



**MINUTES OF NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NOAK BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2021**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Terri Sargent

CLLR'S PRESENT: Cllr Jacqui Downton; Cllr Mark Cottrell

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

409/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Essex County Cllr Tony Ball

410/2021 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
Cllr Sargent 416/2021 Borough Cllr

411/2021 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:
To receive and agree the minutes of Noak Bridge Parish Council held on Thursday 21st SEPTEMBER 2021, proposed by Cllr Downton, seconded by Cllr Cottrell that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting - **Agreed**

412/2021 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:
The chairman reported, the responses to the Housing and ECC Highway questions had been received and a meeting was taking place with Cllr Ball and his officers to discuss Education. The next steps would be to get a newsletter produced and delivered informing residents of the Neighbourhood Plan regulation 14 consultation. This would be timely to report on next year budget proposals

413/2021 EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT AND CERTIFICATE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2021:
The Council confirmed receipt of the External Audit Report, the Certificate is duly published on the website

414/2021 COMMUNITY SPECIAL CONSTABLES:
Cllr Downton reported on the outcome of the briefing session she attended. A positive point of the project was Community Special Constables (CSC) have powers of arrest although Parish Councils have no choice of the areas patrolled by the CSC. Recruitment, advertising, special constable expenses and time spent on duty is paid for by the Parish Council. The CSC work 16 hours per month, the PC has no control on where the time is spent, which could be outside of the Parish. After consideration with residents present the Parish Council felt that this project would not represent value for money and if a visible presence became necessary the use of a private company could be considered of the like used by other Parish Councils

- 415/2021 CO-OPTION TO PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES:**
The Co-Option notice circulated to members was approved and would be posted on the Parish Council website and notice boards. Expressions of Interest to be considered by the Personnel committee and reported to the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr Cottrell, seconded by Cllr Dowton - **Agreed**
- 416/2021 LOCAL COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING:**
The chairman reported on the items discussed:
Financial support of £50k to support Parish Neighbourhood Plans, bids to be submitted to Basildon Council;
Update on Basildon Council Local Plan examination in public;
Community Governance review, Wickford Town Council to be established;
Update on Member Code of Conduct;
Devolution of services to Local Councils discussion;
Update on Basildon Council waste & recycling consultation and future proposals;
Young Peoples consultation
- 417/2021 ESSEX HIGHWAYS DEVOLUTION PROJECT:**
Local Councils to consider providing local services, grass cutting for example
- 418/2021 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**
Litter Pick. Cllr's Guthrie and Sargent reported on the recent Litter Pick. Ten residents including 2 children braved the rain and spent 2 hours picking up litter and all manner of rubbish. Basildon Council supplied the equipment and removed the rubbish

Salt Bag Scheme. The Parish Council will not be taking part in the scheme this year as the time scale was too short to complete the application

Durban Lane Pond. Cllr Dowton reported that work had begun on the final desilting of the pond. Once this is finished planting will take place around March 2022. The Council noted the pond had recovered well from the first desilting works

Little Libraries. Cllr Sargent reported the Little Libraries were now at the school with the art teacher for the children to decorate the exterior. On completion they will be installed. The contractor and Council had agreed they could be installed at the front of the village hall between the trees

Village Green Park Surface. Cllr's Sargent and Dowton reported the Council will review making improvements to muddy areas of the play park surface at a later date. Works to make significant improvements to the park will be undertaken by Basildon Council in 2025 in line with their play strategy previously discussed by the Parish Council earlier this year

VAS Sign Cllr Buckley reported that the existing sign would be relocated
- 419/2021 FINANCE:**
The second quarter Precept of £21,783.09 was noted
1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation
 2. Monthly Budget Sheet
 3. Donation to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

4.

October/November Payments Cheque / BACS
External Audit Fee PKF Littlejohn - £240.00
Bluestone Planning Grant Funded - £4,489.50
Bluestone Planning - £635.10
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Donation Cheque No 957 - £50.00
BT Broadband - £182.10

Proposed by Cllr Downton, seconded by Cllr Cottrell – **Agreed**

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

21/01191/FULL, Location: 48 Fore Street, Noak Bridge

Replace wooden framed, single glazed windows and doors with uPVC double framed windows in keeping with other. Replacement windows and doors and existing

* The Parish Council have no objection to the planning application, it is one of the best like for like in keeping replacements we have seen which has our full support

21/01333/FULL, Location: Red Cottage, Barleylands Road

Two Storey side extension - The application has already been decided

21/01281/FULL, Location: 12 Cavendish Way Laindon

Construct a new front porch to include extending the existing downstairs WC to include a shower. Replace the first floor tiles over the front door with timber effect cladding to match the elevation on the new porch. * **The Parish Council have no objection to the application**

TO NOTE APPLICATIONS DECIDED:

21/01191/FULL, Location: 2 Littlehurst Lane, Noak Bridge

Proposed dwelling house on front/side of 2 Littlehurst Lane (Resubmission) - **Refused**

21/01173/FULL, Location: 71 Bridgecote Lane, Laindon

Single Storey rear extension with pitched roof - **Granted**

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 10 MINUTES:

Residents commented on the Community Special Constables and community projects

A resident raised the Christmas Sleigh fundraiser organised by the Round Table would be coming to Noak Bridge and asked if the Parish Council could arrange an event

Lighting in the subway leading from Lower Street to Bridge Street had not been repaired

Many lights over the Parish had been reported for some time and were still awaiting repair

422/2021

BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

Cllr Buckley reported on the ECC budget proposal items for next year

1½% on social services core budget. Adult & children care budgets demand led

Cost of waste collection and disposal

Environment Bill, to segregate food and green waste. Green agenda

Police & Crime commissioner increase on police officers. Increase in minimum wage

423/2021

TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Correspondence was noted

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

To be confirmed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Signed

Chairman.....

Date.....