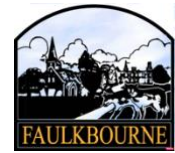




WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting of
White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council
held on Tuesday 25 July 2023 at Faulkbourne Village Hall at 7.30 pm.**

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

23/29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Sapienza.

23/30. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 27 June 2023 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

23/31. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

Monday Shopper Bus Complaint - reply circulated.

23/32. 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.

Complaint regarding a possible failure to declare an interest (in breach of the Code of Conduct).

All Councillors have received information reminding them of the importance of declaring interests, including a copy of the Code of Conduct and attached Nolan Principles. ***Councillors were also reminded that all information circulated by the Clerk should be considered confidential unless otherwise advised.***

23/33. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

23/34. REPORTS.

- **County Councillor Report** - apologies were received from Cllr Playle.
- **District Councillor Report** - apologies were received from Cllr Dervish. Cllr Coleridge updated the Council on the Wethersfield Airfield and housing of asylum seekers and the Green Waste subscription service. Cllr Coleridge will check if anything can be done about the increase in cost from £226 to £450 for the road closure for the Duck Race.
- **Community Speed Watch/SID Report** - there are still a few problems with the Faulkbourne SID which are being dealt with. Data from White Notley compared to last year shows the number of vehicles has increased by 10%, however more people are travelling at under the speed limit with fewer travelling at faster speeds.

23/35. VOLUNTEER COUNCILLOR.

To consider co-option of a volunteer Parish Councillor. Cllr Bentley has spoken to the resident interested who is under the impression that the Council can decide whether or not he would have voting rights. The Clerk explained that a non-councillor does not have voting rights and that the Council cannot change this. Refer to Local Council Administration.

23/36. STATION ROAD FOOTPATH.

No further update received. Next agenda.

23/37. NATIONAL GRID SECOND NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION.

The proposal is to build approximately 183 km of transmission infrastructure from Norwich to Tilbury as part of The Great Grid Upgrade (information circulated).

The consultation closes on 21 August 2023. The Clerk to respond with the same objections as before.

23/38. STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.

The five-year agreement comes to an end in August, if renewed for another five years the prices will be frozen for the term of the contract. It was agreed to renew the contract for another five years.

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

23/39. PLANNING.

Application No: 23/00409/FUL. Erection of two 3-bedroom semi-detached dwellings.

Location: Land south of 39 The Street, White Notley. **Application refused.**

23/40. NEW SALT BIN.

To decide whether or not to purchase a new salt bin, approx. cost £100 - £200 depending on quality. Unanimously agreed to buy one bin at cost of £120.00.

23/41. PLAY AREA.

To consider the purchase of a nest swing (approx. cost £2,500/£3,000) and anti-bird strips, cost £89.52.

The Council was advised that there was no money in the budget for 2023/24 for any new equipment, therefore it will be included in next years budget. It was agreed to purchase the anti-bird strips.

23/42. FINANCE.

102328 £66.00 J & M Landscapes (Grass Cutting Play Area)
102329 £637.94 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses/Anti-Bird Strips)
102330 £34.32 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
102331 £13.00 White Notley Village Hall (Hire)
102332 £72.60 Rural Community Council of Essex (Annual Subs)
102333 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)
102334 £308.00 (Play Scheme)
102335 £308.00 (Play Scheme)
102336 £308.00 (Play Scheme)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
D/D £56.04 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Streetlighting)

Income £60.00 Community Transport.

23/43. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

BDC - Temporary Road Closure for the Duck Race, 9.30am - 3.30pm on Sunday 27 August 2023. The cost of the road closure to be included on the agenda for September to decide whether the Parish Council could contribute to this cost.

23/44. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- 3 September Summer Lunch, tickets now available.
- Review/update of policies plus planning information - next agenda.
- Flower Festival at Faulkbourne Church, 29/30 July.
- 2nd stile on footpath no. 13 (Ref: 2859835) is wobbly plus the one at The Green is broken and needs replacing with a kissing gate (Ref: 2857277).
- Community Transport - book for another six months for Chelmsford only, the fare to remain at £5.00.

23/45. MEETING DATES 2023.

26 September, 24 October (Faulkbourne), 28 November (Budget Meeting), 19 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 20.29 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: