



What's Going On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer – June 2019

(Including Bulmer St., Bulmer Tye, Finch Hill, Batt Hall, Upper & Lower Houses,
Church Rd & Hedingham Road)

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VILLAGE FETE & VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The inclement weather did not dampen our spirits on the day of the Fete and we decided to proceed with our plans although had to reign back on some of the events. We were so pleased that we made that decision as the Fete surpassed all our expectations. This was completely due to the wonderful support we had from all of you. It was so nice to see people sitting down, enjoying tea and cake and engaging in cheerful chatter. There were some beautiful painted faces, both on children and adults, plenty of competition over the games and the barbecue completely sold out. The rain held off long enough to hold the dog show on the Meadow and this provided much amusement especially when the two dogs entered in the yappiest dog competition worked very hard to win the prize! For all of you who wanted to know how many marbles were in the jar at the Fete the number was 1,274. There were two winners.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help out in so many ways both before and on the day.

We would also like to thank all those who visited our Collectors Exhibition in May. We hope you enjoyed the exhibits and many thanks to Alan for organising the event.

Now it's calling all gardeners as our fun horticultural event plus car boot sale will be held on 10th August. Watch out for posters, flyers, face book and the web site for all details

BULMER SKYLARKS

We are all looking forward to our Summer Party in June and hope the sun will shine for us. It was difficult to find a theme this year as our members did not like the idea of a Brexit themed party, we wondered why!!!! However, as it will be June we decided that Wimbledon might fit the bill, so strawberries and Pimms will be on the menu.

Our meeting on July 23rd will see us welcoming Jane Stone, who lived and worked as a teacher for several years in Qatar. Stuart Race will be with us on 27th August, who will not only tell us about the wool trade in our area but also about his change of employment as a teacher to running a wool shop and the joys of knitting.

We will hold our A.G.M. on 24th September, which will include a quiz and other entertainment.

If you would like to know more about Skylarks please ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758 or just come along to a meeting and see if you like us. Skylarks is open to everyone, we are a friendly bunch and you will be made most welcome.

If you are interested in our group or would like to know more about us please ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758 or just come along to a meeting, there is always a warm welcome waiting for you.

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 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.

Month	First	Second	Third
March	Mrs J Coombes	Ms J Rolfe	Mrs M Dixey
April	Mr J O'Reilly-Cicconi	Mr & Mrs C Crawshay	Mr E Nevard
May	Mr D Willock	Mrs C Morley	Mr R Buchanan
June	Mr & Mrs Cooper	Mr R Buchanan	Mr A Skipper

COUNTY BROADBAND

Great news! Bulmer will soon have ultrafast fibre broadband. We're delighted to announce that the first phase of pre-build works is planned to start in July.

The network redesign for the village has been completed and focuses on a less disruptive and faster build agenda. This allows us to deploy our fibre cables over the existing infrastructure, as well as using overhead and underground construction techniques.

The first phase of works will include the install of sub-duct into the ground, in which we'll be placing our fibre cables. These cables will provide the main connectivity for your village. Based on our current schedule, we anticipate the main build work in your village to start during August/September.

As with all civil engineering projects timings are dependent on achieving the anticipated agreement with local authorities to commence works.

Thank you for your continued support of this project and we look forward to providing you with ultrafast broadband services very soon.

Have a question?

Please speak to our customer services team on 01376 562002

ST ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH

In the last What's On we told you of Revd Sally's imminent departure. This time the good news is that Revd Gill Morgan will be installed on 26th June as Team Vicar in our group of 15 churches. Normally a 6-month gap is left before positions are filled but with a team of only two full-time paid priests and an unpaid part-time priest one less makes a huge difference. Revd Gill will take her first service at Bulmer on 14th July at 11.15am. Please join us to meet her and help us all to welcome her to St Andrew's Church community.

Although this service is a significant occasion please remember that everyone is welcome at any of our services. The church is always open to visitors and those who wish may spend time in quiet reflection.

Upcoming events:

Strawberry teas in church on Sundays 11th and 18th August from 2.30 to 4pm

Pet Service 1st September – An informal outdoor service when owners, as well as their pets, may receive a blessing - look out for posters confirming the details.

Harvest Festival Sunday 15th September at 11.15am – this joyful celebration of the harvest, with all the well-loved hymns and songs, enhanced by a talk by Ashley Cooper, our local farmer from Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe.

Art Exhibition 19th and 20th October – This will be held in St Andrew's Church as part of the North Hinckford Arts and Crafts Festival. A large number of entries have been promised. Please contact Sandy Maynard (01787269285) or Noel Owen for further details.

Parish Questionnaire: Thank you to all those who responded, some in considerable detail. We will contact those who made offers of help and suggestions after our next Church Council meeting in July.

Margaret Mills - Bulmer PCC

VILLAGE MUTTERINGS

Oh I say, have you heard an application has been submitted to build on the wooded end of Coe's Meadow (our pride and joy recreation ground). What an intrusion that's going to be if it is permitted. 7, yes seven houses near the cross-roads and yet again 3 or 4 bedrooms. Should you wish to make any comments about this proposal I understand you have until the 27th June to write or email Braintree Planning, but there is a suggestion this deadline may well be extended.

Were you at the Parish Council meeting when this was discussed? I'm told there were over 20 people there. If you didn't know it was on, I am reliably informed that if you register your email address with the clerk Kevin Money bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com, he will email you whenever there is a meeting or other significant news such as local road closures, and when minutes and agendas are published on the website. Kevin has confirmed that your email address will not be divulged to anyone else.

On my travels around the village I noticed that Sandy Lane is getting a highways update, will this mean more traffic being able to use this? I hope not, as it is, I believe, designated as a 'quiet Lane'.

Did you attend the village fete? If you didn't what a magnificent event you missed. Despite the weather, the hall was packed with many visitors, and the sun eventually came out for the fun dog show. A great tribute to Maggie Skipper and all her helpers.

Enjoy your summer whatever the weather brings! Mutter, mutter. - *The Villager Whisperer*

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.

NATURE DIARY

One very welcome sound which we heard for several days in late April early May was that of a cuckoo, calling from down in the Belchamp Valley. My neighbours Dean and Sarah heard it first on 21st April, they had already beaten me seeing their first swallow on the 16th and again with their first swift on 5th May. Pleased to hear from Ed Nevard that they have had five house martins nesting on their house again this year.



It's been a good spring for butterflies, early on I saw an extraordinary battle between a small tortoiseshell and a peacock. They spiralled round and round each other, getting higher and higher, before gliding gently back down. Strange that two different species should be in conflict with each other, the only thing they had to fight over was their right to be in that space. Others that have done well are brimstones, orange tips and in particular the much smaller holly blues, which have had their best showing for years. Their first brood of their caterpillars feed on holly, but the holly blues on the wing now will lay their eggs on ivy, which the caterpillars will feed on when hatched.



One of the delights of the merry month of May are our hedgerows and road verges bedecked with the filigree flowers of cow parsley, or as we locals know it sheep's parsley. It's not surprising that our local name for this plant differs from the more generally accepted name of cow parsley. According to Geoffrey Grigson's book "The Englishman's Flora", there are no fewer than 57 different names used for it in various parts of the British Isles. Stephen, our son-in-law from Leicestershire, knows it as keck. Queen Anne's Lace is another widely used and far more poetic name. Cow parsley is our commonest member of the Umbellifer family and the first one to come into flower. It is followed by a succession of other plants in the family, first and foremost Hog weed, which locally goes by the delightful name of cow mumble. This is a taller and much sturdier plant, and incidentally was the only one which we would feed to our tame rabbits. As the summer progresses other umbellifers can be found in Bulmer, firstly rough chervil, which bursts into flower just as cow parsley is fading and setting its seed. Upright hedge parsley and stone parsley flower from July onwards. The latter has an extraordinarily pungent scent, described as a mixture of cloves and petrol. Not that common, I found it growing in Blacksmiths Lane a couple of years ago. In these mid-summer months, hemlock, the tallest of them all, can be found growing in damp situations, such as beside Belchamp Brook. This is notorious as being deadly poisonous. Famously (or infamously!) Socrates the Greek Philosopher took a potion containing hemlock after being condemned to death. It is, like many poisonous plants used in pharmaceuticals. The last umbellifer to come into flower is burnet-saxifrage, unbelievably we found this in flower on New Year's day in Bulmer churchyard. That chronicles the umbellifers that you are likely to see through the spring and summer in Bulmer.



There is one other, which was relatively common when I was a kid. This is the pignut, ground nuts to us. We used to dig up the little tubers, which had a pleasantly nutty flavour, not unlike a sweet chestnut. It is a plant of more open woodland and ancient grassland. It grew in Osborn's Meadow, a little wildlife paradise at upper Houses which went under the bulldozer and plough, along with many others in the early 1950s. Pignut still grows sparsely in Parsons Wood, but this may be the only site in Bulmer now. It is thought that the old nursery rhyme. "Here we go gathering nuts in May" could be referring to the pig nut, May being time of year when its tasty little tubers can be found.

Mention of Osborn's Meadow brings back one childhood memory which will be with me always. I use to hide in a corner of the overgrown hedge and watch a barn owl, which regularly patrolled up and down the tussocky grassland searching for rodents. On this particular evening it made a close pass and right before me plummeted down to rise a moment later with a small mammal grasped in its talons. In early June I felt a distinct sense of déjà vu, when a small group of us were entranced by a kestrel hovering only about 20 yards from us. It hung practically motionless on the breeze, only occasionally giving the slightest twitch to its wings or tail to maintain its position, eyes scanning the ground. A lightning dive earthwards at incredible speed, a small bird rocketing to its escape in the undergrowth and we thought that was that. But seconds later the falcon lifted off clutching a less fortunate bird in its talons. Again, something that will be fixed amongst the other little cameos that the mind chooses to store, and at times conjure up.

Earlier in the year there were good numbers of hares on the fields in front of Heaven Wood. On March 2nd there were six, in two threesomes, a little bit of "boxing" was going on from time to time, but for the most part they seemed content to just lie at rest. One always thinks of hares as animals of the open fields, but they quite like open woodland. The one pictured was having its wash and brush up in a grassy ride in Parsons wood in May.



Staying with mammals, It's often rewarding to see what animals run across in front of the car when driving after dark. I've seen most things from tiny shrews to deer, but coming back late from Stowmarket, was taken aback to have an otter shoot across and scramble up a bank just outside of Monks Eleigh.



Watch out for the pyramidal orchids flowering from mid-June and into July on the verge of Church Road, halfway between the Village Hall and the School. Their numbers have steadily increased over the 10 years or more that they have been there. With luck you might also find the odd bee orchid (right), although these are now getting a little swamped by the taller vegetation.



Peter Rowe

NOTICE OF VACANCIES ON BULMER PARISH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that 2 vacancies have occurred in the office of Parish Councillor for the above Parish.

The vacancies will be filled by the Parish Council co-opting a member of the public onto the Parish Council as soon as practicable possible.

If anyone is interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council, then please register your interest by firstly contacting the Parish Clerk by email on bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com by 30th. June 2019 who will then supply you with the relevant forms.

