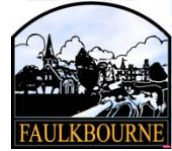




WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 26 May 2026 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Brewster, Bright, Guy, Harrison, Phillips & Smith.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: County Cllr John Morris

26/32. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Smith proposed Cllr Bright as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Brewster and unanimously agreed.

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

26/33. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Harrison proposed Cllr Daniels as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously agreed.

26/34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Daniels and Sapienza.

26/35. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 28 April 2026 were approved as a correct record of events.
Proposed: Cllr Brewster. Seconded Cllr Smith. All agreed.

26/36. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

Village of the Year – Cllr Guy drew attention to everything that goes on within White Notley and Faulkbourne and will enter the Council into this years competition.

26/37. 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.

26/38. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

26/39. REPORTS.

County Councillor Report. Cllr Morris introduced himself to the Council and gave a brief report of Reforms plans for the future.

District Councillor Report. No report received.

Community Speed Watch/SID Report. CSW is continuing, Faulkbourne has the biggest speeding problem, however awareness is quite high and the police are responding. It was suggested that another SID could be provided for Faulkbourne.

26/40. SALT BIN.

It was agreed to purchase a salt bin for White Notley School to store the Parish Councils salt supply.

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

26/41. FINANCE.

102518 £548.71 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)
102519 £39.30 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
102520 £64.60 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)
102521 £99.00 J & M Landscapes (Grass Cutting)
D/D £105.30 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
D/D £120.57 Npower Business Solutions (Lighting Supply)

Income

£15.00 Community Transport

26/42. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026.

As the gross income/expenditure for 2025/26 is above £25,000, the Council must complete the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 Form 3 which must be externally audited.

The accounts for the year-ending 31 March 2026 were approved.

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

The Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer signed:

- (i) Annual Governance Statement.
- (ii) Accounting Statements.

26/43. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Duck Race - Road Closure & Diversion - Sunday 30th August 2026 (9am – 4pm) for The Annual White Notley Duck Race & Fun Day

Residents email – thanking the Parish Council for the hire of the dustcart and asking not to book it on the third Saturday of the month as it clashes with the Faulkbourne Coffee Morning.

Residents email – copy of a letter of complaint sent to Braintree District Council with regard to a planning application, ref: 25/02611/FUL.

Streetlighting – the annual inspection of streetlights has been done with just a couple of new sensors needed.

ECC – Salt Bag Partnership; closing date 21 July 2026.

26/44. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Closure A120 – traffic could increase through the villages.
- Drain cover at the top of Church Hill.
- Station Road – Witham Road junction is considered very dangerous for traffic turning into Station Road.

26/45. MEETING DATES 2026.

23 June, 28 July (Faulkbourne), 22 September, 27 October (Faulkbourne), 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 20:02

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: