# **BLACK NOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 26TH JULY 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PAVILION MEETING ROOM AT THE BLACK NOTLEY PLAYING FIELDS, BLACK NOTLEY.

IN THE CHAIR: CLLR. S. PEDDER.

PRESENT: CLLRS. M. FORD, J. SMITH, M. SIMMONS, A. WOOD, A. GEORGE,

N. FERRIS, S. ELDEN-LEE.

PARISH CLLR APOLOGIES**:** - CLLR GOLDBERG.

1502/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Item 9 correspondence - Cllr Simmons declared interest in the oak tree at Cokers Peace that has had a large limb fall from it.

1503/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

1 member of the public present County Councillor Playle. Apologies for District Councilor F. Ricci and T. Cunningham. The Chairman welcomed back Cllr Elden - Lee**.**

1504/23 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

Cllr Playle reported that the pot holes in John Ray Gardens are the responsibility of Eastlight and he has asked them to repair these. The first week of September is the 2nd round of the pot holes scheme if we have others to report let him know.

The Member Led Footpath scheme – they have chosen the locations non in Black Notley. He advised that there is insufficient survey funding available to do a pedestrian survey at the playing field. Discussion next month on paying for a survey at a cost £300.

He spoke of the Bakers Lane development meeting, Cllr Playle has contacted Braintree District Council asking for a follow up meeting with the developers about this new development. More research to do done on this and circulated between Parish Councillors. Cllr Smith updated Cllr Playle on the ditch at John Ray Cottage, Bakers Lane.

1505/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 28TH JUNE 2023.

Cllr Ford spoke regarding the fruit trees overhanging the footpath at Dewlands and suggested that we put on facebook come pick the fruit when its ripe, to help get it lifted from the pathway.

Minutes agreed as a true and correct record.

Proposed Cllr Simmons Seconded Cllr Ford Vote Unanimous

1506/23 CLERKS REPORT.

Nothing new to report.

1507/23 REVIEW – GDPR POLICY (LAST REVEIWED MAY 2018).

Review annually going forward, no changes with the Policy happy with the content.

Proposed Cllr Wood Seconded Cllr Ferris Vote Unanimous

1508/23 NATIONAL GRID NORWICH - TIBLURY – Consultation.

Response to be as previously responded back in May 2022. The Parish Council would like to see this buried underground completely or an off shore route.

1509/23 ESSEX ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINT STRATEGY – Consultation.

It was agreed to reply that unless the infrastructure is in place this will not work.

1510/23 CORRESPONDENCE.

\* Rural Community Council of Essex membership is due £60.50 + VAT.

Proposed Cllr Wood Seconded Cllr Ford Vote Unanimous

\* The Clerk informed the Council that a large limb has fallen off one of the oak trees on Cokers Peace, Cllr Simmons has a contact who can give a quote and arrange this work quickly it was agreed that the Clerk can action on this as soon as possible.

1511/23 UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE’S –

a) Green Spaces update:- No report as no meeting held since the last Parish Council

meeting.

b) Communications update:-

Cllr Pedder mentioned that BT are going digital. She is concerned of possible scam’s it was suggested that Cllr George puts an article on facebook and the website advising people to be aware. Several Councillors are unhappy with the current website set up. The Clerk to put this on the agenda for August. It’s currently showing June’s agenda not July. Cllr Wood also advised that a there is a lot of missing financial information.

1512/23 HIGHWAY / PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES.

\* Circulation of the ‘data’ from the Speed Sign. The Clerk to supply this data to Cllr Playle in a different format, Cllr George can help the Clerk to create this.

1513/23 FINANCE -

a) CIRCULATION OF FINANCE LIST.

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| D/D | Npower Business Solutions (street light supply) | £60.93 |
| D/D | A & J Lighting Solutions Ltd (street light supply) | £68.22 |
| D/D | EDF Energy (Pavilion) | £27.00 |
| D/D | British Gas Light Business (Pavilion) | £35.72 |
| D/D | BT for Pavilion Office | £42.85 |
| D/D | BT (for Parish Council mobile phone) | £10.80 |
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| B/Trans | Helen Waterfield (salary + 2 hours overtime) | £809.20 |
| B/Trans | Helen Waterfield (mileage £15.08+ elec £30.00, BT Broadband & calls £28.32 + 2 composite A4 signs £60) | £133.40 |
| B/Trans | Martin Cudlip (salary + 24 hours overtime mowing paths, strimming, planting up beds, watering beds, covering for Caretakers annual leave) | £711.07 |
| B/Trans | Martin Cudlip (74 miles for the month £33.30, bedding plants £17.10, fuel for mower £11) | £61.40 |
| B/Trans | Richard Goodman (salary + 6 1/2 hours overtime grass cutting, strimming, planting up beds) | £749.80 |
| B/Trans | Richard Goodman (fuel for mower £23.11 + vinegar £2.10) | £25.21 |
| B/Trans | James Todd & Sons (monthly wages service) | £39.60 |
| B/Trans | Ernest Does (knob & bolts, grow more & compost inner’s | £130.66 |
| B/Trans | Gleam (green lanes environmental action movement) subs | £15.00 |
| B/Trans | Braintree Association of Local Councils (annual subs) | £48.00 |
| B/Trans | Olivers Plants (more bedding plants) | £43.56 |
|  | **TOTAL** | **£3,012.42** |

Proposed Cllr Pedder Seconded Cllr Elden - Lee Vote Unanimous

Councillor Wood can recommend a cheaper Company that offer a wages service, she will pass on the details to the Clerk and a quote to be obtained.

b) CIRCULATION OF THE ACTUAL TO BUDGET SPENDING SHEET- For information.

c) CIRCULATION OF THE JOHN RAY MILLENNIUM GREEN – Year end accounts circulated and noted. The Council must have an AGM annually as they are the trustee’s this is a legal requirement to be arranged for November 2023. The last AGM was November 2019, then they stopped during covid times.

1514/23 PLANNING.

**23/01681/TPO** Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO - T1 - Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca' - Blue Atlas Cedar. - Fell to ground level and replace with another further from the buildings where it can flourish without negatively affecting the residents. Informal Open Space, Hadfield Drive, Black Notley. It was agreed to reply that Parish Council should not object to the felling, providing that a replacement specimen tree is planted elsewhere, in a more suitable place.

**Report from** Planning members forum meeting - Land East of Great Notley, Braintree.

A report was circulated to the Council that had been created by Councillor Smith. 2 copies of the brochure received from the consortium to be circulated and Cllr Wood will get more copies of the presentation, photocopied and circulated to all Councillors.

1515/23 QUOTATIONS FOR RE-PRINTS OF PARISH MAPS – Cllrs Goldberg and

Pedder.

The best price received was £23 + VAT each. Cllr Pedder to purchase from Kemco 25 maps.

Proposed Cllr Ferris Seconded Cllr Ford Vote Unanimous

1516/23 CONSULTATION WITH TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS – Licensed Vehicle Services. (from Braintree District Council). No comment on this consultation.

1517/23 BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL – decision to charge for Garden Waste from March 2024.

It had been thought that this was going to happen concerned raised of more green waste going into landfill. Disappointed with the decision.

1518/23 A & J LIGHTING RENEWAL OF STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT – for next 5 years.

It was proposed to stay with A & J Lighting for the next 5 years the price is remaining the same as the last 5 years, at a cost of £682.20 per year plus call out charge £80.00.

Proposed Cllr Smith Seconded Cllr Pedder Vote Unanimous

1519/23 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY THE 23RD AUGUST 2023.

Meeting closed 9.20 pm

CHAIRMAN………………………………………….. DATE …………………………