



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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***Minutes of a meeting of
White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council
held on Tuesday 23 September 2025 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.30pm.***

Present: *Cllrs: Bright, Daniels, Guy, Sapienza & Smith.*
In the Chair: *Cllr Bright.*
Clerk: *Angela Balcombe.*
Also present: *There was no-one else present.*

25/31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Brewster, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Phillips and Cllr Bentley.

25/32. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 22 July 2025 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Daniels. Seconded: Cllr Guy. All agreed.

25/33. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

No matters were raised.

25/34. 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.

25/35. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

25/36. REPORTS.

County Councillor Report.

District Councillor Report.

Community Speed Watch/SID Report. The speed sign at Faulkbourne is obscured by vegetation which means it only works intermittently.

25/37. PLAY AREA.

The Council went through the itemised list of repairs needed and selected the ones that needed doing straight away, the total cost of the repairs comes to £6,149.00 which was unanimously agreed.

25/38. FINANCE.

102468 £525.20 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)
102469 £39.30 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
102470 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)
102471 £66.00 J & M Landscapes (Grass Cutting Play Area)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
102472 £39.30 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
102473 £11.00 White Notley Village Hall (Hire)
102474 £30.00 Faulkbourne Village Hall (Hire)
102475 £252.00 PKF Littlejohn LLP (Audit Fee 2024/25)
102476 £510.25 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)

102477 £92.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport inc. Group Renewal)
 102478 £288.00 White Notley C of E School (Play Scheme Hall Hire)
 D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
 D/D £125.53 Npower Business Solutions (February)
 D/D £120.57 Npower Business Solutions (March)
 D/D £98.18 Npower Business Solutions (April)
 D/D 84.47 Npower Business Solutions (May)
 D/D £73.20 Npower Business Solutions (June)
 D/D £79.83 Npower Business Solutions (July)
 D/D £94.65 Npower Business Solutions (August)

Income £10,000.00 2nd Instalment Precept
 £25.00 Community Transport

25/39. CONCLUSION OF AUDIT 2024/25.

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 have been audited with no matters raised. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit along with the audited Annual Return has been published on the website.

25/40. NORWICH TO TILBURY PYLON PROJECT UPDATE.

The Norwich to Tilbury pylons development consent order was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 29 August, the Inspector has until 26 September to decide whether to accept the DCO for examination. Comments cannot be submitted yet, if the application is accepted then people will be able to register to have their say.

The Parish Council has objected to this proposed scheme at each stage of the consultation process. The Parish Council agreed that they were unable to make a financial contribution to the campaigns legal bills as it has not been budgeted for, and the Council has a number of large expenditure items to cover this financial year.

25/41. PLANNING.

Notice of Appeal APP/Z1510/W/25/3369470. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4 no. dwellings (Ref: 25/00734/FUL).

Location: Station House, Station Road, White Notley CM8 1RP. Noted.

Application No: 25/01624/COUPA. Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3), and for associated operational development - Change of use to 1no. residential dwellings.

Location: Green Farm, The Green, White Notley CM8 1RG.

For information only, there is no statutory consultation requirement with this type of application.

25/42. NOTICE BOARD OPPOSITE THE CROSS KEYS.

It was agreed to replace the notice board on the green area opposite the Cross Keys at an approximate cost of £1,500.00.

25/43. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

- **Community Transport Dates:**
 2025 17 October, 14 November, 12 December.
 2026 9 January, 13 February, 13 March.
- Email regarding use of allotments/green spaces and 'adopt a grave'.

25/44. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Village Sign – the post is getting a bit wobbly.
- Phone Box at The Green – paint/replacement glass. It was suggested asking for volunteers to paint it on the White Notley Facebook page.
- Parking on greensward in Vicarage Avenue – this is still happening, the Clerk to contact Eastlight again to ask if they could put notices on the offending vehicles.
- Proposed Flag Pole at War Memorial – planning permission is needed (advertising).

25/45. MEETING DATES 2025.

28 October (Faulkbourne), 25 November (Budget Meeting), 16 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 20:05

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: