

WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45 PM.

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Bright, Daniels, Guy, Harrison, Phillips & Smith.

In the Chair: Cllr Bright.

Clerk: Angela Balcombe.

Also present: County Cllr Ross Playle and four members of the public.

22/52. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

To elect a Chairman for the Civic year 2022/23.

Cllr Harrison proposed Cllr Bright as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously agreed, therefore Cllr Bright was elected Chairman for 2022/23.

 The Chairman, Cllr Bright signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

22/53. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

To elect a Vice-Chairman for the Civic year 2022/23.

Cllr Smith proposed Cllr Daniels as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bentley and unanimously agreed, therefore Cllr Daniels was elected Vice-Chairman for 2022/23.

22/54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Fisher.

Cllr Taylor has resigned, therefore there is now a casual vacancy. Notices will be displayed giving residents the opportunity to call an election.

22/55. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 26 April 2022 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

22/56. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

Anglian Water – the leak in Station Road has been reported again (ref: 21813664), and the leak outside the Raj Garden has also been reported (ref: 21813706). **Parking in Vicarage Avenue** – the request for a 'No Parking on the Greensward' sign to be chased up.

22/57. 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.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

A letter is being organised asking National Grid to reconsider the proposals for overhead lines (pylons and conductors) which will run across the Brain Valley, between White Notley and Faulkbourne and on towards Fairstead. Councillors Locality Budget will be split this year with £5,000 for local projects and £5,000 to be pooled with District Councillors towards the 'levelling up' agenda. The pothole member led scheme will continue again this year.

22/58. PUBLIC FORUM.

Application Number: 22/00925/FUL.

Address: Land Adjacent Stanfield Meadow Vicarage Avenue White Notley Essex Proposal: Conversion of barn to 2 x 3 bedroomed semi-detached dwelling houses with associated parking and amenity space, forming of turning head and alteration of track and site access off Church Hill.

The Parish Council support nearby residents in objecting to this application in its current form. The main reason for objection is the loss of privacy and being overlooked. The Parish Council and residents are happy to support the original 2017 application which retained the nature of an agricultural building within a rural setting. It was agreed that it would be possible to overcome these objections and a suggestion that the architect could look again at the plans to find a compromise to be included in the response.

22/59. PLANNING.

Application No: 22/01024/LBC. Remove joist and repair the beam using steel plates concealed in the floor above to restore the kitchen back to original condition and allowing removal of internal partitions. Removal of a partition at the first floor to allow easy access to the decayed beam and return the room to its original proportions.

Location: Faulkbourne Hall, Faulkbourne CM8 1SP. No objections.

Application No: 22/01405/TPOCON. Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Fell Tree as it is thought to be dangerous

Location: White Notley C of E Primary School, Vicarage Avenue, White Notley.

22/60. FINANCE.

Payments made:

102246 £66.00 J & M Landscapes (4 x cuts Play Area)

102247 £31.20 James Todd & Co. Ltd. (Payroll)

102248 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)

102249 £11.87 White Notley Village Hall (Hire)

102250 £540.17 A Balcombe (Salary/Office/Expenses/Printer Ink)

102251 £300.00 B Bright (Play Scheme Equipment)

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

Income

£30.00 Community Transport.

22/61. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

BDC Rural Verge Cutting - Braintree District Council and Essex County Council have agreed to maintain a single full width cut (in the autumn) of the rural verges across the Braintree District for the next 3 years, recognising there is balance to be obtained in promoting biodiversity, habitat creation and protecting wildlife, whilst ensuring the overall safety of all road users (information circulated).

22/62. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- A bin was requested for the layby in Witham Road.
- Cllrs Bentley and Guy have completed Community Speed Watch training and will take on the co-ordination role.
- Hedge still needs cutting by the ford.
- Any complaints regarding the Churchyard should be reported directly to the Church Wardens.

22/63. MEETING DATES 2022.

28 June, 26 July (Faulkbourne), 27 September, 25 October (Faulkbourne), 22 November (Budget Meeting), 20 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 20.41	PM
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SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):	DATE: