

**Brightwell, Foxhall& Purdis Farm Group Parish Council**  
**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 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.

Code of Conduct

We have now received further communication from SALC as follows which we need to consider adopting at July 2012 Parish Council Meeting.

The communication reads as follows:

“Your council is obliged in law to adopt a Code which will apply from 1 July 2012. You will appreciate that this is required by national legislation and the implementing regulations have only recently been laid. This has given a limited amount of time for creation of supporting documents for your council. These include the Suffolk Code which you can choose to adopt. The feedback from SALC area meetings is that councils are minded to adopt this Suffolk Code. The supporting documents and Suffolk Code were prepared through a partnership of SALC and the County, District and Borough Monitoring Officers and have been provided at the earliest opportunity.

Please bear in mind that you can adopt a different Code which fulfils the required criteria. However, there is a risk of inconsistency across the County if you do so. The Monitoring Officers and SALC will be in a better position to advise you on the Suffolk Code than on any other Code that you choose to adopt. In addition, it is important to note that in relation to the Suffolk Code there is an agreement on a process which maximises the potential for consistent advice and determination of complaints.

The documents attached, as promised, are the Suffolk Code including the definition of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and the register of interests, guidance notes and a flowchart on declarations of interest.

The Suffolk Code states that a councillor with a pecuniary interest must leave the room and not take part in the council's debate and vote on the relevant matter.

The register of interests must be filled in by each councillor. They must include their own pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and must also include the pecuniary interests of their spouse/partner with whom they live. The register of interests will need to be filled in within 28 days of the relevant day (July 1 2012) and returned to the clerk and a copy provided to the Monitoring Officer. The definition of each interest is explained within Part 2 of the Suffolk Code. “

Surface Dressing Programme

We have received an email from Surface Treatments Team at Suffolk County Council as follows:

“As you will be aware our surface dressing programme is underway and shall continue through to the end of August. Through improvements and developments in the use of our new programming tool, we can now provide a surface dressing programme of works on our website.

Please go to the following link for general information regarding surface dressing, at the end of this paragraph there is a link to the programme.

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/environment-and-transport/roads-pavements-bridges-and-cycleways/roadworks/surface-dressing>

Alternatively you can click on the link below to go to the programme by selecting the appropriate district.

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/environment-and-transport/roads-pavements-bridges-and-cycleways/roadworks/surface-dressing-programme/>

Unfortunately the wet weather has delayed the programme so far. We will endeavour to keep this programme up to date on a weekly basis, the immediate two weeks should be fairly accurate. However please be aware these dates may change at short notice and are subject to dry and warm weather conditions.

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