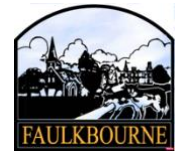




WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting of
White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council
held on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Brewster, Bright, Daniels, Phillips, Sapienza & Smith.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 1 member of the public and County Cllr Playle

23/79. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Guy and Cllr Harrison.

23/80. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

Proposed: Cllr Daniels. Seconded: Cllr All agreed.

23/81. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

Thanks were noted to all those residents who helped with the decoration of the White Notley Christmas tree.

23/82. 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.

23/83. PUBLIC FORUM.

A detailed report of accidents and two accident 'black spots' at The Green, White Notley was circulated to all Councillors. The report covered issues including signage, speed limits and blocked drains.

Cllr Playle will get the drains cleared and he has spoken to ECC about fixing the signs. With regard to speeding issues, it was generally agreed that reducing the speed limit does not solve the problem, however, an application will be submitted to the Local Highways Panel (LHP) to ask for a speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph at The Green. An application will also be submitted for a speed survey to be carried out at the same location.

23/84. REPORTS.

County Councillor Report - pothole repairs have been done in Vicarage Avenue, Station Road should be done tomorrow. Budget surveys are currently being carried out and a consultation on draft recommendations for division boundaries in Essex has begun, the consultation closes on 19 February 2024.

District Councillor Report - apologies were received from Cllr Dervish and Cllr Coleridge. An emailed report was received and noted.

Community Speed Watch/SID Report - Cllr Bentley gave an update on CSW, Faulkbourne SID - Cllr Bentley has written to Highways about moving the pole nearer the Village Hall. Agreed to buy a longer pole.

23/85. STATION ROAD FOOTPATH.

To receive an update from Cllr Sapienza. A response has been received from the landowner who stated that he was not interested in having a footpath on his land.

23/86. PLANNING.

Application No: 23/02650/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.

This application replaces Application No: 23/00338/FUL which has been withdrawn. The new application now includes a preliminary ecological appraisal (which does indicate suitable habitat for bats, hedgehogs and several species of native bird), no other changes have been made to the plans themselves and the major areas of concern remain the same. The Parish Councils original objection has been re-submitted with the comments around biodiversity removed.

23/87. FINANCE.

102354 £34.32 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)

102355 £520.16 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses/Newsletter)

102356 £192.00 Wheaton Farms (Christmas Tree - White Notley)

102357 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)

102358 £53.75 B Bright (Chairman's Allowance, Christmas Tree Carols)

102359 £110.00 D Smith (Christmas Tree - Faulkbourne)

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

D/D £97.49 npower Business Solutions (Electric Supply Streetlighting)

D/D £124.80 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

Income

Community Transport £15.00

23/88. BUDGET/PRECEPT 2024/25.

The budget for 2024/25 is £18,038.00 Taking into account general and earmarked reserves it was agreed to set the precept for 2024/25 at £18,000.00.

Proposed: Cllr Bright. Seconded: Cllr Phillips. All agreed.

23/89. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

White Notley School - request for funding - next agenda.

23/90. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Damaged Faulkbourne sign by the Football Club to be reported.
- White Notley School - request for funding, next agenda.

23/91. MEETING DATES 2023.

19 December.

Meeting dates 2024:

23 January, 27 February, 26 March, 23 April (Faulkbourne), 28 May (Annual Meetings), 25 June, 23 July (Faulkbourne), 24 September, 22 October (Faulkbourne), 26 November (Budget Meeting), 17 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 20.46 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: