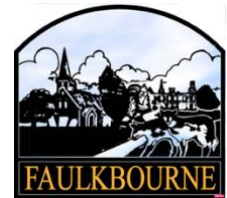




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### MINUTES OF THE WHITE NOTLEY & FAULKBOURNE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024 AT 7 PM.

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**Present:** *Cllrs Bentley, Brewster, Bright, Daniels, Harrison, Phillips & Smith.*  
**In the Chair:** *Cllr Bright.*  
**Clerk:** *Angela Balcombe.*  
**Also present:** *11 members of the public and County Councillor Ross Playle*

#### **24/01. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

#### **24/02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Guy, Harrison & Sapienza and District Councillor Dervish.

#### **24/03. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

The Chairman's report was received and noted.

#### **24/04. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT.**

The RFO gave a summary of the year-end accounts (2023/24).

#### **24/05. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

No report received.

#### **24/06. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

No report received.

#### **24/07. NATIONAL GRID (PYLONS) NORWICH TO TILBURY STATUTORY CONSULTATION.**

Rosie Pearson from Pylons East Anglia Ltd was due to speak to the meeting with advice on how to respond to the consultation, however she did not attend (she has since apologised and other arrangements to meet have been made).

It is proposed to put eleven 23-meter-high pylons through the Faulkbourne Estate, keeping the access roads to all of the pylons. It will take out around 200 acres of land. The whole project is expected to take around three years.

Properties seriously devalued by (National) work are eligible to claim compensation (Planning Act).

If work goes ahead as proposed the Football Club will lose 50/60% of one field. If they have to move players to other areas for the time taken to do the work the impact on not only the Club but the local community will be immense. Sport England, a statutory consultee, will include the Clubs objections in their response. Security will also be an issue.

It needs to be made clear to people outside of the directly affected areas that they will still be affected, for example the massive pylons will need to be transported, this may mean existing street furniture might need to be removed and traffic management measure will need to be in place for some time in areas such as Witham.

Various suggestions as to how to get the information out to the wider community were made such as social media, other organisations being contacted such as the NFU to help, as it affects all of East Anglia.

ECC has opposed the plans at every opportunity, they have also done an independent report. It's not clear if BDC has responded. Agreed that more people need to object.

It is important that all responses make a specific counter proposal such as suggesting offshore options.

#### **23/08. ANY OTHER REPORTS/QUESTIONS.**

There were no other reports.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8 PM***

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

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