Dated this 6th day of JUNE 2019

Mr Kevin Money - Clerk to Bulmer Parish Council, 7 Roach Vale Colchester Essex CO4 3YN

YOUR COUNCILLORS	
Rosemary Raymond - Chairman	07813 205743
Amanda Lyes – Vice Chairman	
Mike Crome	
Eileen Penn	

Kevin Money Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Tel: **07983 455211** or
Email: bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com

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

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
15 July 2019
16 September 2019
18 November 2019

Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council held on Monday 18th. March 2019 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr R. Raymond (Chairman), Cllr A. Lyes & Cllr S. Morgan. BDC Cllr W. Scattergood.
Also, present was Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk) and 7 members of the Public

016/2019 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

017/2019 Apologies for Absence. ECC D. Finch

018/2019 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda
Cllr R. Raymond declared an interest in items 030/2019 & 026/2019.

019/2019 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd. January 2019

Cllr S. Morgan proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.
All agreed

020/2019 Chairman's report and any updates since last meeting

a) Parking on the corner of Church Road Bulmer

Numerous complaints have been made about the parking in Church Road. Cllr S. Morgan agreed to approach the owners of the property.

021/2019 Clerk report

1) To discuss the Local Services Fund application form to ECC/EALC for having a "Handyman" for the village.
Clerk to submit an expression of interest by 1st. April for funding for a handyman.

Cllr R. Raymond proposed and Cllr S. Morgan seconded to submit the Local Services Fund application form as soon as possible. **All Agreed**

- 2) ECC/EALC Local Services Fund – Pre-application submitted – Councillors to approve to proceed to full application deadline of 1st. May 2019

Cllr R. Raymond proposed and Cllr S. Morgan seconded to submit the Local Services Fund application form as soon as possible. **All Agreed**

- 3) To change the Mandate for The Public Sector Deposit Fund. To change the correspondence address. Councillors to sign the mandate form.

Cllr R. Raymond proposed to delay signing the mandate until after the elections. Cllr S. Morgan seconded **All Agreed**

- 4) Clerk to update Councillors on the procedure for the forthcoming May '19 elections

The Clerk distributed to the Councillors all the forms he had received from BDC regarding the elections in May '19

022/2019 Public Participation Session

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed.

A resident asked if the draft minutes can be placed in the noticeboards earlier than at the next meeting. This was agreed by the Clerk and Councillors but they would have "Draft" through the minutes.

Finch Hill proposed development. A resident spoke against any application being submitted to BDC.

No planning applications have been received yet so the objection and reason have been noted by Councillors.

023/2019 Parking on the corner of Church Road Bulmer

As discussed under the Chairman's report

024/2019 Essex County Councillors report – Cllr David Finch

No report was given

025/2019 District Councillors report – Cllr Wendy Scattergood

- BDC has now obtained it's 5-year housing supply
- ID voter forms have been distributed to all households in Bulmer
- Cllr W. Scattergood is supporting the Local Services Fund application
- BDC is proposing an increase of 2.99% in the Council tax.

026/2019 Proposed building of new houses on Finch Hill. This item was discussed at the Nov '16 meeting. This item was discussed in the Public Participation section.

027/2019 Allotments - Cllr S. Morgan informed the meeting that not a great deal of update from Allotment holders. After the heavy storms a lot of rubbish has been thrown around the area. John Doe has made contact regarding an additional water supply.

028/2019 Coes Meadow –

- 1) Update to include issues and repairs required

An extension hose pipe has been mislaid.

- 2) The setting up of a new Coes Meadow Management Committee as soon as possible.

No committee has been formed yet. Committee to be formed after the elections.

029/2019 Planning Applications.

No planning applications have been received by BDC which affects Bulmer Parish Council

030/2019 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

No decisions have been made by BDC which affects Bulmer Parish Council

031/2019 Finance

- a. Bank balances and bank reconciliation as at 28th. February 2019 and 2018/19 budget account (circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)
- b. Councillors to agree payment of February & March 2019 finances (circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)

Cllr R. Raymond proposed to authorise the February and March '19 payments. Cllr S. Morgan seconded. **All Agreed.**

032/2019 Items for Next Agenda

Date of Next Full Council meetings **NEW DATE 30.04.19 (Annual Assembly) : 21.05.19 (AGM followed by PC meeting) : 15.07.19 : 16.09.19 : 18.11.19**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm and thanked everyone for attending

