



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2021 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45 PM.

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Bright, Guy, Harrison, Smith & Taylor.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: County Councillor Ross Playle and nine members of the public.

21/32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Daniels, Cllr Fisher and Cllr Phillips.

21/33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 25 May 2021 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Harrison. Seconded: Cllr Smith. All agreed.

21/34. PROGRESS CHECK.

Community Transport – the bus will be booked from September 2021 to February 2022.

Play Area Repairs – still awaiting a reply from Wicksteed Leisure. If they fail to reply Playquip who also carry out safety inspections will be asked to quote.

21/35. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests, or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

21/36. PUBLIC FORUM.

Matters raised:

- **White Notley School** – lack of ‘school signs’, existing signage is obscured by overhanging vegetation. Speeding traffic at school times, there is an unofficial one way system which is widely advertised in the school newsletter. It was suggested that members of the community wear high vis jackets and ask parents to slow down. Temporary 20mph speed limit was discussed and Cllr Playle will raise this with ECC along with the request for a new ‘school sign’ at the top of Vicarage Avenue.
- **Road Safety** – most highway issues such as potholes, damaged paving, overhanging vegetation etc. can be reported directly via www.essexhighways.org Overhanging vegetation in Station Road will be reported to ECC.
- **Speeding** – Cllr Playle will request a speed survey to be carried out. The Parish Council does own its own Speed Indicator Device (SID) which records the number of vehicles and speed they are travelling. Community Speed Watch (CSW) is also carried out, however due to Covid this has been suspended. Cllr Taylor will co-ordinate future CSW and volunteers are welcome, training is provided. Permanent CSW signs were suggested as was a build out in Station Road.
- **Duck Race** – although not a Parish Council event, Cllr Smith explained the reasons for not doing it this year. Residents offered help with fund raising.

- **New War Memorial** – Cllr Smith gave an update on progress.
- **Tennis Court** – request to install a tennis court on land near the Village Hall, the land is owned by the Faulkbourne Estate and use of that land is not a matter for the Parish Council.
- **Tree Planting** – schemes are available, permission would be needed from landowners and future maintenance would need to be considered.
- **Wild Flower Planting** – suggested to improve biodiversity.
- **Styles** – the current styles (just off Station Road) were not suitable for some people and dogs, kissing gates have been looked at in the past but were not acceptable to the landowner, it was suggested that weighted self-closing gates may be an option.

21/37. REPORTS.

County Council – Cllr Playle introduced himself as the new Councillor for Witham Northern, he sits on the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel whose priority is speeding traffic and dangerous driving, which is one of the biggest issues for the Parish Council. Cllr Playle mentioned the £10,000 locality budget and the Local Highways Panel (LHP) which may be of help to the Council with the various highways issues raised in the Public Forum. He also mentioned the A12 Consultation which has just commenced and the Longfield Solar Farm, his main concern being biodiversity. With regard to verge cutting he offered his help with getting areas that block visibility for motorists cut.

District Council – apologies were received from Cllr Dervish and Cllr White.

21/38. NEWSLETTER.

The deadline for contributions is 30 June 2021.

21/39. PLANNING.

Longfield Solar Farm Statutory Consultation – takes place between 1 June 2021 and 13 July 2021 (email circulated). The Clerk will collate and return responses.

21/40. FINANCE.

The following cheques to be approved for payment and signed:

102184 £55.00 VCS Websites (Hosting x 3 months)

102185 £199.59 EALC (Annual Subs)

102186 £374.26 A Balcombe (Salary/Office/Expenses)

102187 £60.00 J & M Landscapes (Play Area x 2 cuts)

D/D £110.01 E-on (Street-lighting)

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

21/41. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Residents email: request to provide a tennis court by White Notley Village Hall, an avenue of trees between The Street and The Green and a parking area on the Greensward in Vicarage Avenue.

Community Initiatives Fund – now open for applications.

Highways England – A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening, Statutory Consultation 22 June to 16 August 2021.

21/42. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- New Village Sign for Faulkbourne.
- A12 Widening Consultation.
- Tree Planting/Wildflower Areas.
- Action Plan – the Clerk will put together a template and circulate in time for the next meeting.

21/43. MEETING DATES 2021.

27 July (Faulkbourne), 28 September, 26 October (Faulkbourne), 23 November, 21 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 21.00 PM

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: