# **BLACK NOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 27TH NOVEMBER 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, A. WOOD, N. FERRIS, A. GEORGE, J. SMITH,

 M. ACKLAND.

Parish Cllr apologies - S. GOLDBERG, S. ELDEN-LEE.

Apologies for absence received from District Councillors Ricci, Butland and County Cllr Playle.

1763/24DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Smith declared personal interest in item 7 the V E Day celebrations.

1764/24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

3 members of the public present including District Cllr Cunningham and a representative from Freedom.

1765/24 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

District Cllr Cunningham reported on ‘Devolution’ which has also been reported in the press recently. Its rolling out across areas of England, the focus of attention is currently on this, more information on this in the first part of next year. Budgets now being looked at. Local plan process continues, call for sites in the spring of next year.

1766/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 23RD OCTOBER 2024.

Proposed – Cllr Smith Seconded – Cllr Ford Vote - Unanimous

1767/24 CLERKS REPORT.

Circulated.

1768/24 PLAYING FIELD –

a) UK Power Network update:- Information was circulated regarding the next years proposed road closure’s for the Underground Power Cable proposal at Willows Green, Solar Farm. The UK Power Network work currently now stopped due to legal reasons. A requested from Freedom to Essex County Council for the 17/2/25 maximum of 10 days on Church Road/Witham Road to finish the work on this section. Cllr Cunningham apologized for the miscommunications and assures us that it will not happen next time the work is planned to take place. Cllr Wood requested when the diversion route has been suggested by ECC that the Parish Council are advised of it first.

b) Circulation of costings for changing the disabled toilet tap to a Non concussive tap.

It was greed to go ahead with the quote from Customised Interiors £228 incl VAT.

Proposed – Cllr Smith Seconded – Cllr Pedder Vote – Unanimous

1769/24 V.E. DAY CELEBRATIONS MAY 2025.

Cllr Ford circulated some ideas, suggestion of this event being on the Thursday 8th May 2025.

To be the celebration of the period of time through music a communal sing. The Church are

happy to be involved in this. It was proposed to form a small working party and to set a budget.

 Cllr Wood proposed a small working party is formed to organize this event.

Proposed – Cllr Wood Seconded – Cllr Ford Vote – Unanimous

Cllr Wood proposed that we budget £1,000 for this event. Working party to be set up and to

arrange a meeting.

Proposed – Cllr Wood Seconded – Cllr Ford Vote – Unanimous

1770/24 CORRESPONDENCE.

\* Councillor training courses. Cllr Wood is happy to host an inhouse course or more information will be coming out soon on the 2025 course’s at the EALC. Cllr Wood advised that Councillor training days are available daytime, Saturday’s and online.

1771/24 UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE’S –a) Communications update:- Circulation of Website Quotes / Research / addition of an Accessibility page to our current website. The request for the item ‘addition of an accessibility page to the current website’ to go onto the agenda was requested by Cllr Goldberg who is not able to be present at tonight meeting. Cllr Wood has received no more information yet from the Cabinet. Our current website is hosted on ‘go daddy’, they are an American company how safe is this. It was agreed as a matter of urgent as Webit4U have advised us they will no longer be running the website from the end of November, to get a price from Mcintosch Electronic’s how much would it cost to host, do maintenance of our website and to train the Clerk, this is now urgent.

It was agreed to Post a ‘pin’ on the facebook page. Explaining why we don’t comment, it’s for Governance reasons, therefore please contact the Clerk directly.

b) Update from Greens Committee. – Next meeting 2nd December 2024.

1772/24 HIGHWAY / PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES.

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

1773/24 FINANCE – a) 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) | -£0.49  |
| D/D | BT for Pavilion Office (normal D/D + new hand set £77.90) | £141.42 |
| D/D | BT (for Parish Council mobile phone) | £11.23 |
| D/D | Nest (Pensions HW & RG previous months payment) | £0.00 |
| D/D | Wave (water Aug – Nov 24 Pavilion) | £77.23 |
| B/Trans | J & M Payroll Services Ltd (Salary fee, PAYE & Salary payments to all staff) Breakdown - Wages total £2,950.16 PAYE total £361.11, J & M Payroll £36.00). | £3,347.27 |
| 300049 | Cash Postage | £17.25 |
| B/Trans | Anglian Fire (additional extinguisher in Groundsman’s room | £300.00 |
| B/Trans | Treecology (tree work on Cokers Peace, JRMG and Playing field) | £2,652.00 |
| B/Trans | Braintree District Council (empty of dog bins Nov – Feb) | £46.98 |
|  | TOTAL | £6,777.41 |

Proposed – Cllr Ford Seconded – Cllr Ferris Vote - Unanimous

b) Noted - Pay increase from NALC Local Government Agreement back dated to the 1st April 2024.

c) Discussion on the Precept. Figures discussed early in the meeting to be updated onto the spread sheet and circulated again at December’s meeting.

d) No Grant applications received via the Website.

1774/24 PLANNING.

**24/002275/T56** – Hayeswood Farm, Witham Road, Black Notley. The installation of a 20m Valmont high capacity monopole supporting 6 no. antennas, 4 no. 600mm transmission dishes and ancillary development thereto. For informative purposes, 4 no. equipment cabinets. The Parish Council endorse our previous comments and also those made in 2020. This is a huge dominant mast which will be visible above the tree line and will impact its surrounding area and views. Its position is poorly represented on the map. The Parish Council insist that any repositioning of the mast would not be within the vicinity of existing housing and that the existing redundant tower and auxiliary equipment be removed at the time of replacement.

This area which is within our Parish, is still under consideration for development as BLAN114 Hayeswood in the Local District Plan. The Parish Council therefore suggest that a decision be deferred until more details are available for the future development of the Hayeswood site as information is lacking at the present time.

**24/02332/HH** Paddock View, Buck Hill, Black Notley. Retrospective application for the installation of a garden store, decking/seating area and pergola. The Parish Council do not object to this, its a substantial plot and the large store is concealed behind a tall hedgerow.  The Parish Council has no objection to the patio/seating area and pergola as long as it does not affect the structure/fabric of the listed building.  This retrospective application falls within the environs of 2 Listed Buildings therefore the Parish Council leave the decision to Listed Buildings Consent should this be necessary.

**24/02354/VAR** 231 Witham Road, Black Notley, Essex, CM77 8NQ. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) Condition 3( Material Samples) Condition 5 (Means of Enclosure) & Condition 6 (EV Charging Details) of approved application 22/000839/FUL granted 10.06.2022 for: Erection of 1 x 3 bedroom two-storey detached dwellinghouse. The variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) to allow re-configuration of plot The variation of Condition 3 to approve the materials The variation of condition 5 to allow the means of enclosure details The variation of condition 6 to allow the electric vehicle charging details. The Parish Council are still working on this application as the previous history was not available on the BDC website, response due in on the 5th December.

1775/24 FLAG POLE – Additional flags. Planning application needs to be applied for, for different types of flags. Cllr Ferris to do some research and circulate a suggested list for the December meeting to discuss.

1776/24 TO CONSIDER A ‘VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL’.

The motion to be a vote of no confidence in the Highways and Transport Department. The

Reasons for this are as follows the confusion regarding The Number 21 Bus Service of where the bus went to and from as it stated Great Notley and not Black, lack of information, no reply to telephone calls and emails regarding the withdrawal of the service. Concerns over the lack of communication and clarification from them over the Bakers Lane road closure / works with UK Power Network. The Parish Council feel that they have been treated badly specifically related to Highways and Transport issues, they feel that have been treated with contempt.

The Essex County Council website that you report the highways faults / issue’s onto produces a reference number to follow up on, after a period of time this reference number disappears and therefore no longer show’s as being an outstanding fault.

Proposed – Cllr Ford Seconded – Cllr George Vote – Unanimous

1777/24 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY THE 11TH DECMBER 2024.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm

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