



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 4th March 2019 at the
Community Centre Great Notley**

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Ricci (Chair) Crawford, Cunningham, Heady,
Pritchard, Butland, Arthur and the Clerk

4 members of the public were present

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Councillor Griffin.

2. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting held Monday 21st May 2018.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018 were **agreed** by
Councillors as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**3. To hear from organisations that received a grant from the Parish
Council in the last financial year.**

A representative from the NGCA spoken to confirm the receipt of £1800.00
from the Parish Council towards the summer fete. It had been the best
attended fete ever raising profit of £3141.00 which had been split equally
between the Scouts and the NGCA who used their share to benefit the
voluntary groups associated with the NGCA. The next fete will be taking
place on 13th July 2019 and this year there will be a theme which will be
'Circus'. It was confirmed that the music stage will return this year.

4. Parish Council Chairman's Report on the Year.

The full Chairman's report will be published on the Parish Council website and
in a future edition of the Great Notley Times. The Chairman has only been in
post for the last 2 months and thanked the previous Chairman for his
contributions during this civic year and the Vice-Chairman for his support.
The Chairman mentioned the highlights from the last year which included the
parking restrictions adjacent to the Square at Notley Green which had been a
collaborative piece of work acting on residents' concerns and working with the
North Essex Parking Partnership. A positive response has been received to
the purchase of the Memorial bench commemorating the end of World War I.
Both the Remembrance Service and Torchlight Procession were well
attended and have become Parish fixtures. Also with the aid of a grant from
the Braintree District Council Community Grant fund a second defibrillator was
acquired for the Parish and was installed at the Church. In the next civic year

the Parish Council will continue to make representations to outside bodies. There will be a small increase in the precept equivalent to 5p a week for a band D property to cover the ongoing costs of the litter team recognising that residents expect a certain standard of cleanliness in the Parish. The Chairman thanked all Councillors, the Vice-Chairman, the Tree Warden, the Clerk and the litter team for their contributions this year.

5. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Butland confirmed that he will provide a written report but highlighted certain issues in relation to Essex County Council. The budget for the next civic year will be £939 Million. An extra one million pounds to be provided for mental health and an extra half a million for issues surrounding County Lines issues. Last year extra money was provided for potholes and this year an extra £700,000 will be provided for pavement improvements. Essex County Council's Children's services had received an outstanding rating from OFSTED. A substantial portion of the budget will cover adult social care.

6. District Councillors' Report

Councillor Cunningham reported that Braintree District Council is working towards financial independence in view of the cut backs in central Government funding. The Community Grant scheme will continue for the next 2 years. The Local Plan progresses and District Councillors recently provided a tour around this Parish to members of the Garden Community group to evidence good planning practise. Braintree District Council has acquired the Horizon 120 land which will provide an extra 2,000 jobs and the first 20 acres is due to be developed shortly. The Manor Street development is due to progress subject to planning approval.

A question was raised in relation to the potential development east of Great Notley on the other side of London Road. Councillor Cunningham confirmed that although it will not be treated as a Garden Community but rather an area of growth he is confident that the District Council has policies in place to enable appropriate development to take place so as not to adversely impact upon existing services.

7. Any other matters raised by Residents.

A representative from the NGCA thanked the Parish Council for the donation to the fete. He also complained that some of the new LED lights in the Parish are so bright as to be distracting. It was confirmed that the lights he referred to by Elsham Drive are owned by Essex County Council so the issue will be referred on by Councillor Butland to them.

He further complained in relation to a dip in the road in front of the public house and it was confirmed that this was reported to Essex County Council some time ago.

The Chairman confirmed that the financial report will be provided after year end at the May Parish Council meeting.

Meeting concluded at 7.55pm