



**MINUTES of NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NOAK BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mark Cottrell

CLLRS PRESENT: Cllr Downton; Cllr Daft Cllr Bateman; Cllr Gilliam, Cllr Hawkins; Cllr Sargent

ALSO PRESENT: **Borough Cllrs:** Terri Sargent; Stuart Allen; Alex Myers
ECC Cllrs: Tony Ball; Malcolm Buckley

146/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

147/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests
None

148/2024 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

To receive and approve the minutes of the Noak Bridge Parish Council held on 22nd October 2024, to be signed by the chairman – **Agreed and signed by Chairman**

149/2024 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:

Cllr Sargent reported that the Regulation 16 consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan had still not started and it would potentially not start until March 2025 as it still needed to be passed at Full Council first which would not be in January 2025.

150/2024 DATA RETENTION POLICY UPDATE:

The Data Retention Policy was reviewed and agreed

151/2024 METRO BANK ACCOUNT UPDATE:

Cllr Cottrell updated that that the Metro bank account had now been set up and £85,000 has been transferred from Santander Current Account to the Metro account.

152/2024 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Noak Bridge Community Association Heating Project

The Community Association provided financial information to the parish council with 3 quotes giving a full breakdown of the equipment and costs. A discussion followed to support the heating project and agreed to support 50% of the costs. Cllrs agreed to the sum of £13,594 towards the project

Christmas Tree Wash Road

The Parish Council to agree a total cost of £490 for the purchase and planning of a Christmas tree in Wash Road

Coppice Lane Pond

A member of the public gave an update on the progress made on the Coppice Lane Pond which has now been filled with water. A group is also being set up as to undertake various tasks to help to maintain the pond.

Handley's Chase Pond

No further update

Noak Bridge Pre-School Garden Project

No update from the pre-school

153/2024 REPLACEMENT PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESS:

The Parish Council consider the proposal from VCS to provide a new website and email address - Agreed

154/2024 LOCAL COUNCIL LIAISON AND ABLC MEETINGS FEEDBACK:

Cllr Paul Da0 and Cllr Terri Sergent gave feedback on the meetings attended where the main topic was for Parish/Town Councils to take on Council Services to be discussed at the next meeting in March 2025

155/2024. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK:

Council to consider appointing a Clerk/RFO - **Agreed**

156/2024 NEWSLETTER:

There are various newsworthy items coming up in the next month so the newsletter will be completed in early 2025

157/2024 BUDGET CONSULTATION:

Council agreed to hold budget meeting in January in readiness of setting budget and precept for 2025 - **Agreed**

158/2024 BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION:

Residents were encouraged to give their views on the local plan consultation, and it was agreed that Cllr Terri Sargent would respond on behalf of the Parish Council

159/2024 HOUSING PROPOSAL CONSULTATION LAND NORTH OF WASH ROAD:

Feedback was given to residents on the briefing that was given on the housing proposal on Bensons Farm, Wash Road by Cllr Mark Co)rel and Cllr Terri Sargent.

160/2024 FINANCE:

Council to consider:

Monthly Bank reconciliation

Monthly Budget Sheet

November & December Payments - **Agreed**

Bluestone Planning - £2700
BT Bill - £255.04

Branches Tree Services Tree Removal - £250
Village Hall Hire Clerk Interview - £25.00
At Last Events Christmas Tree Lights x 2 - £2350.00 + VAT 470.00
ECC Seasonal Decoration Application - £50
Bluestone Planning December - £1160.70
Village Hall Hire December Meeting - £50
Basildon Council Replacement 3 CCTV Cameras - £

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

24/01229/FULL Location 5 Coppice Lane, Noak Bridge

Proposed single storey rear extension. No objection

23/01551/OUT Location: Land to South of Wash Road, Noak Bridge - Amended

Hybrid planning application for up to 400 residential dwellings comprising detailed planning permission for Phase 1 for the erection of 65 residential dwellings (Class C3), including associated landscaping, amenity and play spaces, parking provision, new pedestrian and vehicular access, sustainable drainage, attenuation basin, and associated works; and outline planning permission (all matters reserved except means of access) for the erection of up to 335 residential dwellings (Class C3), a community use facility (Class E), landscaping, informal sports pitches/spaces, amenity and play spaces, parking provision and vehicular access, sustainable drainage, allotments, and associated works. Cllr Sargent to respond

24/01254/FULL Location: 80 Durban Lane, Noak Bridge - Amended

Single storey rear extension with flat roof incorporating roof lantern, new entrance open porch, new replacement windows and alterations to fenestration, replacement cladding to dormers and new block paving to drive

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BOROUGH / COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Myers update the Parish that area committees had been set up where residents could feed back on what may be needed in the areas that they live, this committee would look at funding projects within the community.

Cllr Allen feedback on waste collections and the latest information on weekly collections as well as devolution and the potential for county elections to be postponed as there may be an agreement that the council would become a unitary, a decision would be made in February as to whether the elections would be postponed or not.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 MINUTES):

A resident informed the Parish that the lights in the tunnel in bridge street were now fixed and asked if there would be a benefit in raising a list of lights that need attention, this was agreed, and the list would be forwarded to Cllr Malcom Buckley.

Cllr Downton raised the bollards on Durban Lane as some have been replaced but not all, Cllr

Malcom Buckley will review

164/2024 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE:

165/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be confirmed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed

Chairman.....

Date.....