



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2022 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45 PM.

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Bright, Daniels, Fisher, Guy, Harrison & Sapienza.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: The Chairman of White Notley Football Club and County Cllr Ross Playle.

22/33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Phillips and Cllr Smith.

22/34. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 22 November 2022 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Bentley. Seconded: Cllr Daniels. All agreed.

22/35. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

- **Christmas Trees** - BDC has turned down the application for funding as the trees have already been paid for.
- **Speed Indicator Pole** - Traffic Technology do not supply poles, Cllr Fisher will source a pole.
- **Sign in Green Lane** - has been reported to Highways.
- **Weedkilling** - Cllr Guy has cleared the area around the bench by the bus stop outside the Cross Keys.

22/36. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests, or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllr Daniels declared a non-pecuniary interest when the Football Club was being discussed during the Public Forum as her son is the Chairman of the Football Club.

22/37. PUBLIC FORUM.

The Chairman of the Football Club explained that they were at risk of losing the Club as the current lease has expired. He went on to say that the Club are trying to be more community focussed and are looking to support various charities, they also feel that they are of value to the villages and there is the possibility of using the area for other sporting activities.

Talks are going on between the Club and the landowner, the Parish Council was informed that this was not a matter for the Parish Council. The Parish Council hope that an agreement can be reached between the two.

The Football Club has donated £100 towards the cost of the Christmas trees.

22/38. REPORTS.

County Councillor Report - the second tranche of the pothole scheme has been submitted, the first tranche has now been completed.

An update on the Local Highways Panel - the request for white gates to be reinstated on the list for White Notley and the '20 is Plenty' scheme will also now process to the next stage. The proposed footpath for Station Road is still under discussion with the landowner as to whether or not it will progress. With regard to the recent cold weather, Vicarage Avenue is not on the County gritting route, however the salt bins are full (to be used on the highway and not for personal use on private properties).

District Councillor Report - apologies were received from Cllr Dervish.

Community Speed Watch (CSW)/SID Report - Cllr Bentley gave a brief report, it was noted how the speed dropped during the snowy weather. A rota for CSW has now been established, most drivers are reacting positively which is encouraging, however two or three cars are still ignoring the speed limit.

22/39. PLANNING.

Application No: 22/03298/TPOCON. Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area, Crown lift row of trees by 5 metres. Trees will be cut back to good growth points or the branch collar.

Location: White Notley Hall, Church Hill, White Notley CM8 1RX. **No objections.**

Application No: 22/03143/VAR. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of approved application 22/00925/FUL granted 06.07.2022 for: Conversion of barn to 2 x 3 bedrooled semi-detached dwellinghouses with associated parking and amenity space, forming of turning head and alteration of track and site access off Church Hill. Variation would allow for inclusion of external staircases to provide secondary means of escape from first floor living areas and raising of land to north of dwellings for site spoil.

Location: Land adjacent Stanfield Meadow, Vicarage Avenue, White Notley.
No objections.

22/40. COMMUNITY LITTER PICK.

To consider arranging a Community Litter Pick. The Parish Council will promote a litter pick in the spring and include the details in the spring newsletter (end of February). It was agreed to ask BDC for equipment such as litter grabbers and bags etc. It was also suggested that they may be able to help with temporary road signs saying 'Litter Pick in Progress'. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Bentley with regard to this.

22/41. FINANCE.

102290 £66.00 J & M Landscapes (Grass Cutting Play Area)

102291 £31.20 James Todd & Co (Payroll)

102292 £460.16 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)

102293 £110.00 VCS Websites Ltd (6 Months Hosting)

D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

D/D £40.79 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Streetlighting - October)

D/D £45.95 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Streetlighting - November)

(Credit Note)

D/D £65.34 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Streetlighting)

22/42. BUDGET / PRECEPT 2023/24.

The Precept was agreed at the November meeting; £17,000.00, this remains the same as last year (2022/23) and works out at £69.27 for a Band D property. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Precept form.

22/43. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

White Notley Football Club - email regarding the tenancy of the Club.

National Grid Scoping Report - email from a resident checking that the Council is aware of the consultation.

BDC - Tree Planting Opportunity - 1655 bare root, mixed, native tree whips gifted from Stansted Airport alongside the offer of planting these whips. The Airport are looking for one or maybe two sites so it would involve a sizeable area of land of maybe 1-2 hectares in total. The Airport staff will be on hand to plant the whips with community members and are hoping to do this in February 2023. Agreed there were no suitable areas within the Parish.

22/44. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Warm Spaces; the Council will keep an eye on whether or not there is a need for this facility within the Parish.

22/45. MEETING DATES 2023.

24 January, 28 February, 28 March, 25 April, 23 May (Annual Meetings), 27 June, 25 July, 26 September, 24 October, 28 November (Budget Meeting), 19 December.

All meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm except December's meeting which is a week earlier.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.40 PM

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: