

Minutes of the meeting of Great Notley Country Park Joint Venture Partnership Board held at Great Notley Country Park, Braintree at 2.00pm on Thursday 1 September 2022

Present:

Councillors:

G Butland (Chairman)	Essex County Council
M Durham	Essex County Council
W Schmitt	Braintree District Council

The following officers and advisors were also present in support:

Samir Pandya	Operations Strategy and Policy Manager, Braintree District Council (BDC)
Cherie Root	Corporate Director, BDC
Mark Rowley	Commercial Operations Manager, Essex County Council (ECC)
Lisa Smart	Country Parks Manager, ECC
Judith Dignum	Democratic Services Officer, ECC

1. Election of Chairman

Upon the motion of Councillor Butland, seconded by Councillor Durham and duly carried, it was

Resolved

That Councillor Wendy Schmitt be elected Chairman of the Joint Venture Partnership Board for the Municipal Year to May 2023.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Upon the motion of Councillor Schmitt, seconded by Councillor Durham and duly carried, it was

Resolved:

That Councillor Graham Butland be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Joint Venture Partnership Board for the Municipal Year to May 2023.

3. Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

The Board received the report on Membership, Apologies and Declarations and it was noted that:

1. The membership of the Board was as shown in the report.
2. Apologies had been received from Councillor F Ricci (Braintree District Council, Claire Bunn (Park Manager, Essex County Council) and Paul Partridge (Head of Operations, Braintree District Council).

Provision of Allotments at Great Notley Country Park

(Councillor Butland declared an interest in this item – minute 3 above refers).

The Operations Policy and Strategy Manager (BDC) updated the Board on the latest position regarding the provision of allotments for the parish of Great Notley on land within the Country Park (as supported by the Board at its previous meeting in December 2020). Although the land originally earmarked for the allotments had proved unsuitable, a new site near the football pitches had now been identified and was being progressed. The result of a soil survey was awaited and would determine whether or not it would be possible to proceed to the pre-planning stage. Legal input would eventually be required from ECC, BDC and the Parish Council to facilitate transfer of the land to the Parish Council.

In response to a question, it was noted that there was a good water supply to the site.

The update was noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.10pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Schmitt', is positioned above the printed name of the Chairman.

**Chairman
3 April 2023**