

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park on Wednesday, 9th March 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 Smith
Cllr A Thomas
Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk Coastal District Council / Suffolk County Council
Cllr V Falconer – Suffolk Coastal District Council
PCSO Andrew Hillman
Mrs A J Buggs – Clerk
1 members of the public

48.11 Apologies for absence

Pc Paul Smith

49.11 Declaration of interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

50.11 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 9th February 2011 were amended as followed and approved as being a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Item 45.11 Planning

...the Parish Council would prefer a single licence for a number of named events in one year be granted.

...the possible use of an area of land for walking the dogs.

51.11 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

52.11 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

- Suffolk Police - PCSO Andrew Hillman – verbal report

Zebra Crossing Lights

PCSO Andrew Hillman stated that there is no legal colour for the lights on zebra crossings as long as it is well illuminated.

- Suffolk Coastal District Council – Cllr Veronica Falconer – written report
- Suffolk County Council / Suffolk Coastal District Council – Cllr P O'Brien – written report

The meeting was re-convened.

53.11 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.

'Fit Villages'

Rural communities are being given the opportunity to get more active thanks to a new initiative about to be launched by Suffolk Sport.

'Fit Villages' gives villages the chance to run subsidised sporting and physical activity sessions from local facilities such as village halls, community centres and recreation grounds thanks to support from national and local funding bodies. For further information, please email henry.app@suffolksport.com call 01394 444289 or visit www.suffolksport.com/fitvillages.

Air Quality Management and New Development 2011 – Supplementary Guidance

Suffolk County Council is organising a Joint Consultation exercise on behalf of all the Suffolk local authorities for the Suffolk Air Quality Management Group's draft "Air Quality and New Development 2011 – Supplementary Guidance" document.

Copies of the relevant documents can be found on www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations and also an on line survey for responses. The consultation period will close on Tuesday, 26th April 2011.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan 2011-2014

As part of Suffolk County Council Integrated Risk Management Planning (RMP) process we are carrying out a public consultation on proposals to change the way we deliver some parts of our service to the community. Parish Councils are important stakeholders and through this consultation we want you to have your say on the future of the Fire and Rescue Service in Suffolk.

The questionnaire together with more about IRMP process and contextual information about proposals affecting Felixstowe, Haverhill and Ipswich can be completed online on our website at www.suffolk.gov.uk/IRMP. The consultation period runs until the 5th May 2011.

Suffolk Village of the Year 2011

The Village of the Year Competition 2011 is open to villages with up to 500 local government electors. An entry does not have to be completed in the name of the Parish Council and can be completed by another local organisation who will then take on the lead role.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Jim Selby Suffolk County Council regarding the alleged breach of planning control.

**54.11 Sainsbury's roundabout complaint
Yellow Hatchings – Sainsbury's roundabout**

The Clerk reported that she had written to Angie Rapley Suffolk County Council explaining that whilst the Parish Council appreciated her previous comments concerning lack of funds available to create yellow lines and hatchings; the Parish Council would like to point out that the area outside the garage is a bus route but there are no clear signs to stop either parking or blocking the highway when traffic is turning into the garage.

However, a reply had been received from Angie Rapley stating that whilst the comments of the Parish Council are appreciated and a note of them will be placed on file, she had reiterated her comments that no funds are available to do any work at this location at the present time.

55.11 Parish Plan

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Annette Gray Suffolk Acre regarding her request for the Parish Plan to be completed by the end of March 2011. The letter was intended to encourage Steering Groups to complete the project as soon as possible and was not intended to cause Steering Groups to abandon the project because the deadline is unachievable. Annette suggested that new volunteers should be encouraged to sit on the Steering Group in order to complete the project.

Following discussions Cllr Day proposed, seconded Cllr Booth that a new committee should be set up as follows: Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Day, Cllr Warham, Cllr Wells and Cllr Warham. It was also agreed that Cllr Warham should contact Margaret Davies and Cllr Wells to contact Brenda Newall to see if they would be prepared to be part of the new committee. It was agreed that the Clerk should circulate a copy of the Draft Parish Plan and to arrange a meeting of the committee to agree an Action Plan.

56.11 Lay-by A1156

Cllr Warham reported that she had received a photograph from Cllr Day showing a sign which clearly shows that the lay-by adjacent to Admiral Windows cannot be used between midnight – 7 am and 8 pm and midnight which it was felt could be used as evidence for the lay-by nearer to J Sainsburys.

57.11 Quality of Life Scheme

Cllr O'Brien had previously emailed the Clerk stating that she was awaiting confirmation of the amount that she could spend on the Quality of Life Scheme for minor traffic management projects and that she would appreciate a list of any schemes that the Parish Council would consider appropriate.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to propose that a SID be installed in the opposite direction to the existing one in Murrills Road and that a SID be installed in both directions on the Bucklesham Road between the Suffolk Showground and the Ipswich Golf Club and the Ipswich Golf Club and St Augustine's Roundabout. The Parish Council would also like to propose that the yellow markings to avoid parking and waiting outside Sainsbury's Garage Warren Heath which Angie Rapley Suffolk County Council has indicated may resolve the problem of traffic hold-ups.

58.11 SID Murrills Road

30 miles per hour Activated Sign

The 30 mph activated sign was installed in Murrills Road (eastbound) on the 17th February 2011. Subsequently an email was received from a parishioner who had been monitoring the activation of the sign.

As a result of this monitoring the parishioner posed the following questions as to what action the Parish Council is proposing to take:

1. Monitor the success/failure of the sign to bring traffic speeds within the 30 mph speed limit eastbound?
2. Deal with those motorists that ignore the sign?
3. Bring traffic speeds westbound within the 30 mph speed limit of Murrills Road?

The parishioner also went on to state that the Parish Council should be reminded that at the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th March 2010, under the Quality of Life Scheme, the Parish Council agreed to put forward a proposal (amongst others) for the illuminated 30 mph signs on Murrills Road in both directions.

In answer to the parishioner's comments:

The Police state that the sign is for education purposes only and that they cannot take action against a motorist as the SID is not evidence of a speeding offence being committed. Additionally, we have been informed by the Police that it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to undertake the policing of the speed on the road and we can only inform the Police of the parishioner's comments.

With regard to the comment that the Parish Council agreed to put forward a proposal for illuminated 30 mph signs on Murrills Road in both directions. The Parish Council did put forward a proposal under the Quality of Life Scheme for a SID in both directions but this was turned down by Suffolk County Council. However, one of the schemes requested by Cllr O'Brien did not go ahead and we were offered a SID to be installed in one direction only and the Parish Council were pleased to accept the offer made by Cllr O'Brien.

59.11 Purdis Farm Railway Noise

Cllr Day reported that although Rail Track had promised to arrange to send somebody out from Ipswich depot to monitor the noise there had been no further contact. It was agreed that this item should be deferred until the next meeting.

60.11 Trees – Felixstowe Road

The Clerk reported that she had not received a reply from Mr Minta. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact John Kelso Martlesham Parish Council who was also having problems getting Mr Minta to take action over some trees in their parish. It was agreed that the Clerk should also write to the Chief Executive of Suffolk Coastal District Council regarding this issue.

61.11 Valley Works / Routs Farm

Nothing further to report. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Suzanne Buck Suffolk Coastal District Council stating that if restrictions were in place with regard to Valley Works why action is not being taken by the District Council.

62.11 Annual Parish Meeting May 2011

The Parish Council discussed various options for speakers for the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Brander that Christine Bond Commercial Manager Trinity Park is asked to give a presentation.

63.11 2011 Elections

All councillors will by now have received a nomination paper to put forward for the Parish Elections in May 2011. If any councillors know of anybody who would like a copy please let the Clerk know so that they can receive a copy of the nomination papers. As a reminder completed nomination papers need to be back to the Clerk before the 30th March 2011.

64.11 Finance

Income

Recycling Credits

£138.32

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses March 2011

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

PAYE

The Clerk reported that Parish Councils have been notified by HMRC that as from the 6th April 2011 all employees of Parish Councils must be paid through the PAYE scheme and can no longer be regarded as self-employed. This fact was noted by the Parish Council.

65.11 Correspondence

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

66.11 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

None

67.11 Planning

The Planning Committee considered the following applications:

PC No 975

SCDC Application No: C11/0309 Part Rear Garden of Redcot, Elmham Drive, Foxhall – Use of land for the erection of a one-and-half storey dwelling

No objection.

PC No 976

SCDC Application No: C11/0415 Hawthorns, Felixstowe Road, Foxhall – Erection of walls and railings to front garden boundaries of existing dwelling.

The Parish Council are of the opinion that although the boundary fence is probably not in breach of any planning regulations they feel that having observed the frontages of the other eighteen properties, the boundary is not in keeping with the other properties, and indeed, would appear quite incongruous in what is still essentially a country location.

PC No 977

SCDC Application No: C11/0445 Land South of Brightwell House, Brightwell Street, Brightwell – Erection of storage building.

1. The building is large, close to the road and would adversely affect the character of the countryside and diminish the quality of the landscape.
2. The application is based on agricultural development and we would query whether this building would be used for commercial purposes rather than agricultural as stated in the application.
3. The application contains no reference to access or probable vehicle movements. The pathway parallel to the southern boundary of the site is designated as a “Restricted Bye way No motorised vehicles”.
4. If this development were to go ahead the diminutive hamlet of Brightwell would then have three very large hangers within its bounds.

68.11 Members questions to the Chairman

None

69.11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 14th April 2011 at Trinity Park preceded by a Planning Meeting at 7.15 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

Signed Date.....

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