



**MINUTES OF NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NOAK BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.00pm**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Terri Sargent

CLLR'S PRESENT: Cllr Jacqui Dowton; Cllr Mark Cottrell; Cllr Paul Daft
Cllr Christopher Bateman

ALSO PRESENT: Essex County Councillors, Malcolm Buckley; Tony Ball

563/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Cllr Lynn Gilliam; Borough Cllr Stuart Allen

564/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests by Members relating to any agenda item.
None Declared

565/2022 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:
To receive and agree the minutes of Noak Bridge Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 27th OCTOBER 2022, proposed by Cllr Dowton, seconded by Cllr Cottrell that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chairman - **Agreed**

566/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 15 MINUTES:
A resident reported the lights were still out in Coppice Lane, Cllr Buckley informed the meeting works were ongoing
A resident enquired about volunteering opportunities, the chairman to make enquiries
A resident informed the chairman the light out in the Tudor Style bus shelter in Bridge Street which was reported to Basildon Council. This raised a previous issue of the ownership of the bus shelter. The chairman wrote to Basildon Council in 2019 and enclosed previous information when the issue of ownership was initially raised. Cllr Cottrell proposed the PC reaffirm the Parish Councils previous decision in 2019 that the NBPC end the agreement made in 2015 by a former PC, seconded by Cllr Bateman - **Agreed**

567/2022 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:
The chairman reported, the Parish Council and Consultants Bluestone Planning met with Basildon Council to give an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. The consultants are now in the process of writing a draft Neighbourhood Plan based on the outcome of the ongoing work undertaken by the steering committee and will circulate a draft copy on completion. The Parish Council will also send a draft to Basildon Council before commencing on the consultation process. The Neighbourhood Plan draft is expected in the first quarter of 2023.
Having received a copy of the Basildon Council draft Noak Bridge Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan, the Parish Council have returned their comments

568/2022 BUDGET AND PRECEPT CONSULTATION:
The Parish Council are consulting on the 2023/2024 Budget and Precept, an article is published in the newsletter requesting resident views. The budget and precept will be brought to the next meeting for approval

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

Saling Green Roundabout Proposed Works:

Basildon Council had provided two quotes, one to install all new sleepers and the other to install the damaged sleepers. Cllr Buckley confirmed the roundabout was the remit of Essex Highways and explained it was unlikely that ECC would be able to make a financial contribution to improvements because budgets were extremely tight. Members concluded that neither quote was sustainable as vehicles drove over the sleepers daily and the damage to the sleepers would continue, but it might be worth seeking other options to improve the roundabout

Village Signs:

The new signs were being delivered next week and would be installed as soon as possible

Durban Lane Pond:

There was nothing to add to the previous update, the reeds would continue to be monitored

Little Libraries

The Little Libraries were with the contractor who was making the brackets before installation

Noak Bridge Nature Reserve Pathway Project:

The chairman of the nature reserve reported the pathway project works were complete and gave thanks to Basildon Council and the Parish Council for funding the works. An excellent job had been done by the contractor which had received plenty of good comments from residents

Christmas Tree at Village Hall

The chairman reported that Paul Downes had installed a large external electric box to allow space to store the Christmas tree wires and transformer, thanks were passed to Paul. The £70 cost of the electric box and the cost of the electricity for the tree lights would be paid by the community association. The Christmas tree would be put up on 3rd December

Remembrance Figurine

The chairman reported that the Remembrance Figurine and poppies were installed in the front of the village hall during the Remembrance period. Simon the Piper did a short remembrance service for residents on the Saturday and an article was published in the newsletter

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FINANCE:

Council to consider:

1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation
2. Monthly Budget Sheet
3. November Payments

Remembrance Figurine £96.75
Christmas Tree £348.49
Two New Village Road Signs £2,461.20
BT Broadband £161.05
Newsletter Printing £181.39
Bluestone Planning - awaiting invoice

Members considered the items, proposed by Cllr Dowton, and seconded by Cllr Daft - **Agreed**

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

22/01569/Full Location: 7 Kimberley Drive, Noak Bridge

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey front and rear extension

• **Parish Council comments:**

The parish council does not object to the rear extension.

The parish council objects to the front extension and consider it would be overbearing on neighbouring properties, was not in keeping with the street scene or conservation area management plan. Kimberley Drive is a small narrow cull de sac road which obstructs vehicles when turning around forcing them to mount the kerb

572/2022 BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Buckley reported, the key focus was on the budget pressures. Council Leader, Cllr Bentley stated the Council Tax would be kept as low as is possible. Provision of £28m in social care was an enormous challenge.

Pothole works would need to be reported within the next 2 weeks to ensure they are repaired Cllr Buckley was informed of a large hump in the road along Coppice Lane where the drain had sunk, Cllr Cottrell to send pictures

Cllr Ball reported on a successful cost of living summit that had taken Place at County Hall Feedback was how Covid had been dealt with and support received from the CVS and NHS The County Website had information and advice on the cost of living, what to do to help keep our vulnerable residents warm, encouraged everyone to check on neighbours for shopping needs etc, help on central point. Grants are available to set up warm hubs due to the rise in energy cost

573/2022 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Correspondence was noted

574/2022 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 2nd FEBRUARY 2023 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed

Chairman.....

Date.....