



WHITE NOTLEY AND FAULKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
22 MAY 2012 AT WHITE NOTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Cllrs: Bright, Daniels, Desmond, Fraser, Galione, Hardy, Harrison, McKoy & Wagstaff.
In the Chair: Cllr Bright.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 2 members of the public and Village Agent Sally Austen.

12/42. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Galione nominated Cllr Bright as Chairman, seconded: Cllr Hardy.
There being no further nominations, Cllr Bright was elected Chairman for 2012/13.

- Cllr Bright signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

12/43. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Hardy nominated Cllr Daniels as Vice-Chairman, seconded: Cllr Wagstaff.
There being no further nominations, Cllr Daniels was elected Vice-Chairman for 2012/13.

12/44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies

12/45. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 24 April 2012 were approved as a correct record of events.
Proposed: Cllr Wagstaff. Seconded: Cllr Daniels. All agreed.

12/46. PROGRESS CHECK.

The Council congratulated the Clerk for passing the General Power of Competence module.

12/47. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

12/48. NEW STANDARDS REGIME / CODE OF CONDUCT.

All councils must adopt a Code of Conduct by the 1st July. To agree in principle to adopt the draft Code of Conduct circulated by Braintree District Council. It was agreed in principle to adopt the Code once the regulations around pecuniary interests have been finalised.

12/49. PUBLIC FORUM.

No matters were raised.

EX-AGENDA.

- **Police/ PCSO Report.** Apologies were received from Nikki Doubleday, an e-mailed report was received and noted.
- **District Councillors Report.** Apologies were received from Cllr Cunningham. Cllr Galione gave a brief report of District Council matters.
- **County Councillors Report (circulated).** Apologies were received from Cllr Lager.

12/50. YEAR-END ACCOUNTS 31 MARCH 2012.

The year-end accounts and the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31 March 2012 was approved by the Council.

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

- The Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

12/51. FINANCE.

The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:

101561 £356.70 A Balcombe (Salary £313.50, Office Expenses £25.00, Phone £12.00, Postage £6.20)

101562 £6.44 Konica Minolta Business Solutions (Photocopying)

101563 £228.00 Braintree District Council (Dustcart Hire)

101564 £515.80 Aon Ltd (Insurance Premium)

101565 £76.00 P Underwood (Grass Cutting, Play Area)

D/D £44.32 E-on (Street-lighting)

D/D £50.64 A & J Lighting Solutions (Lighting Maintenance)

Income

First installment Precept: £5,251.00

Parish Support Grant: £2,265.00

12/52. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Representatives were appointed to areas of interest for the coming year.

12/53. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

None.

12/54. REPRESENTATIVES COMMENTS / REPORTS.

BALC – the draft Code of Conduct will be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

Footpaths – broken stile, the land owner to be contacted.

Police/Neighbourhood Watch – Cllrs Daniels and Desmond attended the recent meeting.

SID – problems with batteries, one new battery to be ordered.

Tree Warden – any dead willow trees need to be reported.

12/55. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- There have been three road traffic accidents in the last month.
- Duck signs.
- White lines – suggested as traffic calming.
- Dog mess, this is being monitored by the dog warden.
- Faulkbourne post box – still trying to get it back from the Post Office.
- Two new cradle swings needed at the play area following a safety inspection.

12/56. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 June at 7.30pm at White Notley Village Hall.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.35 PM

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: