



NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL SPRING NEWSLETTER

Parish Council Website: noakbridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

NOAK BRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - NEWLY ADOPTED

The Referendum in December 2025 supported a YES vote to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan, this means it becomes the Noak Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan. All future planning applications for Noak Bridge should take into consideration: development, green space, design and views to retain and protect the unique local character of the Conservation Area and refer to the specific policies in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Link to Neighbourhood Plan Documents: <https://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/7125/Noak-Bridge-Neighbourhood-Area>



PLANNING APPLICATION 26/00171/OUT - BENSONS FARM

The planning application to grant 300 homes on Bensons Farm was heard at the planning committee on 11th March. Although the Neighbourhood Plan was referenced in the report and Councillors Sargent, Allen, Buckley and Cottrell spoke in objection regarding the lack of sufficient infrastructure or future provision of Health, Education, Highways, Air Quality, Green Belt, Flooding and Loss of Views. The committee, made up of seven members, four agreed and granted permission and three voted against. We feel it was a bad decision to grant permission when specific policies within the Neighbourhood Plan were not carefully considered and the interest of local people disregarded to allow Noak Bridge to be blatantly overdeveloped and lose its special character. It appears by classing green belt as grey belt and 50% affordable housing are the key to granting planning permission

LOCAL ELECTIONS GOING AHEAD MAY 7TH
Essex County Council & Basildon Council
Polling Station - Village Hall
from 7.00am to 10.00pm
Don't forget to take your ID
Be sure to use your



BUDGET & PRECEPT

The Budget for 2026/27 was agreed in January and the Precept set at **£41.13** per household per year

2026 PARISH MEETING DATES
7.00PM VILLAGE HALL
25th March, 22nd April Annual Parish
20th May AGM, 17th June, 15th July

FUNDING COMMUNITY PROJECTS

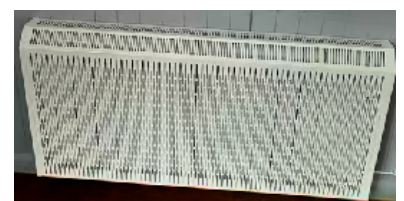
Noak Bridge community groups and organisations can apply to the parish council to fund a project that will benefit their group and the local community. Download an application form from the website or contact the clerk for a paper copy. Please let us know if you need help completing your application or need any further details. GOOD LUCK!

**ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

A recent spate of Anti Social Behaviour at the Coppice Lane Pond, Little Libraries, Village Green and the Recycling Bins is causing the villagers concern. Books were taken from the Little Libraries onto the Village Green and burnt in the rubbish bins. Rubbish is thrown into the pond, frequent dumping around the recycle bins and dog foul is left on pathways. The parish council have invested in projects for community groups who in their spare time clean up the village to make Noak Bridge a decent place to live, work and play. The Police and Basildon Council have been informed as this behaviour should not be tolerated. Please report any incidents to the Police and or Basildon Council

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BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCILLORS &	ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLORS
Basildon Borough Cllr Surgery	First Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am
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PICTURED - PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS: Christmas Lights & Tree - VE DAY Tommy - Piper - Bench - Beacon - Litter Pickers - Hanging Baskets - Hall Heating Referendum - Neighbourhood Plan - Village Cleanup - Nature Reserve Gates



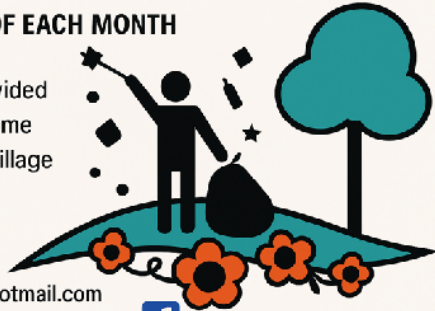
CELEBRATING NOAK BRIDGE COMMUNITY GROUPS

All community groups in Noak Bridge are run by volunteers and welcome local residents who would like to help out. The groups are highlighted below, please do contact them if you have a little time to spare, their contact details below

JOIN A LITTER-PICK

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

- Equipment provided
- Everyone welcome
- Help keep our village clean



Contact hmshill@hotmail.com for joining info



Noak Bridge Litter Pickers

NOAK BRIDGE VILLAGE PÉTANQUE CLUB



Celebrating 9 years of success, bringing sport, exercise and interaction for local people.
Contact 07802 600611 for info

NOAK BRIDGE

NATURE RESERVE SOCIETY

Contact 01268 289577 or

info@nbnrs.org.uk

Working parties held on

March 17th, April 21st.

May 19th & June 16th



A friendly group run by volunteers to care for & help protect our pond & wildlife spaces with Basildon Parks & Countryside Team.



Always looking for residents to help to clean, plant, tidy & cut back particularly around Coppice Lane pond. Contact: pat@wadsworthweb.com for info

The Village Hall is run by the Noak Bridge Community Association. If you would like to



book a Childs Party, Baby Shower, Christening, Baptism, or attend regular groups including Toddler

Group, Pilates, Slimming World, Ju Jitsu, Dancercise Parish Meetings, Cllr Surgery and Fundraising Events.

Contact terriken@aol.com or 01268 288766

NOAK BRIDGE TODDLER GROUP

Wednesday

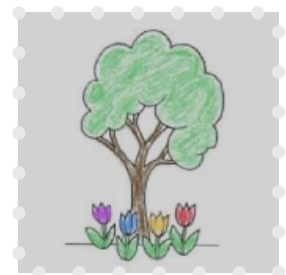
9.30am -

11.30am

(term time) £2.50 per child. Free tea, coffee & cake for adults during children's snack time.

ALL WELCOME Contact:

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Further Contact Details Can Be Found On The Parish Council Website