# **BLACK NOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 26TH JUNE 2024 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, A. WOOD, N. FERRIS.

PARISH CLLR APOLOGIES: -CLLRS S. GOLDBERG**,** A GEORGE, S. ELDEN-LEE.

Apologies have been received from District Cllr’s Butland, Cunningham and County Councillor Playle.

1680/24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Smith declared interest item 14 - Request for Vehicle Operator’s Licence.

1681/24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

3 members of the public present including District Cllr Ricci**.** Concerns raised by one resident regarding the large cherry tree on Dewlands bank. The Tree Warden Cllr Wood said she is currently speaking to the landscape department at Braintree District Council, she is speaking to them as they cut the grass on the bank. The resident says Essex County Council own this grass bank. The tree routes are damaging the path, previously ECC cut branches off. Mess of the cherries also a concern of the danger as they are slippery, the apple tree is hitting on the telephone wires. The tree is now obscuring the street light.

1682/24 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

Report from Cllr Ricci advising that Braintree District Council are currently refreshing the Local Plan. Already gone out is the request for any ‘call for sites’ all Parish Council’s to be consulted along the process. Count down to the general election next week.

1683/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 22ND MAY 2024.

Proposed - Cllr Smith Seconded - Cllr Ford Vote Unanimous

1684/24 CLERKS REPORT.

Circulated.

1685/24 PLAYING FIELD –

a) UK Power Network update. Nothing new to report. The Clerk to chase up when the communication to residents will be delivered.

b)Quote for the cutting of the bases of the lime trees. Quote not yet received agenda item for July.

1686/24 ADOPTION OF THE NEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

Cllr Wood is currently reviewing the financial regulations in her fulltime role, she will

keep us updated. Item for agenda in the future volunteers to look at this document are Cllr’s

Wood, Pedder and the Clerk.

1687/24 ADOPTION OF THE NEW STANDING ORDERS.

To be reviewed again in September.

1688/24 CORRESPONDENCE.

\* Renewal of Membership to GLEAM £15.00. Agreed to renew this.

Proposed - Cllr Ferris Seconded - Cllr Ford Vote Unanimous

\* Essex playing field association membership £30 and competition entry £10. It was

agreed to renew and enter the competition.

Proposed - Cllr Smith Seconded - Cllr Wood Vote Unanimous

\* Resignation received from Cllr Simmons. Co-ption agenda item for July.

\* The Clerk had received an email and telephone call from Great Notley Clerk regarding requesting to change the Zebra Crossing to signal crossing (traffic lights) request came from a resident to James Cleverley. More information to be requested before making a decision, noted this item was not on the agenda, came in after the agenda’s went out.

\* Councillor Ford had received confirmation that we have won an award from the RCC of Essex

Best Kept village competition. Cllrs Ferris and Ford to attend, the ground’s staff to be asked if they would like to attend.

1689/24 UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE’S –

a) Communications update:- Quotation for the amendments to the website discussed. Cllr

Ferris gave a brief report from the Communications meeting held at 7pm this evening, quote

required for the removal of the juice a advert on the website, the Clerk to be trained £240 to

update the website and £240 to make changes to the website. Further information to be

obtained from Webtit4U. Regarding the magazine quotes to be obtained for colour copies

meeting to be arranged with Rachel and Sarah from the church to discuss the options.

b) A brief Greens committee meeting was held on Monday 24th June, the Clerk has ordered

plants for the planters, tubs and raised beds. When planting is done volunteers will be needed.

Cllr Wood advised she is currently working on the tree policy.

1690/24 REVIEW AND ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE POSTS AND THE SUB COMMITTEE’S.

Greens Spaces Committee Susan, Alex, Ann, Jacky, Sam + member of public

Sandra Douglas.

Footpath “ Not at this time

Communications “ Max, Stewart, Susan, Nick

Planning Representatives 5 - Jacky, Susan, Max, Nick, Alex

Tree Warden 1 - Ann

Emergency Planning 3 - Ann, Susan, Stewart

Black Notley Community Association 3 - Max, Stewart

Village Hall Management 1 - Susan

Personnel Committee 4 - Ann, Susan, Alex 1 other needed

Church’s Representative 3 - Susan, Jacky, Max

Cllrs present agreed they are happy to continue with the above positions, other positions to be confirmed and filled at a future meeting when the Parish Councillor vacancy is filled.

1691/24 HIGHWAY / PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES.

\* Circulation of the ‘data’ from the Speed Sign.

1692/24 FINANCE – List.

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| D/D | SSE (street light supply)  | £75.81 |
| D/D | A & J Lighting Solutions Ltd (street light supply)  | £68.22  |
| D/D | EDF Energy (Pavilion) | £40.00  |
| D/D | British Gas Light Business (Pavilion) | £56.44 |
| D/D | BT for Pavilion Office | £45.48 |
| D/D | BT (for Parish Council mobile phone) | £13.78 |
| D/D | Nest (Pensions HW & RG previous months payment) | £85.25 |
| D/D | Wave (water and sewerage Feb - May 24) | £63.15 |
| B/Trans | Max Ford (wine for AA meeting) | £61.95 |
| B/Trans | Treecology (Tree work at the playing field) | £3840.00 |
| B/Trans | James Todd & Sons (monthly wages service final payment) | £43.20 |
| B/Trans | Westcotec Ltd (calibration of VAS) | £196.80 |
| B/Trans | BALC (subs) | £48.00 |
| B/Trans | WEBIT4U (adding facebook feed to the website) | £72.00 |
| 300047 | Playsafety Ltd (ROSPA play area and playing field annual inspection) | £201.60 |
| B/Trans | L A West (internal Audit) | £200.00 |
| B/Trans | J & M Payroll Services Ltd (Salary fee, PAYE & Salary payments to all staff - Breakdown - Wages total £2,751.33, PAYE total £223.02, J & M Payroll £36.00 = £3,010.35 | 3,010.35 |
|  | TOTAL | **£8,122.03** |

Proposed - Cllr Ferris Seconded - Cllr Pedder Vote Unanimous

1693/24 PLANNING.

**24/00890/TPO** TPO - Land adjacent 39 Denton Crescent, Black Notley. Apologies from Cllr Wood she advised that she had forgotten to respond and lost all emails for the last 4 days and hadn’t seen the Clerks reminder of this being outstanding. Therefore no response was sent.

**24/00724/FUL** Erection of Storage Building (B8) - W Martin and Son, Row Green, Bakers Lane, Black Notley. No objection.

**24/01194/HH**  Single storey rear extension. 8 Bulford Lane, Black Notley, Essex. No objection.

**Request for Vehicle Operators Licence** Shaun Hutton Trading as GIH Construction Ltd of Unit 5, Park Farm Industries, Witham Road, CM77 8JX. Response already submitted due to 21 days response time. Letter received today in the post from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner it was agreed to responded as follows - We have been in communication with GIH Hutton Construction Ltd. The application is to keep a vehicle at Park Farm in Black Notley but we have been informed the vehicle will be stored in Rayne which is a location 3 miles away.

An operating center is where you normally keep the vehicle when not in use but the application is for an operating center in Black Notley.

**Previous response** completed in June not on Agenda as an Action - Review of the Local Plan - Preferred Options Local Plan and Preferred Options Integrated Impact Assessment Consultation.  Black Notley Parish Council Endorses all our previous comments as follows:-

Black Notley Parish Council strongly objects to the Chelmsford City Plan and endorses our previous comments. Gt Leighs will be extended by 1000 dwellings which along with 1750 dwellings put forward by Braintree District Council at Black Notley only 1 mile away, will put thousands of extra traffic movements per day  on the already overburdened local road system. The Chelmsford Local Plan allows no consideration for the impact on the infrastructure of the adjoining Parish of Black Notley Braintree. Gt Leighs extensions and Black Notley extension would use Braintree facilities, shops, Notley High School and Freeport etc.. the only access being via a recently narrowed B road London Road for the town, and Bakers Lane, a narrow bendy unclassified country lane for Notley High School and Freeport. London Road and Bakers Lane already suffer extreme congestion at peak times. Bakers Lane is a picturesque narrow bendy country lane fronted by 6 Listed Buildings and country cottages only feet from the road.  It narrows to single file at the Duck Pond with a recommendation of 30mph and on having past 3 of the Listed Buildings (1 Historic John Ray Cottage) and cottages and on down Buck Hill with Listed Building and fronted by mature indigenous trees mostly Oak.  This is already a Rat-Run. It is also access to South Braintree Industrial Estates adding many HGV movements to the problem. People will use their cars to access Notley High School (It is too far to walk from Gt Leighs) as they already do from Gt Notley adding to the already dreadful congestion there and putting hundreds more car movements on Bakers Lane. Because of the existing congestion exiting Gt Leighs to the A12 traffic is utilizing local back roads including Bakers Lane and Black Notley Village to gain access to the A12 at Witham. Widening or straightening Bakers Lane is not an option with the Pinch Points at John Ray Cottage and the Duck Pond and Buck Hill with the properties only a few feet from the road and several feet below the road level.  A proper link road between Notley Road and London Road must be built first, plus a 30mph speed limit on Bakers Lane.  The Infrastructure must be a priority. There are still too many houses planned for Gt Leighs and Black Notley with no green buffer between them turning this rural area into a sprawling suburb.  A Senior School at Gt Leighs could be built to cater for the obvious increase in population as this would put pressure on Notley High School, also it would alleviate some of the traffic movements to Notley High.

1694/24 CIRCULATION OF THE QUOTATIONS FOR THE 12 MONTH TREE WORK RECOMMENDED ON THE JRMG, COKERS PEACE AND THE PLAYING FIELD.

One of the Tree surgeons contacted to quote is on annual leave agenda item next month.

1695/24DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY THE 24TH JULY 2024.

Meeting closed 9 pm

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