

## **BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011

#### **Present**

Cllr E Warham – Chairman  
Cllr B Newell  
Cllr M Briggs  
Cllr J Batham  
Cllr E Lawrence  
Cllr A Day  
Mrs A J Buggs – Clerk  
Cllr V Falconer – Suffolk Coastal District Council  
1 member of the public

#### **191.11 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Booth, Cllr A Wells, Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk County Council / Suffolk Coastal District Council, Pc Paul Smith and PCSO Andi Hillman.

#### **192.11 Declaration of interest**

No declarations of interest were declared.

#### **193.11 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were approved as being a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **194.11 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### **195.11 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
- Cllr V Falconer – Suffolk Coastal District Council – written / verbal report.

**The meeting was re-convened.**

#### **196.11 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.

## Presentation by Scottish Power Renewables Offshore

A presentation was given on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 regarding East Anglia Offshore Wind Turbines. The following are the answers to the questions which could not be answered at the meeting.

- Q1 What voltage do the DC cables operate at?
- A1 We are still studying different alternatives for the transmission system configuration and voltages to decide the optimal solution. The voltage level will be in the +/-300 kV – 600 kV interval.
- Q2 What are the known issues/disadvantages associated with DC transmission?
- A2 Health issues associated with AC cables remain contentious but claims that are made relate to electromagnetic fields. Electromagnetic fields from DC cables used for East Anglia ONE are a lot less significant than those from AC cables.
- Q3 Is the cable impregnated with any coolant?
- A3 The cables will not be liquid filled. The cables will either be XLPE (cross-linked polyethylene, polymer insulated) or MI (Mass Impregnated) cables. The Mass Impregnated cables use paper impregnated in oil as insulation but please note that Mass Impregnated is not the same as “oil filled”. If the cable is cut, it does not leak.
- Q4 What is the temperature of conduction?
- A4 The maximum temperature at the conductor at full load worst case is up to 90°C, but the external temperature of the cable will be less.
- Q5 What is the ground effect of DC?
- A5 Please refer to answers 2 and 4.
- Q6 How far apart are the inspection pits?
- A6 The onshore cables would be laid or pulled in sections, with the section length dependent on the feasibility of handling the cable drums and cable route design, slope, bends, etc (an average section length would be approximately between 400-800m).
- Q7 If the route passes through a wood, would it be possible to lay the cable deeper than 2 metres so that trees could be replanted?
- A7 In principle, no trees can be planted above directly buried cables.
- Q8 How close to buildings the cable would be laid?
- A8 The East Anglian Offshore Wind team state that there is no technically specified distance (Direct Current cables do not have the same electromagnetic fields that are associated with Alternating Current) and so the answer becomes one of environmental considerations.

EAOW will not place the cables close to homes or intrude on gardens and so the final route will depend on negotiations with landowners.

#### Possible divestment of open spaces and play areas to Town and Parish Councils from Suffolk Coastal District Council

Suffolk Coastal District Council is inviting any Town, Parish Council or other suitable organisation the opportunity to get directly involved with the future of their local play areas, public open spaces or other service areas and facilities.

The forthcoming Localism Bill will allow local communities and volunteers to manage, develop, invest and maintain play areas, open spaces and other facilities for the benefit of all in the Community. This provides Suffolk Coastal District Council with additional opportunities to work with the local communities and organisations that have the desire to have an input into the future provision of these amenities.

Recent transfers include play areas and allotments to Hasketon Parish and Sweffling Parish; Jefferson Well to Framlingham Town and the community hall, tennis courts, public open spaces and toilet blocks to Woodbridge Town Council. There may also be opportunities in some circumstances for the District Council to work alongside the County Council where both organisations have assets in an area where the Town/Parish (or other local groups) would be interested in taking on the ownership and/or management of those assets, in addition the District Council has been in touch with the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) to make them aware of this approach to Town and Parish Councils. SALC are currently developing an initiative with the Town/Parish Councils interested in taking on responsibility for assets currently owned and managed by the County or District Council.

If you Town or Parish Council is interested in considering an opportunity to participate in providing any of these services in the future please register your interest (either a specific or generic service request) by sending an email via [lacey.crowe@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:lacey.crowe@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) marked for the attention of David Gallagher, Head of Customer Services and Commercial Partnerships or in writing to David Gallagher at the above address.

#### **197.11 Co-option of New Councillors**

The Clerk reported that due to family commitments Cllr P Smith had decided to resign as a councillor for Purdis Farm. It was agreed that the Chairman should send a letter of thanks to Cllr Smith.

