



Noak Bridge Parish Council

Minutes

Held at Noak Bridge Village Hall, Coppice Lane, Noak Bridge SS15 4JS on

Wednesday 15th April 2026 @ 7:45pm

Present

Chairman: Cllr M Cottrell

Councillors: Cllr C Bateman, Cllr P Daft, Cllr J Dowton, Cllr L Gilliam, Cllr P Hawkins and Cllr T Sargent

In attendance: Cllr Malcom Buckley (ECC), Lynda Townend (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

40/2026 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received as all Members were present.

Basildon Borough Councillors Meyers and Allen was unable to attend the meeting.

41/2026 Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Non-pecuniary Interests by Members relating to any agenda items.

No other Declarations of Interest were made.

42/2026 Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 25 March 2026, Minutes 29/2026 to 39/2026 inclusive.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2026 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

43/2026 Public Participation Session

A member of the public reported that light number 7 in the underpass had been vandalised.

Cllr Buckley confirmed that he will report the matter and follow up with Highways regarding the installation of protective covers over the lights.

44/2026 Consultation on Planning Application 26/00296/OUT - Outline planning application for: up to 1,100 residential dwellings (Class C2 and C3), business, retail, leisure and sports uses (Class E); primary school (Class F1); community uses (Class F2); hot food takeaway (Sui Generis), open space; vehicular accesses; associated infrastructure, groundworks and engineering operations; with all matters reserved except for access to the site.

Members considered the application and a draft response.

Resolved: That Noak Bridge Parish Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

- Inappropriate development within the Green Belt, resulting in loss of openness and encroachment into the countryside
- Conflict with the adopted Noak Bridge Neighbourhood Plan, in particular its spatial strategy and policies restricting development to small-scale infill
- Overdevelopment of the site, out of keeping with the scale and character of Noak Bridge
- Significant harm to landscape character, rural setting and important views
- Risk of coalescence with neighbouring settlements
- Lack of adequate infrastructure to support the development, including pressure on healthcare, education and community facilities
- Highway safety concerns and the impact on local road networks, including increased traffic and dangerous road conditions
- Insufficient drainage provision and concerns regarding flood risk
- Loss and fragmentation of green infrastructure
- Prematurity, pending the emerging Basildon Local Plan

45/2026 Grant Application from Noak Bridge Litter Pickers

Members considered a grant application from the Noak Bridge Litter Pickers for £306.33, to cover the cost of litter-picking equipment, public liability insurance, and associated administrative costs.

Resolved: That the grant application to the Noak Bridge Litter Pickers be approved at a cost of £306.33.

46/2026 Correspondence

No correspondence was presented or discussed.

47/2026 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to take place on the 20th May 2026.

Cllr Sargent advised remedial works on the village hall are due to commence on the 18th May. She will confirm if these works are likely to impact the council using the hall for this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.58

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____