



# NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL SPRING NEWSLETTER

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/noakbridgepc/>

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

The Local Elections will be held on 6th MAY 2021  
Parish Council x 7 seats  
Basildon Council x 1 seat  
Essex County x 2 seats  
Police and Crime Commissioner x 1 seat  
Please contact us for further information

## BUDGET & PRECEPT

The Parish Council set the Budget & Precept in January. The Precept for 2021/2022 is £43,566.19  
This equates to £38.48 per household, per year

## BRIDGECOTE LANE SIGN - UPDATE

Restoration works on the Bridgecote Lane sign are progressing well and will be reinstalled in April

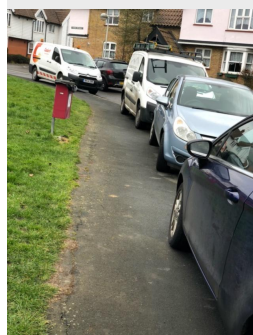


## PARISH COUNCIL & ESSEX LOCALITY FUND REFURBISH DURBAN LANE STEPS



## PARKING PROBLEMS IN NOAK BRIDGE

Resident complaints about dangerous parking on bends, work vans and trucks taking up residents parking spaces and parking on pavements are very difficult to resolve. Responsibility lies with South Essex Parking Partnership who have schemes residents can apply for such as yellow lines and parking permits. Visit: <https://www.parkingpartnership.org/south/>



## NOAK BRIDGE - A CONSERVATION AREA



Basildon Council appointed officers from Essex County Council Design Guide team to carry out an appraisal of Noak Bridge Conservation Area

The Parish Council met with officers to discuss the appraisal and came up with a series of key themes that would benefit the Conservation Area Status

Planning permission is required before replacing windows and doors which must be the same design as those being replaced

A planning application must be granted before any changes are made. Many homes do not have permission and the changes are not 'like for like'

We hope that a number of our key themes will be seriously considered and taken on board in the appraisal by the Council

Residents need to be made aware of the conservation status so that Noak Bridge can retain its unique character, design and appearance

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**CHILDREN'S SEESAW  
COMING SOON  
TO THE VILLAGE GREEN PARK**



## Parish Council Invest in Durban Lane Pond

The Parish Council agreed a joint project with Basildon Council to carry out maintenance work to Durban Lane Pond. The pictures shows the major clearance that took place last year as part of the phase one works. Further funding has been agreed to carry out phase two works to further enhance the pond and bring it to a stage of low maintenance. Residents are pleased with the result so far. Phase two works are underway, making a huge difference



### ARTICLE BY BASILDON COUNCIL WASTE SERVICES

**Officers working on behalf of Basildon Council can issue on-the spot fines of £200 for the unauthorised dumping of waste - this includes household waste which is put out too early for collection or after collection crews have been through. It also includes bulky items which are placed out without authorisation. Basildon Council provides a collection service for bulky items and for more information or to make a booking visit:**

**<https://www.basildon.gov.uk/specialcollections>**

**Enforcement officers regularly patrol your area, please make sure you do the right thing with your waste.**



## NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

In May the Parish Council will have completed a five year term of office. That first year back in 2016 was very tough taking on a Council left in disarray

It took a while to get the Council back on its feet by introducing strict financial controls and cutting administration costs

The Council decided two years ago not to employ a clerk. The chairman took on the role of clerk and Cllr's took over all other roles at nil cost to the Council. Parish Councillors receive no pay This equates to savings of £20k per year which has enabled the Council to invest in the Neighbourhood Plan and many more community projects

The Neighbourhood Plan was agreed by residents, to contain policies that ensure good quality well designed homes and also to retain the conservation area status that is sadly lacking in enforcement

In May there are seven NB Parish Council seats up for election please let us know if you would like to become a Councillor

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## Be a part of Census 2021

Census day is 21 March 2021.

By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure your community gets the services it needs.



Find out more at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - BLUESTONE PLANNING CONSULTANTS APPOINTED

Following the hiatus over the last 12 months, the Noak Bridge Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have been busy planning the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan.

We have recently appointed new consultants Bluestone Planning to assist with the next steps in the process which will broadly follow the provisional timetable below:

- ✳ Undertake gap analysis to determine what evidence is required to support the five key 'themes' identified following the September 2019 consultation: Transport & Roads; Education, Health & Other Local Services; Design & Conservation; Environment & Green Space; and Housing – to be undertaken March 2021
- ✳ Prepare Design Code for Policy H10 site (and other potential developments coming forward during the life of the Plan) – to be undertaken April to June 2021
- ✳ Undertake additional evidence gathering to support policies – to be undertaken Spring to Summer 2021
- ✳ Commence drafting the policies and supporting text for the first consultation draft of the Neighbourhood Plan – to be undertaken Spring to Summer 2021
- ✳ Carry out first formal consultation on draft Neighbourhood Plan and Design Code (this will involve engagement with a wide range of stakeholders and the local community) – to be undertaken Autumn 2021
- ✳ Review feedback from first consultation exercise, further work on draft Neighbourhood Plan and preparation of 'submission' version of Plan with a view to submitting it for examination by Spring / Summer 2022

We need volunteers to assist with evidence gathering, grant funding applications, writing text to go into the Neighbourhood Plan and other administrative tasks. If you have some spare time to assist we will be very happy to welcome you onto the Steering Group! For further information contact: email [terriken@aol.com](mailto:terriken@aol.com) or call 01268 288766

### TWO LITTLE LENDING LIBRARIES

Two Lending Libraries are on their way to Noak Bridge and will be installed outside the Village Hall. One library containing children's books the other adults. We are looking for book donations to fill the libraries so if you have any to spare please let us know. The library works on the basis of donations, read and replace a book or leave a book or read a book but do replace it. We do hope you will enjoy many hours of reading the books and replenishing them



### JOIN OUR LITTER PICK GROUP

The Parish Council are looking for a group of volunteers to help with regular litter picks. If you wish to join please contact us. Dates and times will be posted on the website and notice boards. Basildon Council will provide equipment, sacks and a bag collection. Please help us keep Noak Bridge free from litter

#### Parish Council Meeting Dates 2021

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm

April 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish 7pm Parish Council 7.30pm

May 6<sup>th</sup> Local Elections - May 18<sup>th</sup> AGM

June 15<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup>

September 16<sup>th</sup> - October 19<sup>th</sup> - November 16<sup>th</sup>