



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting of
White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council
held on Tuesday 27 June 2023 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Brewster, Bright, Daniels, Harrison, Phillips & Sapienza.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: County Cllr Playle and 4 members of the public.

23/15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Guy and Smith.

23/16. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 23 May 2023 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

23/17. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

Bus - the driver is still refusing to use the correct steps and is using make do steps which are not safe. This has been an ongoing issue for over three months now and the driver is accusing passengers of making this a personal issue. The Clerk to contact ECC and Arrow again.

Volunteer Councillor - Cllr Bentley has contacted the interested resident, to be included on the next agenda.

Station Road Footpath - Cllr Sapienza reported that the field ownership has changed hands, he will contact the new owner. Next agenda.

23/18. 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.

23/19. PUBLIC FORUM.

Application No: 23/01276/FUL - a member of the public has objected to this application on numerous grounds, the primary objection now is the demolition of the barn. This has been applied for three times in the past and has been refused permission every time. An appeal has been submitted and dismissed.

The applicants, including their architect were in attendance and gave a history of the application process, they stressed that they are passionate to retain the look and shape of the barn and the only thing that has changed in this latest application is to demolish the barn first. One of the applicants stated that work will start in August regardless of the decision on the latest plan and she has brought a caravan to live in on site, saying that they have full planning permission to convert but do not have permission to demolish the barn.

The resident objecting to the application informed the Council that one or two parish councillors have an interest in this application which have not been declared which is in breach of the Councils Code of Conduct including the Nolan Principles. He went

on to say that he would rather deal with this through the Parish Council rather than make a formal complaint to the District Council.

23/20. REPORTS.

County Councillor Report. Cllr Playle gave a brief report which included the following: National Grid Consultation, the Terling Solar Farm which has been approved and the latest pothole scheme. Money allocated to the LHP has been reduced this year but he is still pushing for speed surveys for White Notley. Work is scheduled to go ahead in Station Road in August, temporary repairs have been carried out. Cllr Playle finished by saying that he supported the planning application discussed in the Public Forum.

District Councillor Report. Apologies were received from Cllrs Dervish and Coleridge who had no matters to report until after the next full council meeting.

Community Speed Watch/SID Report. Cllr Bentley reported that White Notley statistics are almost identical to last year. The Faulkbourne device battery has run down, a fully charged battery will be installed. Foliage around the device needs to be cut back which will help with the charging of the solar panel. Cllr Bentley, with the help of Cllr Phillips will sort out the problems with the Faulkbourne device.

23/21. PLANNING.

Application No: 23/01276/FUL. Demolition of existing barn and erection of 2 x 3 bed roomed semi-detached dwelling houses with associated parking and amenity space, forming of turning head and alteration of track and site access off Church Hill.

Location: Land adjacent Stanfield Meadow, Vicarage Avenue, White Notley. A vote was taken with 2 in favour of demolishing the barn and 5 against, therefore the Parish Council object to the demolition of the barn.

Application No: 23/01573/TPOCON. T3 Sycamore; fell the whole of the eastern stem back to the boundary. T5 Elder; to be felled.

Location: White Notley C of E Primary School. No objections.

Application No: 23/00409/FUL. Erection of 2 no. 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings.

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

This application to be considered by the Planning Committee (BDC) on 4 July 2023 at 7.15pm. Anyone wishing to make a statement must register by in advance.

23/22. SUMMER PLAY SCHEME.

To agree the arrangements for the Play Scheme which will be held on 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August 2023. It was agreed to increase the helpers hours from six to seven for each session to allow time for setting/clearing up and to pay £11.00 per hour. £250.00 will be paid for equipment and £288.00 for hall hire. This all comes within the agreed budget. **Unanimously agreed.**

23/23. NEW SALT BIN.

To decide whether or not to purchase a new salt bin by the Village Hall, approx. cost £100 - £200 depending on quality. Next agenda.

23/24. FINANCE.

102318 £66.00 J & M Landscapes (2 x cuts Play Area)

102319 £499.43 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)

102320 £48.00 Braintree Association of Local Councils (Annual Subs.)
102321 £30.00 Faulkbourne Village Hall (Hire)
102322 £34.32 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
102323 £110.00 VCS Websites (6 months Hosting)
102324 £90.00 Playsafety Ltd (Annual Inspection)
102325 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)
102326 £66.00 J & M Landscapes (2 x cuts Play Area)
102327 £250.00 B Bright (Play Scheme Equipment)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
D/D £63.45 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Streetlighting)

Income £20.00 Community Transport.

23/25. PLAY AREA.

To consider any actions needed as a result of the recent Play Area annual inspection. Cllrs Guy and Bentley will carry out minor works and Cllr Sapienza to investigate spikes to deter the birds. Consideration of providing a nest swing to be included on the next agenda.

23/26. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Residents email: the bench by the bus stop has been repainted but is in need of replacement. The resident has offered to pay for a new bench and to re-use the current plaque. Letter of thanks to be sent.

Cllr Playle - member led pothole scheme.

National Grid - second non-statutory consultation on Norwich to Tilbury (formerly known as East Anglia GREEN). The proposal is to build approximately 183 km of transmission infrastructure from Norwich to Tilbury as part of The Great Grid Upgrade. The consultation will run for eight weeks, closing on 21 August 2023. Next agenda.

23/27. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Vicarage Avenue has been coned off due to gas being laid on.

23/28. MEETING DATES 2023.

25 July (Faulkbourne), 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 20.58 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: