



NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL SPRING NEWSLETTER



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A NEW PARISH COUNCIL FOR NOAK BRIDGE

"We intend to serve the community with openness, honesty and integrity and ensure value for money is a top priority"

PARISH COUNCILLORS

PARISH COUNCIL AWARD £500 to NOAK BRIDGE NATURE RESERVE

At the January Parish Council we were pleased to award £500 to Noak Bridge Nature Reserve. The funding will go to wards the installation and cladding of a Storage Facility on the nature reserve. Volunteers welcome at work parties, every 3rd Tuesday.

2017 WORKING PARTY DATES

APRIL 18th @ 1.00pm to 3.00pm
MAY 16th @ 1.00pm to 3.00pm
JUNE 20th @ 1.00pm to 3.00pm
JULY 18th @ 1.00pm to 3.00pm

LEAF COLLECTION

The Parish Council carried out leaf sweeping in the high footfall hot spot areas of Noak Bridge to clear wet slippery leaves from the worst footpaths & walk ways. Resident feed back was very positive saying the action was well worth the investment to prevent them from falling onto slippery footpaths.



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NEXT MEETINGS TUESDAY:

MARCH 28TH @ 7.30PM

APRIL 18TH @ 7.30PM

MAY 16TH AGM @ 7.30PM

ANNUAL PARISH & CONSULTATION EVENT

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

NOAK BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

STARTING @ 4.00pm



From 4.00pm to 6.00pm, kids with mums & dads ...

SKYE and MARSHALL will be on PAW PATROL. They would love you to take a selfie or two with them. Local Groups are invited to showcase their activities, come see what they have to offer.

Ju Jitsu - Nature Reserve - Active Basildon - Usborne Books - Slimming Club - and others

The Annual Parish Meeting will begin at 7.00pm to 9.00pm, come and join your Parish Council for a glass of something nice and a nibble here and there and let us know what improvements you would like for the Parish in 2017/2018. We are here to listen to your ideas and thoughts for future projects for our Parish.

Please complete the consultation on the back page

CLLR JANE BUNTING INTERVIEWS 'SIOBHAN' LAND LADY - NOAK BRIDGE PUB

The Noak Bridge Public House underwent a very stylish refurbishment last year and reopened on 5th November 2016. Cllr Bunting seized the opportunity to ask Siobhan the new Land Lady for an interview whilst taste testing the wares one evening. For those of you that don't know Siobhan, she came to Noak Bridge in September 2016 and has made a huge impact to our landmark local pub. The refurbishment costing £400,000 is incredibly stylish with tasteful furnishings. When Siobhan reopened the Noak Bridge on 5th November, Micky Tokely a Noak Bridge resident who has visited the pub now for over 42 years was delighted to be asked to cut the opening ribbon.

After 22 years in the business, 9 of them with Greene King, Siobhan knows exactly what she wants from a local village pub and how to get it. She has been accredited in the past with awards for Best Newcomer, Manager of the Year, and Pub of the Year. We would love for The Noak Bridge to get such an award itself as it is a family friendly local community public house.

On advice from the local licensing authority at Basildon Council and the Police licensing officer, Siobhan made the decision that from 8pm onwards the pub will only be open for adults. This will be extended to 9pm in the summer. This decision has been taken due to various issues that The Noak Bridge has had to deal with in the past, combined with placating all residents in the village. This will allow family time throughout the day, with adult space in the evening.

In the near future, the children's area in the garden is to be repaired. A darts team, both male and female, is to be set up once the league give the regulations to the location of the darts board and quiz nights will begin from 16th March on a fortnightly basis. On 13th April a new menu will also be launched, to include afternoon tea which fits neatly alongside the Greene King's Best of British theme commencing on the 14th March through to May Day. Give it a try, we have!

*** VILLAGE QUIZ * SATURDAY 1st APRIL @ 7.30pm ***
Noak Bridge Village Hall - TICKETS PAUL: 07802 600611
TICKETS ON SALE NOW - YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED

BENSONS FARM ALTERNATE SITE PROPOSAL

Residents attended the Parish Council in December to discuss the proposed alternative site H12A Bensons Farm. A number of objections were raised on the proposal including the additional pressure on the local road network. The comments are attached to the minutes and were submitted to Basildon Council. The Local Plan final consultation has been delayed until later in the year and residents are urged to respond.

SUMMER EVENT SATURDAY 1st JULY WASH ROAD PLAYING FIELD

The Parish Council are organising a summer event and looking for interested parties who would like to participate. We are also looking for sponsors. The event is in the planning stage with Cllr Jane Bunting at the helm. If you would like to be part of the event, please let Jane know via email:



Janebunting@blueyonder.co.uk

BUDGET & PRECEPT 2017/2018

The Parish Council set the budget and precept for the forthcoming year at the January meeting. The Precept is set at £43,697, a slight reduction, however there are now significant reductions in Salaries, BT & office equipment. Although this has been the main budgetary spend for many years, the Parish Council will now invest funding in projects that will benefit the whole community over the next three years. Over £1,000 has been

invested in leaf sweeping. We have already upgraded and installed a brand new CCTV system and greatly reduced the BT services. We will invest funds in Community Groups to apply for funding up to £500 towards their projects. Two community events are being planned in April and July. Investment in Fingerpost Signs in partnership with Basildon Council to replace or repair and install. We are now consulting on



projects for the Parish and hope you can join us on April 8th to help us to decide where best to invest in our Community.

‘NOAK BRIDGE STORES’ Sponsors Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council would like to thank Logan for sponsoring this Spring Edition of our quarterly PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER THANKS LOGAN

ACTIVE NOAK BRIDGE

How fit & active are you? very fit, quite fit, would like to be fitter? Here's how, Come along to the consultation event on April 8th and meet Active Basildon who can help organise a number of activities and show us the best way to keep fit. Walking, outdoor gym, playing games, keep fit classes and healthy eating. Join us to find out more from Active Basildon.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Do you need funding for your community project. Go to our website and download an application form, complete it using the guidance notes and simply return it to us. We are awarding up to £500 for each project. Good Luck .

DOG AGILITY FACILITY FOR NOAK BRIDGE

Would you like a dog agility facility at Noak Bridge?



Are you a dog owner, one of the regular dog walkers of Noak Bridge or just a dog lover? What are your views on having a Dog Agility Facility on the South Wash Road Playing Field. Would you take your dog to trial the course or just go to watch the dogs having fun.

The Parish Council are working with Basildon Council seeking residents views on providing such a facility. Please let us have your views by completing the consultation via email or facebook <https://www.facebook.com>

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF NOAK BRIDGE

Noak Bridge Parish Council are aiming to put together a 3-year Parish Plan, and we need the Parish's input. It is intended that residents give us a clear view of the way the Parish community has indicated it wishes to exist and to develop in the future. At our Annual Parish Event on 8th April 2017 we will be consulting your views that will give the Parish Council an overall feel of the Parish's demeanour and how you would like us to shape Noak Bridge over the next three years. Completion of this consultation will ultimately benefit you as it will enable us to consider resources to be directed where residents indicate they are most needed. Please post the completed page to either Cllr Bunting at 77 Fore Street, Noak Bridge, SS15 4JP, or drop it into the Village Hall or into Noak Bridge Stores for the Parish Council to collect.

Q1. How many people normally live in your household?

Q2. How long have you lived in Noak Bridge?

Q3. Do you feel involved in the village community?

Yes No

Q4. Are you generally satisfied with Noak Bridge as a pleasant and convenient place to live

Yes No

Q5. Do you feel safe living in Noak Bridge?

Yes No

Q6. What is most important to you about Noak Bridge?

The community

The general environment

The convenience of the location

Other (list below) _____

Q7. What sort of activities would you like to see taking place in the village to strengthen the community

Street Parties / Fetes Keep Fit Activities / Projects

Entertainment Evening Classes/Further Education

Environmental Projects Dog Agility Facility

Others (list below) _____

Q8. What is, in your opinion, the best feature about Noak Bridge?

Q9. What is, in your opinion, the worst feature of Noak Bridge?

Q10. With residents help, how can the Parish Council improve Noak Bridge?