

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park on Wednesday, 13th July 2011

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman
Cllr A Wells
Cllr A Day
Cllr E Lawrence
Cllr J Booth
Cllr B Newell
Cllr P Smith
Cllr V Falconer – Suffolk Coastal District Council
PCSO Andrew Hillman
Sergeant Harper
Mrs A J Buggs – Clerk
1 member of the public

132.11 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Hammond, Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk Coastal District Council / Suffolk County Council and Pc Paul Smith.

133.11 Declaration of interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

134.11 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 8th June 2011 were approved as being a true record and signed by the Chairman.

135.11 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

136.11 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

- Suffolk Police – PC Paul Smith – written report
- Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk Coastal District Council / Suffolk County Council – written report
- Cllr V Falconer – Suffolk Coastal District Council – written report

The meeting was re-convened.

137.11 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and it was agreed that some of the items should be discussed as per the agenda.

Infrastructure Planning Commission

The Infrastructure Planning Commission (the IC) has received a revised Scoping Report for the above project. An earlier report was submitted to the IPC in September 2010. That report has now been updated to provide more detailed information regarding the on-shore elements of the project. The off-shore elements remain unchanged.

The revised report can be accessed on www.independent.gov.uk/infrastructure under Projects - Eastern.

The IPC is entitled to assume that you do not have any comments to make on the information to be provided in the environment statement (Regulation 8 (11)), if you have not responded to this letter by 2nd August 2011. Any responses to the IPC regarding the scoping report should be sent preferably electronically to ipcscopingopinion@infrastructure.gis.gov.uk.

Magical Marshes

Suffolk Coastal District Council are holding an event entitled "Magical Marshes: An Event for all the Family, Snape Maltings, Snape, Sunday 24th July 2011 – 11 am – 5 pm which is an outdoor children's festival, to start the school holidays with a wonderful mixture of fun and creativity.

Waldringfield Quarry, Heath Road, Brightwell, Ipswich IP10 0BL

Suffolk County Council's Development Control Committee will be undertaking a site inspection on the 15th July 2011 to consider the two following Scenarios:

Scenario 1:

Extraction of sand and gravel from land forming extensions to Waldringfield Quarry with phased relocation of plant site and stockpiling area followed by a phased handover for residential development.

Scenario 2:

Extraction of sand and gravel and landfilling with inert waste materials from land forming extensions to Waldringfield Quarry with continued use of existing plant site and stockpiling area followed by phased restoration back to an agricultural use with enhanced biodiversity interest.

You are invited to attend the site inspection which will start at approximately 2.30 pm at the Waldringfield Quarry site offices located off Heath Road.

Response to LDF – Reviewed Core Strategy – July 2011

The Reviewed Core Strategy and Development Management Policies' document is due to be considered by a Full Council Meeting on 27th July 2011 at Trinity Park. The report for this meeting and the associated appendices can be downloaded via <http://suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/default.htm> prior to the meeting.

The meeting is to discuss and consider the "Revised Core Strategy and Development Management Policies", which went out to public consultation between November 2010 and January 2011.

Temporary Closure of Part of Bridleway 12, Brightwell

The bridleway will be closed from 11th to the 15th July 2011 for safety reasons during works to re-drill monitoring boreholes.

East Anglian ONE Offshore Windfarm Proposal – Request for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion for Electrical Transmission Works

In late 2009 Scottish Power Renewables and Vattenfall Wind Power were awarded rights to develop offshore wind projects off the coast of East Anglia as part of the Crown Estate's Round 3 offshore wind programme.

The original East Anglia ONE Scoping Report and the IPC response are available to download from EAOW's website <http://www.eastangliawind.com/>.

Public information days regarding these works are being held at Felixstowe's Town Hall and Ipswich IP City Centre on 20th and 21st July 2011 respectively.

138.11 Co-option of councillors - progress

Cllr Warham reported that some of the letters which had been produced to advertise the Parish Councillor vacancies had already been distributed within the parish. Cllr Warham asked for councillors to distribute the remainder of the letters. Councillors reported that two enquiries had been received from parishioners to stand for co-option to the Parish Council.

139.11 Locality Budget

The Clerk reported that the Locality Budget would be £2,000. However, Cllr O'Brien is suggesting that £400 is allocated towards the cost of the parking restrictions adjacent to Sainsbury's garage which would leave a budget of £1,600.

Following discussion Cllr Newell put forward the suggestion that a bench style village seat be purchased for Brightwell and a waste bin. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the cost and report back to the next meeting.

140.11 Sainsbury's roundabout

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Joshua White Highway Network Improvement Services Suffolk County Council enclosing a map of the proposed restrictions at Sainsbury's garage. As a result of a meeting with PC Paul Smith, Sainsbury's Garage Manager, Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish Council it was agreed to put down a 'KEEP CLEAR' marking across the entrance of the forecourt to help prevent vehicles sitting on the westbound lane on Murrills Road. The proposed parking restrictions include for double yellow lines outside of the petrol station on both sides of the road to help improve the traffic flow on Murrills Road.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should reply also requesting that the road marking be changed so the left hand lane on the Felixstowe Road approaching Sainsbury's roundabout from Ipswich be marked left hand turn only and that the right hand lane should be marked straight on or right hand turn only. Similarly, when leaving Sainsbury's, at the roundabout the left hand lane should be marked left hand turn only and the right hand lane to go straight on or right hand turn only.

141.11 Trees – Felixstowe Road

Cllr Wells reported that he had met with Martin Minta, Arboricultural Officer Suffolk Coastal District Council on the 17th June to discuss the trees in Felixstowe Road. Only two of the trees in the layby are not owned by Suffolk County Council Highways Department. Martin Minta is more concerned about the woodland adjacent to the Oaks. Martin Minta suggested that reference to the woodland should be included in the Parish Plan.

142.11 Notice Boards

Brightwell

Cllr Newell reported that plans for the positioning of the notice board were well in hand and it was agreed that the Clerk should provide Cllr Newell with details of the tradesman (Mr Smith), who it had been agreed at a previous meeting, would erect the notice board. Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Smith that Mr Smith be approached to erect the new notice board and remove the old one.

Murrills Road – Graffiti

The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received from the manufacturers of the notice board for the cost of providing new Perspex which had been damaged by graffiti. Due to the high cost of replacement it was agreed that Cllr Wells should investigate alternative options and report back to the next meeting in September.

143.11 Fly Tipping

The Clerk reported that unfortunately over the last three weeks we have had a number of incidents of fly tipping within our parishes and neighbouring parishes. If parish councillors witness or see any fly tipping please report it to Suffolk Coastal District Council and keep a note of dates and times. If possible it would be useful to have a photographic record.

144.11 Railway Noise

Cllr Day reported that he had contacted Rail Track on a number of occasions however as far as they are concerned because they have received no other complaints there is not a problem. Cllr Day suggested that although no other complaints have been received from other members of the public it is highly likely that people along the railway line route are experiencing problems with noise but are “putting up with it”. Cllr Day said he would write a letter to the East Anglian Daily Times and Evening Star asking whether anybody else is being affected and if so to reply to his letter. He suggested that another option might be to write to Ipswich Borough Council and the Enforcement Officer at Suffolk Coastal District Council.

145.11 Felixstowe Road – Service Road

Cllr Day reported that he had contacted Suffolk County Council Highway’s Department regarding the parking restrictions. Highways are suggesting double yellow lines or possibly single yellow lines with parking restrictions and ‘no parking signs’ every 60 metres both sides of the service road but local residents would need to be consulted.

Cllr Day said that he had contacted twenty local residents outlining the various options; fourteen preferred single yellow lines with limited waiting, one wrote a two page letter which stated an absolute no to any change and four did not respond.

146.11 Wind Turbines

Cllr Newell reported that she was concerned that a Lowestoft company are contacting farmers in the area encouraging them to install wind turbines on their land as a way of generating extra income. Cllr Newell explained the reasons for her concern about the installation of wind turbines particularly as the area is of outstanding natural beauty. An application was recently withdrawn for two 61 metre high wind turbines to be installed at Foxburrow Farm however it is expected that this application will be resubmitted shortly following amendments.

147.11 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses June 2011	
HMRC – PAYE Payment	£151.80
SALC – New Councillor's Course Cllr Brenda Newell	£25.00
Printer's Invoice (Cllr A Day)	£48.00

Cllr Wells proposed, seconded Cllr Booth that the expenditure should be approved – agreed.

Internal Audit

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit had been successfully completed and the following items were noted by the Parish Council.

- To review Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.
- To review Fidelity Cover in line with the recommended guidelines of year end balances plus 50% of the precept.
- To review the Risk Assessment on an annual basis.

Following discussions it was agreed that on the recommendations of the Clerk that Heather Heelis of Heelis & Lodge should remain the Parish Council's auditor for the financial year 2011/2012.

Donations

Cllr Smith declared an interest for this item and did not take part in any discussions or voting.

The Clerk reported that the following requests for donations had been received by the council:

East Anglian Sailing Trust
Victim Support
Headway
Home Start Suffolk Coastal
Age Concern

Ipswich Disabled Advice Bureau
Disability Advice Service

Cllr Day proposed, seconded Cllr Wells that a donation of £80.00 should be made to each of the organisations listed. It was agreed that these payments should only be made if the total amount does not exceed the funds available as part of the proceeds of the Recycling Credits.

Parish Council Website

The Clerk reported that Bob Brander would like to discontinue maintaining the Parish Council website and had suggested that the website be set up on One Suffolk. Bob felt that this would be a better site for the Parish Council because documents could be posted using documents produced in Microsoft Word instead of using HTML language. Councillors agreed to this proposal.

148.11 Correspondence

All correspondence had been dealt with previously.

149.11 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

Cllr Day reported on the Open Event he had attended at Felixstowe Port which had proved to be very informative.

150.11 Planning

There were no planning applications to be considered.

151.11 Members questions to the Chairman

None

152.11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14th September 2011

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed Date.....

Angie Buggs
Clerk to Brightwell, Foxhall & Purdis Farm Group Parish Council