

**Brightwell, Foxhall & Purdis Farm Group Parish Council**  
**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**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.

Brightwell Footpath 9 and 10

An email has been received from Waldringfield Parish Council regarding Footpaths 9 and 10 being designated as bridleways. Information has been sent to the Parish Council detailing the process of changing the status and also explained to the Waldringfield that they will need to undertake the work to make this happen but Brightwell, Foxhall & Purdis Farm will submit the application on their behalf.

Light Pollution Issue re John Banks Honda

An email was received from Cllr Day stating that he had spoken to Naomi Goold Planning Officer Suffolk Coastal District Council as there seems to have been no progress on this for several months. Naomi Goold is stating that no action can be taken by the SCDC Planning. The reason being that although planning was initially refused for the lights, the planning authority has never enforced this by ordering the removal of the lights and so it seems after four years the lights can be turned on and no action can be taken against them on planning grounds. Naomi suggested that Highways could take the matter up on grounds of light pollution on the road (A1156) and believed that this was being investigated as she had passed the issue over to them.

I have emailed David Chenery Suffolk County Council Highways who is now investigating this issue.

Off Shore Wind Farm

This document has been circulated to all members of the Parish Council but although I received the documents back within timescale no comments were received.

Newsletter Therese Coffey MP

An email newsletter has been received from Therese Coffey for February 2013 which has been circulated to all members of the Parish Council.

A1156 Service Road Restriction of Waiting Order 201

Confirmation has been received from Suffolk County Council that the above has been approved and Highways are in the process of putting the restrictions in place.

Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2013/2014

The Department for Communities and Local Government has today confirmed that the appropriate sum for Parish Councils in England for the purposes of Section 137 (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the 1972 Act") for 2013-2014 is £6.98.

This is the amount that results from increasing the amount of 2013-2013 (£6.80) by the percentage increase in the Retail Prices Index between September 2011 and September 2012 (of 2.6%), in accordance with Schedule 12b to the 1972 Act.

### Are you feeling cold this winter or struggling to pay for home heating?

The Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People scheme may be able to help you make heating and energy improvements to your home this winter. We would like to offer you a **free home energy survey** carried out by an **independent surveyor**.

The survey will assess whether you qualify for **FREE** insulation, draught proofing or other energy efficiency measures. The independent surveyor will tell you what energy improvements you could benefit from and what offers are available to you. During the survey you will be advised on any quick and easy measures you can take to help reduce your fuel bills. If you are struggling to pay for home heating or having problems with your existing heating system then you may qualify for **financial support**. The scheme could also provide you with free use of a Temperature Sensor and Telecare Alarm Unit that raises an alarm if the temperature in your home gets too low.

You could qualify for the free survey if you own or privately rent your home and:

- someone living in the property is over 60 or under 5 years old **or**
- someone living in the property is in receipt of a disability or means tested benefit **or**
- the property is within Council Tax band A, B and C

To book a survey, all you have to do is call **08456 037 686** (Local rate- lines open between Monday-Friday 9 - 5pm). Survey appointments are available evenings and weekends, as well as during the day. So make this winter more comfortable by acting now.

The scheme is funded by the Department of Health and administered by your local authority and aims to make people warmer and healthier in their own homes.

### Insurance Policy

The Parish Council insurers (through Suffolk Acre) have been advised that we have purchased an additional 6 grit bins and the Brightwell seat. This will mean an extra premium on the cost of our insurance of £16.51.

### Club House, Former Civil Service Sports Ground, Straight Road, Foxhall

Daniel Kinsman Environmental Health Officer Suffolk Coastal District Council is investigating the state of the premises. If Parish Council concerns are justifiable they will take action to secure the premises and will make contact with the owners of the site.

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