



NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MAKE APPLICATION FOR A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA PLAN

The Parish Council made a successful application to Basildon Council to designate the Noak Bridge Parish Boundary as an area for a Neighbourhood Plan. We seek resident support to produce a neighbourhood plan that will have influence over design elements of new developments in Noak Bridge similar to the conservation area requirements. The plan will need to respond to the unique characteristics and planning context specific of Noak Bridge, incorporate design policies that will protect existing unique design aspects so new development can be subject to neighbourhood plan policies and restrict development until completion.

RESIDENT CONSULTATION TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER AT 7PM VILLAGE HALL

Basildon planning officers will provide a presentation which will guide us through the process. A steering group of Councillors and interested parties will need to be set up to co-ordinate the delivery of the plan. Join us and tell us your views.



BASILDON COUNCIL REVISED LOCAL PLAN

The Parish Council are pleased to report changes to the Local Plan that will make a significant difference to Noak Bridge residents. The site H11 policy for 350 houses to be built on Bensons Farm has been deleted. The amendment to remove the policy by Cllr Terri Sargent at Basildon Full Council in March 2018 was out voted but rescinded by Council in July 2018. Terri has also campaigned to revert site H10 to build a retirement village instead of 400 family homes that will require the school to expand. Residents can respond to the proposal in the forthcoming Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation. Links below to the Revised Local Plan & School Expansion Viability Report by Promoter Croudace site H10.

<http://www.basildonmeetings.info/documents/s99014/Enc. 2 - Revised Publication Local Plan Committee Version.pdf>

<http://www.basildonmeetings.info/documents/s99062/Enc. 21 - Viability report for the Noak Bridge School submitted on behalf of Croudace.pdf>

Revised Local Plan Basildon Full Council Meeting October 18th at 7.30pm

View the meeting on webcast or go along to the meeting

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PRODUCTS

Pétanque Court - installed September 2017 the pétanque court is really popular with regular players, new members are always welcome. For a small annual fee which is spent on maintenance keeps the court in good condition Games are arranged on "What's App" or just pop along where you will be welcomed to join the players for a game or two. For details call 07802 600611

PortaLoo - installed October 2017, a vital facility close to the court as an additional project, a **must** in the cold weather.

Boulders & Bollards - installed in March 2018 this project was widely supported by residents to act as defence barriers on South Wash Road playing field to prevent encampment on public land. Although Basildon has suffered a number of incursions this summer the playing field has been well protected.



PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS FUNDING

TO IMPROVE VILLAGE HALL CLOAKROOMS



The Noak Bridge Community Association applied to the Parish Council for a community project grant for

funding to improve the village hall toilets. The project was agreed at the September 2018 Parish Council and will be managed by Paul Downes. With value for money in mind Paul has sourced all equipment and materials online. The contractor appointed are Balance & Company and works will commence during October and November. The village hall is a focal point valued by the local community and the upgrade will make a vast improvement to the cloakrooms. Council agreed the cost will be met from the Community Project reserve fund budget.

Nature Reserve Project

The Parish Council awarded a Community Project Grant of £2,640 towards the cost of the ECO clad container that has been installed in the Reserve. The container has wood eco cladding with numbered holes of different sizes for a variety of insects, Habitation Panels on the sunny side and a Planted Biodiverse Roof with built-in bat boxes and bird boxes. It is an extremely useful central place to store the range of hand tools used by volunteers throughout the year to maintain and improve the Reserve for the benefit of the residents who enjoy it as well as the wide range of wildlife.



DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

The Council granted funding in the September meeting for a community project to install two defibrillators on the external walls of the Noak Bridge Medical Centre and The Noak Bridge Public House. If one life is saved this project represents value for money. Training is being undertaken by Councillors and residents to ensure correct usage of the life saving equipment. Our thanks to Paul Downes who will manage the project for the Council.



NOAK BRIDGE - A CONSERVATION AREA

Basildon Council would like take the opportunity via the Parish Council newsletter to raise resident awareness on the Noak Bridge Conservation Area and what it means for residents. Basildon Council recognises that the special significance of the conservation area should attract detailed policies within the Council's Planning Framework. In addition to the basic activity of designation and the formulation of general policy, Basildon Council (in partnership with the Parish Council) will undertake a conservation area appraisal in order to support locally derived policies, emerging in the future Neighbourhood Plan, that protect the unique character of the area. Although this process was first undertaken with the original designation reports, more recent national guidance and local feeling, necessitates appraisals to the conservation area. The process will include an audit of the heritage asset and involve a review of original designation procedures and boundaries; analysis of historical development and identification of features that make a positive contribution to the area, including street patterns, trees, open spaces and building types. The appraisal will be broken down into stages, the first of which is the forthcoming audit of the heritage asset. The audit may then be adopted as guidance and/or policy incorporates into the Basildon Council's Planning Framework.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
VILLAGE HALL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
CONSULTATION 7PM
TUESDAY OCTOBER 16th
FOLLOWED BY PARISH COUNCIL 8PM**

7.00PM TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

**DIARY DATES
BASILDON COUNCIL CONSULTATION
EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL
Thursday 25th October at 7.00pm
MEET THE LEADER
Thursday 6th December at 7.00pm
SAFER COMMUNITIES**

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CONSULTATION: OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

In March 2018 the Council removed three items of Outdoor Gym Equipment and agreed a review of the remaining equipment within 6 months. Monitoring of the existing equipment has continued and found that usage remains very low. Bearing in mind the equipment was never subject to a maintenance contract by the previous Council, residents complain about the poor condition and it being in the wrong location. A decision needs to be made on the future of the Outdoor Gym. At a recent meeting a resident outlined a new scheme installed in Orsett Park opposite the hospital. The equipment is modern with suitable flooring covering the grass but is very costly. The Parish Council maintains value for money and cannot enter into a project that will not be used. There is scope that external funding could be raised by one of the community groups. Nonetheless the project will have to satisfy any funders criteria that the project is based on a needs assessment and has to be proven it will be used. **Please let us know if you feel there is a need for an outdoor gym:**

- * Removal of the existing gym, giving your reasons;
- * Existing Gym to Remain 'as is' giving your reasons;
- * New Outdoor Gym subject to Maintenance & Agreed Grant Funding, giving reasons;
- * The Location, Existing or Elsewhere, giving your reasons.

Yes or No answers will not count we need **reasons** that fit project **criteria**.

Remember projects on Basildon Council land are subject to permission

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CONSULTATION: DOG EXERCISE ENCLOSURE

Some time ago dog owners were seen exercising their dogs in the children's Ball Court and complaints were raised as the area is intended for children to play not dogs. Dog owners and dog walkers have since petitioned the Parish Council for a community project to install a Dog Exercise Enclosure on the Village Green. They want to be able to exercise their dogs off the lead in an enclosed space. Some residents are elderly, some disabled and unable to walk to the Dog Agility Course on the playing field. The Village Green is owned by Basildon Council so their permission is required. We take this opportunity to consult with residents and ask your opinion:

- ☒ Do you support the Dog Exercise Enclosure, giving your reasons;
- ☒ Is the Village Green a suitable location for the project, giving your reasons.

Please contact the Parish Councillors with your responses to both consultations

PUBLIC RIGHTS of WAY

In September Cllr Jarvis surveyed the current condition of our PRow since the departure of the ECC officer stating "On the whole our attractive rights of way are in fair condition and easily passable. The bridge on footpath 60 off Wash Road is in poor condition with a plank missing, and the bridge on footpath 61 crossing over into Great Burstead Parish remains in poor condition and is very over grown. My main concern remains the lack of signage where the right of way crosses the field on to footpath 61. The path has not as yet been reinstated by the farmer and without a map the path of the Right of Way is completely unidentifiable. We will continue as a Council to liaise with ECC and flag up these issues and hope to notify the residents shortly of the new Public Rights of Way officer".

