

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Council Meeting held at White Colne Village Hall **on Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Bond, Cllr Taylor (Chairman), Cllr Wada, Cllr Watt. Also present: Clerk P Palfreyman, Essex County Council (ECC) Cllr Siddall, Braintree District Council (BDC) Cllr Courtauld, Braintree District Council, and 2 members of the public

406.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Spray (BDC)

407.DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS ON ITEMS SHOWN ON THIS AGENDA. Cllr Wada declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application number 22/00909/OUT, as her residence is in the vicinity of the application site.

408.PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

None

409.PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

Ref. No: 22/00770/FUL Weirstock Farm Wakes Colne Road White Colne Essex CO6 2QE Change of use of equestrian barn to 1 x 3 bedroom dwellinghouse (C3 residential use).

Expiry date: Wed 27 Apr 2022

The Parish Council recommend refusal for the following reasons:

The development is outside the village envelope and goes against the Village Design Statement.

The development is accessible via an ancient single-track lane and in the open countryside which may cause light pollution.

Ref. No: 22/00799/HH Brambles Farm Brambles Lane White Colne Essex CO6 2QG Single-storey detached garage and store.

Expiry date: Wed 04 May 2022 No comments

Ref. No: 22/00909/OUT Brooms Farm Colne Park Road White Colne
Essex CO6 2QN Outline planning application with all matters reserved
for the erection of 1 dwellings. Expiry Date: Tue 10 May 2022

The Parish Council recommend refusal on the following grounds:

The current access sight lines to the development are poor. It is unclear
whether the new building covers the existing footprint.

(b) Any other planning matters raised by Members.

410.VILLAGE HALL

(a) To confirm an increase in Village Hall hire rates from 1 May 2022 as
follows:

- Party hire (any day) £15 per hour with a 3-hour minimum booking
(increase from £10 per hour with no minimum booking)
- Weekend hire £12 per hour (increase from £9 and £10 per hour)
- Weekday hire up to 6pm £9 per hour (increase from £6 per hour)
- Weekday evenings from 6pm £10 per hour (increase from £9 for
regular hirers).
- No discounted rates for regular hirers.

Following discussion the Council agreed the revised terms and charges
listed above.

411.TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RECEIVED SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Cllr Taylor advised that the Smart Key safe had been removed and stolen
from the village hall outside wall. It was agreed to purchase a new one
and anchor it in better to the harder brick with concrete.

The Hive device is now fitted and waiting for the router to be moved next
month to get a better signal.

The outstanding Village Hall debt has been paid apart from the court
charges, which the Council agreed should be pursued.

St Andrews Church has requested a donation and the Council asked to
see their accounts before deciding to make a donation.

Cllr Bond advised that the new gate for The Chase has not yet been
delivered.

There being no further business the parish council meeting closed at
8pm.