

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park on Wednesday, 9th February 2011

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman
Cllr J Briggs
Cllr A Wells
Cllr R Brander
Cllr A Day
Cllr E Lawrence
Cllr J Booth
Cllr R Pratt
Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk Coastal District Council / Suffolk County Council
Mrs A J Buggs – Clerk
2 members of the public

27.11 Apologies for absence

Cllr P Smith
Cllr A Thomas
Cllr V Falconer – Suffolk Coastal District Council

28.11 Declaration of interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

29.11 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 12th January 2011 were approved as being a true record and signed by the Chairman.

30.11 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

31.11 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

- Suffolk Police – SNT Co-ordinator Paul Smith – written report
- Suffolk Coastal District Council – Cllr Veronica Falconer
- Suffolk County Council / Suffolk Coastal District Council – Cllr P O'Brien – written report

Cllr Lawrence asked Cllr O'Brien what Suffolk County Council would be doing with the £50 million they have on reserve. Cllr O'Brien said that she would investigate and report back to the next meeting.

The meeting was re-convened.

31.11 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.

30 miles per hour Activated Sign

James Davison Road Safety Officer Engineering at Suffolk County Council had been contacted concerning the above.

James said that they were installing a number of speed activated signs in Suffolk which are designed to slow traffic down on a particular road in the same way as Murrills Road. James said that activated signs cannot be used to slow down traffic approaching a zebra crossing. James also said that if there are issues relating to drivers not stopping for the crossing these issues should be raised with the police because drivers would be breaking the law and it should not be down to a speed activated sign to try to stop drivers not stopping at the crossing.

Highways have consulted with neighbours by sending out letters so local residents are aware of the situation.

SCC has thoroughly investigated the location and there are certain points where they cannot install a sign due to the grass verge etc.

The Clerk also reported that she had received an email from PC Paul Smith regarding Mr Burley's complaint concerning speeding vehicles in Murrills Road. PC Smith has forwarded the complaint to the Community Speed Watch Suffolk County Council link who have new guidelines and protocol for all speeding complaints.

Pedestrian Crossing Lights – Murrills Road

The light bulbs in the down lights on the pedestrian crossing have now been changed to the same colour.

New Service for SALC Members

SALC is facilitating an email group for councils that wish to correspond with each other on taking on additional services from other public service providers. Although, as it is topical, this is primarily dealing with Suffolk County Council's divestment programme (libraries, open spaces, etc), it will also incorporate delegated services such as toilets, leisure facilities, etc. The Parish Council can sign up for this service if required.

Recycling Bank Provision

As part of their spending review, Suffolk Coastal District Council is streamlining the service of the provision and management of the recycling bank network. For this reason, it has been decided to cease the provision of recycling banks for paper and cans with effect from 1st April 2011. Residents are urged to continue to recycle paper and cans by making full use of the kerbside service.

Litter Action – Spring Clean Suffolk 2011

Suffolk Coastal District Council have joined with organisations to initiate Spring Clean Suffolk with the aim of the people of Suffolk helping to clean up our County and to address the culture of throwing litter down in our towns, villages, roads and countryside.

The Council is facilitating various litter-pick initiatives and is encouraging organisations and individuals to participate in what promises to be a range of well supported events.

If the Parish Council would like to organise a litter-pick then Suffolk Coastal District Council would be pleased to offer assistance.

Advertising Banners J Sainsburys

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Department regarding the large number of advertising banners at the Sainsbury's site.

National Grid seeks views on its approach to undergrounding cables

A News Release has been received from SALC regarding the undergrounding of cables. Unfortunately we have only just received this document. The consultation period lasts until the 16th March 2011 and the National Grid would like feedback before publishing their revised approach to undergrounding in April.

32.11 Sewage pumping station adjacent to 199 Bucklesham Road

CLlr Warham reported that since the work on the sewage pumping station had been completed, no further complaints had been received.

33.11 Sainsbury's roundabout complaint / Yellow Hatchings – Sainsbury's roundabout

The Clerk reported that a report had been received from PC Paul Smith stating that Mr Burley had contacted him regarding the parking outside and opposite the Sainsbury's garage. PC Smith said that he had contacted Angie Rapley Suffolk County Council Highways. Whilst Angie Rapley appreciates that it may be thought that yellow lines may resolve the problem unfortunately there is no funding at the moment for this project. However, there may be funding available for small schemes from April but this request will have to be assessed against all the other requests for the area. With reduced funding at all levels she would not be able to confirm that this scheme would be promoted. However, this scheme has been added to the list of possible schemes. The issue of hatched markings at the roundabout has also been discussed with Angie Rapley but the same position would apply.

Following discussions it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Angie Rapley stating that the area outside the garage is a bus route but there are no keep clear signs.

CLlr Adrian suggested that it might be worth while approaching J Sainsbury for funding for yellow lines.

