



## WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2019 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45 PM.**

**Present:** Cllrs: Bright, Daniels, Fisher, Guy, Harrison, Phillips, Smith & Sowdon.  
**In the Chair:** Cllr Bright.  
**Clerk:** Angela Balcombe.  
**Also present:** County Cllr Abbott and one member of the public.

#### **19/00. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bentley.

#### **19/01. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 22 October 2019 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

#### **19/02. PROGRESS CHECK.**

No matters were raised.

#### **19/03. 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.

#### **19/04. PUBLIC FORUM.**

- Overhead provision of Broadband – County Broadband have already installed new poles for the provision of broadband in White Notley and are planning to install more poles once their 28 day notice to landowners for permission is reached. There were objections to this and residents and the Parish Council would prefer the cables to be laid underground as in other nearby areas.

#### **19/05. REPORTS.**

**County Council** – Cllr Abbott apologised for not attending as often as he would like and hoped this would improve next year. Cllr Abbott reported on the budget process and black bin waste which is currently being trucked to Basildon and then back up the A12 to Stanway for landfill. Cllr Abbott is trying to get more money into the Highways Panel budget, he asked the Council whether they were interested in getting some formal passing places in Station Road and Pole Lane and also if there were any pathways or verges that needed work doing. Cllr Abbott mentioned the Highways Devolution Scheme for possible self-help such as filling in pot holes, it was hoped that the scheme would be made more 'parish friendly' in the future but in the meantime this can be applied for through the Highways Panel.

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

#### **19/06. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3).**

Cllr Guy gave a report of the meeting held on 4 November with a representative from ECC. It was agreed to go ahead and complete a work proposal and to walk all of the footpaths to see what work is needed.

**19/07. FINANCE.**

**The following cheques to be approved for payment and signed:**

102081 £383.50 Braintree District Council (Refuse Vehicle £324.00, Community Transport £59.50)  
102082 £427.65 A Balcombe (Salary/Office/Expenses)  
102083 £60.00 J & M Landscapes (Grass Cutting Play Area)  
102084 £11.87 White Notley Village Hall (Hire)  
102085 £250.00 Citizens Advice Bureau (Donation 2018/18)  
102086 £100.00 Essex Air Ambulance (Donation 2018/19)  
102087 £100.00 Farleigh Hospice (Donation 2018/19)  
D/D £110.01 E-on (Street-lighting)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

**19/08. BUDGET/PRECEPT 2020.**

The budget for 2020/21 was agreed at £14,467.00. It was agreed to set the precept at £14,000.00, taking £467.00 from reserves. This is a small increase on last year's precept of £500.00.

**Proposed: Cllr Guy. Seconded: Cllr Harrison. Unanimously agreed.**

**19/09. CORRESPONDENCE.**

None.

**19/10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- The loose barrier at the ford has been reported.
- A 'flow pole' is to be installed where the footpath crosses the Essex Way to work out how to create a water retention system to prevent flooding, and to improve whole area. The aim is to do the work in August /September.
- The derelict shed at rear of village hall which belongs to the Parish Council is to be removed.

**19/11. MEETING DATES 2019.**

The next meeting is on the 17 December 2019.

**Meeting Dates 2020:**

28 January, 25 February, 24 March, 28 April (Faulkbourne), 26 May (Annual Council Meeting), 23 June, 28 July (Faulkbourne), 22 September, 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 20.50 PM***

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: