



**MINUTES OF NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NOAK BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 20th JANUARY 2022**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Terri Sargent

CLLR'S PRESENT: Cllr Jacqui Downton; Cllr Mark Cottrell
Cllr Gilliam, Cllr Daft and Cllr Durrant joined the meeting from item 428/2022

ALSO PRESENT: Essex County Cllrs' Malcolm Buckley and Tony Ball

425/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Borough Cllr Stuart Allen

426/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests by Members relating to any agenda items

427/2022 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:
To receive and agree the minutes of Noak Bridge Parish Council held on Thursday 4th NOVEMBER 2021, proposed by Cllr Downton, seconded by Cllr Cottrell that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting - **Agreed**

428/2022 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS:
Council considered the Co-option onto the Parish Council of Lynn Gilliam, Paul Daft and David Durrant. Proposed by Mark Cottrell and seconded by Jacqui Downton - **Agreed**
Lynn Gilliam, Paul Daft and David Durrant were formally invited to join the meeting
The new Members were asked to sign and return a completed register of interest / member code of conduct within 28 days and acceptance of office

429/2022 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:
The chairman reported on three draft documents (Key Themes and Objectives, Policy Options and the Local Green Space Assessment) for the steering group to consider. A working party of the steering group would be set up to discuss the documents and report back to the next meeting

430/2022 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:
Members were asked if they had any changes to make to the financial regulations, it was considered that the current regulations met the needs of the parish council. Proposed by Cllr Cottrell to adopt the financial regulations for 2022, seconded by Cllr Downton - **Agreed**

431/2021 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2022 - 2023:
1. Budget: The chairman went through the budget with members and detailed the items for the forthcoming year. Cllr Durant proposed to agree the budget, seconded by Cllr Gilliam - **Agreed**

- Precept: Cllr Cottrell reported a precept of £43,777.34 would deliver the budget aims and would represent £43.11 per household per annum a slight reduction on last year. Cllr Durrant proposed a precept of £43,777.34, seconded by Cllr Gilliam - **Agreed**
Cllr Sargent signed the precept form and would submit to Basildon Council

432/2022 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE:

The Council considered the forthcoming Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations that the community may wish to participate in and plan with the parish council for the event in June. The chairman had circulated information of three events the community could participate in: a Jubilee Beacon, Tree Planting and Big Jubilee Lunch. The Council had allocated a budget for the Jubilee Celebrations. A newsletter article would outline the Jubilee events and ask for volunteers to join a working party or ask if any plans had been agreed by the community

433/2022 NEWSLETTER:

The chairman reported a start had been made on the newsletter which hopefully would be ready by the next meeting. Members agreed to deliver the newsletter

434/2022 COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

Cllr Downton reported the Durban Lane Pond was looking good and with March fast approaching when the next phase of the pond works would be undertaken

Cllr Sargent reported the Little Libraries were still at the school, there was no rush for installation as Spring would be a good time

The defibrillators had been checked over by a community volunteer who informed the Council new pads were needed. They were purchased and replaced and in working order

435/2021 FINANCE:

- Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- Monthly Budget Sheet
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December & January Payments BACS
Well Medical Defibrillator Pads - £86.40
Bluestone Planning Grant Funded - £1,248.30
Bluestone Planning - £175.20
Basildon Borough Council - Durban Lane Pond Works - £10,000.00
Well Medical Defibrillator Pads - £95.88
Clearview CCTV Maintenance – paid in advance January 2021

Proposed Cllr Downton, seconded by Cllr Daft - **Agreed**

436/2022 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

21/01833/OUT, Location: Bensons Farm, Wash Road

Erection of 3 No detached three bedroom dwellings (Outline applications – land to East of barn)

- **Inappropriate development in the green belt that will cause harm to the openness**
- **No changes to this application, same as the application refused last year**
- **Access to the site is situated off Wash Road which is an extremely busy road, used as a rat run and a speed track**
- **Residents live immediately opposite the proposed site and will be impacted by noise, pollution and potential accidents when entering and exiting their properties from the existing high volume of traffic on Wash Road**
- **Wash Road has many sporadic small businesses that add to the volume of traffic in a residential area**

- The proposal is offering piecemeal development
- The applicants planning statement claims the land is a Brownfield although it has a green belt constraint
- The Parish Council are currently developing a Neighbourhood Plan, should the proposal for 400 homes to the East of Wash Road go ahead we want to have the opportunity through the Neighbourhood Plan to influence the infrastructure and design of new homes to prevent the existing flaws and that the proposed development would bring without any community benefits

22/00026/FULL, Location: 262 Noak Hill Road, Laindon

Part single part two storey rear extension

The Parish Council have no objection to the planning application but raise concern that the flood risk measures are appropriately mitigated

TO NOTE APPLICATIONS DECIDED:

None

437/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 10 MINUTES:

Lighting in the subway leading from Lower Street to Bridge Street still awaiting repair
Complaints on streetlights out in the village, Cllr Buckley agreed to chase

438/2022 BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

Cllr Ball reported on the ECC forthcoming Council Tax, a proposed rise of 1.5% this year plus 1% increase on social care, which is being delivered by partners, calculates a budget pressure of 60%. Children's social care to get Government support
A127 to become a Trunk Road, major junction improvements planned
Cllr Buckley reported that members would continue to receive the locality budget of £10k per member for 2022/23 but that funding was still available from the 2021/22 budget
Applications subject to criteria and application form, must have an environmental element

439/2022 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Correspondence including the library consultation completed by the chairman was noted

440/2022 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

To be confirmed

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

Signed

Chairman.....

Date.....