



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 25 MAY 2021 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45 PM.

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Bright, Fisher, Guy, Harrison, Phillips, Smith & Taylor.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: District Councillor White

21/17. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Phillips proposed Cllr Bright as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Harrison and unanimously agreed.

- Cllr Bright signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

21/18. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Fisher proposed Cllr Daniels as Vice- Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Smith and unanimously agreed.

21/19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Daniels.

21/20. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

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

21/21. PROGRESS CHECK.

- Station Road – the water issue is coming from below the road, there is a growing hole where the water is coming out. It has been inspected and ECC has contacted Anglian Water regarding what pipes there may be under the road.

21/22. 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.

21/23. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

21/24. REPORTS.

County Council – Following the recent elections, Cllr Ross Playle is the County Councillor for Witham Northern. Cllr Playle sent his apologies for this evening but will be attending the June meeting.

District Council – apologies were received from Cllr Dervish, an emailed report has been circulated. The new District Councillor for the Hatfield Peverel and Terling Ward Cllr Darren White introduced himself to the meeting. Cllr White explained that his main interest as District Councillor was to develop a pilot scheme looking at early diagnosis for illnesses such as dementia and multiple sclerosis.

Cllr Fisher pointed out the Parish Councils current concerns which included the proposed solar farm at Terling, housing issues, the Local Plan, litter, and the new A12 widening scheme regarding the new roundabout which would impact on traffic issues for White Notley and Faulkbourne.

21/25. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Cllr Fisher proposed Mo Taylor as Parish Councillor for the White Notley Ward, this was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously agreed.

- Cllr Taylor signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and was welcomed to the Council.

21/26. FINANCE.

The following cheques to be approved for payment and signed:

102175 £55.00 VCS Websites (Hosting x 3 months)
102176 £93.60 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
102177 £757.06 A Balcombe (Salary x 2/Office/Expenses)
102178 £60.00 J & M Landscapes (Play Area x 2 cuts)
102179 £468.45 BHIB Ltd (Insurance Premium)
102180 £335.46 Braintree District Council (Hire Refuse Vehicle)
102181 £82.20 Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA Inspection)
102182 £60.00 J & M Landscapes (Play Area x 2 cuts)
102183 £135.00 Community Heartbeat Trust (Annual Support Year 3 Cost)
D/D £110.01 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
D/D £106.46 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

Income

£7,195.00 (1st Instalment Precept £7,000.00, BDC Collection Fund £195.00)

21/27. ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 2020/21.

As the gross income/expenditure for 2020/21 did not exceed £25,000, there is no requirement to have a limited assurance review. A Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and Chairman.

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 were approved by the Council.

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

The Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer to signed:

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

21/28. DUSTCART.

The Parish Council were concerned to hear from Braintree District Council about the 'ridiculous amount of rubbish, including 20 fence panels and 18 bags of builders rubble' (and this is just two examples), that they were expected to collect at the last visit. This is not what the service is for and should this happen again then the service may be discontinued. Information regarding this will be included in the next newsletter due to go out before the next dustcart visit.

21/29. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Braintree Association of Local Councils (BALC) – the Association has recently reformed; membership will be £40 initially.

Essex Police – Braintree's first newsletter (circulated).

BDC – Extension of verge cutting trial to all rural roadside verges in the Braintree District which involves a single cut as opposed to the usual two cuts.

21/30. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Leaning sign/notice board at Faulkbourne, Cllr Phillips will repair both.
- Broadband for White Notley Village Hall.
- It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the Council seems biased towards White Notley as opposed to Faulkbourne. Meetings will continue at Faulkbourne hopefully in the next couple of months once things have returned to normal (Covid-19).
- RoSPA Report – Wicksteed to be asked to look at the slide and swings.
- Lighting in Station Road.
- Rotting fence posts leaning towards the footpath near the barns in Vicarage Avenue. Cllr Smith will talk to the owners.
- Community Transport - the Clerk will find out if this service can be resumed.

21/31. MEETING DATES 2021.

22 June, 27 July, 28 September, 26 October, 23 November, 21 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 20.51 PM

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: