

# Brightwell, Foxhall & Purdis Farm Parish Council

## Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012

### Report of the Parish Clerk

The purpose of this report is to update members on outstanding issues, items received after the deadline for agenda items, correspondence and action taken by the Clerk.

#### Grit Heaps / Bins

The licences for the six grit bins to be located in Purdis Farm and Foxhall have now been received from Suffolk County Council.

#### Budget Setting 2013/2014

Additional information has been received from Suffolk Association of Local Councils which has been distributed to councillors however we have not received a definite answer on the possible impact on parish councils on the changes to the council tax. Suffolk Association of Local Councils are advising that grants will be given to district councils to compensate parish and town councils in their area for the amount equivalent to the additional sum that household will be charged owing to the changes. This grant is discretionary and we are advised to contact the district council and ask how they are intending to process the grant over to the council.

#### Traffic Regulation Order for the A1156 Felixstow Road (service roads near to the Shepherd & Dog)

Aaron Gordon Suffolk County Council has advised that they have received objections to the proposal and therefore need to write a report for the Rights of Way Committee. This report will include the recent TRO amendment made by the Parish Council and the proposal will now be No Waiting 8.00 am – 6.00 pm Monday to Friday except for Public Holidays. The Committee considers both rights of way and traffic management proposals that are contested. The Committee's recommendations are then reported to the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Guy McGregor, for the Council's final decision on the proposals. The date of the committee meeting will be the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013. The meeting agenda can be found at the appropriate time (normally 5 days before the meeting) on the SCC website on the following link together with the procedure for those wishing to speak at the meeting.

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/your-council/decision-making/committees/rights-of-way-committee/>

#### Paws on Patrol

Paws on Patrol is an initiative by police in local areas. It is described as a Safer Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for dog owners. The idea behind Paws on Petrol is that dog owners in general will be out with their dogs most days and therefore are far more likely to witness crime, anti-social behaviour or anything suspicious in their areas. This initiative has already been launched in Rushmere and Kesgrave and PC Paul Smith will be liaising with the officer in Kesgrave with a view to holding an event in the New Year to promote in Purdis Farm.

#### Thefts from Sainsbury's Charity Donation Bins

I contacted Oxfam Head Office and have been corresponding with Howard Smith Customer Service who will be visiting the store in the near future. I have suggested that it might be beneficial if a councillor is available to meet with Howard.

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