The Chairman introduced Mr Bruce Davies and Mr Graeme Watts to the meeting both of whom had put themselves forward for co-option on to the Parish Council to represent the parishes of Foxhall and Purdis Farm respectively. Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Newell that Mr Bruce Davis and Mr Graeme Watts be co-opted. Both appointments were unanimously supported by all councillors who were present. Mr Davies and Mr Watts accepted their appointments and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms which were witnessed and signed by the Parish Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council.

#### **198.11 Locality Budget 2011/2012**

Cllr Newell reported that she had researched the costs of a new village seat for Brightwell and agreed to send details to the Clerk. It was also agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Smith regarding the cost of the various options of fixing both the village seat and the waste bin.

### **199.11 Parking Opposite Mill Road Drive junction with Murrills Road**

Following discussion of the problems resulting from the parking of cars opposite Mill Road Drive junction with Murrills Road, Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Day that the Clerk should approach the police requesting that they speak to the residents on the North side of the road - all in favour.

### **200.11 Finance**

#### Income

None

#### Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses October 2011

SALC – CiLCA Intensive Training £210.00

Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Day that the above expenditure be agreed – all in favour.

### **201.11 Correspondence**

- a. Suffolk County Council (Parish of Purdis Farm) (U3222 Murrills Road) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 201

The Clerk reported that a copy of the above draft order and Suffolk County Council's reasons for proposing to make the order and the notice that will shortly be published in the local press. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Suffolk County Council requesting a copy of the diagram relating to the proposal.

### **202.11 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk**

None

### **203.11 Planning**

The Planning Committee considered the following applications:

#### PC 1009

SCDC C11/2181 141 Bucklesham Road **Purdis Farm** Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission C10/2730 to incorporate design amendments to the approved scheme (which includes lowering of the roof to part of the western wing to 1.2m and changes to the fenestration). No objection.

#### PC 1010

SCDC C11/2887 65 Woodrush Road **Purdis Farm** Erection of single-storey rear extension, front porch infill and garage conversion to form study and utility room. No objection.

#### PC 1011

SCDC C11/2343 136A Bucklesham Road **Purdis Farm** Rear extension, half hipped roof extension, front and rear dormers and Juliet balcony. No objection.

## PC 1012

The Felixstowe Dock & Railway Company Transport and Works (Application and Objections Procedure) Rules 2006 Application for the Ipswich Yard Improvement (Land Acquisition) Order. No objection. It was agreed that the Parish Council should monitor the noise levels.

### **204.11 Members questions to the Chairman**

#### a. National Planning Policy Framework

Cllr Newell presented a reply which she and Cllr Wells had written in response to the Draft National Planning Policy Framework as follows:

“In general terms members of the Group Council Planning Committee assigned to comment on the NPPF find the document woolly worded and lacking clear guidance and definition in many respects.

That the DCLG deems it necessary to publish a NPPF Myth-Buster document is disconcerting in itself, adversely affecting any respect for the intention to reduce and simplify existing detailed documentation accrued over several years.

The twenty-seven selected extracts from the NPPF document to defend the seven sample accusations chosen, contain various conditional phrases – “should identify; should allocate; only in exceptional circumstances; should aim to minimise”; and so on. Not reassuring.

This Group Parish Council is a member of the Suffolk Preservation Society and is drawn towards general support of its comments on the NPPF.

The Group Parish Council is not surprised by the intentions of the Coalition Government to turn Planning Policy on its head. But, the drastic reduction in the variable volume of detail in the existing planning documentation accrued over time and need, and as now expressed could possibly lead to misunderstanding and/or exploitation.

“Sustainable Development” dominates: it needs clarification and definition. What is sustainable development? Development of what, for whom? Some see it as an entrepreneur’s charters it almost anything he pleased under the guise of development.

Pertinent to the Group Parish Council is “sustainable rural development” and what is to be generally understood by “the countryside”. The GPC is concerned that “development” might not be a change for the better

There appears to be no clear understanding in the document of what is Green Belt and what is green belt: the terms are used very loosely. There is no clear recognition (or implied) in the document of the stated purposes of land within the Greenbelt (PPG Note 2), and the associated opportunities and benefits.

The Group is very concerned for the fate of its areas of heath and woodland; its river; open access land; and the areas of intensive agriculture/horticulture and their irrigation reservoirs, should not be obliterated by more urban creep.

A majority of residents feel that their environment has worsened over the time they have been living in the parish: very few feel otherwise. This is in evidence gathered for the Parish Plan, the Plan has not yet been published.”

b. Parish Maps

Cllr Day said that it would be beneficial when discussing the local area if scale maps could be available. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach Cllr Wells and Cllr Booth regarding the availability of the maps which were purchased as part of the Parish Plan research.

**205.11 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37 pm.**

Signed ..... Date.....

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