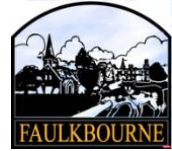




WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of White Notley and Faulkbourne Parish Council held on Tuesday 28 July 2026 at Faulkbourne Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs: Bentley, Brewster, Bright, Daniels, Guy, Harrison, Phillips & Smith.

In the Chair: Cllr Bright.

Clerk: Angela Balcombe.

Also present: County Cllr John Morris

26/60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Sapienza.

26/61. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 23 June 2026 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

26/62. PROGRESS CHECK / ACTION PLAN.

There were some issues with the recent hire of the dustcart, this has been reported to Braintree District Council.

26/63. 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 item 26/68 Planning Application 26/01429/VAR as he is a Trustee of the Whitebread Charity.

26/64. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

26/65. REPORTS.

County Councillor Report. Cllr Morris gave a report covering the recent Full Council Meeting, the Reform Essex brochure, libraries; some presentations need approval by senior managers to ensure things are kept neutral. There is a 30% increase in road repairs since this time last year. A Veterans Village is being considered. Net Zero; some savings have been made, Reform hope to make more. The party are trying to fight off development in green areas. Cllr Morris had spoken to Cllr Playle about trying to get a footpath in Station Road but the landowner is reluctant to engage. The Locality Fund is now open for applications.

District Councillor Report. No report received.

Community Speed Watch/SID Report. Speed Watch is continuing with a new rota due out next week.

26/66. SHEEPCOTE SOLAR FARM.

The Community Benefit Fund Agreement was approved by the Council and signed by the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council.

Eden Renewables is happy to make separate payments to White Notley & Faulkbourne Parish Council and Cressing Parish Council, and to remove the requirement for a Community Advisory Panel to make decisions on fund allocations.

The revised agreement sets out the new terms. White Notley & Faulkbourne Parish Councils share would be £400 per MW per year, amounting to approximately £5,520 depending on the final capacity of the solar farm when it is completed.

26/67. FINANCE.

102530 £887.30 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Office Expenses/Newsletter)
102531 £41.80 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
102532 £504.86 Braintree District Council (Community Transport/Refuse Vehicle Hire)
102533 £370.00 L Hayes (Play Scheme)
102534 £370.00 C Ponder (Play Scheme)
102535 £370.00 K Drain (Play Scheme)
102536 £20.00 Faulkbourne Village Hall (Hire)
102537 £288.00 White Notley School (Play Scheme)
D/D £53.28 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)
D/D £71.67 Npower Business Solutions (June)

Income

£20.00 Community Transport
£100.00 RCCE Village of the Year Competition

Cllr Bentley left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

26/68. PLANNING.

Application No: 26/01429/VAR. Amendment of Condition 2 of approved application 09/00044/FUL to read 'the building(s) or land hereby permitted shall be used solely for the stabling of horses and storage of associated equipment and foodstuffs, as a domestic recreational facility and for private and personal enjoyment only. No commercial uses including livery or as a riding school or industrial or other storage use shall take place whatsoever.'

Location: Green Acres, The Green, White Notley CM8 1RG. No objections.

Cllr Bentley returned to the meeting.

26/69. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Duck Race – Temporary Road Closure Station Road, White Notley, Sunday 30 August, 9am – 4pm.

RCCE – list of winners and runners up to the Village of the Year Competition; White Notley came third.

26/70. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Anglia Water has left cones, batteries and rubbish at the bottom of the hill towards Witham, the Clerk to contact Anglian Water.
- Dustcart – people have been leaving their rubbish unattended. People from Witham/Terling have also been using the service.
- A Community Gym was suggested for Vicarage Avenue.

26/71. MEETING DATES 2026.

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 20:12

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: