



**MINUTES OF NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NOAK BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 31ST MARCH 2022**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Terri Sargent

CLLR'S PRESENT: Cllr Jacqui Dowton; Cllr Lynn Gilliam; Cllr Paul Daft

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Cllr Stuart Allen; Essex County Cllr Malcolm Buckley

457/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Cllr Mark Cottrell; Essex County Cllr Tony Ball

458/2022 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
None declared

459/2022 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:
To receive and agree the minutes of Noak Bridge Parish Council held on Tuesday 22nd FEBRUARY 2022, proposed by Cllr Gilliam, seconded by Cllr Dowton that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chairman - **Agreed**

460/2022 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:
The draft community facilities assessment was completed by the consultant and sent to the NP steering group for comment. The PRoW report carried out by the steering group members to be top and tailed. The Council held a virtual meeting with the consultant to agree the next steps, a conservation area character appraisal, design codes and work on policies including a highways policy to be drafted. Education and health matters were discussed along with the withdrawal of Basildon Council Local Plan. It was agreed to continue with the next steps and time scale for the Neighbourhood Plan and to work alongside the Basildon Local Plan. Proposed by Cllr Gilliam, seconded by Cllr Daft - **Agreed**

461/2022 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE:
The chairman reported the Beacon was on order and would be installed early May. Cllr Dowton contacted Sutherland Pipe and Drums to ask if a Piper was available for the event. The chairman provided detailed requirements for the Piper, now awaiting instruction. Cllr Gilliam contacted firework companies for quotes for a firework display to end the event, Fantastic Fireworks attended a site visit with the chairman and Cllr Gilliam to inspect the site for suitability. A site map has been sent to the parish council and forwarded to Basildon Council for comment along with an application to use the open space. A newsletter article will ask the community if they require support to organise a Big Lunch or street party

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FIXED ASSET REGISTER:

The fixed asset register had been reviewed and updated, circulated to members for comment. Cllr Daft to inspect specific items. Proposed by Cllr Gilliam, seconded by Cllr Downton to agree the 2022/2023 Fixed Asset Register - **Agreed**

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VAT RECLAIM 2021 - 2022:

The chairman made a VAT reclaim for £2179.68 from HMRC

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SOCIAL MEDIA:

The Council discussed if a social media Facebook page would be suitable for the Parish Council. After discussion and input from residents present it was agreed not to proceed with a Facebook page, posts had to be as a collective from the parish council not as individuals. The parish council to continue to publicise events through the website, report more local matters, include a photo gallery to display pictures of news stories and to advertise the website email address more widely. Proposed Cllr Gilliam, seconded Cllr Downton - **Agreed**

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LOCAL COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING:

Items raised by Basildon Council:

Queens Platinum Jubilee, members were invited to report on individual Parish events

Devolution to Local Councils, a briefing paper had been sent to Local Councils

Head of planning gave an update on the Local Plan and responded to questions

Additional changes to both household and garden waste collections

Paul Brace gave a presentation on the future of waste collections and took questions

Partnership working with ECC Youth Services

Grant Tayler informed the meeting of the investment Basildon Council had made to the youth services for Basildon and the outreach work and consultation taking place over the coming months and invited Parishes to get in touch to find out more information

Elections, the meeting was informed of the local elections taking place on 5th May 2022

Boundary Commission Review Update, an update was given on the review and Basildon

Council had taken a paper to Council regarding number of Cllr's. The next review will include boundaries and a working party of Cllr's, Clerks and officers to discuss

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FINANCE:

1. Noted the VAT Claim £2179.68
2. Monthly Bank Reconciliation
3. Monthly Budget Sheet
- 4.

March Payments BACS
Groundwork UK - Repay Underspent Grant - £3758.50

Members considered items 1- 4 Proposed Cllr Gilliam, seconded by Cllr Daft - **Agreed**

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PLANNING APPLICATION:

22/00214/FULL Location: Bensons Farm, Wash Road

Change of use, agricultural land to an enclosed dog walking field

Proposed site, the whole of the field located behind the goalkeeping academy building at Bensons Farm extending up to Barleylands Farm in the East

***Parish Council comments**

The Parish Council object to the proposal on the grounds it will increase the traffic along Wash Road which already has quite a few existing businesses causing traffic to back up detrimentally affecting residents.

22/00195/FULL Location: Barleylands Farm, Barleylands Road

Change of use of land and storage building to E(f) Children's Day Nursery
(resubmission of refused application 21/00996/FULL)

*** Parish Council comments**

The Parish Council object to the planning application on the grounds of:
The land is with the green belt

The application is a resubmission a former plan which now includes a traffic management plan and refers to cycling and public transport. The plan does not resolve any of the problems previously made in our comments in July 2021. To build a nursery along Barleylands Road remains unsustainable, the road is narrow, it serves an industrial estate and the Borough Council waste depot opposite. Heavy goods vehicles frequently use the road making it dangerous for cyclists. Although the 100 bus goes along Barleylands Road usage is very low mainly by the odd staff from the depot

There is already sufficient nursery provision in neighbouring nurseries located in Noak Bridge Village, Steepleview Community Hall and Burstead Bears Barleylands Road

Barleylands Farm Park, the area where the nursery is proposed already has extensive activities operating daily and at weekends. In addition to the multi farm activities is an Equestrian Centre using large horse boxes, 42 Football pitches and the Council waste and recycling depot.

These activities and facilities are used by Basildon residents and beyond and are very popular. Visitors to the farm park alone, according to the design statement attracts 146,000 visits each year, however they bring a huge amount of traffic using the local road network causing high congestion on what was once classed as farm roads

All these activities have a huge impact on Barleylands Road and Wash Road which have a detrimental effect on the residents of the Noak Bridge Parish. The application design statement says 'that it does not consider the proposal has any impact on the residential amenity given the proximity of the visitor attraction'. Considering the facilities are such a short distance away, there is **no footpath** along Barleylands Road which has a huge impact on residents because they are unable to walk or cycle there. The road is used by many HGV vehicles, pictures were supplied for the previous planning application, proving the road network in action which demonstrated the size of the vehicles using the road and how buses were constricted at the junction and road bend with cars having to sit back to let them through. The traffic study adds no value to road usage or to the residents of Noak Bridge who regularly queue to exit and enter their homes

Had Barleylands Farm been developed as one comprehensive scheme it would have had to provide S106 improvements for infrastructure, possibly a footpath. Instead in over 20 years Barleylands Farm has increased development gaining piecemeal planning permission each time without giving any improvements to the local infrastructure. Those living nearest are disadvantaged because they cannot safely access the facilities and forced to walk along a dangerous highly congested road. The NPPF 9 'promoting sustainable transport' paragraph 106. d) *provide for attractive and well-designed walking and cycling networks with supporting facilities such as secure cycle parking (drawing on Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans);* Whilst the NPPF may claim commitment to sustainable economic growth and support for rural businesses it cannot be at the behest of local communities which has been allowed to happen in this case

If planning permission is going to be continually granted to developments in Wash Road and Barleylands Road classed as a semi-rural area, then sufficient infrastructure by means of a footpath should be considered to ensure sustainability of the proposal

TO NOTE APPLICATION DECIDED:

None

468/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 10 MINUTES:

A resident reported a broken sign in Eastfield Road which needed mending or replacing
The Basildon Council sign in South Wash Road that had blown over in the March winds
A request was made for another litter pick in May/June 2022

469/2022 BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

Cllr Buckley reported on the work taking place on the A176 Roundabout
The left hand lane approaching the roundabout was now used only to turn onto the A127
Difficult to see the road marking directions on the road when it was busy, complaints of this
causing the right hand lane to back up. Cllr Buckley advised a sign had been erected
The lights out in Coppice Lane and other areas could be a cable fault and would take longer
to repair
The words BA on the Basildon Sign appeared to be broken
A waste nappy collection would be expensive, encourage residents to use Terry nappies
Love Essex website worth a look lots of information <https://www.loveessex.org/>

470/2022 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Correspondence was noted

471/2022 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 28th April 2022 - Annual Parish 7.00pm followed by Parish Council 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Signed

Chairman.....

Date.....