Draft Minutes of the Bulmer Annual Parish meeting followed by the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st. May 2019 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R. Raymond (Chairman), Cllr A. Lyes, Cllr M. Crome and Cllr E. Penn. Also, present was Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the Public

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

032/2019 2018/19 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially the new Councillors to the Council

033/2019 New Councillors to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office All Councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office

034/2019 New Councillors to sign Members Register of Interest All Councillors signed their Register of Interest forms

035/2019 Councillors to sign E Consent form to receive Council information electronically All Councillors signed their E Consent forms

036/2019 Election of Chairman for the 2019/20 year. The Chairman to sign the Declaration of Office Cllr M. Crome proposed Cllr R. Raymond as Chairman for 2019/20. Cllr E. Penn seconded. All Agreed The Chairman then signed the Declaration of Office

037/2019 Election of Vice-Chairman for the 2019/20 year The Vice-Chairman to sign the Declaration of Office Cllr M. Crome proposed Cllr A. Lyes as Vice-Chairman for 2019/20. Cllr E. Penn seconded. All Agreed The Vice-Chairman then signed the Declaration of Office

038/2019 To re-adopt all Council Policies – previously circulated to Councillors Including Standing Orders. Financial Regulations. Asset Register. The Chairman asked if Councillors would agree to re-adopt all Bulmer Parish Councils policies an-bloc. Cllr M. Crome proposed and Cllr E. Penn seconded. All Agreed

039/2019 Election of Appointments and Personnel committee Village Hall representative: Cllr E. Penn - Allotment representative: Cllr M. Crome Transport Representative: Cllr M. Crome - Personnel committee: Cllr A. Lyes, Cllr E. Penn, Cllr M. Crome.

040/2019 2019/20 Chairman to Close the Annual meeting

Draft Minutes of Full Council meeting

041/2019 Welcome & Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr D. Finch and BDC Cllr W. Scattergood.

042/2019 Declaration of Interest To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda

Cllr R. Raymond declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 054/2019

Cllr R. Raymond NP 049/2019 Grazing

Cllr M. Crome 049/2019 as an allotment holder

Cllr E. Penn NP 049/2019 allotment Holder

043/2019 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Bulmer Parish Council To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th. March 2019 Cllr R. Raymond proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **All Agreed**

044/2019 Public Participation Session The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed Cars are still being parked on the corner of Church Road. It appears that a Wedding Car business is being run from the residential home and the white Mercedes cars are being parked on the road. The Clerk was asked to inform BDC licensing department regarding parking and obstruction of the road.

045/2019 Essex County Councillors report – Cllr D. Finch No report was given

046/2019 District Councillors report – Cllr W. Scattergood No report was given

047/2019 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting The Clerk was asked to write to Essex rights of way and landowners regarding Horse riding along the footpath at Brakey wood. The Parish council noticeboard by Coe's Meadow has been vandalised.

048/2019 Clerks Report

- a. Councillors to discuss purchasing new toughened glass for the noticeboard that was vandalised Councillors decided to leave the noticeboard as it is for the time being. All the glass has been removed from the area.
- b. Councillors to agree to £750 to put an extra tap on at the allotments Various quotations have been received and Cllr R. Raymond proposed and Cllr E. Penn seconded that R. J. Alston quotation be accepted. **All Agreed.**

049/2019 Allotments

- 1) Letter from Mr. J. Brett terminating plot 12b as from 30.04.19. Councillors to discuss the allocation of the now vacant plot 12b Councillors noted the termination letter from Mr. J. Brett on allotment number 12b. Cllr R. Raymond proposed accepting Steve Morgan request to take allotment number 12b. Cllr A. Lyes seconded. **All Agreed**
- 2) Invoice to plot number 17b Cllr R. Raymond proposed not to claim any back outstanding rent on the above plot and to start paying from September '19. Cllr A. Lyes seconded. **All Agreed.**
- 3) UK Power Networks Electricity Diversion Works - The work involves removing several spans of overhead electricity network and replacing it with underground cable, as well as a ground mounted substation which will replace the pole transformers. UKPN have identified a possible location for the substation on the land which would also include the removal of some low voltage overhead network. Cllr M. Crome will make contact with Matthew Drewry of UK Networks to arrange a site visit.

A discussion took place on the uncultivated plots. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to the allotment holders to remind them of their commitment under the tenancy agreement. **All Agreed**

050/2019 Coes Meadow

- 1) Update to include issues and repairs required
- 2) Coe's Meadow management. The same contractor cost was £60 in 2018. The contractor is happy to cut these two areas for the same cost as last year dependant on how much growth there is at the same time he cuts the wildflower areas. Cllr R. Raymond proposed that the contractor be authorised to cut the 2 areas for £60. Cllr A. Lyes seconded. **All Agreed**
- 3) The setting up of a new Coes Meadow Management Committee as soon as possible. A numerous number of requests have been put out for volunteers to form a committee. Unfortunately, no one has come forward.

051/2019 Planning Applications – No planning applications affecting Bulmer Parish Council

052/2019 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications - No decisions made by MDC affecting Bulmer Parish Council

053/2019 Appeal referred to the Secretary of State APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 Site Address: May Hill House Park Lane Bulmer Essex CO10 7EQ Description of Development: Change of use of part disused apple tree nursery to domestic garden land Planning Application Ref: 18/02090/FUL Appellant's Name: Mr Phil Benns Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/Z1510/W/19/3223407 **Appeal Start Date: 8 April 2019** Councillors noted the appeal being referred to the Secretary of State

054/2019 Finance

- Bank balances as at 30th. April 2019 and 2019/20 budget account (previously circulated to Councillors) Councillors noted the bank balances and budget account
- Councillors to agree payment of April & May 2019 finances (previously circulated to Councillors) Cllr R. Raymond proposed and Cllr M. Crome seconded that the April and May '19 payments be authorised. **All Agreed**
- Councillors to note the Internal Auditors report Councillors noted the Internal Auditors report

055/2019 End of Year report

- a) Councillors to agree and Chairman to sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 Part 2 Statement
- b) Councillors to agree and Chairman to sign the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2018/19 Part 2 Cllr M. Crome proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded that the Chairman and RFO sign the Certificate of Exemption form. **All Agreed**
- c) Councillors to agree and sign Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 Cllr M. Crome proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded that the Chairman and RFO sign Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19. **All Agreed**
- d) Councillors to agree and sign Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2018/19 Cllr M. Crome proposed and Cllr A. Lyes seconded that the Chairman and RFO sign Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2018/19. **All Agreed**

e) Councillors to agree a change of cheque signatories Cllr. R. Raymond informed the meeting that Cllr A. Lyes has been added to the cheque signatory at Barclays Bank. Further Councillors to be added when the Barclays Bank mandate is completed. **All Agreed**

056/2019 Items for Next Agenda – 15th. July 2019

Councillors to agree Parish meeting dates for 2020

Remove back of noticeboard that has been vandalised

UK Power Networks Electricity Diversion Works update

Cllr M. Crome S106 monies

Co-option of Councillors

Chris & Kevin contribution at Coe's Meadow – Plaque / Bench / Seat Village Green memorial

Date of Next Full Council meeting 15.07.19 : 16.09.19 : 18.11.19

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm and thanked everyone for attending

Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Planning meeting held on Monday 17th. June 2019 at Bulmer Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R. Raymond (Chairman), Cllr A. Lyes, Cllr M. Crome, Cllr E. Penn and Kevin B. Money (Clerk)

Also, present was 24 members of the Public

010/2019 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were no apologies of absence

011/2019 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda

Cllr R. Raymond declared a NP Interest in Item 19/01004/FUL

012/2019 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of up to 25 minutes when members of the public can speak about planning matters

These are the points that the residents raised

- VDS contributed by over 50% of residents
- Not in the price range of first time buyers
- Social benefit cynical ploy
- Misleading statements regarding shops and businesses in village
- If development is approved open up to the East side of village
- No bungalow has ever been on Coe's Meadow
- The removal of trees should not take place. They are in a good state
- This development to open up to a further Church Road development
- Planning notice up for only half a day
- Residents in the area of 19/00900 did not get a BDC letter regarding this application
- Does the applicant own the land?
- The development needs affordable housing supply in the village.
- Flooding and sewerage are a problem in Church Road by the bus stop and is not mentioned in this application
- The roads in Bulmer are narrow and is a short cut / diversion if there is an accident on A131 or in Sudbury
- The trees being cut down are there TPO's on them.
- The issue of communication from the PC on subjects of this importance to all the residents of Bulmer was raised. The Clerk informed the meeting that all avenues open to the Parish Council for advertising this planning meeting had been done. He went on to say that in other Parishes a "RESIDENTS MAILING LIST" has been compiled which keeps residents informed of such meetings and any other information in the village up to date. The clerk asked residents, if they wish, to be kept informed, to email him on bulmerparishclerk@gmail.com to register their wish to participate in this scheme.

013/2019 CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

19/00900/FUL - Land West Of Church Road Church Road Bulmer Essex
Construction of 7 dwellings
Documents can be found at

<https://publicaccess.braintree.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PRNLW2BFGLL00>

BPC Decision: OBJECT to this application on the grounds of

The Planning notice was on site for only half a day. An extension must be granted.

Safety issue – The access to the properties is virtually in a 40mph zone. Vehicles speed, evidence can be produced via the Speed Indicator device in excess of 40mph

Parking is limited to the garage access – This results in potential additional parking in Church Road or Vicars Orchard. In the Village Design Statement (VDS) the area is in a Conservation Area and is described as “Visually important space”

Positive view into the village – Church Road from Cross Roads South is described as 63.1mtrs of Positive Views Vista in the Conservation review

VDS is still valid – It calls for affordable 2/3 bedroom properties encouraging younger families into the village and those wishing to stay in the village.

7 properties on a small site – The amenities will be very small

No bungalow on site – There has NEVER been a bungalow on the site.

No comment from Essex Highways

Drainage and sewerage

This development may open up potentially to a further Church Road development

Misleading statements regarding shops and businesses in village - Among the benefits of the development listed in para 3.40 of the Design and Heritage Statement the contractor mentions local residents use of local shops and other facilities. The Council would point out that Bulmer only has a small part-time Post Office and has no local shops or public houses

Why has a “Biodiversity habitat report” not been commissioned?

The removal of trees should not take place. They are in a good state and will ruin the appearance of the Landscape Character (which is in the BDC Landscape Character Assessment 2006)

Natural Habitat - wildlife muntjac and others live in the area of the proposed houses.

Will the applicant get a report from Essex Field Club?

If this application is granted then it is setting a precedent in the future

This applicant, in the past, has built on sites and he builds a house per year. This duration of build from previous experience (1 house built in 1 year) will take 7 years from start to finish.

The Parish Council endorses the comments on the BDC website from Mr. Allen Burbidge

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Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 12/82 - Pollard an Oak tree and remove the trunk at a later stage

Documents can be found at

<https://publicaccess.braintree.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PSMRUIBF07E00>

BPC Decision: Support this application on the grounds that the tree is in a dangerous state.

19/01004/FUL - Land Adjacent To 1 Bulmer Tye Bulmer Essex

Proposed 2 no semi-detached dwellings

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BPC Decision: Object to this application

Overdevelopment of site

Access issues

Signage “No parking” entrance further down

Flooding and sewerage is a problem in this area

No comment from Essex Highways

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm and thanked everyone for attending.



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