



## 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 JANUARY 2022 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45 PM.**

**Present:** Cllrs: Bentley, Bright, Daniels, Fisher, Guy, Harrison, Smith & Taylor.  
**In the Chair:** Cllr Bright.  
**Clerk:** Angela Balcombe.  
**Also present:** County Cllr Ross Playle and one member of the public.

#### **22/01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Phillips.

#### **22/02. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 23 November 2021 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

#### **22/03. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.**

**ECC Locality Fund** – the Council has been successful in securing £3,000 towards the Faulkbourne sign. Cllr Playle was thanked for supporting the application.

**BDC Councillors Community Grants** - £500 has been awarded towards the Faulkbourne sign and £500 towards the new SID. Thanks were noted to Cllr White for supporting these applications.

**Station Road** – although Anglian Water has said the leak has been fixed, it was reported that it is still leaking. Also at the top of the waterworks lane there is a stream running over onto the road which is emitting a loud hissing sound. Both issues to be reported to Anglian Water.

**Play Area** – the new sign is up and minor repairs have been completed.

**Free Bulbs** – these have been delivered to residents and planted.

**Overgrown trees** – to be reported to Essex County Council.

**Obstructive Parking** – a letter to be sent to the resident concerned.

#### **22/04. 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.

#### **22/05. PUBLIC FORUM.**

A brief report of a site meeting regarding speed/visibility (at a residents drive in Witham Road) was given. Cllr Playle and a Highways Liaison Officer had attended and suggested that the biggest beneficial difference to improve visibility would be for the neighbour to cut back their hedge.

#### **22/06. REPORTS.**

**County Council** – Winter Service is now taking place with gritting in icy weather. Cllr Playle had circulated information about approved signage in Faulkbourne which will hopefully help with speed reduction. The signage should be installed by the end

of this financial year. The leaning sign at the junction of Station Road/Vicarage Avenue should be corrected soon. There will be a 4.5% increase in the ECC precept for 2022/23. Cllr Playle was thanked for all he has done, and is doing for the Parish Council.

**District Council** – no report received.

#### **22/07. STATION ROAD.**

Complaints received about Station Road being completely closed but no work being done.

#### **22/08. ACCIDENT AT FAULKBOURNE 29.12.2021.**

A crash happened in a 60mph zone between Faulkbourne Church and Faulkbourne Village (not in Church Hill as reported), one car was involved. Although previously turned down, the Council to review the request to reduce the speed limit to 30mph on this stretch of road.

#### **22/09. FINANCE.**

##### **Payments made:**

102214 £55.00 VCS Websites Ltd (3 months hosting)  
102215 £31.20 James Todd & Co. Ltd. (Payroll)  
102216 £420.32 A Balcombe (Salary/Office/Expenses + Play Area Sign £55.00)  
102217 £59.50 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)  
102218 £4,755.00 Traffic Technology (New SID)  
D/D £122.36 E-on (Street-lighting)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)  
D/D £9,259.14 A & J Lighting Solutions (Upgrade to LED lights)  
102219 £358.83 A Balcombe (Salary/Office/Expenses)  
102220 £59.50 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)  
102221 £31.20 James Todd & Co. Ltd. (Payroll)  
102222 £3,489.00 Black Forge (2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit, Faulkbourne Sign)  
D/D £203.47 npower Business Solutions (Street-lighting)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

**Income** £50.00 Community Transport (Friday Bus, December/January).

**Essex Air Ambulance** - £93.00 (cash) was raised at the Carol Singing event and will be paid directly to the Charity.

#### **22/10. BUDGET / PRECEPT 2022/23.**

The Budget/Precept was agreed at the November meeting. The Chairman and Clerk to sign the Precept Form. The Precept is £17,000 an increase of 20.74% on last years precept which was £14,000, this equates to £68.88 for a Band D property. The increase is mainly due to the cost of upgrading the streetlighting and additional costs for speed reduction measures.

#### **22/11. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

- Copy of email from Cllr Playle to a resident regarding improvement of visibility from their drive.
- Invitation from the Mayor of Witham Town Council to the Civic Service on 3 April, 2.45 for 3pm.
- Cllr Playle – the request to introduce a '20 is Plenty' scheme has been received by the LHP (Ref: LBRA212050).
- Cllr Playle – email regarding information about the Special Constabulary and the installation of SID/VAS devices.

**22/12. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Speed Watch – still need more volunteers. Letters that are sent to offenders from the Police are sterner than previous letters.
- Footpath signs – work can begin again.
- A new dog bin was suggested for the allotments, however it was agreed there are sufficient bins. The Clerk will ask BDC for two signs regarding dog fouling to go in that area.
- Newsletter – the deadline for copy is the third week in February. Dustcart dates to be included.
- Support for the new Vicar – it was agreed to invite to him to the Parish Meeting to be held on 24 May at 7pm.
- Queens Platinum Jubilee – an event has been arranged for the 5 June at Faulkbourne Hall.
- Christmas lights – four new sets to be purchased.

**22/13. MEETING DATES 2022.**

22 February, 22 March, 26 April, 24 May (Annual Meetings), 28 June, 26 July, 27 September, 25 October, 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 20.40 PM***

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: