

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held at White Colne Village Hall **on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.15pm**

Present: Cllr Batchford, Cllr Bell, Cllr Drizen, Cllr Taylor (Chairman), Cllr Wilson. Also present: Clerk P Palfreyman, Braintree District Council (BDC) Cllr Courtauld and Essex County Council (ECC) Cllr Siddall and 3 members of the public.

644. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bond & Cllr Spray

645. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS ON ITEMS SHOWN ON THIS AGENDA – none

646. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS - none

647. PLANNING MATTERS24/00655/HH Catleys Barn Catley Road White Colne Essex CO6 2QQ

Proposed Replacement Garage Building Consultation date: 15 April (extended to 17 April). Comment – the Council do not object in principle to this development but are concerned that the scale of the building would allow it to be occupied as a separate property. Consequently, we would request that a condition be included tying the use of the building to Catleys Barn in order to prevent such use.

648. TO AGREE THE RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND GRANT

For the installation of solar panels, EV charger, energy boards, air source heat pump, commercial cooker and open day expenses at the village hall. The Council agreed the grant totalling £42000 which will be made by stage payments. The village hall roof will be repaired before the solar panels are installed.

649. CLERKS VACANCY

To note the clerk's resignation and subsequent vacancy. The clerk confirmed there had been four applications so far and the closing date is 19 April 2024. The applications will be sifted for interview by Zoom next week.

650. DATES OF NEXT MEETING – The meeting was immediately be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. The next Council meeting will be the Annual meeting on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm

There being no further business the parish council meeting closed at 19.30pm