34.11 Murrills Road Play Area

The Clerk reported that no further complaints had been received.

35.11 Lay-by A1156

The Clerk reported that PC Paul Smith had spoken to Jason Skilton Suffolk County Council Highways network improvements who states that as only one complaint has been received he is not in a position to consider the use and expense of public money to remedy the current position but would consider revisiting it if further complaints were to be received.

Jenny Woods parishioner who was present at the meeting agreed to endeavour to collect further evidence to put forward to Suffolk County Council. Evidence needs to be collected over a period of 2 months.

36.11 Purdis Farm Railway Noise

Cllr Day reported that he had spoken to Network Rail who had agreed to send somebody out to his house to listen to the vibration.

Cllr Day said that he had contacted Paul Geater Evening Star who had expressed some interest and that he would be writing a formal letter to the Evening Star with a view to having the letter published.

37.11 Trees – Felixstowe Road

The Clerk reported that no further information had been received from Martin Minta Suffolk Coastal District Council. It was agreed to refer this item until the next meeting.

38.11 Cars Parked in the Service Road Felixstowe Road (opposite John Banks Honda Garage)

Cllr Day reported that the situation had significantly improved and that some of the cars from John Banks were being parked at Admiral Windows. Cllr Brander reported that Chris Busby Trinity Park would be happy to discuss leasing a piece of land to John Banks if they were to approach him.

39.11 Valley Works

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint from a parishioner concerning the use of Valley Works for Hammond lorries who are going into the site 24/7. Hammonds collects abandoned cars off the highway for disposal. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Patsy Dobson Planning Officer and Cllr Veronica Falconer Suffolk Coastal District Council concerning the complaint. A reply has been received from Cate Buck Enforcement Officer Suffolk Coastal District Council stating that she would be happy to revisit the site but that unless a breach of planning control is occurring, all that could be done would be to bring to the attention of the site owners the planning conditions attached to the site in relation to working hours, etc. Cate Buck has agreed to report back to the Parish Council when she has revisited the site.

Cate Buck has stated that if working hours are being breached, in order to take further action, the Council will require the complainants to fill out diary sheets over a number of weeks to prove that this is the case.

It was agreed that councillors would give copies of the diary sheets to the complainants to ask them to gather evidence to pass to the Enforcement Officer.

40.11 Rout Farm

The Clerk reported that Patsy Dobson Planning Officer Suffolk Coastal District Council had visited the site again and as a result had sent a Planning Contravention Notice (PCN) to Mr Rout regarding the caravans at the rear of Orwell Crossing Lorry Park and has 21 days to respond.

41.11 2001 Elections

The Clerk reported that she had agreed to receive and deliver nominations. It is the intention of Suffolk Coastal District Council to send the Notice of Election to the Clerk to display on 18th March 2011. The nomination packs will be despatched to the Clerk at the beginning of March to ensure they were available to anyone wishing to stand. This will mean that nominations can be prepared well in advance of the Notice of Election.

The Clerk has been given the 30th March 2011 at 11.30 am as the date when all nominations have to be delivered to Suffolk Coastal District Council so councillors who are intending to stand for office again need to put a note in their diaries to make sure that the Clerk receives their nominations back before the 30th March. The Clerk will send a reminder by email during the preceding week. As soon as the nomination papers are received copies will be distributed to councillors.

42.11 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses January 2011.

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

43.11 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that all correspondence received had been forwarded to councillors during the month.

44.11 Meetings attended by councillors/Clerk

None.

45.11 Planning

Suffolk Showground

Cllr Brander reported that Trinity Park Events were currently looking at whether they should apply for a single licence for a number of events this year or a general licence. It was proposed by Cllr Brander, seconded Cllr Wells that the Parish Council should write to Suffolk Coastal District Council and Cllr Veronica Falconer stating that the Parish Council would prefer a single licence for a number of events be granted.

Cllr Brander reported that Trinity Park Events had also agreed to carry out remedial work to a number of the trees around the showground.

Blue Cross

Cllr Brander said that Blue Cross have agreed to sound proof the dog runs as well as the kennels. Blue Cross are also discussing with Trinity Park Events the possible use of the showground for walking the dogs.

45.11 Members questions to the Chairman

None.

46.11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 9th March 2011 at Trinity Park preceded by a Planning Meeting at 7.15 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting to receive questions from members of the public.

The meeting was re-convened.

47.11 Parish Plan

Cllr Lawrence reported that an Action Plan needed to be created and that he had been sent a template by Suffolk Acre and that the Parish Plan needed to be produced in the format of the template. Cllr Lawrence stated that the Parish Plan should be completed by the end of March but that he was hoping for an extension.

Cllr Wells said that Cllr Lawrence should be congratulated for his hard work.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

SignedDate

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