



FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Noak Bridge Parish Council meeting,
held in the Noak Bridge Village Hall on 29th January 2010 at 8pm.

Present

Councillors:

Lynn Stanton (Chair)

Valerie Bayley

Timothy Dobby

Jan Dalton – Francis

James Bradley

Les Sharrard

2 Residents

Clerk to the Council

Karen Hawkes

10/001 Apologies for absence

Apologies of absence received from Councillor K Sargent due to work commitments and County Councillor T Sargent due to prior engagement.

10/002 Declaration of interest

None received

10/003 Minutes

Minutes circulated to all councillors, minutes of the 4th December 2009 and budget sheet for precept figure for 2010 – 2011 approved and signed by the Chair.

10/004 Guest Speaker – Matthew Hodgson and Adam Jenkins – P3

P3 is a community based group made up of volunteers to maintain and improve the public pathways around the Parish. P3 arrange training and advice for use of equipment they can also supply leaflets and posters to encourage volunteers to join. 2 funding options available small projects are paid for as they happen when receipts are supplied e.g. nails, small items. Large projects are applied for generally around April when the new round of funding is available. Matthew Hodgson will discuss this further with the P3 rep. Clerk to confirm with insurance whether the P3 volunteers would be covered on the insurance if an accident were to happen.

10/005 Public Participation

Resident asked about damage to the Christmas tree and whether the security cameras had been viewed by Police. Councillor Stanton confirmed that the security cameras did show the attack on the tree.

Resident questioned whether the security cameras were a waste of time. Councillor Stanton advised that a resident had claimed to have been pushed over by a youth outside the shop over the Christmas period. Councillor Stanton viewed the images and it was clear that no youth were involved in this incident and the resident clearly just fell.

10/006 Update from County Councillors / District Councillors

No councillors present.

10/007 Training

16th February Noak Bridge Village Hall 7:15 – 9:30pm short induction course – Councillor Stanton, Bradley, Sharrard, Dalton Francis and Clerk can attend.

Council agree that Councillor from Ramsden Crays can attend at a cost of £21.00 to their parish.

12th February Audit and Risk Assessment at Great Dunmow 10:00am – 4:00pm council confirmed clerk can attend.

20th March SLCC Training Day and AGM location to be confirmed. Council confirm clerk can attend.

10/008 Parish Paths Partnership

Council agree that they wish to research into the Parish Paths Partnership and Councillor Dalton Francis to be the representative to contact Matthew Hodgkinson. Clerk to see if there is the definitive map in the office, if not clerk to purchase one. Working party agreed Councillor Bradley and Ron Francis (resident).

10/009 Finance

- a. Receipts: cheque received from EALC for training bursary for £262.50
- b. To approve payments

Payee	Details	Amount
HM Revenue and Customs	January	£90.88
Noak Bridge Comm Assoc	Hall Hire January and Feb training session	£60.00
Crystal Print	September Newsletter	£245.00
EALC	Risk and Audit Course	£54.00

10/010 Planning

10/00049/FULL 85 Bramble Tye

Proposed loft conversion incorporating hipped to gable end and rear dormer

No objections

09/00732/FULL Appeal for planning application refused on Eastfield Road by Reliant Building Contractors. First appeal submitted is being finalised, outcome should be available for next Parish Council meeting. Second appeal 09/00732/FULL outcome should be available by May. Clerk read letter sent as objection to planning application Councillors confirmed that they have no further comments to be made.

10/011 Localism scheme for future Highway Schemes

Clerk to contact Natalie Szpigelman to request a councillor from Noak Bridge Parish Council to be on the panel that considers the schemes put forward, and for that representative to have a vote. Clerk to contact Highways to see whether a footpath along Barleylands Road could be considered or whether the scheme is just for speed reduction ideas, crossings e.t.c.

10/012 Litter / dog bin problems

As a result from correspondence from residents regarding full dog bins over the Christmas period clerk contacted Bill White to find out whether they were collected over the Christmas Period and how often they are routinely emptied. Clerk has had no correspondence from Bill but Streetcare have advised that due to weather conditions over the Christmas period and Christmas shut down the service was behind. Streetcare advised that the bins are emptied at the most once a week or the least once a fortnight.

10/013 Introduction of Byelaw to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in Noak Bridge Open Space.

Correspondence received from Phil Easteal (Manager of Environmental Health and Community Safety) stating that that there has to be proof that the problems in the park are caused by the consumption of alcohol. The byelaw would need support from the relevant agencies of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and confirmation from the police that they have the resources to enforce the Byelaw. Councillor Dalton – Francis proposes the parish council continue to research into the introduction of a byelaw, all Councillors present agree.

Clerk to contact Sergeant Cath Henderson and report back.

10/014 Sunday Bus Service to Noak Bridge

Correspondence received from Andrew James (Passenger Transport Strategy Officer) with feedback from the Basildon Bus Forum meeting on 13th January. A bus inspection has been carried out and the results have found there are more users on the bus from Noak Bridge than Great Burstead. The next step is for a consultation with a suggested change of route and another bus inspection as the previous inspection was carried out on 3rd January when there was adverse weather conditions that may have affected the result. Feedback will be made to the parish council and the Bus Forum which is due to meet again on 7th April 2010.

10/015 Youth activities

Clerk reported cost of play rangers:

2 days of 5 hours for 6 weeks	£936.00
1 day of 5 hours for 6 weeks	£468.00

Play rangers will cover the cost of the van, equipment, and leaflets advertising the scheme. Councillors all agree to proceed with two days a week preferably avoiding Monday and Friday.

Councillor Bradley reported findings from Dan Cornell of Chelsea the possibility of a 5 a side tournament. Councillor Bradley reported the following:

2 FA level 1 coaches £360.00
Certificates and medals £40.00

Toilet £76.00 (awaiting quote, Councillor Dobby may know of somewhere cheaper)

West Ham quoting in March

10/016 Christmas Tree vandalism

Previously discussed the results of the security cameras under public participation. Councillor Stanton reported what was destroyed or stolen:

1 minuet (top)	£8.99
1 Merry Christmas	£4.99
5 beadings @ £2.99	£14.95
24 large balls@ £6.99	£167.76
Plastic baubles	£13.93
Total	£215.61

10/017 30th Anniversary celebration

Working party to arrange a meeting to discuss ideas for the 30th anniversary and report in March's meeting. Councillor Dalton – Francis joins working party. Council to consider dates in July to avoid residents holidays possibly in August.

10/018 Future meeting dates.

Additional meeting date agreed 12th March as Annual parish Meeting is not a voting meeting,

16th March (annual parish meeting)

2nd April (this has since been amended to 9th as 2nd is Good Friday)

7th May (AGM)

10/019 Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 10:27pm