



## WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a meeting of White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 27 January 2026 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

#### **26/83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Daniels

#### **26/84. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 16 December 2025 were approved as a correct record of events.

**Proposed: Cllr Brewster. Seconded: Cllr Guy. All agreed.**

#### **26/85. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.**

No matters raised.

#### **26/86. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Personal and Prejudicial Interests, or Personal Interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllr Bentley declared an interest in agenda item 26/89 Planning as he is a Trustee of the Whitebread Charity who own the land at Gemma's Farm.

#### **26/87. PUBLIC FORUM.**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **26/88. REPORTS.**

**County Councillor Report.** Cllr Playle updated the Council on Local Government Reform, work to transition to Unitary Authorities can now start. Highways (ECC) were rated green for road repairs and although there were still complaints about the state of the roads, Cllr Playle thought the service was more responsive than it used to be regarding pothole repairs. Budget increase will be 1.95% plus 2% social care, therefore the total increase will be 3.95%.

**District Councillor Report.** Apologies were received from Cllr Dervish.

**Community Speed Watch/SID Report.** A new CSW rota to go out this week. The CSW co-ordinator thanked all volunteers for their contributions to the CSW scheme.

#### **26/89. 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:** Gemma's Farm, The Green, White Notley CM8 1RG.

Braintree District Council are still awaiting revised plans and will send out a re-consultation date when they have received the requested information.

**26/90. SHEEPCOTE SOLAR FARM.**

To agree the terms of the Community Benefit Fund agreement. It was agreed to ask if the Crossing payments could be made directly to Crossing Parish Council.

**26/91. FINANCE.**

102497 £538.23 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses)  
102498 £39.30 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)  
102499 £11.00 White Notley Village Hall (Hire)  
102500 £62.80 Braintree District Council (Community Transport)  
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)  
D/D £158.89 Npower Business Solutions (November)

**Income**

£3,949.93 HMRC (VAT Reclaim)  
£25.00 Community Transport

**26/92. DUSTCART DATES 2026.**

Confirmed dates: 18 April (starting at The Green), 18 July (Starting at Faulkbourne Village Hall) & 17 October (starting at The Green).

**26/93. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

None.

**26/94. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Rubbish dumped in the lay-by opposite Faulkbourne Church was collected and when examined showed it was from a shop in Moulsham Street, Chelmsford, this has been reported.
- Fly-tipping reported in Pole Lane.

**26/95. MEETING DATES 2026.**

27 January, 24 February, 24 March, 28 April, 26 May, 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 20:04**

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: