



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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***Minutes of a meeting of
White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council
held on Tuesday 25 November 2025 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.30pm.***

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Brewster, Bright, Daniels, Harrison, Phillips, Sapienza & Smith.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: County Cllr Playle

25/59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Guy.

25/60. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 28 October 2025 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

25/61. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

New Notice Board – should be ready early December.

Faulkbourne SID – Cllr Sapienza to liaise with Cllr Guy regarding cutting back the vegetation around the SID. Permission has been given by the landowner.

25/62. 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.

25/63. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

25/64. REPORTS.

- **County Councillor Report.** Cllr Playle updated the Council on the Local Government Reform, the current consultation closes in January. Various potholes were reported. As the Local Highways Panel is only delivering programmes that have been budgeted for, the proposed white gateways for Faulkbourne, The Green, Station Road and Church Hill will not be provided by ECC. The Parish Council will look into the costings and any funding sources that might be available, this will need to be a phased project due to the financial position of the Parish Council. Other issues mentioned; vegetation needing cutting back at the top of Station Road and water has started coming through again by the ford.
- **District Councillor Report.** No report received.
- **Community Speed Watch/SID Report.** Cllr Bentley gave a brief report. Residents thanks were noted for the volunteers that carry out Community Speed Watch.

25/65. FINANCE.

102485 £665.71 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses/Newsletter)

102486 £39.30 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)

102487 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)

102488 £14.00 White Notley Village Hall (Hire)
102489 £7,378.80 Playquip Leisure (Play Area Repairs)
102490 £70.00 B Bright (Chairmans Allowance – Carols around the Tree)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
D/D £132.16 Npower Business Solutions (October)

Income £25.00 Community Transport

25/66. BUDGET/PRECEPT 2026/27.

Expenditure for 2026/27 was agreed at £28,686.00, considering income and reserves a Precept of £24,000.00 was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Smith. Seconded: Cllr Bentley. All agreed.

25/67. PLANNING.

Application No: 25/01825/FUL. Erection of 2 no. dwellings and alteration and extension of Station House to form 2 no. dwellings.

Location: Station House, Station Road, White Notley CM8 1RP. The Council objects to this proposal as it is considered over development of the area.

Application No: 25/02559/NMA. Non-Material Amendment to permission 24/02673/FUL granted 06/06/25 for: Solar Farm with up to 13.8MWac of export capacity, comprising the installation of solar photovoltaic panels and associated infrastructure including customer substation, DNO substation, inverter and transformer substations, customer cabin, spare parts container, storage containers, maintenance tracks, fencing, security cameras, landscape planting, swales and associated works including grid connection. Amendment would allow: Relocation of the customer substation and customer cabin to the southeast corner of field 2.

Location: Land southwest of Cressing Temple, Witham Road.

For information only.

25/68. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

- Email regarding a future planning application at The Green.
- Email regarding the National Grid application (pylons). The Clerk will re-send previous objections.

25/69. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- The next meeting to start at 7pm.
- Request for the Council to pay towards the Christmas lights at Faulkbourne.
Next agenda.
- War Memorial Flag Pole planning application to be completed.

25/70. MEETING DATES 2025.

16 December at 7pm.

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 20:39

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: