



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Brewster, Bright, Guy, Phillips, Sapienza & Smith.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: District Cllr Coleridge.

25/59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Daniels and Harrison.

25/60. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 28 January 2025 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

25/61. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

No matters were raised.

25/62. 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.

25/63. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

25/64. REPORTS.

County Councillor Report. Apologies were received from Cllr Playle.

District Councillor Report. Cllr Coleridge gave an update on District Council matters; all future decisions now have to bear in mind the plans for devolution. There will be a 2.97% increase in the budget for 2025/26, with no cuts to services.

Community Speed Watch/SID Report. CSW continues to be successful with a good level of participation, the Faulkbourne SID is now working better. Figures from the SID situated in The Street show an average of 31mph during December, the same as last years figures of the same time.

25/65. DEVOLUTION & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM IN ESSEX.

The Government has this week launched the statutory public consultation into the proposed 'Greater Essex Mayoral County Combined Authority'. Everyone is welcome to respond. The consultation is available here:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/greater-essex-devolution/greater-essex-devolution-consultation. The consultation remains open until 13 April 2025.

The 2025 ECC Elections have been postponed for a year.

25/66. PLANNING.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) - a briefing note has been provided summarising the key changes made in National Planning Policy since the publication of the new NPPF on 12 December 2024 (copy circulated).

25/67. FINANCE.

102433 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)
102434 £37.50 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
102435 £536.16 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
D/D £131.01 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Streetlighting)

Income - £25.00 Community Transport

25/68. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

ECC - The Find Your Active Places and Spaces Fund is open and accepting applications to support projects between £3,000 - £9,999 that will develop community assets to create greater opportunities for physical activity. Closing date: 6 March 2025. Applications will be required to demonstrate how they will target one or multiple of the fund's key priority audiences below:

- Residents living with a disability or long-term health conditions
- Women and girls
- Ethnically diverse communities
- People from lower socio-economic groups

25/69. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Dustcart Dates 2025 - 12 April starting at Faulkbourne, 19 July starting at The Green and 11 October starting at Faulkbourne. These are confirmed but the new prices are not yet known.

Faulkbourne Sign - the sign by the Football Club has gone, a replacement sign is needed preferably with the speed limit on it. The 'People Walking' sign is currently in the ditch.

New Streetlight - once the replacement light has been connected by UK Power Networks it was suggested contacting the local press with details of the extortionate cost of the road closure and the length of time it has taken for the light to be connected.

25/70. MEETING DATES 2025.

25 February, 25 March, 22 April (Faulkbourne), 27 May (Annual Meetings), 24 June, 22 July (Faulkbourne), 23 September, 28 October (Faulkbourne), 25 November (Budget Meeting), 16 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 20:01 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

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