



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.45 pm.

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

23/58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fisher and Phillips

23/59. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 24 January 2023 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Smith. Seconded: Cllr Bentley. All agreed.

23/60. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

- **Community Transport Dates 2023:**
10 March (Chelmsford), 14 April (Maldon), 12 May (Chelmsford),
9 June (Chelmsford), 14 July (Maldon), 11 August (Chelmsford).
- **Water run-off, The Street** (Ref: 2820410). Status as at 8 February 2023;
This enquiry has been closed with no planned further action. To be followed
up with landowner.
- **SID Pole** - a pole has now been purchased for the speed device for
Faulkbourne.
- **War Memorial Funding** - BDC cannot fund this as £700.00 funding was
received previously from the Community Fund. The Council will apply for the
£250.00 for a new bench in the Play Area.

23/61. 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.

23/62. PUBLIC FORUM.

Planning application no: 23/00338/FUL. Replacement single-storey side extension to existing dwelling. Erection of 1 no. two-storey 3 bedroom dwelling adjacent to existing dwelling at Roselea, Church Mead - residents present put forward their objections to this application as follows:

- **Access** - Church Mead is a very narrow private road, the entrance is not wide enough for two cars. Cars often have to reverse out of Church Mead onto the busy Witham Road, as there is no room for turning in Church Mead, therefore it is a Highways safety issue. Cars coming out of the proposed new dwelling would have to reverse out onto other residents driveways which could cause conflict. The plans show two allocated parking places of minimum depth and width, so no room to manoeuvre.

- **Size / Scale** - the proposed new dwelling is large in size and scale, imposing, and out of character in a conservation area. Existing properties would suffer loss of light and privacy, the two storey dwelling would overlook the neighbours property, the existing properties do not overlook each other.
- **Biodiversity** - a bat survey doesn't appear to have been done, it is known that there are bats in the nearby old Vicarage.

As an aside, not all neighbouring residents were informed of the application and no orange planning notice was displayed. Also, residents mentioned that they did not object to the proposed renovations of the existing property. Cllr Playle was asked if he would support residents from a Highways point of view. Cllr Playle will visit the site before he could comment.

23/63. REPORTS.

County Councillor Report - Cllr Playle updated the Council on ECC matters. there will be a 3.5% increase to the ECC precept. Extra money would be going into the Member Led Schemes to include sections of pavements as well as potholes. The potholes in Station Road have been chased up and a speed survey will be done in both Station Road and Vicarage Avenue to try and get a 20mph limit. The trial booking service for the Recycling Centre will be for nine months, the reason for the trial is to make sure there is no misuse of the site and to reduce congestion/queuing.

District Councillor Report - apologies were received from Cllr Dervish, an emailed report was received with the following points noted:

Increase in council tax of 2.5%. £25 refund within the council tax for all council tax payers. The recycling calendars will cease, saving £25,000, these will be available to download as a PDF on the BDC website. £1,250 Councillor Community Grant to remain.

Community Speed Watch/SID Report - Cllr Bentley gave a brief update on the SID statistics for the last month which can now be compared with a year ago. There is a small improvement with average vehicles dropping from 33 to 32, maximum speed dropped from 80mph to 67mph and the percentage of vehicles exceeding the limit has dropped from 69% to 66%.

23/64. PLANNING.

Application No: 23/00143/HH. First Floor Extension.

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

Application No: 23/00338/FUL. Replacement single-storey side extension to existing dwelling. Erection of 1 no. two-storey 3 bedroom dwelling adjacent to existing dwelling.

Location: Roselea, Church Mead, Church Hill, White Notley CM8 1RZ.

No attempt to consult/discuss application with residents. Could widen the lane.

Agreed to support residents objections especially around the highway safety issues.

The Parish Council objects to this application (comments above in Public Forum).

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

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

23/65. DUSTCART HIRE.

The hire cost will be increased from April 2023 and there are new rules around what cannot be taken, mainly upholstered furniture. The cost for four hours has risen from £288.00 to £316.67 (net vat).

It was agreed to continue the service for another year and for Councillors to monitor its use.

Proposed: Cllr Bright. Seconded: Cllr Daniels.

A vote was taken with 6 for 1 against, therefore the service will continue.

Confirmed dates for 2023:

1 April (starting at Faulkbourne), 22 July (starting at The Green) and 7 October (starting at Faulkbourne).

23/66. LITTER PICKS.

Litter picking equipment will be delivered mid-March. The first date for a Community Litter Pick will be on Saturday 13 May, 10am - 1pm.

2367/. FINANCE.

102298 £37.00 B Bright (Christmas Baubles)

102299 £31.20 James Todd & Co (Payroll)

102300 £597.02 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses/SID Pole)

102301 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)

102302 £31.20 James Todd & Co (Payroll)

D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

D/D £52.15 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Streetlighting - January)

Income

£30.00 Community Transport

23/68. NEWSLETTER.

Contributions needed by mid-March.

23/69. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Residents email - light shining directly in residents kitchen in Vicarage Avenue.

Elections - BDC are holding two briefing sessions Monday 6 March at 1pm and Thursday 9 March 6pm.

23/70. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- White Notley Monday Shopper Bus (ECC/Arrow Taxi Services) - complaints have been received regarding Health and Safety rules being broken. Complaint to be sent to ECC and copied to Arrow Taxis.
- Leaning Footpath Sign - Cllr Sapienza to report it.
- No Parking Sign to be requested from Eastlight outside 52 Vicarage Avenue.

23/71. MEETING DATES 2023.

28 March, 25 April (Faulkbourne), 23 May (Annual Meetings), 27 June, 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 7.45pm except December's meeting which is a week earlier.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.09 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: