

Seconded Cllr P Bennis

All Councillors in agreement

18/163 Bank Accounts.

Cllr R Raymond has yet again been in contact with Barclays Bank and finally it appears all issues have been rectified, also Councillors are the nominated contacts with the bank and the new clerk when employed will be added as a contract and the account if Council will discuss changing to another Bank at a later date after the employment of a new clerk.

18/164 Coes Meadow

No Coes Meadow Management Committee as all the committee has resigned because it felt undervalued and thought that it may be to the villages advantage for a new committee to be formed, the Parish Council stated that it was appreciative of the work of the committee and also the benefit to the village by the committee. The Council will temporary take over until a new committee could be formed.

A report by Dedham Vale (Stour Valley) had been received concerning the problem of Honey Fungus and the conclude appeared to be leave it alone and let it run its own course, and this also seemed to concur with the advice of the BDC Tree Walden.

Cllr P Bennis disagreed and suggested the tree be cut to a size that was not a hazard or cause any damage.

It was proposed to contact Dedham Vale and the Tree Walden BDC again for definitive advice and go forward and start the work as soon as possible.

Proposed Cllr R Raymond

Seconded Cllr A Lyes

All in agreement.

18/165 Finance

- 18/165-1 Invoices were approved for payment

		Cheque No.	Total
18/165-1.EALC	Playsafe Limited – Playground inspection		138.60
18/165-1.EALC	P Roberts – Purchase of McAfee Total Protection for Parish Council Laptop		19.99
18/165-1.EALC	R&R Lawnmower Repairs		50.35
18/165-1.EALC	Top Marques Direct Limited – Advertisements re Councillor Co-option & Clerk Vacancy		135.36
18/165-1.EALC	Earthy Works – Additional scythe mowing Coes Meadow		54.00
18/165-1.EALC	ICO – Data Protection fee		40.00
		TOTAL	438.30

- **18/165-2** Balance in Hand – Current bank account figures to be provided at the meeting Noted
- **18/165-3** Approved payment of EALC Invoices Received (to be paid at a later date) regarding Cheques issued on behalf of Bulmer Parish Council

EALC Invoice 10298 £218.20	August Payments
EALC Invoice 10401 £451.80	September Payments
EALC Invoice 10480 £10.20	Simson Accountancy Ltd

Proposed Cllr R Raymond
 Seconded Cllr S Morgan
 All in agreement

18/165-4 Monies Received

Total of £427.00 Cheques received as at 7 November 2018 re Allotment Rents - Noted
 BDC Precept £4748.00 - Noted

18/166 Parish Calendar of Council Meeting Dates 2019 -2020

The following meeting dates for 2019 - 2020 were approved

22 January 2019	Parish Council Meeting
18 March 2019	Parish Council Meeting
29 April 2019	Annual Assembly
20 May 2019	Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting
15 July 2019	Parish Council Meeting
16 September 2019	Parish Council Meeting
18 November 2019	Parish Council Meeting

18/167 Highways

Update on Highway matters concerning Bulmer and surrounding areas.
 Email from Cllr Finch Essex County Council (ECC) concerning ECC's Pothole Fixing Initiative circulated.
 It was also agreed that not much time had been allowed for participation in this initiative.

18/168 Planning Matters.

- 18/00299/TCPOCON Coes Meadow - to carry out work on trees affected by the conservation area – Council decision required for Braintree District Council (BDC)
 The Parish Council could not comment on this as they were waiting for further advice on what action/work Dedham Vale and BDC would be recommending.

Proposed Cllr P Bennis
 Seconded Cllr S Morgan
 All Councillors in agreement

- 18/00303/TCPOCON 9 Vicars Orchard – To remove Field Maple in conservation area. Council decision required for BDC. This would be decided by BDC Tree Walden.

18/169 Precept

To consider options and items to be considered to be included in the 2019 – 2020 precept, no final decision can be made until figures for 2019-2020 have been received from Braintree District Council.
 Decision deferred to January.

18/170 Appointment of Part Time Parish Clerk /Setting up Personnel Committee

The Clerk had distributed a pack of relevant information to the Council but the Council was unable to agree on the following:
 Forming a Personnel Committee
 Approve an employment policy
 It was agreed that an extra-ordinary meeting would be held as soon as possible to review applications received and if possible relevant policies to the employment.

18/171 Items for next Agenda

These are items for the next agenda when they will be for discussion/decision at that meeting.
 Can Capital Money be used to implement repairs as listed in RoSPA report.
 Allotments
 Coes Meadow

18/172 Date of Next Meeting

22 January 2019 to be approved.

Meeting Closed at 9.13 p.m.

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