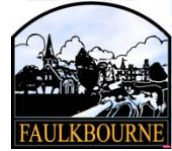




WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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***Minutes of a meeting of
White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council
held on Tuesday 16 December 2025 at White Notley Village Hall at 7pm.***

Present: Cllrs: Brewster, Bright, Daniels, Guy, Phillips, Sapienza & Smith.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 2 members of the public.

25/71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Bentley. Cllr Bentley would like it noted that had he been able to attend he would have declared a conflict of interest (as Trustee of the Whitebread Charity who own the land) on the Gemma's Farm planning application and would have absented himself from any discussions on the matter.

Apologies were also received from Cllr Harrison.

25/72. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 25 November 2025 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

25/73. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

- Faulkbourne SID – vegetation has been cut back.
- The Play Area signs have been put up.
- New Notice Board – to be delivered tomorrow.

25/74. 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.

25/75. PUBLIC FORUM.

Members of the public were present to explain their objections to planning application 25/02611/FUL.

As the District Council is still awaiting revised drawings, and Highways are asking for plans of visibility sprays and a speed survey before they can comment, it was agreed that the Parish Council could not make a decision on this application until the additional information has been received. A site visit was suggested.

25/76. REPORTS.

- **County Councillor Report.** Apologies were received from Cllr Playle.
- **District Councillor Report.** No report received.
- **Community Speed Watch/SID Report.** Apologies were received from Cllr Bentley.

25/77. PLANNING.

Application No: 25/02611/FUL & PP-14406285. Retention of change of use of the land for agriculture and petting zoo and erection of animal shelter.

Location: Gemmas Farm, The Green, White Notley CM8 1RG. Awaiting additional information.

25/78. FAULKBOURNE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

It was unanimously agreed to pay £44.99 towards the Faulkbourne Christmas decorations.

25/79. FINANCE.

102491 £399.60 C Jerram Christmas Wrapped Up (Christmas Trees)
102492 £503.51 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)
102493 £39.30 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
102494 £137.00 VCS Websites Ltd (6 Months Hosting)
102495 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)
102496 £44.99 Faulkbourne Village Hall (Christmas Decorations)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
D/D £144.55 Npower Business Solutions (November)

Income £138.00 Donation for Essex Air Ambulance from Carol Singing
£30.00 Community Transport

- **Precept Tax Base Information** – the precept for 2026/27 has been agreed at £24,000 which is an increase of £4,000. The Parish element of the Band D Tax Rate for 2026/27 will be £93.47, which is an annual increase of £12.52.
- The Precept form was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

25/80. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Residents Email regarding installation of an electric car charging point.

Council Wise - a new organisation offering training and advice specific to parish councils.

25/81. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

No matters were raised.

25/82. MEETING DATES 2026.

27 January, 24 February, 24 March, 28 April, 26 May, 23 June, 28 July,
22 September, 27 October, 24 November, 15 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 19:42

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: