



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

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

***Prior to the start of the meeting one minutes silence was held to remember  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.***

#### **22/92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Guy, Phillips and Harrison.

#### **22/93. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 26 July 2022 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

#### **22/94. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.**

Station Road Footpath – a meeting was held with the landowner, councillors and a Highways Officer who explained the options for a footpath. There were a number of questions around usage, maintenance and liability plus the surfacing, considering that it will probably be used by people going to work. It is now awaiting a decision from the landowner.

#### **22/95. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – CODE OF CONDUCT.**

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests, or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

*Councillors were reminded that any correspondence/contact with outside bodies must be through the Clerk unless authorised by the Council. If contacting other authorities without authority from the Council please ensure that it is made clear that you are making contact in a personal capacity, and not as a parish councillor.*

#### **22/96. PUBLIC FORUM.**

No matters were raised.

#### **22/97. REPORTS.**

**County Councillor Report** – attention was drawn to the A120 overnight road closures between Stansted and Braintree for re-surfacing work. A speed survey carried out in The Street came back to say there wasn't a problem, Cllr Playle will look into this as results from the SID clearly show there is a speeding problem. Chipping Hill bridge in Witham is now closed until early November. Cllr Playle also reported on the meeting regarding the proposed footpath in Station Road and was thanked by Councillors for all his work on this.

### **District Councillor Report.**

An emailed report was received from Cllr Dervish who was looking into getting the drive way to the school repaired. Ownership of the drive is unknown, Cllr Fisher will take a look and see if he can help repair them.

The Parish Council agreed to ask Cllr Dervish for funding towards this years Christmas tree and to ask her not to get the bus stop in Vicarage Avenue removed as it is still in use.

**Community Speed Watch/SID Report** – according to SID, the average speed through the village is 33mph, the maximum was 72mph (recorded during the night). Although the average is 33mph there is still a speeding problem.

### **22/98. FAULKBOURNE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID).**

As the existing pole for the device has still not appeared, the Council to decide whether or not to purchase a new pole. The pole has been located so there is no need to purchase a new pole.

### **22/99. STATION ROAD.**

- The proposed footpath was reported above under Progress Check.
- Leak in Station Road; Cllr Guy had contacted Anglian Water who say as the leak contains no chlorine or sewerage it is no longer their responsibility. Because there is no risk of flooding it is not down to the Environment Agency, so it seems it is back to the landowner who is Essex County Council Highways. Cllr Guy has contacted Cllr Lee Scott (Cabinet Member for Highways) who is now looking into it.

### **22/00. PLANNING.**

**Application No: 22/02255/HH.** First floor extension, single-storey infill and conversion of part of garage to habitable accommodation.

**Location:** Leylandi, The Street, White Notley CM8 1RQ. No objections.

There was concern about water coming down the road (The Street) which needs addressing before the road can be improved. Highways have been out to clear all the stones that have been washed down the road in heavy rain. The problem seems to be the responsibility of Highways, Anglian Water and the landowner and is currently being looked at.

**Application No: 22/02322/SCR.** Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Screening Request (Regulation 6) - Solar Farm

**Location:** Land at Cressing Farm, Witham Road, Cressing.

### **22/01. PLAY AREA.**

To agree the purchase of a new bench – next agenda.

### **22/02. FINANCE.**

#### **Payments made:**

102265 £260.00 L Hayes (Play Scheme)

102266 £260.00 S Black (Play Scheme)

102267 £260.00 C Ponder (Play Scheme)

102268 £66.00 J & M Landscapes (Play Area)

102269 £31.20 James Todd & Co (Payroll)

102270 £482.21 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)

102271 £135.00 Community Heartbeat Trust (Annual Support Year 4)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)  
102272 £125.60 Braintree District Council (Community Transport, Aug/Sept)  
102273 £705.94 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Printer Ink)  
102274 £55.00 VCS Websites Ltd (Sept/Oct/Nov)  
102275 £31.20 James Todd & Co. Ltd. (Payroll)  
102276 £66.00 J & M Landscapes (Play Area)  
102277 £240.00 PKF Littlejohn LLP (Audit Fee)  
102278 £288.00 White Notley School (Hall Hire Play Scheme)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)  
D/D £415.48 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Dec. 2021 – Aug. 2022)

**Income** £8,500.00 Braintree District Council (2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment Precept)

**22/03. YEAR-END ACCOUNTS 31 MARCH 2022, CLOSURE OF AUDIT.**

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 have been signed off by the External Auditor with no matters of concern raised.

**22/04. CHRISTMAS TREE.**

To agree the purchase of a Christmas Tree. Unanimously agreed.

**22/05. NEWSLETTER.**

The next newsletter needs to go out mid-November, contributions needed by the end of October.

**22/06. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Dates for the Friday Shopper Bus: 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December 2022. 13 January & 10 February 2023.
- Station Road – overgrown hedges before you go over the ford, Cllr Fisher will take a look.
- Lump of footpath has broken away in Station Road.
- White Notley History Weekend - 8 & 9 October, admission free.
- Complaints received about pedestrians crossing the ford, it was explained that there is no footpath and pedestrians must walk in the road to cross.

**22/07. MEETING DATES 2022.**

25 October (Faulkbourne), 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 20.45 PM***

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: