



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 8.15 PM.

Present: Cllrs: Bright, Daniels, Fisher, Galione, J Harrison, L Harrison, N Harrison, Smith & Wagstaff.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 2 members of the public, County Cllr Abbott and District Cllr Hufton-Rees.

16/08. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr L Harrison proposed Cllr Bright as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Daniels. There being no further nominations Cllr Bright was elected Chairman for 2016/17.

The Chairman, Cllr Bright signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

16/09. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Cllr N Harrison proposed Cllr Daniels as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr J Harrison. There being no further nominations Cllr Daniels was elected Vice-Chairman for 2016/17.

16/10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies.

16/11. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 26 April 2016 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr L Harrison. Seconded: Cllr Daniels. All agreed.

16/12. PROGRESS CHECK.

- The Shopper Bus seems to be very successful and is well used.
- With regard to the complaints to ECC regarding the bus service, no reply has yet been received.

Solar Farm Unilateral Undertaking

The original owners (Cressing SPV) offered a community payment when the scheme was originally for the larger 23 MW site, however, following lengthy email correspondence between the agent (ESCO) and the new owners (GAM LLP/Frietag) it is clear that no community benefit scheme was ever agreed. The new owners have stated that “no community benefit scheme or draft funding agreement was disclosed in the data room” they also stated that due to the reduction in size of 80% (5 MW) “such a payment is not practical and would not have been acceptable to us as part of the acquisition”.

Braintree District Council were also unaware of any community benefit agreement at the planning stage.

16/13. 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.

16/14. PUBLIC FORUM.

No matters were raised.

16/15. REPORTS.

District Council – apologies were received from Cllr Bebb. With regard to the Local Plan site allocations, the District Council has allocated 2,000 houses at Bakers Lane, Black Notley and 1,000 houses east of Braintree at Broad Road.

County Council – Cllr Abbott gave a report on County Council matters which included the budget; the recommendation that both Children’s Centres in Witham should close and provision be made in the Library; the Highways Panel budget to be cut by 50%; consultation has just finished on the Waste Local Plan.

With regard to the high traffic speeds being recorded by the speed indicator device, Cllr Abbott suggested that a speed camera for Faulkbourne might be an option.

16/16. STICKERS FOR WHEELIE BINS (SPEED REDUCTION).

A quote has been received for £560.00 for 500 speed reduction stickers. It was agreed to accept the quote and get the stickers printed.

Proposed: Cllr Fisher. Seconded: Cllr J Harrison.

A vote was taken with 8 in favour. Cllr Daniels abstained.

16/17. INDEPENDENT REPORT TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF POSSIBLE FLOODING ISSUES.

(Junction of Station Road by the Cross Keys)

Following a discussion around who should carry out the investigation, it was agreed to wait and see if the ECC Flood Partnership will carry out the investigation.

Next agenda.

16/18. FINANCE.

The following cheques to be approved for payment and signed:

101844 £313.42 A Balcombe (Salary/Office Expenses £284.23, Phone £12.00, Printer Ink £15.99, Post £1.20)

101845 £10.00 White Notley Village Hall (Hire)

101846 £22.20 Acumen Wages Service (May Salaries)

101847 £351.36 Braintree District Council (Hire Refuse Vehicle)

101848 £60.00 J & M Landscapes (Grass Cutting x 2)

D/D £59.73 E-on (Street-lighting)

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

16/19. YEAR-END ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL RETURN.

The year-end accounts (31 March 2016) were approved by the Council.

Proposed: Cllr L Harrison. Seconded: Cllr Daniels. All agreed.

The Annual Return was signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

16/20. SUMMER PLAY SCHEME.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the helpers £260 for all four sessions and to spend £300 on equipment.

16/21. PLANNING.

Application No: 16/00138/TPO. Reduce crown of 1 Walnut tree to appropriate forks by approx. 1-1.5 metres, maximum branch removal diameter - 50mm

Location: 7 The Street, White Notley. No objections.

Application No: 16/00676/FUL. Proposed new basement with roof terrace and new cartlodge.

Location: Warren Farm House, The Street, Faulkbourne. No objections.

16/22. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

- Invitation from the Chairman of BDC for the Chairman to attend a Service of Celebration for the 90th Birthday of HM the Queen at St Michael's Church, Braintree on 11 June 2016 at 11am.
- Braintree District Community Foundation CIC – request for donations.

16/23. REPRESENTATIVES COMMENTS / REPORTS.

- Community Speed Watch (CSW) – the speed gun is currently being calibrated therefore there have been no CSW sessions.
- Footpaths – Pink Lane (Essex Way) debris to be reported to ECC

16/24. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Faulkbourne Speed Management – next agenda.
- Residents are taking their dogs in the play area which is strictly prohibited.
- The Council to send its thanks to the dustcart driver for being so helpful.
- Problem with buggies/quad bikes – Cllr Wagstaff to contact the landowner to see if permission has been given for them to be there.

16/25. MEETING DATES 2016.

All meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7.45pm except December's meeting which is a week earlier.

28 June, 26 July (Faulkbourne), 23 August, 27 September, 25 October (Faulkbourne), 22 November, 20 December.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.29 PM

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: