

What's Going On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - September 2018

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Heartfelt thanks to those of you who came forward to join the Committee following our appeal in the previous What's Going On. We hope we can move forward and make the Hall an asset to the Village.

We now have a face book page so you can keep up with all our up to date news and events.

Our Horticultural Show was again a great success with everyone treating it as a fun event although there was a certain amount of friendly rivalry. The summer had caused a few problems for our gardeners but they produced a wonderful display of fruit and vegetables which impressed the judges with their quality. Cooks produced some magnificent cakes and biscuits again giving the judge a difficult task in awarding prizes. It was so disappointing that there were no entries from any children. We had many classes especially provided for them. The overall winners on the day were Felicity Gore and Bobbi Franklin although we felt everyone was a winner.

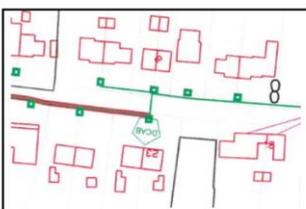
The car boot sale held in the afternoon saw a large number of visitors at the Village Hall and there was a lovely friendly atmosphere throughout the building. Thank you to everyone for making the day such a success.

Our next event will be the ever popular Quiz Night on 23rd November. Tables of 6 starting at 7.30pm. To book a table ring Maggie on 374758



COUNTY BROADBAND

We are still on track to bring you the fastest most reliable broadband service...



This is a short note to let you know that we are still on target to complete our fibre to the home broadband service.

We have finished the detailed design plans and are now in discussion with Essex Highways and other local authority departments to secure the correct permissions required to complete the build as planned.

We anticipate this approval process will continue for another 12 weeks at which point we will be in a position to start the build. The construction of the network is therefore planned to start in November and the network build should be completed within 8 weeks.

Should you have any questions regarding the current project please do not hesitate to contact our team on 01376 562002. Thank you for your continued support and we very much look forward to getting you connected to the very best broadband available very soon

BULMER SKYLARKS

We have enjoyed another interesting Summer culminating in our June party. We held a 1960's themed event and many of our group entered into the spirit of the day by dressing in the style of the day. We had mods, rockers and hippies sitting down to a lunch reminiscent of the period including Babycham and Black Forest gateaux. We were then entertained by the Stowmarket Strummers who got everyone singing, dancing and tapping their feet to music of 60's and the 70's. The group does not charge for their services but ask for donations to East Anglian Children's Hospices and our members were extremely generous. We thank them all and the 8 members of the group for providing such a wonderful afternoon.

We are now looking forward to our Autumn programme commencing with a film on the Mousehole Cat and a talk on Cornish Folklore which will be given by Mike Hall on October 32rd. Geoff Evans will be with us on 27th November with Wet Wild and Green.

Our Christmas lunch will again be held at St Andrew's school on 11th December. We all enjoy our visit to the school as we have such a good relationship with the staff and children.

If you are interested in knowing more about Skylarks why not come along to a meeting and have a cup of tea with us. It is open to everyone and you will be made very welcome.

If you want to know more then please 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 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
July	Ms C Massey & Mr S Davies	Mrs M Marigliani	Mrs S Toy
August	Mrs J Stead	Mrs S Charlton	Mr S Coombes

ST ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH

As we enter autumn, the cycle of services in our village church changes character but services are still at the same time each month. It is understood that not all people might appreciate the format and style of Church of England services; to provide a variation, we have all age worship each month in a service designed and run by members of the church community often reflecting the time of year or an event. These services take place on the first Sunday of the month **starting at 10.30am**. The next service will be on 7th October, then on 4th November when all the Saints will be remembered; in December the church enters Advent, so the 2nd December service will relate to the Advent Candle Ring.

The Remembrance Day service will be on Sunday 11th November at 10.45am to allow for an orderly recognition of the 2-minute silence. Then, leading up to Christmas there will be the customary Carol Service on Monday 17th December, the Crib Service on Christmas Eve as well as the Communion Service on Christmas Day. Details of all these services will be posted on the church notice boards and in the Parish Magazine.

Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday and this year it marks the 100-year anniversary of the end of the First World War. Bulmer church has 4 graves of servicemen who died during the two world wars, and this year the War Graves Commission, who help to maintain such graves, are recognising the presence of all such graves throughout the UK by erecting a small notice on the entrances to churchyards which have such graves. The War Graves Commission Team doing this work will fix the signs as part of its cycle of visiting all war memorials, so the signs may not be in place for this year's Remembrance Day Service.

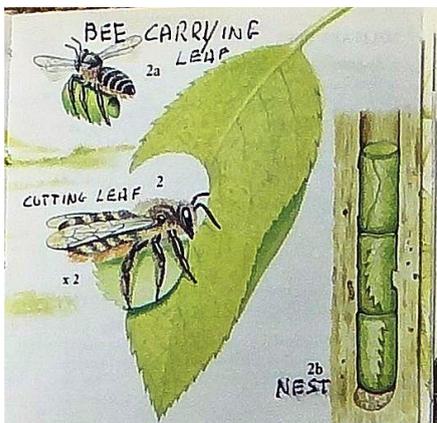
In August this year the church building had its inspection by a qualified architect, approved by Chelmsford Diocese and required to be carried out every 5 years. We have not had the full report yet but expect that he has identified repair work that should be carried out in the short term. Whilst the Diocese pays for the inspection, Bulmer PCC will need to pay for the repairs and will clearly be seeking aid from donors and grant makers!

We hope residents of the village are happy that the churchyard grass is being cut on a regular basis and are aware that **the church is always open** for private prayer and contemplation. We know that this fact is much appreciated by visitors.
St Andrew`s PCC

NATURE DIARY

I knew that I hadn't been drinking and yes ----- this was still good old England, so what could explain the extraordinary sight that presented itself just over the hedge. Hopping quite happily along the field in the twilight was a wallaby! Nearly caused me to run into the verge of that winding lane in the outback of Foxearth. I later discovered that this was not the first sighting of a wallaby in that area, someone else had spotted one last Autumn. More recently one in the Braintree area made news in the "Sun". That one was thought to have escaped from a travelling carnival, according to the Essex Wildlife Trust. Ross Bentley reported our local sightings in the East Anglian and added that there are a few places in Britain where wallabies are actually breeding in the wild, having escaped from wildlife parks. On the Isle of Man there is a colony of about 100 of them, could we be seeing the start a local population? The wildlife Trust thinks this is not very likely, but who knows.

If spotting the wallaby caused me to wonder if I had suddenly been transported to Australia, a recent encounter with a much larger mammal suggested that we had pitched up in India! Spouses Vale, the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's reserve in Assington, has a very boggy meadow, lying on either side of a little stream. Although in the past it was occasionally grazed by sheep, we used to joke that water buffalo would be more at home there. We were quite taken aback on a recent visit, looking over the gate we found our stare being returned somewhat menacingly by the couple of thick set black beasts you can see in the picture.



Life is full of little surprises, finding that the end of our garden hose was blocked, I poked a wire down and brought out a mass of compacted leaves. I then noticed that all the leaves had been cut into neat semicircles, it was then that the penny dropped ----- a leaf cutter bee had decided to build its nest down that conveniently sized hole. The "nest" is constructed of individual little cells, fashioned from the leaf fragments. Each of these is stocked with pollen and a single egg is laid in it. There must have been at least fifteen of these cells in the hose, but of course in clearing the hose I had unfortunately destroyed them all. Normally when the eggs hatch, the grubs feed on the supply of pollen, before pupating. When the young bee hatches it emerges from the entrance hole. The clever part of this is that the bee from the last egg laid will be the first to hatch, clearing the way for the next hatchling and so on. I was once lucky enough to watch a leaf cutter bee cutting out a leaf

segment from a rose leaf. The whole process only took a few seconds, including rolling it up and grasping it between its legs and fly off.

For about 10 years now I have been monitoring the pyramidal orchids that grow on the verge of Church Road about a third of the way up between the Village Hall and the School. This year there were 36 flowering, a couple less than there were last year. Up until this year their numbers had been increasing exponentially, but due no doubt to the heat wave and drought, this year saw a check in their expansion. Pyramidal orchids are relatively common compared with another orchid that we sought out in Groton Wood, (another SWT reserve) around the middle of August. This is the violet helleborine, we had timed our visit to coincide with its flowering, but again the heat had brought them on early and the first ones we found had gone to seed, but fortunately there was just one that was still in full flower and as you can see from my picture it is quite an exotic bloom. It was about 18" tall but they will grow up to a meter, according to the books. It is unusual in that it prefers to grow in deep shade, where there is little competition from other plants.





Another rarity that we found recently is Greater Dodder, a fascinating plant growing on the bank of the Stour at Stoke-by-Nayland. This is a parasite which lives on stinging nettles, the seeds of which can live for years. They germinate first in the soil, but then its roots penetrate the stem of its host. Once firmly established in the nettle stem, the roots in the ground die right off, leaving the dodder entirely dependent on the nettle for its sustenance. Its flowers you can see in the picture with the shoot of the dodder winding around the stem of the nettle.

It doesn't have any leaves, just the flowers. Eventually it kills the nettle and in doing so brings about its own end, but of course by then it will have produced seed.

Up till about 30 years ago pretty well every year we would see three different species of birds passing through on their spring and autumn migration. These were the wheatear, whinchat and black redstart, the last of which is a bit of a rarity. It must be at least 10 years since I have seen any of these in the village, but this autumn I spotted a wheatear near Upper Houses and our garden was visited by a common redstart, a bird I have only recorded once before in Bulmer.

Peter Rowe



WHEATEAR
Watercolour by Wendy

YOUR COUNCILLORS	
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Philip Bennis	

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
18 th September 2018
19 th November 2018
21 st January 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 the Bulmer Parish Council Meeting
Held on 16th July 2018 in the Village Hall, at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr. S.Morgan, Cllr. R.Raymond, Cllr.C.Leigh, Cllr.P.Bennis, Cllr.C Bennett, Cllr C. Street,
Mrs D.Jacob (Parish Clerk)
18 members of the public.

18/096 Resignation.

Bulmer Parish Council has received and accepted resignation from Cllr Stella Buchanan as Chairman and Councillor of Bulmer Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr. S.Morgan, seconded by Cllr.C.Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/097 To Elect the Chairman

Cllr. P. Bennis volunteered to be Chairman - no proposer or seconder – Clerk asked three times for a proposer – no one voted.
Cllr. C. Bennett volunteered to be Chairman for the evening (so meeting could proceed) proposed by Cllr. R. Raymond, seconded by Cllr S. Morgan, 5 in favor, Cllr.P. Bennis abstained.

18/098 Chairman's declaration of Office – Not Signed – Deferred until September.

18/099 To Elect the Vice-Chairman – Deferred until September

18/100 Vice-Chairman's declaration of Office – Not signed – Deferred until September

18/0101 Apologies of Absence. None received.

18/102 Declaration of Interests.

Received from Cllr. R. Raymond and Cllr. S. Morgan relating items 18/114, 18/117 and 18/118

18/103 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A member of the public made a statement as follows: "I would like to thank the vast majority of Councillors for their hard work and dedication, for no reward, over the past 20 years we have been in the village. There is, however, an element on the council which seems to have a completely different agenda which has nothing to do with actually helping the people of this parish. This agenda seems to be divisive and sets out to humiliate and embarrass the other Councillors. The agenda is vile, vicious and bullying it seems to seek the downfall of the whole of the council and has directly contributed to the resignation of not one, not two but three chairman.

When the council does fall, and I am fairly sure that it will, there will have to be an election. Consider very carefully where you vote goes. I would urge you to vote for Councillors who genuinely wish to help the village. I urge you to reject any element, which seeks to implement its own agenda along with those benighted nasty minded people who support it". Members of the public applauded.

A member of the public referred to a complaint that she had made to the Parish Council, FOI request was made on 8th February. Cllr Bennett was appointed the nominated officer, to handle this complaint. The member of public wrote to Cllr Bennett on the 11 April, asking when a meeting would be held, (Cllr Bennett responded to the member of public email on the 12 April 2018 and suggested a meeting on the 30 April). Two more emails from the member of public received on the 15 and 27 April 2018, asking why her complaint had not been dealt with. An e-mail was sent to the member of the public on the 1 May 2018 and stated that the Council were waiting for advice from the insurers and that Parish Council would deal with her complaint as soon as it was received.

The member of public has now passed her complaint to the ICO, which will be carrying out an investigation.

See Agenda Item 18/127 8 August 2018

18/104 County Councillor David Finch & District Councillor Wendy Scattergood to address the members if present.

Cllr C. David Finch updated members on financial surplus that ECC have which has been allocated for potholes schemes, to improve verge cutting and litter picking. Update regard the Western By-Pass, a 6,000 named petition had been issued to Suffolk County Council against the proposal. More meetings likely to take place in the future regarding this issue, updates can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/consultations-and-studies/>

18/105 Minutes.

To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 21st May 2018.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. C. Leigh, 5 in favour, Cllr.P.Benns abstained

To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st May 2018.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Morgan seconded by Cllr.R.Raymond 5 in favour, Cllr.P.Benns abstained.

18/106 Salt Bag Partnership 2018/2019.

The Parish Council do not require salt this year but would like to remain in the scheme.

Proposed by Cllr.R.Raymond, seconded by Cllr.S. Morgan, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/107 Financial Matters.

- 1) Financial Statement (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule).

	CHEQUE NO.	TOTAL
BHIB Ltd (Insurance Inv.No. LC00230-150907))	101446	1,821.43
Simpson Accountancy Ltd (Inv. 2503 for June)	101447	9.60
D. Jacob (Salary for June)	SO	267.00
Essex Pension Fund (For June)	SO	85.05
D. Jacob Expenses for June/July	010448	73.46
HM Revenue & Customs (For June)	101449	66.80
Top Marques Ltd Inv. 8021	101450	83.52
D. Jacob (Salary for July)	SO	267.00
Essex Pension Fund (for July)	SO	85.05
Essex Pension Fund (Adjustment for July/Admin fee)	101451	1.99
HM Revenue & Customs (For July)	101452	66.80
Simpson Accountancy Ltd (Inv. 2568 for July)	101453	9.60

All above payments approved

Proposed by Cllr.R. Raymond, seconded by Cllr.C. Leigh, all in favour, resolution passed.

- 2) Balance in Hand.

Community Account as at 29th June (Revenue)	10,852.43
Business Premium Account as at 29th June (Capital)	37,002.06
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (Capital)	30,264.70
Total as at 29th June 2018	78,119.19

To confirm, standing orders set up with the bank for Mrs D. Jacob and the Essex Pension Fund have been cancelled.

18/108 Bank Accounts.

Item 1. To instruct the Clerk to remove Cllr.S.Buchanan as a signatory from all bank accounts.

Item 2. To appoint a new signatory for Barclays and CCLA (Public Sector Deposit Fund).

Item 3. New signatory to complete Bank Mandate forms and to take into Barclays with ID. Clerk to send completed signed form to CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund.

Deferred until September.

18/109 Planning Matters.**Ref. No: 18/00981/FUL**

3 Bulmer Tye, Bulmer Essex CO10 7EB

Erection of two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extensions.

Ref. No: 18/00991/LBC

The Cottage, Bulmer Street, Bulmer, Essex CO10 7EW

Erection of a single storey building to be used as an artist's studio.

Ref: 18/00661/FUL

4 The Cottages, Finch Hill, Bulmer, Essex CO10 7EX

Erection of two storey side extension

Ref: 18/00771/OUT

Land adjacent to Five Acres Cottage, Hedingham Road, Bulmer, Essex

Outline application for the erection of detached dwelling, with associated garage and new vehicular access.

No comments to be submitted to Braintree District Council Planning Department.

Proposed by Cllr.C.Leigh, seconded by Cllr.S.Morgan, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/110 Allotments.

Cllr.S.Morgan appointed the new Allotment Officer.

Proposed by Cllr.R.Raymond, seconded by Cllr. C. Street, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/111 Newsletter What's Going On & Welcome Letter/Pack.

To appoint a new editor.

Deferred until September.

18/112 Village Hall.

To appoint a new Village Hall Representative.

Deferred until September.

18/113 Coe's Meadow.

Cllr. C. Leigh resigned as Chairman of Coe's Meadow – Coe's Meadow Committee to continue, and so will continue to be involved in village events, activities etc.

18/114**Garden Allotments.**

To consider offering tenants a five-year tenancy agreement.

Unable to make a decision - Deferred until September.

18/115 S106 Funding.

To consider nominations from Councillors.

Deferred until September.

18/116 Noticeboards.

1. Update re locks – quotes considered – but no decision made.

2. To consider the Parish Council notice boards to be used strictly for Parish Council business and not for advertising local events.

Unable to make a decision - Deferred until September.

18/117 Drainage Issues at Bulmer Grazing.

Further information required - Deferred Until September.

18/118 Access to rear of "Carters" Blacksmiths Lane.

To discuss access. Clerk asked if this was a Parish Council Issue or a neighbour despite Cllr R.Raymond did not reply – Further information required - Deferred until September.

18/119 Clerk's Report.

Received and noted, the Clerk gave an explanation to the Council and members of the public for her resignation and thanked everyone. Members of the public applauded.

To confirm Resignations received from the following:

Cllr. S. Buchanan – Chairman, Allotment Officer, Village Hall Representative, Editor for newsletter

Cllr. C. Leigh – Chairman of Coe's Meadow Committee and Planning Officer

Cllr. C. Bennett – Chairman of Personnel Committee

Cllr. C. Street – Member of Personnel Committee

Mrs Diane Jacob – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

(All resigned from Bulmer Parish Council)

18/120 Date of Next Meeting

17th September 2018 at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Bulmer Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Bulmer Parish Council Meeting
Held on 8th August 2018 in the Village Hall, at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr. P Benns, Cllr. S Morgan, Cllr. R Raymond

District Cllr: Mrs W Scattergood

22 members of the public
EALC CEO Mrs J Darby
Locum Clerk Pat Roberts

Cllr S Morgan was requested to open the meeting and take the chair until Agenda Item 18/122,
Proposed Cllr. R Raymond Seconded Cllr. P Benns

18/121 To Elect the Chairman

It was proposed Cllr R Raymond be elected as Chairman
Proposed Cllr. P Benns Seconded Cllr. S Morgan

18/122 Chairman to sign declaration of Acceptance of Office

The declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed by Cllr. R Raymond.
Cllr. R Raymond then chaired the meeting.

18/123 To Elect the Vice-Chairman

Cllr Morgan agreed to act as Vice Chairman
Proposed Cllr. R Raymond Seconded Cllr. P Benns.

18/124 Vice Chairman to sign Standing Orders

Locum Clerk to check if this is required

Cllr Raymond proposed that Agenda Item 18/135 be moved to the next Agenda item - All Councillors agreed.

18/135 Locum Clerk

Pat Roberts, on the recommendation of Essex Association for Local Councils was asked to act as Locum Clerk for the short term until a permanent clerk is appointed.

Proposed Cllr. R Raymond Seconded Cllr. S Morgan - All Councillors agreed.
Pat Roberts proceeded to act as locum clerk for the remainder of the meeting.

Mrs Darby, CEO of Essex Association of Local Council was also invited by the Council to join the Councillors for the duration of the meeting.

18/125 Declaration of Interests.

Cllr. R Raymond declared a Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 18.134

18/126 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Various matters were discussed during the Public Forum

- Draft minutes of the last meeting inaccurate – this was rectified see Agenda Item 18/127
- A written request querying Parish Council costs was submitted– Clerk to investigate and report back.
- Explanation required regarding the reason for calling Extra Ordinary Meeting – The main reasons were to elect a new Chairman and also authorise a change to the Parish Council's bank mandate with Barclays PLC which when processed would allow for payments to be made by the present council.
Cllr Morgan stated that Cllr Raymond and Cllr Benns had proposed the meeting on the advice of the EALC but he had not agreed to the proposal.
- The resignation of six Councillors and one Parish Clerk over the last 3 years is a very negative result for the council. For many years Parish Councillors have worked diligently for the benefit of Bulmer Parish Council and the good of the village, but it is now generally perceived that a dysfunctional element within the village has ruined this. Parishioners stressed that what is required is a Parish Council that works together for the good of the village.
- Co-option of Councillors - Providing the Monitoring Officer at Braintree District Council does not receive a request for an election to be held (which would incur considerable cost to the Parish Council) Bulmer Parish Council will be permitted to co-opt new Councillors and the required notices will be posted on the village notice boards.
- If Parish Councillor's are not co-opted Braintree District Council then has the right to elect Parish Councillors of their choice.
- Overgrown hedges in Cornfields are causing concern and require cutting back.
- Who should be contacted regarding farm vehicles parked overnight in a residential area, District Councillor W Scattergood advised that concerned parishioners contact ECC Highways on this matter and overgrown hedges.
- Road diversions in the local area was causing damage to verges and there have been some minor accidents.

18/127 Minutes.

To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 16th July

The last two paragraphs on Agenda Item 18/103 to be struck through.

Proposed Cllr. P Benns Seconded Cllr S Morgan seconded the proposal. All Councillors agreed.

Mrs J Darby EALC explained that Minutes of a meeting are a record of decisions made by the Council and are not a verbatim record of the meeting.

18/128 Bank Accounts

The following items regarding the bank account were approved:

- Item 1 To remove Cllr. Buchanan and Cllr. Leigh as signatories from all bank accounts
- Item 2 To appoint Cllr. Raymond and Cllr. Benns as signatories to all bank accounts
- Item 3 New bank mandate to be completed as required by Barclays PLC

Proposed Cllr. Benn Seconded Cllr. Morgan – All Councillors agreed.

It was proposed that when new Councillors are co-opted two more signatories should be added.
Proposed Cllr. P Benn Seconded Cllr. S Morgan – All Councillors agreed.

18/129 Mail/Postal Redirection

It was proposed to investigate the costs of obtaining a PO Box for council mail as the previous Clerks address could no longer be used.
Proposed Cllr. P Benn Seconded Cllr. S Morgan – All Councillors agreed.

18/130 Financial Matters.

- 1) Financial Statement (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule).

	CHEQUE NO.	TOTAL
MRS D JACOB (FINAL SALARY PAYMENT)	101454	116.70
HMRC	101455	29.00
Essex Pension Fund (Final payment)	101456	45.80
Simpson Accountancy Ltd (Inv. 2503 for June)	101457	9.60
D. Jacob Expenses for July/August	010448	34.20

Amendment to last item on payment list was adjusted from £34.20 to £17.10

All above payments unanimously approved by the Council.

EALC agreed to pay the above and future approved payments until new signatories are approved by Barclays PLC
Proposed Cllr. R Raymond Seconded Cllr. S Morgan – All Councillors agreed.

18/131 Freedom of Information (FOI) Request

A FOI and complaint against the Council had been received, the clerk was initially asked to look into the matter but Cllr. P Benns requested the investigate the issue and report back to the council.

Proposed Cllr. R Raymond Seconded Cllr. S Morgan – All Councillors agreed.

18/132 Freedom of Information Request

A FOI had been received requesting copies of all emails between Councillors concerning the position of Chairman and/or the future of the Council between 10th July and 17th July 2018.

Councillors to send copies of any emails concerned to the Clerk.

Proposed Cllr. R Raymond Seconded Cllr. S Morgan – All Councillors agreed

18/133 Planning Matters

18/01363/ARG Small Holding Church Road, Bulmer

As Cllr R Raymond had declared an interest (Agenda Item 18/125) the item was not discussed as the council would not be quorate.

18/134 Press & Public

No matters were discussed that required the press and public being excluded from the meeting.

18/135 Locum Clerk

Discussed and approved after Agenda Item 18/124

18/136 Date of Next Meeting

18th September 2018 at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE on <http://www.essexinfo.net/bulmer> where you can find the latest information and useful links to other websites.

The next edition will be published at the end of September please send your articles and pictures to Carole Bennett at carolebennett@btinternet.com by the 10th December.