



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 JULY 2008 AT FAULKBOURNE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Cllrs Beal, Bright, Daniels, Desmond, Galione, Hood, McKoy & Roberts.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright
Clerk: Angela Balcombe
Also present: 3 members of the public and PCSO Nikki Doubleday.

08/55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Wagstaff.

08/56. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 24 June 2008 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr McKoy. Seconded: Cllr Galione. All agreed.

08/57. PROGRESS CHECK.

08/52. Recycling Tour - BDC's recycling contract is with a company in Tilbury, which at present has no visitor facilities.

Speed Indicator Device – ECC will install their device early August.

08/58. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

08/59. PUBLIC FORUM.

- Yellow zig-zag lines outside the school. After some discussion over the positioning of the lines it was agreed that a compromise could be reached whereby they were shortened, with the possibility of an area saying 'coaches only'. Nikki (PCSO) will ask if the District Officers could attend occasionally, although it was made clear that they could only act if vehicles were parked on the restricted areas. Nikki is to also look into the production of issuing polite warning notices.

EX-AGENDA.

Police Report/PCSO/Community Warden Report – a brief report was received from PCSO Nikki Doubleday.

District Councillors Report – Cllr Galione gave a report which included information on the District Councils 'Three Towns – One Vision' – regeneration plans for Braintree, Halstead and Witham.

08/60. PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR OLDER RESIDENTS.

It was agreed to proceed with this proposal providing funding could be secured.

08/61. PLANNING.

Application No: 08/01288/FUL. Formation of external drinking area

with the erection of a gazebo, internal alterations to include the provision of extract and air intake vents to trade kitchen.

Location: The Cross Keys, The Street, White Notley.

After some discussion it was agreed that there was no objection to the proposed internal alterations, however, the Council were opposed to the proposed gazebo for the following reasons:

- Concern over potential parking problems, four car parking spaces will be lost.
- Access/exit – the car park is on quite a dangerous bend.
- As the proposed gazebo will be going near the front of the property, it will generate noise and disturbance for nearby residents.
- Fear of crime
- Out of character as the Cross keys is a listed building.

A show of hands was asked for with 6 in favour of objecting to the proposed gazebo and 1 abstention. As District Councillor, Cllr Galione took no part in the discussion or vote.

Application No: 08/01449/LBC. Erection of an Orangery between main dwelling and annexe.

Location: Forge Cottage, Witham Road, White Notley.

Due to the timescale for responses, this application will be dealt with under delegated powers in consultation with the planning representatives.

08/62. PARISH MAP.

A mock-up has been produced – the wording was agreed, printing costs to be obtained for the next meeting.

08/63. ANGLIAN WATERWORKS.

A proposal has been put forward that the Parish Council meet the costs of providing paint, equipment and someone to paint the raised tanks. As permission was needed from Anglian Water before a decision could be made it will be included on the next agenda.

08/64. FINANCE.

The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:

101249 £324.18 A Balcombe (Salary £258.33, Office Expenses £22.25, Postage £4.60, Newsletter £30.00, Parish Map £9.00)

101250 £33.38 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

101251 £8.75 White Notley Village Hall (Hall Hire)

101252 £144.00 P Underwood (Grass cutting – Play Area)

101253 £70.50 Playsafety Ltd (Annual Safety Inspection)

101254 £52.88 Konica Minolta (Photocopier Lease)

101255 £100.00 D Hicks (Internal Audit Fee)

101256

101257

D/D £44.04 E-on Energy (Lighting Supply - June)

Cllr Roberts checked the authenticity of invoices against cheques signed.

08/65. PLAY AREA.

Actions needed as a result of the Annual Safety Inspection. Agreed to have the repairs carried out by Wicksteed Leisure.

08/66. ROAD SAFETY ISSUES.

To discuss the Parish Councils response to the reply received from Essex County Council. Agreed to request a speed & volume survey for Station Road on a weekday during term time. Also agreed, as suggested by ECC, that white demarcation lines for the lay-by in Vicarage Avenue was a sensible way forward.

08/67. CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Council to decide whether to proceed with the proposal to provide a tree/lights. Approximate cost for 2 sets of bulbs (40 bulbs) £200.00. Cllr Roberts proposed we go ahead with this proposal. Seconded Cllr Desmond. 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. Therefore the proposal was carried, depending on the necessary permissions.

08/68. CORRESPONDENCE.

General correspondence to note:

BDC – Review of Council Fees and Charges.

School Parking - a letter received regarding the yellow lines outside the school – discussed under item 08/59.

BDC – Temporary closure of Station Road 24 August between 11.30am – 12.30pm (Duck Race) and 2.30pm – 3.30pm (Soap Box Derby).

08/69. REPRESENTATIVES COMMENTS / REPORTS.

Footpaths – the path near the waterworks still needs cutting and the second stile has loose nuts/bolts

Health – work on the community hospital has started.

School Governor – Cllr Roberts mentioned the meeting held on 9 July.

Village Hall Committee – a new Chairman has been appointed.

08/70. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Anglian Water – upgrade of pipes, work to start in a months time, just past the village hall towards Black Notley.

Play Area – broken tree branch – Cllr McKoy to look.

Oak Farm Bends – pot holes and surfacing

BDC – Community Achievement Awards

Vicarage Avenue – Footpath sign towards Stansfields Farm needs repainting.

Cross Keys – hedge to the left of the seat needs cutting.

Cllr Hood gave the sad news that Diane Barber (ex-councillor and Chairman) sadly passed away on 9th July 2008.

08/71. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 26 August 2008 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.30pm. Cllr Bright gave her apologies for the next meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.52 PM

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):  DATE: 26 August 2008