



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Cllrs Beal, Bright, Desmond, Galione, Hood, McKoy, Roberts & Wagstaff.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright
Clerk: Angela Balcombe
Also present: 9 members of the public and two members of the First Responder Scheme, Community Warden and PCSO.

08/32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Daniels.

08/33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 25 November 2008 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

08/34. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters raised.

08/35. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllrs Desmond and Roberts declared a prejudicial interest in item 08/42 as members of CROWN.

08/36. PUBLIC FORUM.

- Parish Map – omits parts of the parish, the Parish Council apologised for this error.
- Dustcarts – short notice of the last one, can slips be posted next time?
- Provision of speed gun queried.
- Pathway in Vicarage Avenue slippery.
- Request for a litter bin in Vicarage Avenue (BDC first)
- Request from CROWN to support the Christmas Party plus the Village Website.

First Responder Scheme – the co-ordinator of the Silver End group explained how the scheme works, the area they cover and the average number of calls they receive.

EX-AGENDA.

Police Report / PCSO / Community Warden Report – no issues raised, Nikki to check the weight restriction in Station Road, whether it applies to just the bridge or the whole of Station Road.

District Councillors Report – Cllr Galione gave a report of the full Council meeting she had attended plus other events she had attended on behalf of the District Council.

08/37. PLANNING.

Application No: 08/02201/LBC. Erection of glazed link extension.

Location: Forge Cottage, Witham Road, White Notley. No objections.

Application No: 08/01884/FUL & LBC. Erection of timber framed shelter and formation of new external door opening.

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

08/38. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Consultation document – comments by 24 December.

08/39. ONE DISTRICT – ONE VISION.

Consultation on the draft strategy for people and places in the Braintree District to 2025. Deadline for comments – 19 December 2008.

08/40. GOLF COURSE – MUD AND DEBRIS ON THE ROAD.

Cllr Hood reported on the NAP meeting where this issue was put on the list of top five issues to deal with.

08/41. DECOMMISSION OF SPEED GUN / PURCHASE OF SPEED GUN.

To consider any written representation regarding the decommission of the speed gun and to consider whether the Council might purchase their own speed gun cost £1,975.00 possibility sharing with seven neighbouring parishes. It was agreed to wait for more information before a decision is made, however a vote was taken to see if there was interest with 7 in favour and 1 against, therefore more information will be obtained.

08/42. CROWN CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Cllrs Desmond and Roberts left the meeting for this item.

Request for financial support. Cllr Bright proposed that the Council does not make a financial contribution this year. Unanimously agreed.

08/43. FINANCE.

The following cheques to be approved for payment and signed:

101289 £284.20 A Balcombe (Salary £258.33, Office Expenses £22.25, Postage £284.20)

101290 £209.53 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

101291 £1,108.03 Harry Stebbing Workshop (Notice Board)

101292 £4,727.04 Traffic Technology (Speed Indicator Device)

101293 £113.70 Banner Business Supplies Ltd (Stationery)

101294 £660.39 Wicksteed Leisure (Play Area repairs)

D/D £44.04 E-on (Street-lighting – supply November)

08/44. BUDGET / PRECEPT – 2009 / 2010.

The final precept figure for 2009/2010 was unanimously agreed at £11,641.00.

The precept form 09/10 was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

08/45. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2008.

The accounts have now been signed off with no matters raised for attention, the closure of the audit can now be advertised.

08/46. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Unanimously agreed to adopt the Model Publication Scheme without modification.

08/47. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

ECC – temporary road closure – Station Road, level crossing works, overnight on 28/29th January 2009. This has now been cancelled.

08/48. REPRESENTATIVES COMMENTS / REPORTS.

Health – Cllr Hood gave a brief update.

School Governor – there will be an extraordinary meeting on 15 January

08/49. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- New seat for the Church – not yet installed.
- Highways maintenance – some of the work will not be done until the next financial year.
- Awaiting permission from the land owner for the new light in Station Road.
- Road number for Witham Road – this road is unclassified.
- It was reported that barn owls are back in the area
- Christmas Tree – thanks to Kelly and Neil Twin for helping with the Carol Service and a thank you card to be sent to the Parker family thanking them for the Christmas tree.

08/50. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 27 January 2009 at White Notley Village Hall at 7.30pm. Dates of meetings 2009 to be finalised at the next meeting. Cllr Galione gave her apologies for the next meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.51 PM

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):



DATE: 27 January 2009