



## WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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### ***Minutes of a meeting of White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 at Faulkbourne Village Hall at 7.30 pm.***

**Present:** Cllrs: Brewster, Bright, Daniels, Guy, Harrison, Sapienza & Smith.  
**In the Chair:** Cllr Bright.  
**Clerk:** Angela Balcombe.  
**Also present:** Three members of the public.

#### **24/39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bentley and Cllr Phillips.

#### **24/40. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 26 March 2024 were approved as a correct record of events.

**Proposed: Cllr Brewster. Seconded: Cllr Daniels. All agreed.**

#### **24/41. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.**

No matters were raised.

#### **24/42. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Personal and Prejudicial Interests, or Personal Interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

#### **24/43. PUBLIC FORUM.**

- Statutory Consultation regarding the National Grid proposal for pylons.

The Parish Council objected to the first round of consultation as well as the Scoping Consultation, these responses are available on the Parish Council website. A response will also be prepared for the latest Statutory Consultation which will be the main agenda item for the Annual Assembly on the 28 May 7 - 8pm. A representative from the Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons team to be invited along with MP Priti Patel.

Cllr Brewster will contact the Braintree and Witham times and the Parish Council will arrange for protest banners for both White Notley and Faulkbourne.

#### **24/44. REPORTS.**

**County Councillor Report.**

**District Councillor Report.**

**Community Speed Watch/SID Report.**

No reports were received.

#### **24/45. FINANCE.**

102375 £34.32 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)

102376 £536.41 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)

102377 £209.92 EALC (Annual Subscription)

102378 £59.70 RCCE (Annual Subscription)

102379 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)

102380 £693.41 Clear Insurance Management Ltd (Annual Insurance Premium)

102381 £48.00 BALC (Annual Subscription)

102382 £405.00 Braintree District Council (Refuse Vehicle Hire)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)  
D/D £111.09 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Streetlighting)

**Income** £9,000.00 Braintree District Council (Precept)  
£20.00 Community Transport

**24/46. ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 2023/24.**

As the annual expenditure/income does not exceed £25,000.00 the Council are able to declare themselves exempt from an external audit.

The year-end accounts for 2023/24 were approved and the Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**Proposed: Cllr Harrison. Seconded: Cllr Guy. All agreed.**

The Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer signed:

- (i) Annual Governance Statement.
- (ii) Accounting Statements.

**24/47. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

**Playsafety Ltd** - the annual safety inspection is booked to take place in May.

**National Grid** - Statutory Consultation; Norwich to Tilbury (pylons) runs from 10 April to 18 June 2024 - **next agenda.**

**24/48. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Jocelyn Chase sold board still outside no. 19 The Street.
- Climbing Wall - next agenda.
- Bus Information - next agenda.
- War Memorial - the stone has now been ordered.
- Potholes Station Road - the temporary repairs have not lasted and the road is still in a dangerous condition.

**24/49. MEETING DATES 2024.**

28 May (Annual Meetings), 25 June, 23 July (Faulkbourne), 24 September, 22 October (Faulkbourne), 26 November (Budget Meeting), 17 December.

All meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm except December's meeting which is a week earlier.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.24 PM.***

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: