



## **NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL SPRING NEWSLETTER**

**'WE INTEND to SERVE the  
COMMUNITY with OPENNESS,  
HONESTY, INTEGRITY and ENSURE  
VALUE for MONEY as a  
TOP PRIORITY'**



Website:

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

Spring 2020

### **NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2020**

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR IN MAY??**

Local residents can apply who are over 18 and on the Electoral Roll.  
There are 7 Parish Council seats up for election. Information pack link:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/media/5016>

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 17TH MARCH @ 7.30PM**  
If you are considering becoming a Parish Councillor, why not come  
along to the March meeting to see how the Council works and how  
the precept is spent. Let us know if you have any questions

Noak Bridge Neighbourhood Plan  
Meeting 17th March 6.30 - 7.30pm

<http://www.noakbridgenp.org>

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/  
Noakbridgeneighbourhoodplan/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Noakbridgeneighbourhoodplan/)



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Are you a community group with a project that needs a cash investment? Why not apply to the Parish Council for a small grant of up to £500.00, details and application forms are on the website or give us a call. We are also looking to support constituted groups with community projects to fund. The Parish Council will also consider funding projects of community benefit that are reasonably costed but not substantial. Contact the Parish Council for more details

## BUDGET & PRECEPT 2020/2021

The Council set the Budget and a Precept of £44,047.77 at the January meeting. A slight reduction from last year in the basic amount of £43.17 per household.

From April 2019 to March 2020 the Council have not employed a clerk which has resulted in considerable savings in administration. Reserves have built up enabling provision of adequate funding for the Neighbourhood Plan. Administration has been carried out by the Councillors at nil cost to the Council.

The priorities for the coming year include funding of the Neighbourhood Plan, Community Projects, Small Grants, Parish Council Elections and the New Website.

We aim to continue to invest in the Noak Bridge Parish with community support for capital projects

### RESIDENTS KEY CONCERNS

- Hazardous Parking at the School
- Parking on Pavements
- Inconsiderate Parking
- Footpaths Repairs
- Highway Problems / Pot Holes
- Street Lights not Working

The Parish Council report concerns

### REPORTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Conservation Area Breaches
- Rubbish Sacks put out Too Early
- Litter from Sacks Spilling Open
- Dog Mess on Pavements
- Tree Pruning / Hedge Trimming
- Speeding

We have no Powers to resolve them

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**BASILDON COUNCIL RUBBISH CRUNCH**  
**COPPICE LANE SATURDAY 9.00AM TO 12 NOON**

**FUTURE CRUNCH DATES:**

**2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2020**

**4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

**22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**DISPOSE OF ALL LARGER ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED**

**2020 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY @ 7.30PM NOAK BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

**MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> + ANNUAL PARISH**

**MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AGM**

**JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

## **NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - 2016 / 2020**

### **TERM OF OFFICE**



The past four years have flown by since our term of office began in May 2016. The Parish Council have made significant changes to the financial spending, capital investment, administration and procedures of the Council. Gone are the excessive administration costs, resources are now spent on the Parish with a mission statement outlining our intentions: 'ensuring value for money as a top priority'. Our term of office ends on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with the Parish Council Elections.

### **OUR INVESTMENTS**



BT & CCTV administration costs have been reduced while investment in equipment, new CCTV and facilities have increased. Capital investment was made a priority with the provision of a number of community projects being provided by request. Grants to Pre-school, Residents Association & Nature Reserve. Wash Road Playing Field has Fencing around the Dog Agility Course, Bollards & Boulders installed to prevent unauthorised incursions and two new football posts. The Village Hall has benefited from significant improvements, with the Cloakrooms and Main Hall LED lighting installed, a new Meeting Room facility and a Petanque Court with Portaloo in the garden. Defibrillators at the Medical Centre & Noak Bridge Pub. New Finger Post Signs and investment in Coppice Lane Duck Pond improvements in partnership with Basildon Council. The closure of the current website has meant the construction of a fresh new one ready March 2020

### **NOAK BRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**



Our biggest investment project is in the Neighbourhood Plan. It received significant resident support in 2018 when 750 new homes were proposed for development at Noak Bridge, thankfully reduced to 400. The NP with continued resident support will produce policies and procedures to reduce the negative impact the building of new homes will bring. Our aim is to retain the character and uniqueness of the Noak Bridge Conservation Area. A project plan is in place to keep us on track, a traffic assessment and design appraisal are due to be undertaken. The outcome of the resident consultation report is published on the website with next steps being further consultation and community engagement and involvement

### **THANKS**



We have had help along the way from: Basildon Council, Essex Association Local Councils, Essex County Council, Basildon Borough and Essex County Councillors, Paul Downes project manager and Neighbourhood Plan Project Planners. Our thanks to them for supporting us. The past 4 years have been challenging but very productive. We offer our very best wishes to the new Parish Council in May 2020