



**FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY**

Minutes of the of the Noak Bridge Parish Council meeting, held in Function Room 3, Barleylands Farm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 at 7.00pm.

**Present**

Councillors:

Peter Steggles

Valerie Bayley

Les Sharrard

Jeremy Tyler

**14/137 Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Councillor Hormann due to work commitments and Councillor Dobby is on a training course.

**14/138 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Tyler and Rajack are both school governors at the Noak Bridge Primary School although the application is for the Noak Bridge Pre-School, so both Councillors will vote and comment on the application.

**14/139 Minutes.**

The minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

**14/140 Public Participation for the length of time determined by the Chair**

Representatives from Saling Green informed Councillors of the background behind the grant application for the improvements to the Saling Green 'roundabout'.

### **14/141 Grant Application from Saling Green Residents Group**

Proposal: Parish Council to grant £670.00 funding for the Saling Green residents group for improvements and repairs to the green / roundabout. Contractor to carry out the works will be carried arranged by Basildon Council. Basildon Council will fund the additional £460.00 for the project. Parish Councillors state that Type 1 Limestone is used instead of Limestone

Proposed: Councillor Tyler

Vote: All in favour

### **14/142 Planning**

Councillors to view the following planning applications and agree any comments to be forwarded to Basildon Council

Single storey rear extension

102 Wash Road Laindon Essex SS15 4BP

**Ref. No: 15/00010/FULL – no objections**

Reduce the height of the 4 oak trees by 6 metres and the sides by 3 metres; and reduce the 3 remaining protected trees back to previous points. (T1-T7 of TPO/02/05)

23 Kimberley Drive Noak Bridge Basildon Essex SS15 4DU

**Ref. No: 15/00008/TPOBAS**

Demolition of existing dilapidated relocatable building providing pre school accommodation, and installation of new relocatable building to provide improved pre school accommodation and associated external works

Noak Bridge Primary School Coppice Lane Basildon Essex SS15 4JS

**Ref. No: 14/01486/FULL – no objections**

### **14/143 Bus shelter in Bridge Street**

Parish Council has been pledged a grant from Essex County Councils Community Initiative Fund for £3390.83 for improvements to the Bus shelter in Bridge Street. Basildon Council arranged a survey on the shelter that highlighted no real issues other than that the sides should not be closed in. Basildon Councils legal departments are currently in the process of drawing up a street furniture agreement.

#### **14/144 Damaged Bus Shelter on South Wash Road**

Clerk has arranged for Ken Hobson who was recommended by Basildon Council to replace the two back panels with metal and affix the noticeboard on the bus shelter in South Wash Road at a cost of £240.00

#### **14/145 Outdoor Gym**

The broken leg press and body twist has been replaced. Claim has been made to Came and Company, excess of £250.00 will be deducted.

#### **14/146 Request for a bin near the bus shelter outside of Abbeyfields**

Councillor Steggles requests a bin at the new bus shelter outside Abbeyfields. Clerk to contact Basildon Council.

#### **14/147 Security cameras**

Clerk to report on progress to date.

Project total	£	8950.00
CIF Fund	£	5809.00
Parish Council	£	2000.00
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If the Parish Council chooses to proceed with the security camera project, the Parish Council will now have to fund getting an electrical supply to the camera location. Parish Council agree that the £1200.00 that was earmarked towards the Noak Bridge Village Sign is used to fund the shortfall. Clerk to contact Basildon Council to confirm how to obtain permission.

#### **14/148 Broken fingerposts within the Parish**

Parish Council has received a quotation for the three broken fingerposts within the Parish: Bridgecote Lane, Durban Lane and Lower Street. Signs are priced at £230.00 total cost of £690.00. Councillor Allen is corresponding with Basildon Council to ask who is responsible for the fingerposts within the Parish. Parish Council do have £750.00 allocated in the budget for signage if the Parish Council wishes to fund the repairs. Councillors agree that they will not fund the replacement of the signs as this will set a precedence for repairing all the signs within the Parish when they fall into disrepair and as the Village is getting older there are now more of these signs which need replacing.

#### **14/149 Request for safety fencing in Coppice Lane**

Clerk liaising with Councillor Le Gresley, he will submit a request for staggered barriers. Future agenda item.

#### **14/150 Street Lighting**

Councillor Sharrard raises concerns that street lamps that are replaced are not in line with the conservation standards that were agreed. Councillors agree that they will survey the village and forward details of non-compliant lampposts to the clerk.

#### **14/151 Summer Fete**

Future agenda item

#### **14/152 Precept for 2015/2016**

Councillors review the budget for 2015/2016; Councillors propose that there will be no rise in the precept for that financial year.

Proposal: No increase to the precept figure for 2015/2016 = £51,300.00

Proposed: Councillor Steggles

Vote: All in favour

#### **14/153 Finance**

Councillors agree the following payments

Payee	Details	Amount
Caloo	Replacement Leg Press	£900.00
SLCC	Membership	£210.00
EALC	Council Finance Course	£67.00

#### **14/154 Basildon Council consultation Neighbourhood Planning Support Policy**

No comments

**14/155 Basildon Council consultation Dunton Garden Suburb – joint project with Brentwood Borough Council**

No comments

**14/156 Future Meeting Date**

Dates to be agreed

***Pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting is not open to the public and press for this item of business and they will be instructed to withdraw.***

**14/157 Personnel issues**

Councillor Steggles reports correspondence received from Gerry Levelle regarding the Code of Conduct submitted by the Parish Council.

Parish Councillors discuss the options, and agree how to proceed.

Parish Council agree that all future meetings will not be held in the Village Hall.

**14/158 Close of meeting**

Meeting closed 8:45pm