



## 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 JULY 2020 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45 PM.**

**Present:** Cllrs: Bentley, Bright, Daniels, Fisher, Harrison, Smith & Sowdon.  
**In the Chair:** Cllr Bright.  
**Clerk:** Angela Balcombe.  
**Also present:** Three members of the public.

#### **20/49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Guy and Cllr Phillips.

#### **20/50. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 25 February 2020 and 24 March 2020 were approved as a correct record of events.

**Proposed: Cllr Bright. All agreed.**

#### **20/51. PROGRESS CHECK.**

No matters were raised.

#### **20/52. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests, or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Bright declared a pecuniary interest in item 20/56 as she works at the school.

#### **20/53. PUBLIC FORUM.**

Three representatives from the Raj Garden presented their idea for opening a shisha lounge for young people. It does not need planning permission and the idea was supported by the Parish Council.

#### **20/54. REPORTS.**

**County Council** – apologies were received from Cllr Abbott. An emailed report was received.

**District Council** – apologies were received from Cllr Bebb.

#### **20/55. TO ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE.**

The General Power of Competence is a statutory power that allows the Council to do anything that an individual can do (Localism Act 2011).

The Council meets the two criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence (The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012); it has 7 elected members (the requirement is to have two thirds of the number of seats on the council filled by elected councillors) and it has a qualified clerk.

**Cllr Fisher proposed that the Council adopt the General Power of Competence, this was seconded by Cllr Harrison, and unanimously agreed.**

## **20/56. WHITE NOTLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL.**

It was agreed to grant £2,500 to the school to go towards a new play trail.

**Proposed: Cllr Fisher £2,500 Seconded: Cllr Harrison.**

A vote was taken with 5 for and 1 abstention therefore the proposal was agreed.

## **20/57. FINANCE.**

**The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:**

### **March**

102100 £375.79 A Balcombe (Salary/Office/Expenses)  
102129 £11.87 White Notley Village Hall (Hire)  
102130 £59.50 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)  
102131 £36.00 CPRE (Annual Subs.)  
102132 £350.00 VCS Websites (Set-up and Domain Name)  
102133 £191.28 EALC (Annual Subs.)  
102134 £30.00 J & M Landscapes (Grass Cutting, Play Area)  
D/D £102.91 E-on (Street-lighting)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

### **April**

102135 £351.98 A Balcombe (Salary/Office/Expenses)  
D/D £110.01 E-on (Street-lighting)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

### **May**

102136 £342.21 A Balcombe (Salary/Office)  
D/D £106.46 E-on (Street-lighting)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

### **June**

102137 £180.00 J & M Landscapes (Grass Cutting Play Area x 6 cuts)  
102138 £11.87 White Notley Village Hall (Hire)  
102139 £59.50 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)  
102140 £93.60 James Todd & Co Ltd. (Payroll)  
102141 £82.20 Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA Report)  
102142 £350.83 A Balcombe (Salary/Office)  
102143 £135.00 Community Heartbeat Trust (Annual Support Year 2)  
102144 £55.00 VCS Websites (Website Hosting)  
102145 £20.00 Faulkbourne Village Hall (Hire)  
D/D £110.01 E-on (Street-lighting)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

### **July**

102146 £60.00 J & M Landscapes (Grass Cutting Play Area x 2 cuts)  
102147 £376.21 A Balcombe (Salary/Office/Expenses)  
102148 £93.60 James Todd & Co Ltd. (Payroll)  
102149 £72.60 RCCE (Annual Subs.)  
102150 £463.51 BHIB Ltd. (Insurance Premium)  
102151 £663.60 Braintree District Council (Hire Refuse Vehicles)  
102152 £2,500.00 White Notley Primary School (Grant)  
102153 £75.00 Faulkbourne Church (Cheque re-issued)  
D/D £106.46 E-on (Street-lighting)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

## **20/58. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR-ENDING 2019/20.**

As the gross income/expenditure for 2019/20 does not exceed £25,000, a Certificate of Exemption to be signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and Chairman.

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2020 were approved by the Council.

**Proposed: Cllr Bright. Seconded: Cllr Smith. All agreed.**

The Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk signed:

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

**20/59. STREETLIGHTS.**

Agreed to upgrade all of the streetlights to LED lights one by one as they go out.  
**Proposed: Cllr Bentley. Seconded: Cllr Fisher. All agreed.**

**20/60. SID BATTERIES.**

Two new batteries to be ordered for the Speed Indicator Device.

**20/61. PLANNING.**

**Notice of Appeal: Application No: 19/01795/OUT.** Demolition of garage and construction of 3 residential units.

**Location:** Station House, Station Road, White Notley.

**Application No: 20/01065/HHPA.** Erection of single storey rear extension. Extension will extend beyond rear wall of the original house by 5m, with a maximum height of 3.5m and 3.5m to the eaves of the extension.

**Location:** 34 The Street, White Notley.

***For information only, due to the type of application comments are not required.***

**Application No: 20/00913/COUPA.** Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3), and for associated operational development - Change of use to 3 residential dwellings

**Location:** Green Farm, The Green, White Notley.

***For information only.*** There is no statutory consultation requirement associated with this type of application.

**20/62. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

**ECC –** Cllr Abbott has a fund of £10,000 for projects in Witham Northern Division. Parish councils, registered charities or constituted community/voluntary organisations can apply.

**BDC –** Covid-19 Updates.

**BDC –** Recycling sack collection points.

**20/63. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Community Transport (Friday Bus) – still awaiting authority.
- Dustcart – two vehicles were required.
- Retiring Postman – arrange a collection? Facebook Page.
- Church - anticipating restarting services in September.
- Relationship with Strutt Farms and Faulkbourne Hall coming to an end, any issues to be reported to Cllr Fisher.
- River Brain – Wild Trout Trust/Natural England have a plan to improve quality, £10,000 is needed to match fund the £10,000 available.
- Station Road (Anglian Water) Station side of bridge, crack in the ground with green smelly liquid - report to Cllr Abbott.

**20/64. MEETING DATES 2020.**

27 October (Faulkbourne), 24 November, 15 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 20.58 PM**

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: